



March 2025

Welcome to our new Secretary—Angie Lankford! It's great to have all offices filled. Now we would love to see others get excited about MMA and volunteer to serve on committees and events. We'll have a sign up sheet for the May Fine Arts Show at the March meeting—if many help out, it's a much easier job for everyone—and it only requires a few hours!

Please read the information about the Beverly Smith Collection auction coming up soon—April 5—we need at least 8 volunteers to assist with the auction. Also, please share auction information with your friends and relatives—help get the word out. There are around 70 wonderful paintings and a few prints to be sold—will add to the scholarship fund.

The 2025 scholarship recipients were selected this week—we'll be giving 4 awards this year. The Awards assembly is the day before our March 27 meeting, so we won't have photos for this newsletter.

We encourage everyone in the area to attend the March meeting—AND bring a friend or two—invite other area artists/photographers!

MMA Thursday, March 27 Program

Bek Campbell, a 23-year-old senior at the University of Central Missouri, pursuing a degree in Studio Art with a focus on Illustration, will present the program for the Thursday, March 27 meeting of Mid-Missouri Artists in the Arts and Crafts room of the Warrensburg Community Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Bek's program will focus on drawing the human form using charcoal, with an emphasis on structure, form, and shading. Working from a live model, participants will develop/practice foundational skills by learning to quickly sketch the skeletal framework before refining the figure with contour and wrapping lines. Participants will then explore techniques for adding depth and dimension through value and contrast, to create a more dynamic and realistic figure drawing.



Self Portrait

Materials to bring if you have— Larger than 8x10 drawing paper, soft vine charcoal and/or soft charcoal pencil, kneadable eraser. If you don't have these materials, come any way—we will have some we can share.

Bek specializes in illustration, watercolor, and charcoal, developing a personal style that blends figure drawing with influences from surrealism and expressionism. She has created album covers for various musicians and designed shirts, logos, and stickers for companies such as Midwest Pool Management, Warrensburg Parks and Recreation, and CagelQ. She also contributed to the creative process for stickers commissioned by the 476th Fighter Wing at Moody AFB in Valdosta. In addition to client work, she has led watercolor workshops at the Warrensburg Community Center, sharing her skills with the local community.

Now in the final stages of her college career, Bek aspires to become a concept and storyboard artist for animation studios such as Cartoon Network or Fortiche Productions, where she hopes to bring her surreal and expressive artistic vision to life.

REMINDER: members can still bring 1 or 2 paintings to display on the hanging system in the Community Center if you were not able to do that for the February meeting. We have extra hang tags for you.

Those who participated in the February meeting/program, will be able to get the results of your precious metal/clay sculptures! We appreciate this great program by Nancy Sams!

Mid-Missouri Artists, Inc. Minutes-February 27, 2025

Allena Yates called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. in the Meeting rooms 1-2 at the Warrensburg Community Center (WCC). 24 people were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Wayne delivered the treasurer's report. Checkbook balance on hand is \$4,432.60.

New and Continuing Business:

Officers: The motion was made, seconded, and passed that Angi Lankford serve as our new secretary.

Fine Arts Show: Rebecca Limback, committee chair, led a discussion about the show. She stated that members were needed to recruit and retain last year's sponsors. She said that she has been working on the entry forms, etc. There will be more information at the March meeting.

Auction Update: Paige Messiak stated that volunteers were needed for set-up and to work the show. Bill said that they were meeting about the auction and would have more specific information.

Citation Exhibit: This is the exhibit given by UCM art students. MMA offers a \$300 scholarship for three students who display pieces in the exhibit. Members were asked to volunteer to be judges. President, Allena Yates, stated that she would contact the volunteers as to the date and time to meet for the judging.

Wall Hanging System: Prior to the start of the meeting members hung their pieces.

Janie Lankford, coordinator, said we will keep this display up until after the May Fine Arts Show and urged members not in attendance to bring theirs at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned for the program given by Nancy Sams.



Using precious metal clays everyone created jewelry or other items. Nancy will fire these and bring them back to the March meeting—we'll get to see the amazing results!



Welcome new members:

Angela and Jim Simmons,

Warrensburg!

UCM Gallery of Art and Design

Exhibits

March 10-28—High School Art Show—Art Center Hallways

March 17-29—Annual Citation Show Awards Reception March 26—3:30-5 p.m.

Kleppe Visiting Artist Lectures

Mondays at 4 p.m.—Wood 100—And by Zoom—register on-line

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Daum Museum of Contemporary Art (Sedalia-SFCC)

Orange You Glad—through May 25

Constructed Chaos—through June 1

MMA 2025 Schedule

Meetings

Thursday nights (last Thursday of the month) at 6:30

March 27—charcoal drawing

April 24

May 29

June 26

September 25

October 30

November 20 (early because of Thanksgiving)

Other Events

April 5—Smith art auction Culp Building 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (preview April 4 from 5-8)

May 3-4 – Spring Fine Arts Show – Community Center gymnasium

Friday, May 2 starting at 2 p.m.

Saturday (7 to 4) and Sunday noon to 4.

July 9–August 6 MMA Summer Exhibition UCM Reception July 16 5-7 p.m. (Warrensburg 3rd Wed.)

July 19 – annual Paint In –ABC Building – 8-1:30 (location may change)

August 7=17 – Missouri State Fair

October 25 Holiday Arts and Crafts Show (1st Sat. in Nov. follows Halloween)

Setup starting October 24 2 p.m. Community Center.

Beverly Smith Collection—Art Auction

Location—Culp Building - N. Main

Preview: Friday, May 4, from 5-8 p.m.

Auction: Sat., May 5, from 11 a.m.—4 p.m.

Over 70 beautiful paintings! Help get the word out—let everyone know about the auction!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—to assist

A few helpers to assist in loading and unloading MMA props from storage the week before the auction—and helping hang the art. Date and time TBD.

Auction time Sat.—**8 or more volunteers to assist with the show—tasks will include clerking, moving art to be sold, taking payment, and taking winning bids to clerk. To volunteer: call or email Rebecca Limback (660-429-2446) rlimback@iland.net.**

PROCEEDS will go to the MMA Scholarship Fund. We encourage everyone to support this auction—both in assisting and perhaps making purchases too!

Art Show and Sale

Work of Richard A. Luehrman

May 19—June 6—UCM Gallery of Art and Design—215B—217 Clark Street

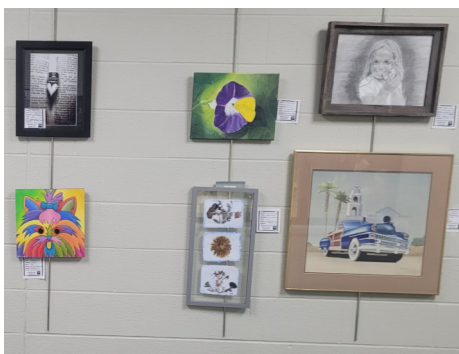
Weekdays 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

Saturdays Noon to 4 p.m.

Opening Reception Saturday, May 17, 2025 - 5-7 p.m.

Proceeds benefit Richard A. Luehrman Art Scholarship Fund.

MMA Art Display—Community Center



Some of the works on display—if you were not here in February, bring 1 or 2 paintings to hang in March.

Sedalia Visual Arts Spring Fling Show. Congratulations to MMA members Brett Butler, 3rd place, and Rebecca Limback, 2nd place. Other members juried in: Linda Hoover, B.J. Tracy, Jo Narron.

2025 Art Challenge is seasons! This should be a fun challenge. Our 2024 Challenge will be the theme of our Summer Exhibition at UCM—Communication. This is a very broad theme—you can make just about anything fit. We need a very good showing from members to ensure that UCM continues to sponsor this great summer exhibition. Please plan to participate! Note the dates on the MMA schedule—it's a bit different this year—and we will have to plan carefully with overlaps with other events.

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Members—send your web site address to rlimback@iland.net to be listed here and on the web site.

Thanks to all who have renewed memberships—To renew or become a new member please use the form below or on our web site to renew soon to help us plan for 2025. You can even pay online now!



Mid-Missouri Artists, Inc. Membership Application or Renewal

2025

NEW

RENEWAL

Please send my newsletter by (circle one) email USPS

Name/s _____

Address: _____

E-mail _____ Telephone _____

Type of Membership (circle one)

Active Member	\$20	Senior (age 62+)	\$15
Active Member & Spouse	\$25	Senior & spouse	\$20
Family Membership	\$30	Student (includes college) \$0	

Send check along with this form to: Mid-Missouri Artists, P.O. Box 116, Warrensburg, MO 64093. Questions? Call Bill Wayne 660-624-4944.

Membership fees are due January 1. Members in good standing receive a monthly newsletter informing them of area art shows and results, MMA business, upcoming programs, workshops, and other activities. Members are also eligible to vote for executive board members and enter MMA art shows at a reduced rate. Members receive a 20% discount on art supplies at the UCM bookstore by showing a current membership card.

From Artist Inc.— Helps for Artists

[Artist INC Express](#) helps artists, of any discipline, develop the building blocks for a thriving and enduring arts practice.

Led by a team of experienced, working artists, this hands-on workshop helps artists address specific needs and challenges. Your artist-facilitators and new network of peer artists will help you set goals for your practice, write about your work, and build a personal brand through discussions, activities, and hands-on exercises.

Upcoming Schedule:

Click on a link below to learn more and to register for this free workshop.

[Kansas Statewide \(virtual\) - April 4-6, 2025](#)

[Kansas City, MO \(in-person\) – April 12-13, 2025](#)

[Springfield, MO \(in-person\) – April 12-13, 2025](#)

[Cape Girardeau MO \(in-person\) – June 7-8, 2025](#)

[Springdale, AR \(in-person\) - June 7-8, 2025](#)

[Springdale, AR \(in-person\) - September 20-21, 2025](#)

If interested in one of these, email rlimback@iland.net and I'll send the original email to you.

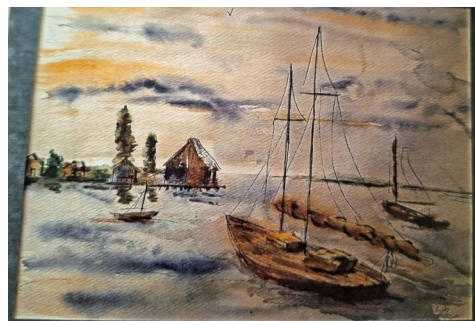
MAKE ART WORK. LEARN WHAT WORKS.

Saturday, March 29, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Lawrence Public Library Lawrence, Kansas
Presented by Artist Peer Facilitator Kim Brook & Nick Carswell + Diane Scott

What Works is a free workshop from Artist INC based on sharing the common behaviors of successful artist entrepreneurs. Join us for the session followed by a panel with the Artist Peer Facilitators and Diane Scott, Director of Artist Services at Mid-America Arts Alliance. Link to Register:

[What Works - Lawrence \(in-person\) - Mid-America Arts Alliance](#)

A Few More Photos from the Smith Collection



I don't have names, titles for these photos sent by Paige—the mountain man is by DW Christianson, the sheep herder by Molly Shadwick, and I think the little boy was by Beverly herself.