MID-DEL ART GUILD NEWSFLASH

www.mid-delartguild.com

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)

July 2025 Newsflash

Denny Geyer

"The Pressed Flower Brain, Mental Health Matters"

6:30PM July 7, 2025, at Midwest City Library

Denny Geyer has been a painter and a stained glass artist, working and teaching as an adult with ADHD.

She had a very active childhood. She spent her time reading, dancing, and playing outside. Catholicism was a great comfort to her as a child. She graduated from El Reno High School. She received her bachelor's degree in Psychology and a minor in art from the University of Oklahoma. She has always had a passion for art. It all started with trying to draw the "perfect" giraffe...

Her art career started at Pinot's Palette in Norman. She really loved helping people make beautiful artwork. For six years she taught acrylic painting. Now she is a stained-glass instructor for Strange Earth Studio. Denny was originally hired as a painting instruct, or. The stained glass instructor quit and they asked if she wanted to teach stained glass. She said "absolutely".

Four years later she has been in several art festivals, as well as other festivals. Mental health matters to Denny because she has ADHD. Art has always been a great coping mechanism for her. She has tried many artforms in the past. Stained glass was the only one that engaged all of her senses. She feels like her ADHD is now an advantage instead of a proudest teaching said, "You hinderance. Her moment while was when a student should say you specialize in teaching the neurodivergent."

The piece that started her passion for pressed flower stained glass is Mental Health Matters. The pressed flower brain catches people's eye, as well as opens up a dialogue about mental health. Every brain has different ripples and flowers because every brain is unique. She feels that all the different art forms and mediums she has experimented with have helped in making her style. She loves experimenting with different techniques of stained glass and feels she will never get bored with it.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

July 7 – Demo 6:30 pm**: Denny Geyer "Pressed Flower Stained Glass"**
Aug 1 – Hanging ALL MEMBERS' SHOW at Midwest City Library*
Aug 4 – **Demo** 6:30pm: **Kari Boyce "Wire Wrapped Pendants"**
Sep – NO MEETING
Sep 15 -- Mid-Del Art Guild at the Oklahoma State Fair 10am till 9pm

*Friday, August 1 all paid members are eligible to hang 1 or 2 pieces in the Guild's Members' Art Show at the Midwest City Library. All members may bring one or two paintings for the show. Also bring your business cards, they can be attached. The show will be hung up from 4pm until 5:45. The library closes at 6:pm on Fridays so *please be prompt.*

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.

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Thank you to Jude Tolar

Jude Tolar blessed us with a pastel demonstration from live flowers at our June 2 meeting. The newsletter editor has lost her notebook so detailed notes are not available, but Jude starts with hard pastels like NuPastel so that the "tooth" of the sanded pastel paper isn't filled too soon. She doesn't do a detailed sketch, she starts with shapes of values, and uses straight lines to define the outer shape of the flower masses. From there it is easier to locate the petals in relation to the central point from which they radiate. She recommends against turning the face of the flower towards the viewer as it can seem confrontational and too "forward". She adds the darkest areas first for the shadow areas and then builds up to the highlights.

Jude also offered a workshop attended by several members and a few guests. Participants painted from live flowers, and Jude had sanded pastel paper available for purchase, which was appreciated!

Become a Docent at the OK State Capitol

By Susan Schmidt

A while back the MDAG toured the capitol to see the massive art collection. If you like history and appreciate the chance to share stories and meet new people, this volunteer opportunity to conduct similar tours is for you. Docent training occurs at the Capitol on Wednesdays in July. To volunteer, text Jamie Williams at RSVP of Central Oklahoma at 405-795-3980 or email Jamie.williams@rsvpokc.org. RSVP offers numerous volunteer opportunities for adults 55 plus to make a positive difference in their community. Jamie can connect you with Marissa at the OK Arts Council. For other opportunities check the list of partners at rsvpokc.org. A couple weeks ago Bill and I helped assemble activity kits for kids with OBI (Our Blood Institute). RSVP even served us lunch!

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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:
June Rea Jun/Jul

Anthony's Appliance:
OPEN for Jun/Jul

Marks Pharmacy:
Candis Fredericksen Jun/Jul

Midwest Dental:
Marilyn Ragan Jun/Jul
OPEN Aug/Sep
Suzanne Henthorne Oct/Nov

Pet Vet on SE 15th & Key Blvd.:
Sandra Patterson Jun/Jul

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MDAG Officers and Appointed Positions 2025:

Executive Board:

President – Joan Faught (Proxy is Marilyn Ragan)
1st VP Show Chair – Marilyn Ragan (Proxy is Joan Faught)
2st VP Program Chair – Margee Gaeddert (Proxy is Kara Gardner)
Treasurer – Kara Gardner (Proxy is Joan Faught)
Secretary – Sandra Sanchez
Member at Large – Ron Morgan (Proxy is Karen Dickerson)
Newsletter – Cindy Van Kley (Proxy is Susan Schmidt)

Appointed Positions:

Parliamentarian – Cindy Van Kley
Hospitality – Karen Dickerson
Hang Around Town – Sandra Patterson
Greeter/art competition – Dana Masters
Webmaster – Margee Gaeddert
Social Media - Marilyn Ragan

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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.

July 7th – Mary Boone, Bernetta Stewart
August 4th – Sandra Sanchez
October 6th – Nan Trosper, Isabella, Jan Royce
November 3rd – Candis Fredericksen, Jude Delany

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! ***Don't forget to bring a piece of art to the next meeting!***

NOTE: Those who won a Member's Choice ribbon in the previous month are not eligible for a Member's Choice ribbon, 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.

Jun 2025 Winners

Judge's Choice	Candis Fredericksen	"Frosty Dancer"	mixed media
1st Place	Elisa Dewhirst	"The Path Jay"	acrylic
2nd Place	Marilyn Ragan	"Male Blue"	pastel
3rd Place	Sandra Patterson	"Autumn Color"	acrylic

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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 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.

Consider car-pooling to the meetings. ART is more fun TOGETHER. Sign up to share a 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**

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, Cherokee National Capitol Bldg, First Americans Museum, OKANA, Turner Falls, Natural Falls State Park, Keystone Dam, Lake Eufaula Lotawata Bridge, Ft. Reno, Price Tower in Bartlesville, Sequoyah’s Cabin in Sallisaw, USS Batfish at the Muskogee War Memorial Park, Spiro Mounds, Oklahoma Land Run sculpture in Bricktown, and many, many more!

Cindy Van Kley, Newsletter Editor