

**MID-DEL ART GUILD**



**NEWSFLASH**

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**Meetings:**

The first Monday of each month (except Sept.) from 6:30pm to 8:45pm. In-person & by Zoom

**MIDWEST CITY LIBRARY**

Auditorium  
8243 E Reno Ave. (East of Midwest Blvd) OKC (Midwest City), OK 73110

**May 2024 Newsflash (updated)**

**Connie Seabourn**

**Guest Water Color Artist Demo 6:30 pm Monday May 6 at MWC Library & Workshop 11 to 5 pm May 11 at the Wickline United Methodist Church (Location changed). Doors open at 10 am.)**



**Nationally recognized, Oklahoma visual artist, Connie Seabourn, is best known for her soul-touching, spiritually charged, translucent watercolor paintings.**

Widely exhibited and eagerly collected for over five decades, Connie Seabourn's artworks -although featuring a variety of subjects- share her unique style. Public collections include the Heard Museum, Scottsdale, AZ; the Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, OK; the Eugene B. Adkins Collection at the Philbrook Museum, Tulsa, and the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK; the Oklahoma Judicial Center, Oklahoma City, OK; and the Arthur and Shifra Silberman Collection at the Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, OK.

Connie Seabourn's hand-painted Easter egg depicting butterfly women is a part of the collection at the Smithsonian Museum, Washington, DC. Her work is also in the collections of His Excellency Nobuo, Ambassador of Japan; Talley Industries, Phoenix, AZ; and Tyson Food Corporation, Fayetteville, AR; Tucson Medical Center Healing Art Program, Tucson, AZ; and Clarkson University Art Gallery, Potsdam, NY. The Palm Springs gallery, Adagio, has even confided that although they couldn't mention real names, the "Bionic Woman" also purchased one of Connie's paintings.

**One lucky member of the MDAG could add themselves to the list of coast-to-coast collectors. Connie will give away either the demo painting or one that she brings May 6. All you need do is write your name on a provided piece of paper as you enter the auditorium for the drawing.**

Connie's distinctive artist's voice, (choice of colors/palette, varied textures, distinctive use of space, and especially her adept use of layered washes to emphasize the ethereal), makes her paintings immediately recognizable, no matter what subject she paints. Continuing to learn, grow and experiment through the years, her formal education includes a BFA in printing (minor in painting) from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, and an MEd in art education from the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK.



***“I have an interest in transformation; I’m intrigued by the mystical. As a painter, printmaker, writer and teacher, more and more I find that my art reflects my journey and growth as I attempt to make connections and gain understandings.***

***“Yet my primary reason for making art is the beautiful aspect of touching others . . . showing them various ways of seeing, helping them experience new or forgotten emotions, and reminding both myself and the viewer that we have souls. I want to present to others their own opportunities for awakenings (those ‘ah-ha!’ moments), as I share my personal discoveries and epiphanies through my art.”*** Connie added, ***“I have quite a few friends at Mid-Del Art Guild, and I look forward to seeing everyone again.”***

## **Watercolor Magic Workshop with Connie Seabourn**

*Experience the fun and magic of transparent watercolors! Load your watercolor painting toolbox with new tips, tricks and techniques as you create your own sparkling works in this amazing medium!*

**Date: Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.** Set up your paints and fix yourself a ham and cheese sandwich. Bring own drinks and extras.

**11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshop with Connie Seabourn**

**Location (changed): Wickline United Methodist Church 417 MidAmerica, Midwest City, OK 73110.**

**Cost: \$60 for members and \$70 for non-MDAG members**

**Supplies:**

- Watercolors (Bring what you have or enjoy; Connie most commonly uses Winsor Newton colors in alizarin crimson, cadmium red, winsor or pthalo blue, payne’s grey, burnt sienna, cadmium yellow light, and yellow ochre.
- Brushes you like to use (preferably medium to large sized brushes, at least one round brush that makes a good point, and one flat “sky wash” styled brush).
- Large water container
- Paper towels
- Hair dryers (we can share as Connie will bring a couple.)
- Pencil and eraser (Connie recommends inexpensive, medium, mechanical pencils and white erasers.)



- One-eighth sheet (7.5" x 11") Arches 140 lb. watercolor paper will be available for one dollar each, or bring your own paper.
- Bring your own snacks and drinks. A few things to go with the ham and cheese sandwiches would be welcome.

**Directions to church:** Take I-40 east towards Tinker AFB/Midwest City. Exit at Air Depot and go north past SE 29th and Boeing Dr (Canes/Office Depot). Turn right/east on Fairchild (Schlotzsky's/Tropical Smoothies). At the second stop sign, you will see Wickline UMC. Go straight into the parking lot past the south double doors, and park. Please enter the south double doors under the portico, go down the hall ahead and turn left into Fellowship Hall for the workshop.

Candice Fredericksen has arranged our use of the church. We expect to have more workshops here. (Had to cancel plans at the Porcelain Art Museum due to the added cost of obtaining liability insurance. See following article.). Thank you Candice.

## **“Mom’s Day” At The Porcelain Art Museum Saturday May 4 from 10am to 2pm**



This portrait is an example of painting in oil on a porcelain tile. Each layer is fired in a kiln. See this painting and hundreds of others from traditional to contemporary styles at the Porcelain Art Museum in OKC.

Although Connie Seabourn’s MDAG workshop was moved from the museum to Wickline Church, you can still visit the museum on this special event open to the public on May 4th.

**In addition to free museum entry and guided tours, you can try porcelain painting (using lusters) and see painting demonstrations. You can buy both painted and white china at discounted prices. There is also a special month-long exhibit of porcelain artists who also quilt.** Remember the quote from our demo artist Sarah Atlee, “How are quilters like cockroaches? They are everywhere!”



So much to see. And you don’t have to be a Mom. **Carpool with a friend from 10 am to 2 pm.** The museum is located at 2700 N. Portland Ave which is north of NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and west of I44. (Parking space is limited).

## **Hang Around Town – Sandra Patterson**

Be sure to sign up at the next MDAG meeting to show your work at businesses in the area. MDAG President Joan Faught shared she sold a painting April 19<sup>th</sup> at Marks Pharmacy. And Sandra Patterson said *“We will have open spaces in the next few months at MW Dental, Anthony's, Marks Pharmacy and 1st Nat Bank Del City. Call Sandra Patterson 405 822-2885 if you know of any business that has space for art and would like to have our art hanging in their place of business.”*

## Meeting Refreshments

**Karen gives a shout out of thanks to the following:**

**May 6 – Candice Fredericksen, DeAun Olive, Helen Davis and Sandra Patterson**

**June 3 – Jane Morgan, Margee Gaeddert, Marilyn Ragan and June Rea**

## OKC Festival of the Arts & Downtown Edmond Arts Festival

Don't miss the **OKC Festival of the Arts April 25 thru 28** at OKC's Bicentennial Park. Hours Thursday thru Saturday start at 11 am till late with hours Sunday from 10 am to 7 pm. The **Downtown Edmond Arts Festival runs May 3 thru 5. Support your fellow artists.**

## MDAG Officers and Appointed Positions for 2024:

### Executive Board:

President – Joan Faught

1<sup>st</sup> VP Show Chair – Marilyn Ragan (Proxy is Joan Faught)

2<sup>st</sup> VP Program Chair – Susan Schmidt (Proxy is Kara Gardner)

Treasurer – Kara Gardner

Secretary – Cindy Van Kley

Member at Large - Mary Jude Delaney

Newsletter – Vacant [Susan Schmidt can continue until someone volunteers to take over].

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### Appointed Positions:

Parliamentarian – Cindy Van Kley

Hospitality – Karen Dickerson

Hang Around Town – Sandra Patterson

Greeter – Dana Masters

Webmaster – Arelia Rocker

Social Media - Marilyn Ragan

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

(all events shown are in the MWC Library Auditorium, unless noted otherwise)

**May 4 – “Mom’s Day at the Porcelain Art Museum”** May 4<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 2 pm at 2700 N. Portland, OKC

**May 6 – MDAG Board meeting** 5:15 pm.

**May 6 – Demo: Connie Seabourn** “Watercolor Magic” 6:30 pm.

**May 11 – Workshop: Connie Seabourn** “Experience Watercolor Magic” 11am to 5pm at Wickline UMC. Cost \$60 per member or \$70 for non-MDAG members.

**June 3 – MDAG Board meeting** 5:15 pm.

**June 3 – Demo/Workshop: Cindy Van Kley** “Invoking Your Artistic Spirit with Inspiring Quotations” 6:30 pm (tentative)

**July 1 – Demo TBD:** 6:30 pm

**Aug 5 – Demo: Sheila Minnich** “Colored Pencils” (tentative) 6:30 pm



**September – No meeting but may tour the Oklahoma State Capitol and have lunch at the café (date TBD)**

**Oct 7 – Demo TBD: 6:30 pm**

**Nov 4 – Demo: Joshua Brunet “Children’s Book Illustration Using Layers of Colored Pencils & Watercolor”**

## Become a MDAG Member

The member year runs January 1 through December 31. We want to see you and share our passion for art together. **Join or renew your membership.** Dues for single memberships paid after January will be **prorated at \$3 per month for the remaining months** of the member year. You can pay at the next meeting. Or copy the app and mail to Kara Gardner at address below. And consider sharing an app with an interested artist to build our guild. We all know someone else who loves to dabble or who paints passionately! **Please remember to hand out the new MDAG business cards wherever you meet or interact with other artists. And we are in the process of publishing new brochures.** You can pick cards up at the next meeting. **Life is more fun together.**

**Join Mid-Del Art Guild**

**Membership type:**    Single/\$35    Student\*/\$20    Family\*\*/\$40    Business/\$40

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Renewal   Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Medium(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail** (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Must be enrolled full time as Art Major, with current Student ID, or aged under 19 yrs old  
\*\*Two family members residing in the same household

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**Susan Schmidt, Newsletter Editor**

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