



# January 2026

## President's Message

I am excited to serve as president of Mid-Missouri Artists this year. It is both an honor and a bit humbling to step into this role, knowing that MMA has been part of our community for 56 years and has benefited from the exceptional leadership of Rebecca Limback, who served as president for 21 years. Last year, Allena Yates and I served as president and first vice president. This year, we have switched roles, but we continue to work closely together—along with our dedicated officers and committee chairpersons—to build on the strong foundation of this organization and support its continued success.

As we move forward, we are focusing on the following action items:

- Updating our bylaws
- Developing policies and procedures for the organization
- Increasing participation and awareness by creating an MMA email address, launching a members-only Facebook page, updating our website, and strengthening our social media presence

These items will be discussed at our next meeting on January 29, prior to our mini-workshop led by Lisa Dean, The Art of Arranging Flowers.

Thank you for your continued support, creativity, and commitment to Mid-Missouri Artists. I look forward to working together and seeing all that we can accomplish in the year ahead. I hope to see you at the meeting!

Warm regards,  
Janie B.

### 2026 MMA Officers:

Angie Lankford  
(Secretary), Allena Yates  
(1st vp), Sandra Carlson  
(2nd vp), Jane Lankford  
(President), Bill Wayne (Treasurer)



*January Program The Art of Flower Arranging! Learn about the thrill, the fill, and the spill technique!*

*Lisa Dean will lead this fun and informative session.*



Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Arts and Crafts Room,  
Warrensburg Community Center.

January 29

Help choose the Art Challenge for 2026!

**Bring** a vase or other container, your favorite artificial flowers, and if your vase is clear, something as a filler. This could be aquarium pebbles, tissue paper, glass marbles, raffia, excelsior, flower petals, or even a vintage doily or handkerchief, etc.

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*Member News Barb Byrne has a tutorial included for winter scene ; in new magazine:  
[fusedglassmagazine.com](http://fusedglassmagazine.com)*

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### ***-MMA Group on FB***

Active MMA members have been invited to join a new Facebook group just for MMA members—please consider accepting your invitation.

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### ***Kleppe Visiting Artist Series—UCMO Gallery of Art and Design***

One of the great things about Kleppe Visiting Artist Lecture Series is the opportunity to hear the behind-the-scenes stories about artists/arts professionals directly from them. This lecture series takes place on Monday afternoons at 4 pm. It is free and open to the public. Free parking is available in the visitor parking lots. You can even join on Zoom if you can't make it in person. Registration for the Zoom link is in the bio. There will not be a lecture on Monday January 19 since the campus is closed in observation of Martin Luther King Jr Day. Mark your calendars for January 26. @cortneymcconnell @andreashonna @ucm\_art\_design

#### **MMA 2026**

January 29—Program by Lisa Dean—Art of Flower Arranging

February 26 Meet at Café Du Burg (downtown Warrensburg, bring 1 “Seasons” painting/drawing to display there.

March 26

April 30

May 28

December 10 Christmas Party

June 25

May 1-3 Spring Fine Arts Show

July 18 Paint in

UCM Summer Exhibition—date to be set

September 24

October 29

November 6-7 Holiday Arts and Crafts Show

November 19

If winter weather causes us to cancel a meeting, will post on fb and send email to active members.



# UCM Community Ceramics Class

**10 Week Class: Feb 3 - April 14**  
**Tuesdays 5:30-7:30pm @ the UCM Art Annex**  
**\$250 (Tools, Materials, Firings Included)**



UCM is offering an Adult (18+) community ceramic class. All skill levels are welcome!

**Handbuilding:** Students will create unique handbuilt forms by pinching, coil-building, and slab-building. We will also explore glazing and surface techniques.

**Wheel Throwing:** Students will learn how to use the pottery wheel to create cups, bowls, and more! Students will also be taught trimming and glazing.

Classes will be taught by current UCM ceramics students under the supervision of faculty. Studio access M-Th 7am-6pm.

**Scan to Enroll**



**Wheel Throwing**

**Scan to Enroll**



**Handbuilding**

Questions?  
Contact Natasha Hovey  
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## 2026 Officers

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**Rebecca Limback, Newsletter**

## Member Websites

Barb Byrne—<https://barbbyrneglass.com>

Brett Butler: [ontheedgecreativity.com](http://ontheedgecreativity.com)

Gary Cadwallader—[garypaints.com](http://garypaints.com) available temporarily

Tara Dunbar: <https://tarasstrangeart.com>

J.Ricker/RJ "Spotlight on the Arts" [gmntvplus.com](http://gmntvplus.com)

Shirley Kleppe—[outrageousred.com](http://outrageousred.com) - [lenseon.com](http://lenseon.com)

Dina Kowal—[dinakowalcreative.com](http://dinakowalcreative.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/janiebrancolankford>

Janie Bs Creations

Cody Page—<http://www.codypage.com>

Myrna Ragar—[ragar-banners.com](http://ragar-banners.com)

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Dawn Safariik.— <https://dawnsafariik.com>

Allena Yates-- <https://a-rose-designs.com>

Susan Sanders Dillon Creek Studios on You Tube

**Members—send your web site address to [rlimback@iland.net](mailto:rlimback@iland.net) to be listed here and on the web site.**

## Mid-Missouri Artists, Inc. Membership Application 2026

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Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership (circle one)

Active Member \$20

Active Member & Spouse \$25

Family Membership \$30

Senior (age 62+) \$15

Senior & spouse \$20

**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.

**MMA Newsletters are available on the MMA website—you can always refer to them there!**

**2025 Art Challenge**

**Seasons!**