

# Topeka Art Guild & Gallery

## July 2019 Newsletter

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Hours Wed-Sat, 11:00-5:00 [www.TopekaArtGuild.org](http://www.TopekaArtGuild.org) [TopekaArtGuild@sbcglobal.net](mailto:TopekaArtGuild@sbcglobal.net)

### Notes from the Chair



With two Executive Committee Meetings under my belt, my levels of both frustration and satisfaction are high. Satisfaction, because we have some really great Committee members who are taking seriously the need to make some changes in order to advance the Guild as a viable organization that makes more money than it spends every month. I have felt the crack in the egg, so to speak, and I'm excited. It's also frustrating because there's so much to do and so few who can add more tasks to their load.

We need more helpers in the areas of: Membership, Workshops, and Reception hosts. We will be posting these duties so that folks will be able to read up on those positions before they volunteer. We are all writing job descriptions so that walking into one of these jobs won't be daunting. We have a couple of Task Forces designated, who will brainstorm some of these important activities, to help us move forward. As always: FEEL FREE TO CALL ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH IDEAS YOU HAVE: WE NEED THEM ALL!

We're excited to be offering a series of realistic drawing classes, taught by new member, Lee Hammond, on Wednesdays. If you missed out on the first round, rest assured you will have the opportunity to participate as time goes by! We have a great facility for classes, and intend to utilize it more and more.

Please remember to talk up the Art Guild to anyone you meet. Our organization is over 100 years old! For over 100 years, people of Topeka have been concerned and excited about sharing art with others in the community. It's our lifeblood. Our heritage. Let's not allow it to fizzle out just because there are new technological ways of doing things such as advertising and selling. Art isn't about that: it's about the spirit of creativity within us all; and we may be struggling to see how that pans out, but it's worth the effort! Remember the 7<sup>th</sup> generation; and consider what we can do to make sure they still care about art!

Namaste,

Dorethy Hancock

The mission of the Topeka Art Guild is to promote and support the visual arts and art education through public programs, scholarships, and original art exhibitions.

## Notes and News

- Connie English is the Artist of the Month in July
- Artists who sold in June: Albo Glass, Naomi Cashman, Becky Drager, Dorethy Hancock, Johanna Hanks, Hugh Mitchell. Total sales \$365.
- TAG member Lee Hammond is offering colored pencil classes on Wednesdays from 11:00-1:30 every Wednesday. Classes are \$85 per month. Email Lee at pollylee@aol.com if you are interested.
- We are still in need of a First Friday Host/Hostess. This is a great way to meet the public and other artists. First Friday receptions are fun!

### **TAG Open House and Art Presentation**

The monthly membership meetings which take place the third Tuesday of each month will resume in September. The name of the meeting has been changed to TAG Open House and Art Presentation. We encourage our members to bring guests or to invite anyone who may be interested in the Art Guild or the topic of the month. The meetings begin at 7:00pm and generally last about one hour. Attendees are welcome to stay and chat. Members are welcome to bring treats.

Our first TAG Open House and Art Presentation will feature Lee Hammond. She will give a presentation on Forensic Art, an area she has worked in for many years. It should be interesting to artists and non-artists alike. Invite your friends!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jul 28	2:00-4:00	Entry Day
Jul 29	9:00	New exhibit hanging day
Aug 2	5:00-8:00	First Friday. Meredith Lewis, top winner for the Student Scholarship Award will be featured. Artist of the Month is the watercolor and drawing group that meets on Thursday afternoon.
Aug 13	4:30	Executive Committee meeting. All members welcome to attend.
Sep 6	5:00-8:00	First Friday. Artist of the Month is Topeka Area Educators.
Sep 10	4:30	Executive Committee meeting. All members welcome to attend.
Sep 17	7:00-8:00	TAG Open House and Art Presentation. Lee Hammond will do a presentation on Forensic Art.
Every Wed	11:00-1:30	Colored Pencil class.
Every Thurs	2:00-4:00	Drawing and Watercolor Paint Along.