



Arts Monthly

The Official Newsletter of Garrard Arts

President's Report

C. Dewayne Horn

Teamwork Makes The Dream Work

While I was at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in the Transportation Security Officer Basic Training Academy, I heard the phrase "Teamwork makes the dream work." Most of my class pushed it aside as new hire rhetoric but for me it resonated with deep meaning.

In 2014 I began to volunteer at Garrard Arts applying that philosophy. I learned that you can be the best leader in the world but if you do not have a motivated team behind you, all of your efforts will be in vain. You must function within the team and use your skills where needed. One man alone cannot do the job.

At Garrard Arts we value our team members. We are always seeking out valuable members from our community so that we can make the "Dream Work." Everyone in the community has skills that when combined with others can make for a successful team to run our community ARTS Center.

As part of that team, it is important to be flexible. Often there are more jobs to fill than persons to fill them. Besides the skills your bring to the team you might be asked to try something out of your realm of expertise. Since I came on board the team, I have worn many hats: advisor, artist, repair person, group leader, outreach coordinator, giftshop manager, and IT specialist. Each new challenge has given back to me confidence and personal growth.

Even though I work a full-time job, I volunteer at Garrard Arts as I believe in the benefits of having an ARTS center. I hope you will join our team, and share your skills to make Garrard Arts a successful resource for our community.



-Dewayne Horn

Arts Center Report

Bobbie Gayle Lewis

Finding Inspiration

You finally find time to head to your workspace, and then it happens, your mind and canvas are blank! Every single one of us has been there. Here are 10 tips that can help:

1. Create every day. Set aside 15 minutes every day for Art to form a creative habit. Soon that habit will be difficult to break, and you'll look forward to

the time set for making art.



2. Make a list. Take a "Quiet Moment" to think about your feelings and your day and write it down.

- Things That Made Me Happy
- Things I am Grateful For
- Random things happening today

3. Get rid of the stuff. How your workspace functions is a huge part of how you function as an artist. If your studio is cluttered that can stop your mojo dead in its tracks.

4. Make mistakes. Often what keeps us from finding inspiration is the fear of making mistakes, even small ones. We often allow fear of doing something wrong to steal our creativity. Art is about taking risk.

5. Make time for play. Play takes away restrictions and eliminates deadlines.



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6. Search the web. Searching for ideas on the web is great way to find inspiration. But there is such a thing as too much inspiration.

Decided to work on just one technique.

7. Find what makes you happy. Finding something that really captures your attention is apt to be inspired you more.



8. There's no shame in recycling a good idea. Go back to a piece of art you love and decide why it's awesome. Then recreate it.

9. Sometimes we over analyze every mark and paint stroke until we feel anything but inspired to make art. We should let go of expectations and plans and just create.

10. Take a walk in nature. Nothing can awaken our creative juices like a hike in the woods or a stroll on the beach; study a tree, a cloud formation, or a weed that's pushing its way through a crack in the sidewalk.

Hopefully, these tips will help you to overcome the roadblocks to your creativity and allow you to find the joy in your artwork again.

- BG Lewis



Classes and Events

Creative Paperclay Pigs

This will be a two session class starting on April 2.

You will learn the basics of air dry clay, and learn to form your basic molding shapes. Followed by painting your little piggy to take home.



Come join the fun in exploring a new technique. Call GAC to reserve your spot in class.

join us for

CRAFTER'S CORNER

A new monthly crafting class held at the Garrard County Arts Center, Crafter's Corner classes are FREE for all GCAC members.*

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 1:00 PM
Beginning in January 2022

Supplies for each class will be available to purchase from the instructor, or participants are welcome to bring their own. Supply lists will be provided prior to the class date.

Check our Google Calendar at www.garrardarts.org to learn more, or contact lglewis@garrardarts.com 859-334-0422 to reserve your spot.

Garrard County Arts Center
200 Lexington Street, Lancaster KY 40444

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR MONTHLY

Acrylic Painting Class

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
BEGINNING JANUARY 2022

LED BY EXPERIENCED ARTIST & INSTRUCTOR BOBBIE GAYLE LEWIS

\$24 PER CLASS
ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED
BEGINNERS WELCOME!

CALL THE GARRARD COUNTY ARTS CENTER TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT
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GARRARD ARTS CENTER INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY

FIBER ARTS GROUP

Our monthly social gathering for local artists to craft in company while working independently on their current needle arts projects. Crafters are free to bring their own projects and supplies to crochet, knit, embroider, sew, spin, felt, weave, tat, lace, etc. while in the company of other fellow artists. The group will be led by experienced crocheter Joanna Koob.

SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 10:00 AM- NOON
ATTENDANCE IS FREE TO ALL MEMBERS

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In the News

Garrard Public Library Exhibition

Now showing at the Garrard Public Library is Michael Wagner. A retired Kentucky teacher living in Morehead, Kentucky. There he has a studio where he creates work of art from his love of all things country. You shouldn't miss this exhibition.



Volunteer Opportunities

I am looking for someone that would be interested in leading the Crafters Corner on Wednesdays. Contact the Arts Center @ 859 334 0422 for details.

We are searching for someone with grant writing experience to help with grants.

We need volunteers to do a little painting come January. Our walls could use a little touch up.

If you can help, contact BG Lewis @ 859.334.0422 to sign up and get more information on dates and times.

Fundraising Report

Garrard Arts Bonfire Online Store

We still have the Bonfire Store site running if people would like to check out the items we have for sale. They are directly shipped to the customer. All proceeds go to the Arts Center. This store will raise money to go towards our art programs and up-keep of our arts center. There are many choices of designs, garments, tote bags and mugs. You can find a link to their site on our website or go directly to www.bonfire.com/store/garrard-arts/



2022 Blue Jean Gala

We have a venue selected for the 2022 Blue Jean Gala. It will be held on June 4, 2022 at Englewood Estates in Lancaster, KY. We are looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested, please send an email to rene.keaton@garrardarts.com or contact the Arts Center for more information.



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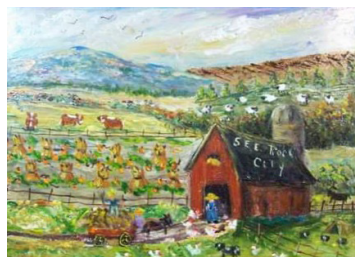
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Artist of the Month

Janice Miller



Janice was an artist and a member of the Garrard Arts Center. She enjoyed being in nature and loved spending time with her animals which is reflected in her paintings.



Calendar and Classes

Needle Group

Dates: Every Tuesday
Time: 10am - 12noon

Kids Art Club

Dates: Every Tuesday
Time: 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Painters Group

Dates: Every Friday
Time: 11am - 3pm

Crafters Corner - Dry Clay Rabbit

Date: March 9th
Time: 1pm - 2pm

Creative Paperclay Pigs

Date: April 2nd
Time: 10am - 12noon

"Bloom Where You are Planted"

Entry Due: March 31th
Exhibit: April 7 - 21

"The Power of a Woman"

Entry Due: May 31
Exhibit: June 6 - 30

Blue Jean Gala 2022

Date: June 4th
Time: TBA

Wherritt House Cookbook

by Rene Keaton

We are creating a cookbook! Do you have a recipe, an old photo of ancestors cooking that has been passed down in your family that you would like to share? We are asking for \$2.00 per item. (Example: a digital picture, a recipe plus a story would equal \$6.00). Only digital images will be accepted, **No** original pictures (they will **not** be returned). Accepting cash or checks, written out to "Garrard Arts".



Mail to: Garrard Arts Center, Attn: Cookbook, 206 Lexington St., Lancaster, KY 40444, or you can drop it off at GAC. If you would rather pay using PayPal, send to: loretta.rinthen@garrardarts.com with "cookbook and your name" in the message/note area. If using this method, please email the recipe, digital photo, or story to me or send questions to me at: rene.keaton@garrardarts.com

