

Missouri State Fair 2026 – Celebrating America 250!

MMA members helped make the Fine Arts Division at the 2026 State Fair a success by volunteering their time to check work in and out, serving as volunteers throughout the Fair, and bringing delicious finger foods for the Artists Reception. Member Susan Sanders was one of the Artists in Residence, demonstrating her art for visitors. There was a record number of entries in all divisions, with many MMA members entering their creative work.

Members recognized with awards included: MO50—Brett Butler, Linda Hoover, Rebecca Limback, Karen Neppl, and Nancy Sams.

Those receiving one or more of 8 awards in other divisions were:

Professional Art—Anne Hassell.

Photography—Sande Cromer (2) and Duane Limback; HM Brett Butler and Rebecca Limback.

MMA and SVAA joined to present 3 \$50 awards to students entered in the Jr 50 division with awards going to Darcy Alkire, Keana Austin, and Sara Miller.



MMA-SVAA Jr 50 Awards

Left to right: work by Darcy Alkire, Keana Austin, Jane Lankford presenting a check to Sara Miller. The nice award ribbons were made by Glenda Miller.



Awards Received left to right: Sande Cromer (1 of 2), Duane Limback, Anne Hassell.



Sadly, Microsoft is discontinuing the use of Publisher we have been using to create your newsletters—Starting October we will no longer be able to use that software or even open files created with it. This newsletter is a first attempt at using Word for the newsletter.



Mid-Missouri Artists September 24th Meeting

Connect Create & Catch up!

Join us for an informal, collaborative session focused on catching up on upcoming MMA events, sharing ideas, getting feedback, and connecting with fellow members.

Come to share, listen, or just gather fresh inspiration!



**Wednesday, September 24th
6:30 PM**



Warrensburg Community Center

**Door Prizes
and
Snacks!**

Suggestions of what to Bring:



Show & Tell (Hanging Display): Bring 2 to 4 pieces of artwork to feature in our hanging display.



Work in Progress: Get fresh eyes and friendly feedback on a current project or concept. Ideas for this year's challenge – *Wildlife*.



Creative Questions: Bring any artistic challenge or technical hurdle for open group problem-solving.



Breakthroughs & Tips: Share a favorite technique, tool, or medium you've discovered recently.



Ideas for MMA: Ideas for upcoming programs, events, or group projects? Come to share, listen, or just gather fresh inspiration.

**Members are encouraged to attend!
Visitors are welcome!**

New Membership Directory: Message from the President

I am excited to announce the launch of our new **MMA Member Directory**!

One of our primary goals at Mid-Missouri Artists is to help foster our artistic community. Many of our members aren't always able to regularly attend in-person meetings and activities making it hard to get to know and share with each other.

To help bridge that gap and promote MMA visibility, your Board decided to add a Member Directory to our midmissouriartists.com website. We also want to start a bi-monthly *MMA Artist Spotlight* to give recognition to our members, which will be posted on our social media platforms. Your Directory page will allow us to have your information readily available.

What is the Member Directory? The directory is a dedicated space to celebrate and showcase many talents within our MMA community. It will feature your artist biography, your preferred craft and medium, links to your website or social media profiles, and photos of your artistic craft.

(I have it set so you do not have to complete it in one setting). Complete the online submission form here: <https://forms.gle/KWi65CrEghhaywjz8>
PS--Please let me know of any glitches you encounter!

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Janie B Lankford, President



Susan Sanders serving as an Artist in Residence at the MO State Fair with two happy customers—Lily and Lucia.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Show

MMA and Warrensburg Parks and Recreation will be hosting the 50th Holiday Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, November 7. Vendors will check in Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. The schedule is on the vendor application.

If you wish to take advantage of the member price, **please get your application in asap.**

This is our **ONLY** fundraiser! We urge all members in the area to help make it a success. We will need volunteers to help with set up – marking floors, etc. and then with check in (and check out), and serving as hosts throughout the show on Saturday. We will begin setup Friday afternoon November 6 at 1 p.m. The main task is marking the floors for vendor booths—we need several people who can bend down and put pieces of tape to mark the spaces—and a few long (10 foot) tapes.

A volunteer sheet will be available at the September 24 meeting. Show hosts pass out door prize tickets and assist in giving out the door prizes, answering questions from shoppers, and assisting vendors as needed. Vendors will complete their set ups starting at 7 a.m., with the show opening at 9 a.m. (going until 4 p.m.).

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Member Activities and Awards

Cass County Fair - Sande Cromer
1 2nd and 1 Artistic Merit – open art
1 3rd and 1 Artistic Merit – open
Photography
Chilhowee Fine Arts Show –
Professional Art: Best of Show,
Sande Cromer; Merit Awards, Cromer
and Ron Stewart; HM, Stewart.
Professional Photography: Merit
Award, Bill Wayne.
Visit Warrensburg Big Boy
Photography Contest – Rebecca
Limback received one of the two
awards.
Call for Nature's Art Exhibition (Runge
Conservation Center, Jefferson City
November-December: An invitational
show. MMA members participating:
Linda Hoover, Duane and Rebecca
Limback, Jo Narron, J.Ricker, Allena
Yates.

MMA 2026 Art Challenge: Wildlife!

A few tips for artists from the Internet:

**To grow as an artist, focus on daily practice,
mastering fundamentals, experimenting boldly,
and developing your unique style.**

Practice and Skill Development

Consistent practice is crucial. Drawing or painting
daily—even for short sessions—helps build muscle
memory and sharpens observational skills, which are
essential for accurate proportions, perspective, and
shading bueskenart.com+1. Dedicated practice
sessions allow you to focus on specific skills, such as
foreshortening, shadow patterns, or color
blending bueskenart.com+1. Breaking complex forms
into simple shapes and edges can make drawing more
manageable and improve accuracy bueskenart.com+1.