



## Membership Meeting was May 9<sup>th</sup>

We did a lot of “meeting and greeting” then we voted on Board members. Everyone enjoyed BBQ from Topeka BBQ. It was a fun night. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up – it was a team effort. We had about 30 in attendance and we had a delightful time. Pics are on Facebook.

### Your 2023-24 Board is

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## June 2<sup>nd</sup> is First Friday, come join in the summer fun!

In May we celebrated the colors of Cinco de Maya.

We enjoyed seeing the beautiful clothes people chose to wear! Suzy made delicious treats, Marie brought fruit and Mike found Margarita mix that tasted like the real thing! The 6-piece flute ensemble, Silver Winds, was fantastic. (So sorry if you missed it!)

On First Friday, June 2nd, we'll Celebrate every Color under the summer sun! Think flower gardens, picnics, blue skies, sandy beaches, tropical t-shirts, etc.!

June 2nd is also National Donut Day - so that's a hint as to what treats might be.

Mike Locke is signed up to Host in June, and he needs a partner!

Our musical entertainment will be Fred Appelhanz, playing the Hammer Dulcimer.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP:

1. MIKE LOCKE NEEDS A PARTNER TO HELP HOST
2. PASS OUT POSTERS AND INVITE FRIENDS TO COME: New posters will be up soon, along with invites for members to hand out. (If every member just handed out 3 invitations, we'd have a great turn-out!)
3. SUGGESTIONS AND ARTSY GIFTS for game prizes
4. IDEAS and musician contacts are all appreciated!

Contact Sherri at 785-506-5764 or [sherriedick43@gmail.com](mailto:sherriedick43@gmail.com).

Our window artist will be Lila Bartell.



### Drawing table for Sale CHEAP

If interested contact Ruth Powers at  
785-383-1587

## June Artist of the Month: Melanie Hutchinson

I've always loved Art. In grade school I'd make dioramas instead of writing book reports. I learned to sew when I was young and have worked in textiles since. I've sewn everything from ballet tutus to boat covers, working as a costume designer for ballet and theatre for 30 years. That was so much fun.

I earned a Fine Arts degree with honors, and later earned my K-12 Art Teaching Certificate, teaching in public schools and creating home school classes. Several galleries and businesses have shown my art and I've participated in many Art shows.



Being an Air Force "brat", I traveled and lived all over the world. At 50 years old, I moved to India to help set up training centers for poor and rescued women. I created some art but was limited in what I could do while working in the centers. I created art pieces with decoupage blocks of wood found in the streets, using photos I took of all the experiences of living in India. After the children saw what I was doing, they started collecting all kinds of wood pieces and broken jewelry and odds and ends for me.

When a friend from Scotland came to visit the centers, she started experimenting with silk pieces from the training centers and discovered "silk felting". She is an avid wool felter and artist and found by 'needle felting' silk scraps together we could create a whole new



material. She taught the Indian women in the centers who started creating ornaments to sell. And I started 'silk felting' tapestries, using all the scraps, pieces, and threads to create a new 'art medium'.

I came back to America 12 years later, seeking to find my "place" again in my own country.

I find creating art from all kinds of objects and materials, with things tossed away, found objects, and mixed media fascinating. Every medium is intriguing: collage, pastels, acrylic, oils, decoupage, papier Mache, sculpture, metal, hand work and textiles. And I still explore different mediums but tend to focus on textiles and 'reverse' painting, and am starting to move into more sculptural art pieces. Creating is a passion that fills my soul, and I hope my art has a part in filling up others' hearts and soul.



## Artists Sold in April:

Albo

Courtney Armstrong

Naomi Cashman

Phyllis Cory

Sherrie Dick

Becky Drager

Connie English

Melanie Hutchinson

Kellie Dillinger

Marie Plinsky

**Sold \$1707**

## Three New members Joined!

Meredith Kucera

Adisyn Stofer

Lee Wolgast

## Dates to Know!

May 31<sup>st</sup> is Lawrence's Art in the Park  
Deadline

June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Sidewalk Sale at  
Fairlawn Plaza

June 24<sup>th</sup> The Day Lily Show if you are  
entering the photo contest – come  
early. The first 200 people get free day  
lilies and who doesn't love free!

## Marie Plinsky Chair's Corner

Welcome to our new BOARD Members: Courtney Armstrong, Aric Harrington, Melanie Hutchinson, and Jancy Pettit. New perspectives are always good.

Thank you to the Members going off the Board for their time and service:  
**Charles Benton, Kathleen Cobb, Leanne Kilmer and Anne Kufhal**

I'm so sorry I missed the Annual Meeting, but my husband was in the hospital after having a heart attack. I'm happy to report that he is home and doing well.

The Board Members stepped up with about three hours' notice to pull together the last-minute details. Another reason that a strong reliable Board is necessary.

Thank You All – I can tell from the pictures it was fun!

### Website Update by LuAnn Lawhon

When someone clicks on a link to the TAG website, they should be transported to a place that invites them to explore. As a (relatively) new member of TAG, I am frantically trying to add content.... but there are just too many questions for which I do not have answers! This month, I am begging for ANSWERS! Please take a look the Member Questions page and let me know if you can provide any answers. *(In order to keep member information private, certain parts of the website are only available if you are logged in. To get to the Member Questions page, Click the "Members" button at the top right and then click "Member Questions. )*

