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INTOUCH NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Art has the power to connect us, uplift us, and spark new possibilities. As president, I'm honored to serve such a vibrant group of artists and supporters who keep this spirit alive.

As we move into this new season together, I'm inspired by the creativity, passion, and generosity I see in our art community. Our group thrives because of you—your ideas, your artistry, and your willingness to share and support one another.

We have exciting events and opportunities ahead, and I hope you'll join us in making them memorable. Whether you're exhibiting, volunteering, or simply showing up to connect, your presence makes a difference. Thank you for being part of this journey. I look forward to seeing the many ways our art will continue to bring joy and connection.

Warmly,
Barb Byrne
BOMH President
Juried Glass Artist



REGIONAL MEETUPS

As a valued member of Best of Missouri Hands, you're part of an incredible statewide community of artists. To make those connections even stronger, we're starting regional meetings and gettogethers—casual opportunities for artists to meet, share, and inspire one another closer to home.

We're looking for members like you to help organize and facilitate a gathering in your own region. This doesn't need to be complicated—it could be as simple as:

Meeting at a local coffee shop, gallery, or library
Hosting a studio tour or demo
Organizing a group visit to an exhibit or art fair
Or even meeting online through Zoom or another app

As a host, your role is mainly to set a time and place (or online link), welcome your fellow artists, and enjoy the conversation. BOMH will provide you with support, ideas, and guidance to make it easy.

Regional Meetups – FAQs

Do I need a big space to host?Not at all! A coffee shop table, library room, gallery corner, or even your own studio works perfectly.

What if I'd rather do it online? That's an option too! We can help set up a Zoom or suggest other easy-to-use apps for virtual meetups.

How much work is it? Very little. You pick a date, time, and place (or online platform), welcome members, and enjoy the conversation. We'll give you tips and support.

What happens at a meetup? That's up to you! It can be as simple as talking over coffee, showing your work, planning a group outing, or sharing resources.

Do I need to do it alone?Not at all—you can co-host with another BOMH member in your region.

Be the spark that brings Missouri artists together—host a meetup in your region!

If you're interested in helping start a regional gathering—or if you'd like more information—please contact Barbara Phillips, BOMH Vice President admin@bestofmissourihands.org Please put REGIONAL MEETUPS in the subject line.

We'll be in touch with resources to make it simple and fun.

Together, we can make BOMH connections stronger than ever, one region at a time.

My best,

Barb Byrne

President - Missouri Artisans Association/The Best of Missouri Hands

MEMBER NEWS

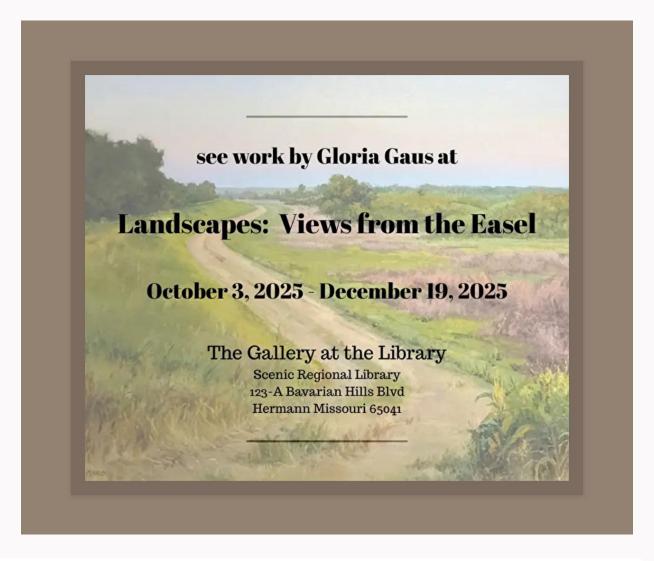


The other night in Jefferson City was something special! I had the honor of painting a rendition of the Jefferson City Capitol building for the Boys & Girls Club of America event. The room was full of energy, fun, and generosity—and I'm proud to share that this piece raised \$1,200 at auction to benefit the Boys & Girls Club.

Even more exciting, this brings my 2025 grand total of donations raised to \$25,600 across 7 events.

I'm beyond grateful to use my art to give back, to be part of something bigger than myself, and to see how creativity can help fuel positive change in our community. Thank you to everyone who showed up, bid, and supported the cause—this is what it's all about.

Garrett Jackson
Juried BOMH Painter
Six One Art



The gallery is restored! and Landscapes: Views from the Easel opens October 3rd, reception is 5-8 pm.

Gloria Gaus



Prairie Village Arts Council proudly presents STATE OF THE ARTS 2025

State of the Arts is one of two juried shows held each year. Its reception is always a hit! You'll enjoy a variety of artwork, hob knob with the artists, chat with new & old friends, nosh on fabulous treats and applaud the winners.

Save the Date:

Wednesday, September 17

R.G. Endres Gallery

7700 Mission Road

Prairie Village, KS

913-381-6464

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Exhibit runs Sept 15 - Nov 7

Wanda Tyner

Juried BOMH Glass Artist

Wanda Tyner Glass Art



Manchester Arts

Our newest art exhibition is here! Explore Mindy Cooke's solo show, featuring breathtaking ocean life and landscapes.

Park Building in Schroeder Park | Mon–Fri, 8 AM–4:30 PM Open now through Friday, September 26.

Mindy Cooke
BOMH Member
Art by Design Furnishings, Inc



Access Arts CelebraRTy

Three BOMH Juried Members are part of the Access Arts CelebrARTy event this year!

Greetings from Columbia, Missouri!

For more than 50 years, **Access Arts**has been at the heart of Columbia's creative community—opening the doors of art to people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Whether it's ceramics, fiber arts, painting, or dance, Access Arts is all about inspiring creativity and connection through the universal language of art.

Each year, their biggest celebration—CelebrARTy—brings Columbia together in the most colorful way. Eight local business leaders are paired with talented artists to create one-of-a-kind works of art, revealed and auctioned off at the annual event. The result? A night filled with creativity, teamwork, and community spirit, all while raising funds to support Access Arts programs right here in Columbia.

This year's lineup features some amazing pairings, including BOMH juried members **Kelly Pridgeon** and **Cindy Mutrux**, and professional muralist **Adrienne Luther Johnson** teaming up with BOMH juried member **Michele Spry**. Together, these duos are two of the eight creative teams making this year's event unforgettable.

And one project went even bigger—a brand-new public mural, "Greetings from Columbia, Missouri." Thanks to a donated wall from Family Pawn at 915 Business Loop 70 E, Adrienne and Michele designed a vibrant postcard-style mural that the community helped paint during a special Community Paint Day. From children holding a paintbrush for the very first time to seasoned artists, this mural truly carries the hands and hearts of Columbia.

Now complete, the mural celebrates everything that makes our city special—local icons, local culture, and a little touch of whimsy. And for even more fun, it includes a **Scavenger Hunt!** Hidden inside are 20 "gems," each sponsored by community partners to help raise additional funds for Access Arts. It's interactive, playful, and a perfect reminder that art belongs to everyone.

At the end of the day, CelebrARTy is about more than art—it's about community. While the event is full of fun, laughter, and creativity, the real winner is Columbia. Every dollar raised stays local, supporting programs that brighten lives and strengthen connections. Together, we're proving that when art and community come together, everybody wins.

Don't miss the big night! CelebrARTy 2025 takes place Thursday, September 18th at The Blue Note. Tickets are available online—we'd love to see you there!

Michele Spry, Glass Artist

Midway Mercantile Co.
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Cindy Logan - Artist of the Month

Contact: 573-795-1651 or artlady.cl@gmail.com

Cindy Dietrich Logan – born and raised in Ft.Worth, Texas, went to William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri.

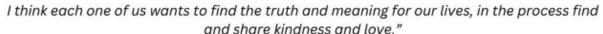
After graduating from WWC with a BA in Art, English and Secondary Education, Cindy taught in Ft. Worth for two years. Returning to Missouri with husband Walter in 1976. Cindy taught privately and joined Raintree Art Guild (later Raintree Arts Council).

While raising her children, Cindy returned to public education when she was pregnant with her third child, teaching art in grades 8 through high school and started the National Art Honor Society. Cindy also began working on her master's degree when the youngest was a baby. THAT baby is now 40! Cindy is the visual art chair for Raintree Arts Council based in Clarksville as well as an owner/artist of Alliance Art Gallery in Hannibal.



Artist statement:

"I believe that through visual art, an artist is able to communicate emotions that have no words. For me as an artist and as a person, the truth lies in the light. Looking within oneself for that light and expressing that to others is part of my journey. The creative process and production of art is a form of meditation as well as prayer. The study of the patterning of light and color intrigues me as does the patterns in ones life.



BOMH ON THE ROAD CALL FOR ART



On The Road: The World We Create –
Cultural Corner Art Guild, Chillicothe MO
September 30 – November 14, 2025

This exhibition was developed by The Missouri Artisans Association, d.b.a. The Best of Missouri Hands, and Cultural Corner Art Guild to provide a forum to demonstrate the creativity and diversity of the artists and artisans of Missouri. We encourage artists to submit works that exemplify Missouri's traditions of handmade arts and crafts. The theme for this exhibit is, "On The Road; The World We Create." The theme is open to individual interpretation and should be considered in the creative process.

The show is open Tuesday through Friday from 10am – 4pm and Saturday from 1pm – 4pm.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Closing Reception Friday, November 14, 2025 from 5pm-7pm. **Cash prizes** will be awarded during the artists reception for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places and three Honorable Mentions.

Cultural Corner Art Guild

424 Locust

PO Box 24

Chillicothe, MO 64601

*Next Up....BOMH On The Road, July 2026 in Springfield, MO. Look for more details in future newsletters.

Angel Brame

Events Committee, Best of Missouri Hands

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BOMH JURY NOTICE

To better align with the calendar year and our member needs, our Jury Sessions have been adjusted to January 15th - 31st each year and July 15th - 31st.

Artists must be a General Member for at least 90 days prior to the date of the jury session to be eligible to apply for Jury Status, and you must be a

Missouri resident (an individual that is domiciled in Missouri). If you are not domiciled in Missouri but have permanent living arrangements in Missouri, you must spend more than 183 days in a year in Missouri.

For more details please visit.... **BOMH JURY INFO**

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

WELCOME....

Susan Heitman

Shelly Baxter

Dolores Jensen / Turtle Cove Imaginings

Tax Diva Services

BOMH REGIONAL MAP



Area 8: Berry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Green, Henry, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Ozark, Polk, St. Clair, Stone, Tasey, Texas, Vernon, Webster, Wright

EVENTS

WORKSHOPS CALLS FOR ART



Creators Wanted

Event Details

Overview

Event Objectives

- Highlighting local creatives to show the town that inspired Mark Twain is still inspiring people today.
- Give creatives a chance to present their projects to the local community and install visual shows in the Museum Auditorium for visitors to enjoy.

Candidates

 We want to highlight creatives of all sorts: graphic artists, dancers, designers, quilters, streamers, musicians, jewelers, writers, potters, cosplayers, etc. The sky's the limit!

Program Overview

- Gallery Show: The Auditorium at the Museum Gallery will be arranged to show off your
 creations. Art or photographs of your work can be hung, and we have display cases available to
 show off physical items. Our projector system can showcase video and/or sound elements in
 the gallery.
- Presentation/Meet & Greet: For the opening of the show, we'd like to invite the
 community to come hear you present on your creations, give a demonstration, show videos of
 your process, something to educate people more about the work that you do.
- Length of Show: The items in the Gallery will stay on display for at least one month. If we
 do not have another show immediately after you and you agree to it, shows may stay up longer.

Point of Contact

For questions and clarifications, please reach out to our Visitor Services Manager: Name Meg Garey

Email

meagan.garey@marktwain museum.org

> Phone 573-221-9010 ext. 401



The Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum hosts a series titled "Making a Mark" to illustrate how the town that inspired Mark Twain is still inspiring people today! The proposal includes giving a presentation and also working with them to showcase the artform, maybe even through a display in the Museum Auditorium.

All types of creators are encouraged to express interest - graphic artists, dancers, designers, quilters, streamers, musicians, jewelers, writers, potters, cosplayers, etc. The sky's the limit!

Attached is more information. If you are interested in participating, please contact them through the contact info provided.

Michael Gaines

Executive Director

Hannibal Arts Council

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"Creating Community Through the Arts"

NEWS FROM MISSOURI LIFE MAGAZINE

Cindy Larimore Missouri Life Spotlight September 2025



The Backward Brush Master

An artist uses unconventional methods to craft colorful creations.

STORY Adeleine Halsey



Cindy creates custom wall decor, including plexiglass panels, circularshaped abstract paintings, and more traditional art on a canvas.



Cindy Larimore is a juried member of The Best of Missouri Hands, a 500-member nonprofit dedicated to developing and recognizing Missouri artists and artisans.



"Interaction, Education, & Encouragement" BestOf MissouriHands.org This artist paints on the flip side—literally. In 2018, Cindy Larimore in Chesterfield began practicing a technique called reverse painting. Cindy starts out with a panel of glass or plexiglass, then flips the panel so that she is painting on the back. While painters typically start by creating a background and then adding in detail, Cindy starts by painting highlights and outlines first and finishes off by layering large sections of background colors on top. Once finished, she turns the piece around to reveal a clear image through the smooth glass.

It all started when Cindy, who ran a business with her mom making and selling personalized gifts, received a customer request for a custom piece of art on plexiglass. Cindy had always dabbled in art, hand-painting piggy banks and wine glasses for going on two decades, but she hadn't yet ventured into the world of abstract painting.

From the first brushstroke of painting the back of the plexiglass, she fell in love with the art form.

"I turned it over to look at it. I just was blown away by how vibrant the color was—just how cool it looked on that surface," Cindy says.

Thus began a new chapter in her career. Cindy entered her first art show in 2020. She said the pandemic gave her plenty of time to refine her craft. Soon, she became a resident artist at Soulard Art Gallery in St. Louis, and now she regularly attends art shows.

Her process is one of a kind. Cindy says she starts with the fine details, then layers on "all sorts of color and texture" through a mix of acrylic paint, acrylic ink, gouache, alcohol ink, and pens. In addition to using her hands, she uses whatever objects are available for application, brushes, bubble wrap, or objects lying around the house, like toys or forks. "Sometimes I'll let the dog walk across the canvas," she says.

In her home studio, she often plays music and paints what she feels and hears—not the lyrics, she clarifies, but the sounds and melodies. "I hear a drum or a guitar and my hand will just start going even before I know what's going on. I just run with it."

A notable element of Cindy's work is the hearts she adds to her pieces. Whether she paints on a heart-shaped surface or subtly includes them in her paintings, they're a key part of her inspiration.

"My dad passed away just about 24 years ago," she says.

"He died of this really rare heart condition, and he was
the nicest, sweetest person in the whole wide world. I like
to put a little bit of his loving spirit into everything that
I make. I really believe that this whole notion of art and
color can help us spread love and help us live 'heart first.'"

Cindy advises budding artists to be authentic to their passion and authentic to who they are.

"Stick to what you want to do and not what other people want you to do, and try to make the art that you want to make," she says. "Don't make art because it will get you into a show or because somebody said you should do it. Stick to your own intuition."

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July/August 2025 Featured Artist: Wanda Tyner September 2025 Featured Artist: Cindy Larimore

October 2025 Featured Artist: ??? Have you applied yet?

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HOW TO APPLY FOR MISSOURI LIFE MAGAZINE BOMH FEATURE

FULL PAGE ARTIST FEATURE IN MISSOURI LIFE MAGAZINE

Missouri Life is pleased to run "sponsored content" in the form of a story on a juried member on one page in every issue. BOMH will cover all fees for this artist spotlight and have committed to doing this for eight issues. Missouri Life magazine is published **eight times a year**, with issues appearing in January/February, March/April, May, June, July/August, September, October, and November/December. This results in a mix of monthly and bimonthly publications

To submit your name for consideration you must be a juried member of the BOMH. As well as...

- 1. Have an updated BOMH juried member page.... a detailed bio, image of you the artist, and at least 10 images of your work.
- 2. A BUSINESS page on Social Media, Facebook or Instagram. Other platforms are also accepted...TikTok, YouTube, if promoting your artwork. Provide a link(s) to your business page(s).
- 3. You must be active on your Social Media platform.
- 4. Include a list of ways or places that you sell your art. Website, galleries, retail shops, art shows, exhibits....

Send information to admin@bestofmissourihands.org

Please put BOMH: Missouri Life in the subject line. Artists meeting the criteria will be forwarded to Missouri Life for final vetting. Selected artists will be interviewed by a writer from Missouri Life by phone or zoom. Artist will be asked to provide an image of themselves and a couple images of their artwork for use in the one page feature.

This is an excellent reason to log in and update your juried member pages if you haven't done so in a while. Must have pic of yourself, bio/statement, and several images of your art. The more informative your juried member page is, the better.

MISSOURI LIFE MERCANTILE

The Missouri Life Magazine has a Mercantile located in its offices in Rocheport, MO. Here you can find many pieces by BOMH artists. The Mercantile is now buying Missouri made art and products wholesale. Any members who offers wholesale prices and would like to sell at the Mercantile, you should can email inquiries to Missouri Life.

info@missourilife.com

Visit the Mercantile shop online... https://missouri-life-mercantile.square.site

VISITING ARTIST PROGRAM



Best of Missouri Hands asks our juried artists to participate in this program, either by finding a school or by answering a request. We hope to reach students all over the state, so we need the help of artists from all regions. Best of Missouri Hands uses money from our Missouri Arts Council grant to provide a \$100 stipend to the artist. If the artist supplies materials for a project, the artist will be reimbursed up to an additional \$100.

Click here for more information about the Visiting Artist Program.

Contact:

Visiting Artists Program Chair Nina Miller

nina-miller@att.net

visitingartist@bestofmissourihands.org

Phone: 618-978-9773

BOMH MONTHLY ARTIST TALK FIRST TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH 10:00 AM

On the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am, the BOMH has a Zoom Meet Up for any and all members who just want to chit/chat about everything and anything. Join in on the conversation, everyone is welcome.

2025

Tuesday each month at 10:00 am

The link, meeting ID, and Passcode are the same every moth for the

Encouragement/Friendship Group Meetings.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83830785340?pwd=WGQ3NDN3OCtMb1dpMmpudmhhRVhCZz09

Meeting ID: 838 3078 5340

Passcode: 306651

Additional dates for 2025: October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd.

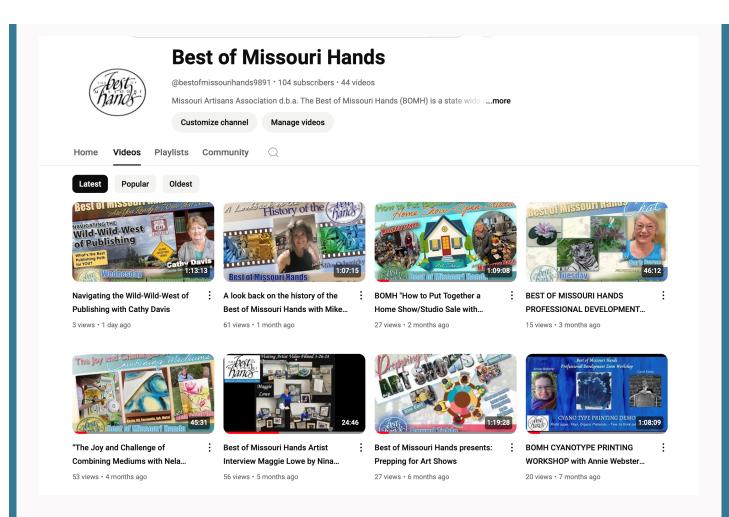
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Did you miss our last Professional Development Workshop with Carol Estes on Chlorophyll Printing? If so, you are in luck. We record our workshops and share them to our YouTube Channel. You can watch Carols informative and interesting presentation here...

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Elkhorn Silver LLC www.elkhornsilver.com

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www.greendoorartgallery.com

Hallmark Auctions

Corporate/Gallery Memberships are only \$100/ year

Here are a few of the benefits for those who help support our mission by becoming a Corporate or Gallery Member with the BOMH. The annual fee is just \$100 per year. Besides the list below, you will also get preferred promotion on our Facebook page which currently has 3,600+ followers! Also, Membership in BOMH Members Only Facebook Page.

- Included with all Corporate Members on Corporate Members page of BOMH website.
- Listed on BOMH email Newsletter with hyperlink to your website.
- Opportunity to sponsor events at ArtSmart Conference and Annual Membership Meeting.
- Ability to have your events publicized in periodic BOMH member emails free of charge (within policy guidelines).

For additional information please contact us at or join online at www.bestofmissourihands.org and click on the Memberships link.

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https://www.missouriartscouncil.org/



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