

MID-DEL ART GUILD



NEWSFLASH

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November 2024 Newsflash

Meetings:
First Monday each month
(except Sept.) From 6:30
to 8:45 pm. In-person.

MIDWEST CITY LIBRARY
Auditorium
8143 E. Reno Ave. (East
of Midwest Blvd), OKC
73110
(behind the Fire Station)

Joshua Brunet

“Children’s Book Illustration

Using Colored Pencils & Layers of Oil or Watercolor Washes”

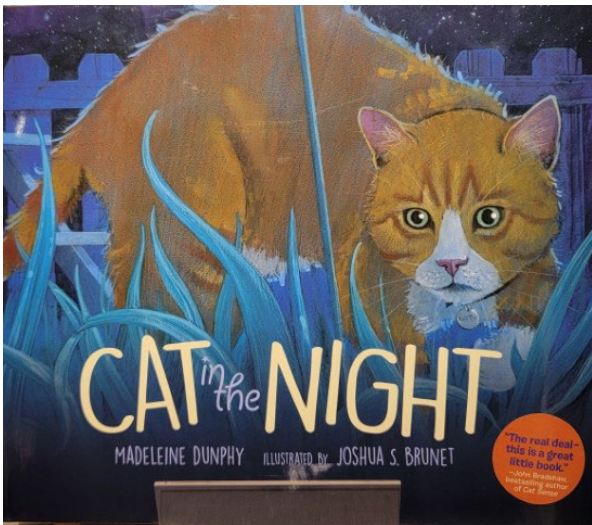
Guest Artist Demo 6:30 pm Monday November 4th at MWC Library



Joshua S. Brunet received his M.F.A. in 2011 from the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford and has been a freelance illustrator for over fifteen years. He has worked for a variety of magazines, including *Focus on the Family* and *LifeWay Press*. His first children’s book, “When Pigs Fly”, was published in 2011 by Borderstone Press. Since then, he has illustrated three other children’s books. “Im in Love with a Big Blue Frog”, Imagine Publishing, a collaboration with legendary folk trio Peter, Paul, and Mary, and singer/songwriter Les Braunstein. “When Butterflies Cross the Sky: The Monarch Butterfly Migration”, Picture Window Books, by Sharon Katz Cooper. “Cat in the Night” Web of Life Children’s Books, by Madeleine Dunphy.

Joshua is married with four children and currently resides in Shawnee, OK. He is an Associate Professor of Art at Oklahoma Baptist University where he teaches classes in drawing, painting, and illustration.

Susan Schmidt attended an exhibit at the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art in Shawnee last March where she met Joshua. The exhibit of colorful and whimsical characters which Joshua curated included a wide variety of art from several amazing children’s book illustrators from across the US. Additionally, Joshua gave the Artist Talk at the reception which convinced Susan to ask him to be our Guest Demonstrator.



As MDAG members, you are in for a real treat to learn more about illustrating children's books. And pick up techniques to save production time and add an extra dimension to your art using fixative spray and layers which can be applied to different mediums such as colored pencils, oils, and watercolors. Let's see what information the professor has to share!

Thank you to last meeting's guest artist: Cindy Van Kley

As part of a 19-day **Bahá'í** religious fast, Cindy is required to eat breakfast before dawn and eat dinner after sunset each day with no water consumed during the day. Cindy decided to try to interpret the readings in her prayers on those days using art. The photo shows one of the many paintings she created in the past during her fasting.

Each day of the fast she readies her paints, selects a "toned" canvas that has a base coat of paint, picks an inspirational quotation or religious passage, sets a timer and then paints for 19 "working" minutes. Somehow knowing that one can only paint for 19 minutes both helps her loosen up and speed up. "You gotta get done" is the explanation Cindy provided. With such a limited time to paint it is necessary to just "let things happen" without demanding perfection of yourself. She says it has really helped her paint faster.



At least fifteen of us gave it a try. Cindy provided all the art supplies and inspirational quotes members and guests needed. Plus, we had the option to try different art mediums that we had not used before. After each painting we read the quote we picked out loud and described how our painting interpreted the quote. Then we passed the list of quotes to the next person and started over.

Section 14.2 of the August 7, 2023 bylaws states:

"NOTE: The winner of the Member's Choice is not eligible to enter again for one month but can enter for Judge's Choice at any meeting. If an artist who has won the previous month brings artwork the following month it must be labeled as ineligible for Members's Choice before members vote." The board has interpreted "the Members' Choice" to mean first place.

The October 2024 Ribbon Winners – Congrats!



1st Place: Margee Gaeddert “Franky”
Digital Pastel

2nd Place: Marilyn Ragan “Fancy
Feather on Gold Marble” Acrylic

3rd Place: Susan Schmidt “Western
Still Life #1” Oil on Porcelain

Judges Choice by Cindy Van Kley:
Sandra Patterson “Bugler” Acrylic

**Remember, all winners in 2024 will
exhibit their art for month of January
at the MWC Library.**

During the meeting break we were treated to fun snacks like these Halloween kabobs. Isabella made tasty green “hay stacks” too and shared the recipe when asked. Thanks to all who provide snacks for the break while we vote and visit friends.



“Mingle and Jingle” Nov 9th

at Porcelain Art Museum

You are invited to the museum Open House Saturday, November 9 from 10 am to 2pm. The museum is located at 2700 N Portland Ave, OKC. There will be free tours, demonstrations, treats, and opportunities to buy ornaments (many hand-made with lusters and trimmed with bling like those pictured). Buy a special gift for that special someone. And



then take a selfie with Santa Clause. He’s keeping a list. Have you been naughty or nice?

Hangin’ Around Town (HAT) – Sandra Patterson

Be sure to sign up at the next MDAG meeting to show your work at businesses in the area. **Hangin’ Around Town is a great opportunity to show your art (and free up some space in your house for two months at a time).** Signup sheets will be on the back table. The following months are scheduled:

1st National Bank Del City: (Cindy Van Kley for Oct & Nov, Suzanne Henthorne for Dec ’24 and Jan’25, Lyuda Cameron for Feb & March 2025, Candis Fredericksen for April & May, and June Rea for June & July 2025).

Anthony's Appliance: (Lyuda Cameron for Oct & Nov and Marilyn Ragan for Dec '24 and Jan'25).
Marks Pharmacy: (Marilyn Ragan for Oct & Nov, and Lyuda Cameron for Dec & Jan),
Midwest Dental: (Lyuda Cameron for Oct & Nov, Joan Faught for Dec & Jan, and Candis Fredericksen for Feb & Mar 2025),
There is a new venue available: **Pet Vet on SE 15th & Key Blvd.**

Sandra announced an opportunity to show your work at Art Central COOP. Art Central is located at Entrance A (south side) between the Blue Zoo and Von Maur in Quail Springs Mall at 2501 W Memorial Rd, OKC. The way the COOP works is artists are vetted/ approved by the COOP board, the artist pays \$150 to join but there is no booth fee. Artists get 60% of sales and must work 8 hours per week in the gallery. The gallery is very attractive and inviting with lots of window exposure.

MDAG Officers and Appointed Positions Nominees for 2025:

Executive Board:

President – Joan Faught (Proxy is Marilyn Ragan)
1st VP Show Chair – Marilyn Ragan (Proxy is Joan Faught)
2nd VP Program Chair – Susan Schmidt (Proxy is Kara Gardner)
Treasurer – Kara Gardner (Proxy is Joan Faught)
Secretary – Cindy Van Kley (Proxy is Margee Gaeddert)
Member at Large – Margee Gaeddert (Proxy is Karen Dickerson)
Newsletter – Susan Schmidt (Is a volunteer ready to take over? Training is available.) (Proxy is Cindy Van Kley)

Appointed Positions:

Parliamentarian – Cindy Van Kley
Hospitality – Karen Dickerson
Hang Around Town – Sandra Patterson
Greeter – Dana Masters (Brenda Stevens is in charge of art competition)
Webmaster – Arelia Rocker
Social Media - Marilyn Ragan

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

Nov 4 – Election of Officers (Believe all who currently hold office have agreed to continue for 2025 with the exception of Newsletter Editor which Susan Schmidt is willing to relinquish.)

Nov 4 – Demo: Professor Joshua Brunet “Children’s Book Illustration Using Layers”

Nov 9 – Mingle & Jingle Open House at Porcelain Art Museum 10am to 2pm. 2700 N Portland Ave, OKC.

Dec 2 – Holiday Party 6pm at the Olive Garden restaurant at 5915 15th Street, OKC. Bring cast to the Nov meeting and Dec party, to buy raffle tickets for the chance to WIN fantastic prizes.

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 in application block. And consider sharing an application 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 as we have to make more changes.** You can pick cards up at the next meeting. Also consider car-pooling to the meetings. **Life is more fun together.**

Susan Schmidt, Newsletter Editor

Join Mid-Del Art Guild

Membership

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

New

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

Make checks payable to: **Mid-Del Art Guild**

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