

# MID-DEL ART GUILD

## NEWSFLASH

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Cultivating a love of the arts  
in Oklahoma since 1973

January 2026 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)



### Cindy McBride “Searching for Soul in Portraiture”

6:30PM January 5, 2026, at Midwest City Library

**Cindy McBride's** love for art began at an early age. She took private art lessons through high school and then earned a B.S. in Art Education and later a Master's in

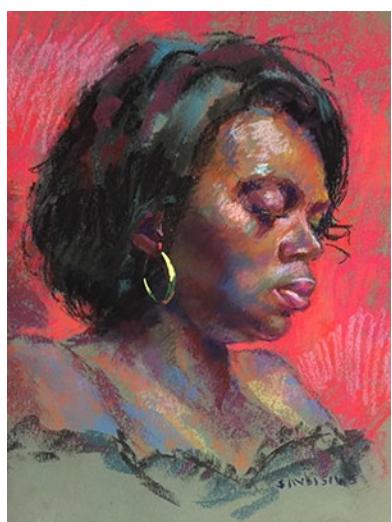
Education. However, her career as an artist has been on again off again through the years. In the '70s and '80s she volunteered for mission work in Africa. Upon returning to the States, she immersed herself in art in both California and Oklahoma demonstrating and speaking to small and large art organizations, hanging in galleries, winning numerous professional awards, taking 36 hours of



Portraiture is Cindy's heart felt subject, although she does paint figures and still lifes as well. She is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America. Her style was influenced by studying Impressionism in her early years with renowned Oklahoma City artist Dick Goetz. Abstract

Impressionism, personified in Nicolai Fechin, is her favorite style. She loves to use brilliant colors as well as subtle varieties. Pastels are her favorite medium, oils second. When asked how long it takes to do one of her vibrant portraits, she likes to say, "Sixty years!" It has taken her 60 years of experience to get to the level of skill that she now has. And she expects she will be increasing her skills for a few more years.

Cindy's art name is ***Sindisiwe*** which she adopted when she lived in Africa. Needless to say, Africans are among her favorite subjects to paint. She loves teaching art and giving demonstrations. Her collections are found in homes around the world.



graduate level art classes, and selling work by commissions and through showings. However, needing a living wage, she entered a career in teaching English as a Second Language. This brought her to San Antonio where she worked at Defense Language Institute at Lackland AFB for 17 years. Although she continued

her portrait work for commissions and exhibited in a few places, her ESL career took most of her time, energy and effort. After retiring from that career in 2014, she returned to art with a renewed eagerness. She taught pastels at both the Coppini Academy of Fine Art and The Southwest School of Art for several years before relocating back to her home in Oklahoma City in 2021.





## Thank You to Kara Gardner

Many thanks to our hard-working and generous MDAG Treasurer, Kara Gardner, for hunting down and purchasing all those marvelous gift collections for our Christmas Party raffle. They were so prettily packaged and perfect for everyone!



*It's always fun to get together with other artists!*



## Mid-Del Art Guild Christmas Party at Olive



Big THANKS to Lyuda Cameron for taking pictures at our party and sharing them for the newsletter! Great job capturing the smiles!

## LOCAL ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

**Lost and Found Art project:** Make small paintings, put our special label on back, seal in plastic bag and “hide” in public place. Labels will be provided at the meeting. You choose or make some paintings or drawings to “Lose on Purpose” to promote your art as well as to promote the Guild.

### Your Artist Page on our MDAG Website:

You can have a sample gallery of your artwork (6-8 pieces) and your Artist Statement and Bio posted in our Gallery of Member Artists. Send an email with pictures of your artwork attached and a short bio and artist statement to [mdag.news@gmail.com](mailto:mdag.news@gmail.com) and we will get them posted. Your Artist Statement should answer questions like where are you from, how/when did you get interested in art, what style art are you drawn to create, interesting thing(s) to know about you, what motivates you, what other passions consume your time, and contact info. A bio should include a good headshot picture, what is your education and art training, where has your art been shown, have you a gallery that represents you, etc.

### Just to brighten your day!

A Mid-Del Art Guild artist “lost” this art-on purpose—for YOU to find and bring a ray of sunshine your way!

What will you do with it? Frame it? Give it away? Leave it for others to find?



Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send an email to [mdag.news@gmail.com](mailto:mdag.news@gmail.com) with a photo of what you do with your new piece of art. Tell us where you found it and anything else you'd like to mention. *Enjoy your original art!*

Find out more about our group at: <https://www.facebook.com/middelartguild/>

contact \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

**Dec. 30** — 4:00 – 6:00PM — Pick up artwork from Library Winter/Holiday Art Show

**Jan. 5** — 6:30 PM — Monthly Meeting: Cindy McBride, Portraits in Pastels

**January — Annual Winners Show** — *Ribbon Winners during 2025 display in the MWC Library foyer* — Hang artwork on Saturday, January 3

**Feb. 2** — 6:30PM — Monthly Meeting: Jerron Johnston, Painting in Oils

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**Don't forget to bring a painting to the meeting!**

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### Hangin' Around Town (HAT) — Sandra Patterson, chair **405/822-2885**

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:

Lyuda Cameron Dec/Jan

Candis Fredericksen Feb/Mar

#### Marks Pharmacy:

Joan Faught Dec/Jan

Lyuda Cameron Feb/Mar

#### Pet Vet on SE 15<sup>th</sup> & Key Blvd.:

Candis Fredericksen Dec/Jan

Cindy Van Kley Feb/Mar

#### Anthony's Appliance:

Marilyn Regan Dec/Jan

OPEN Feb/Mar

#### Midwest Dental:

Cindy Van Kley Dec/Jan

Joan Faught Feb/Mar

Please Call Sandra Patterson with

your tips for new locations!

**405/822-2885**

# MDAG Officers and Appointed Positions for 2026:

## Executive Board:

President –Margee Gaeddert

1<sup>st</sup> VP Program Chair – Katy Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Show Chair – Lyuda Cameron

Treasurer – Kara Gardner

Secretary – Sandra Sanchez

Member at Large – Ron Morgan

Newsletter – Cindy Van Kley

## Appointed Positions:

Parliamentarian – Joan Faught

Hospitality – Karen Dickerson

Hang Around Town – Sandra Patterson

Greeter/art competition – Dana Masters /Elizabeth Painchaud

Webmaster – Margee Gaeddert

Social Media - Marilyn Regan



## Refreshments Volunteers

All members are requested to sign up to bring some refreshments **at least one month per year**. If everyone takes one turn per year, 3 or 4 people each month, there will be plenty of refreshments and no one person will have to bring more than one or two items. See below who has volunteered so far for upcoming meetings, and if you see a month that needs more volunteers, please

call

**Karen Dickerson 405-640-3154** and volunteer.

**January 5<sup>th</sup>** – DeAun Olive, Cindy Van Kley, and You?

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Lyuda Cameron, Candis Fredericksen, Rose Roberts

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Katy Hall, and You? or You?



## Members' Choice Competition

Each month MDAG members have the opportunity to enter their work for voting by the members and by that month's guest artist. Congratulations to our ribbon winners! **Our WINNERS SHOW is displayed at the MWC Library during the month of January, hanging Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't forget to bring another piece of art to the January meeting!**

**NOTE:** Those who won a Member's Choice ribbon in the previous month are not eligible for a Member's Choice ribbon the following month, but may enter for a chance at the Judge's Choice ribbon. Instead of a number, they need to choose one of the "NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBER'S CHOICE" signs to put by their painting.

**There was NO Members' Choice competition in December due to the Christmas Party.**



## Become a MDAG Member

Please introduce yourselves to any new faces you see at the meetings and make them feel like part of the family. If YOU have not yet joined, please take a moment now to fill out the membership form below and send it in with your check, or bring it to the next meeting. The member year runs January 1 through December 31. We want to see you and share our passion for single memberships paid after remaining months of the member

art together. **Join or renew your membership.** Dues for January will be prorated at \$3 per month for the year.

Consider **car-pooling** to the ride at the next meeting!



## 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**

Mail to: **Kara Gardner, Treas. • PO Box 10393 • Midwest City, OK 73140**

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**Coloring Book Project:** Project Chairman Marilyn Ragan hopes you will submit your **black and white line drawings** 8x10 on any Oklahoma Topics very soon so we can get this Mid-Del Art Guild Coloring Book project going.

### Suggested topics:

#### State Symbols:

- **Flag:** The Oklahoma state flag features an Osage warrior's shield on a blue background, with an olive branch and a calumet (peace pipe) crossed in front. Seven eagle feathers decorate the shield.
- **Bird:** The scissor-tailed flycatcher is the official state bird.
- **Animal:** The bison is the official state animal.
- **Wildflower:** The Indian blanket (Gaillardia pulchella) is the official state wildflower.
- **Flower:** The Oklahoma rose is the state flower.
- **Tree:** The redbud is the state tree.
- **Rock:** Rose rock is the Oklahoma state rock.
- **Musical Instrument:** The fiddle is the state musical instrument.
- **Grass:** Indian grass is Oklahoma's state grass.
- **Reptile:** The Mountain Boomer or collared lizard is the state reptile.

#### Other Symbols and Identity Elements:

- **State Colors:** Blue and Gold are the state colors.
- **State Motto:** "Labor Omnia Vicit" (Labor conquers all things).
- **State Song:** "Oklahoma, My Native Land".

- **State Cartoon Character:** Gusty-->
- **State Caricature Artist:** The Okie Artist.
- **State Butterfly:** Black Swallowtail Butterfly.
- **State Amphibian:** Bullfrog.
- **State Children's Song:** "Oklahoma, My Native Land".
- **State Monument:** The 76-foot-tall (23 m) Golden Driller.
- **State Insect:** Honeybee.



#### Places:

POPs and Round Barn in Arcadia, UCO Clock Tower, OCU Star building, Devon Tower, Scissortail Park and Bridge, Myriad Gardens, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, OKC Zoo, Science Museum, State Capitol, Quartz Mountain Lodge, Tulsa "Driller", Greenwood District, The Gathering Place park, "World's Largest Peanut" in Durant, cotton fields, Talimena Scenic Byway, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Medicine Park, Guthrie Historic District, Paseo District, Honey Springs Battlefield, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Oklahoma Land Run sculpture in Bricktown, and many, many more!

**Cindy Van Kley, Newsletter Editor**