



EARL VANTREASE PLAYS AT THE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

# Tennessee Artist's Guild

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## Music & Arts Festival a Success

The Watertown Music and Arts Festival was Saturday, July 7. The line-up was incredible this year. Musicians with world-wide followings were in the square of Watertown performing free to the public. The musicians don't come free though and the festival can't happen without community support.

"Each year individuals and businesses donate to the festival to make it possible," says Vickie Frazier, secretary of the Tennessee Artist's Guild, Inc. a non-profit that puts the festival together. "We were fortunate to get three grants this year. One for two thousand dollars came from Project Hometown Help where community members agree to round-up their gas bill with the Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District. Another in the same amount came from the Middle Tennessee Electric SharingChange Board which was established to provide financial assistance with emphasis on charitable purposes in the service area of MTEMC. The third in the amount of one-thousand dollars came from DTC, a communications company which received a state grant to bring fiber optics to the Watertown area. We are extremely grateful for these grants, but they alone cannot cover the costs associated with putting on a festival of this magnitude and grandeur with the level of musicians we have slated."

For twenty years the show has gone on in the small town of Watertown. Artists the likes of Boots Randolph have graced the stage. Local newspapers are kind enough to promote the event without charge, printers provide t-shirts and programs and signs at cost, restaurants provide food for the bands and the library provides water

and a green room for the musicians to rest. Everyone pitches in where they can.

This year's donors include: Nashville and Eastern Railroad, The Watertown and East Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, Vance Law Office, Three Forks Market, Historic Watertown, Jim and Gloria McRoberts, Jim's Antiques, Jerry W. Taylor CPA, Shipper Trailer, The Wilson Bank and Trust, Action Restoration, and Tim and Deena Dowd. In-kind donations are being provided by Ed DeLaRosa, Visionary Design Group, SunGraphics, The Edge Newspaper, The Lebanon Democrat, Artizan Insurance, LuLu's Café and Nona Lisa pizza.

Even with the generous donations of these community members, the show takes not only paying the musicians, but stages, tents, a grand piano, sound equipment, and paying for the rights to the music.

"This event is a cornerstone of our city's year," says Frazier, "We all do what we can to make it a wonderful evening. It just takes a lot to keep it a completely free event and we are dedicated to it being that way. Anything the community contributes makes that possible. Please let these businesses and individuals know you appreciate their support of the event."

The line-up this year was the following:

- 4PM The Jazz Alliance
- 5PM Sugar Lime Blue
- 6PM The Vantrease Jazz Band
- 7PM The Corey Mac Show
- 8PM Chazz Williams Band
- 9PM Glenn Martin with Roger Bissell
- 10PM Annie Sellick with Chris Walters



### Summer & Winter Art Workshops

Watercolor, Metal Jewelry, Stained Glass, Clay, and leather working mixed media were classes this summer. Tennessee Arts Commission gave us a grant to expand the workshops into this winter.

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### Watertown Art Walk October 20

Visual Artists onsite at several locations throughout Watertown to meet and greet patrons.

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# 2018 Summer & Winter Adult Visual Arts Workshops

The Tennessee Artist's Guild held four visual arts workshops this Summer in Watertown and they all completely filled with more people wanting to take them. With the help of a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission and the Greater Nashville Regional Council there will be a new group of these workshops September through December.

The guild received \$1553.00 from the Arts Build Communities Grant to help pay for the workshops which means the workshops can be longer with more advanced materials. The grant is funded with fees from specialty license plates.

This Winter the workshops will include Acrylics painting, Watercolor painting, Pottery, Stained Glass, and Metal Jewelry.

The **Acrylic** painting workshop. It will be two three hour sessions or you can stay for the full six-hour class on November 10 from 10 am to 4 pm. The class will be taught by artist Darlene Shadden. Students are asked to bring a lunch. Students will leave with a finished acrylic painting.



Above: Acrylic by Darlene Shadden



Above: Watercolor by Joann Mathews

The **Watercolor** painting workshop is scheduled for November 3. It is also a six-hour class where students will finish a painting with instructor JoAnn Mathews.



Above: Sam Simms teaching Stained Glass

The **Stained Glass** workshop will be Sunday November 11 beginning at 2 pm and going until 6 pm. Sam Simms will return to teach this workshop.

Susan Thornton plans to offer a workshop to create your own holiday **jewelry**. She will be able to use more precious metals and possibly some jewels in the workshop. Her class will be November 17.



Above: Susan Thornton at work in her studio

The fifth workshop is a three consecutive Saturday classes in **Pottery**. Professional artist Lee Marshall will teach the special techniques of porcelain pottery. Each Saturday will build on the one before with the hours being gam to noon starting December 1.



Above: Lee Marshall pottery

*Thanks to the grant the classes will remain affordable although more advanced materials can be used and the classes are longer. Each class is 70.00 including materials. Call 615-256-9077 or log in to [www.tnartistsguild.org](http://www.tnartistsguild.org) for more information.*

# Watertown Art Walk Features Several TAG Members



Above: Gloria McRoberts original off-loom weaving using natural wools to create relief sculptures emphasizing nature.



Above: Hand-painted sign by Pat Jackson



Above: "Hot Stuff" by Donna Delmas

Businesses and artists have come together to create a day to view visual arts all around the city of Watertown on October 20, 2018.

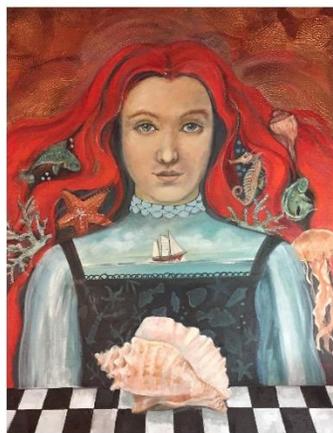
The free event features ten locations from artist studios and galleries to local businesses who will showcase at least one visual artist on site. Many of the locations have several artists whose work can be seen. Mediums range from paintings to fine crafts and the artists will be available for purchases or special commissions.

The time of the art walk will be 11 am to 6 pm on Saturday.

Refreshments will be available. The event will support the Tennessee Artist's Guild which is a non-profit dedicated to bringing opportunities to Watertown that feature visual artists, musicians, and theatrical performances.

Come to the Artizan Insurance and Gifts building at 214 Public Square to pick up a list of locations on the day of the event.

***Pictured are several featured artists' works.***



Above: "Ocean Journey" by Meribeth Wright Acrylic and Copper paint 24" x 30"



Above: "Blue Chalcedony Necklace" Sterling Silver by Susan Thornton



Above: Wood Rocking Horse by Roy Myatt



Above: Watercolor by JoAnn Mathews

# Two Music Festivals are Scheduled for 2019

We are already in the planning stages of festivals for next year. The Event committee is meeting once a month on the fourth Tuesday at 6 pm, except for Sept and Dec when we are meeting on the third Tuesday.

"We would like all members to participate in the event committee because the festivals are a big job and we need everyone who can to participate," says Vickie Frazier, "This year we have a great group of directors and chairpeople to head it up, we need volunteers and people to spread the word that we have the festivals available for them to sell at booths."

The first festival will be an expansion of our popular car show that debuted last year. It will be on June 22, 2019. We are making it an Americana Festival with a large car show near the highway and booths and music in the square. We will have a train coming from Nashville for the Festival.

Booths are going to be \$70.00 for a 10x10 space and an additional \$10.00 for electricity. We know the car show is a great success in Watertown and want to have music all day instead of just three hours like last year. We will also be expanding the booths to include folk and farm demonstrations.

"Our area of Wilson County has more century farms than any other area of the state of Tennessee," says Festival Director Susan Thornton, "This area is full of individuals who have a vast knowledge of folk ways and methods of sustaining a quality of life based on traditional methods of growing and making items needed for everyday life."

"This rich history should be shared. This festival will bring these ways and methods to the downtown area for a day of education and hands on participation," says Thornton, "Watertown is 40 minutes out of Nashville and is a destination point for day trips and accessible via the Tennessee Railway Museum Excursion Train."

At the festival we hope to have weaving and spinning, embroidery, knitting, crochet, quilting, blacksmithing, canning, curing, broom making, soap making, basketry, chair making, growing food, farming, and animals.

Demonstrators may not have to pay a booth fee and may even be paid a fee to demo.

The GoodWheel Cruisers will be handling the car show again and they put on a fantastic show. We want to complement their efforts with an exceptional festival.

Also, of course, we will be featuring the Music and Art Festival our Jazz Music Festival. This festival has a history of over twenty years and people come to it year after year. This year we are excited to announce that some of the original directors of the festival will be returning to help guide it. We are now looking for a big headliner for the final act.

The Jazz Festival is scheduled for July 13, 2019. The booth fee for it is \$50.00 for artists and \$100 for commercial booths.

As a new characteristic to our festivals, we will be providing a beer and wine garden at them. Patrons will be asked to stay within the boundaries of the garden with the alcohol and we may be able to project the musical performances to the area so nothing is missed. We have to stay within 250 feet away from the library to offer the garden. Bob McComb and his partners have agreed to allow us to use the property on Depot street where Susan Thornton's studio is for the garden. We are also talking with Yazoo as a possible sponsor for the new area.



## MEMBERSHIP PARTY

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 27 WE WILL HAVE A MEMBERSHIP PARTY TO GET TOGETHER AND ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY. THE PARTY WILL BE AT THE 214 PUBLIC SQUARE OFFICE IN WATERTOWN. YOU CAN BRING FRIENDS. WE WILL BE STARTING AT 5:30 PM AND WILL GO UNTIL 7 PM OR AFTER. BRING PICTURES OF SOME OF YOUR MOST RECENT WORK TO SHARE AND IDEAS OF HOW WE CAN GET MORE MEMBERS WITH IDEAS OF HOW TO SERVE THEM.**

## EVENT CALENDAR

**SEPT 18, 2018: MUSIC FESTIVAL MEETING 6 PM**

**OCT 20, 2018: ART WALK 11 AM**

**OCT 27, 2018: MEMBERSHIP PARTY 5:30 PM**

**NOV 3, 2018: WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP 10 AM**

**NOV 10, 2018: ACRYLICS WORKSHOP 10 AM**

**NOV 11, 2018: STAINED GLASS WORKSHOP 2 PM**

**NOV 17, 2018: JEWELRY WORKSHOP 10 AM**

**DEC 1, 8, 15, 2018: POTTERY WORKSHOP 9 AM**

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Also, please consider rounding up your electric and gas bills to support the efforts of Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation SharingChange and Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District Project Hometown to provide funding for non-profits like ours.