

MID-DEL ART GUILD



NEWSFLASH

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**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)

## Aug 2024 Newsflash

# Sheila Minnich – Colored Pencils

Guest Artist Demo 6:30 pm Monday August 5 at MWC Library



Past Mid-Del Art Guild President Sheila Minnich has been an Oklahoma resident for 50 years. Currently she resides with her husband in Midwest City where she has taught colored pencil, pastels, acrylic oils and scratch board art. Sheila started studying oil painting in 1975 with well-known Oklahoma artist Dennis Parker. In 1978, her passion for painting was put on hold to begin a 24-year career with the US postal service. She started out working part time as a rural carrier and ended her career as the Post Master of the Cheyenne Arapaho Reservation Post Office. After retiring, Sheila decided to try her hand at painting once again and began teaching colored pencils at Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Center in 2003 for six years.

Sheila has shown her work in many national and international art exhibits, winning numerous awards, and proudly has her artwork displayed in homes and businesses from San Francisco to Maryland. **Her works have been published in The Artist's Magazine, The Pastel Journal, and in the Signature Showcase book published by the Colored Pencil Society of America of which she is a signature member.**

One year she won two first place, one second, and one third place awards at the Mid-Del Art Guild show at the Paseo Art District in Oklahoma City. She is currently showing her work at the Paseo Gallery One.

Some of other artists she has studied under include Carrie Ballantyne and Albert Handell. **Sheila's work is versatile, ranging from abstract still life to photo realistic animals. Her Hispanic background and culture have given her a love of color that she says makes her feel happy. Sheila added, "I would love for those who view my art to walk away with a sense of delight, contentment, and big smile on their face."** I (Susan Schmidt) am delighted with her dog portrait shown to the right. When I asked about the dog with the concho necklace, Sheila said the family from Australia brought the dog with them to the youth rodeo!



You can tell when looking at her art, Sheila is fascinated with western themes in her paintings. She recently attended another International Finals Youth Rodeo in Shawnee where she took photos for use in her art.

**Sheila talked a lot about the need to obtain releases from the models in her paintings. She often asked for the subjects contact info so that if she wants to use their image, she can obtain their permission. Once, Sheila was at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum over the Memorial Day weekend celebration. She saw a “handsome” Mexican man in a sombrero, actually wearing the full garb of a caballero. Sheila followed him around snapping photos. Later she realized she didn’t even know the ranch he was there with, much less his name. Luckily her daughter remembered the name of the ranch and Sheila was able to track him down and get a release.**

She has good luck getting permission to paint the people in her paintings. In exchange she has been known to thank them with a print of the painting they are featured in. Sheila will share with the audience where she has prints of her paintings made as part of the August 5<sup>th</sup> demo for the MDAG.

**Another recommendation, artists should “use good quality-colored pencils and lots of colors”. Her choice is PrismaColor colored pencils. She will demonstrate how she uses Gamblin non-odor solvent with her colored pencils to obtain a pastel or watercolor appearance. You won’t want to miss Sheila’s demo. At this point a workshop has not been planned but may be arranged at the last minute or for a future date depending on the interest.**



Sheila tries to live by her favorite Bible verse, Proverbs 3:5 - 6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, but in all of your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path.” When she paints, Sheila says she leans on him and asks for his direction. “He hasn't failed me yet.” “Even if the painting doesn't turn out as planned it is a learning experience.”

## Judge's Choice – Congrats Elizabeth

Elizabeth Painchaud's acrylic painting "Oklahoma Wind" (on left) was selected by the guest artist at the July 1 meeting. She said she painted it with a kitchen spatula! Congratulations Elizabeth.



We did not vote nor announce member award(s) because of an unusual experience... In June we had multiple contest entries and several people tied for first and second place. At the next meeting in July we had only two paintings displayed. Since Sandra Patterson had tied for first place in June, her painting was not eligible for the member's choice award! That left only one painting for the members to vote for. See repeat of bylaws below.

We have never had that happen before so on the spot it was decided we can't have member competition if there is only one entry.

The best solution to avoid this problem in the future is for our members to bring lots of their art to each meeting. Jump in. Let us see what you

have been doing!

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 won the previous month brings artwork the following month it must be labeled as ineligible for Member's Choice before members' vote.”*** The board has interpreted “the Member's Choice” to mean first place.

## OK State Fair Wants Us Back

**Sign up to spend a few hours at the Fair on Monday, September 16 between 9am and 9pm.** Cindy Van Kley will have the sign-up sheet at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting but only those who volunteer by July 30<sup>th</sup> will get special free nearby parking and free entry in the fair! So call Cindy and work out when you want to volunteer (her phone is 405-630-4504). Consider getting there early at 9am to help set up. Last year there was ample hanging space to show our work and plenty of table space to demonstrate our art. **The 2024 Oklahoma State Fair runs Thursday, September 12 through Sunday, September 22, from 10am to 10pm.** We want our members to volunteer to take on projects like having MDAG day at the fair, but Cindy can't do it by herself. So help out if you can.

## Hang Around Town (HAT) – Sandra Patterson

Be sure to sign up at the next MDAG meeting to show your work at businesses in the area. Currently *we have some months available for your work to be displayed.* The following months are scheduled: **Midwest Dental (Cindy Van Kley for Aug & Sept, Lyuda Cameron for Oct & Nov, Joan Faught for Dec & Jan, and Candis Fredericksen for Feb & Mar 2025), Anthony's (Lyuda Cameron for Oct & Nov), Marks Pharmacy (Marilyn Ragan for Oct & Nov, and Lyuda Cameron for Dec & Jan), and 1st National Bank Del City (Marilyn Ragan for Aug & Sept, Cindy Van Kley for Oct &**

Nov, and Lyuda Cameron for Feb & March 2025). *Hanging Around Town is a great opportunity to show your art (and free up some space in your house for two months at a time).*

## **MDAG Officers and Appointed Positions for 2024:**

### **Executive Board:**

President – Joan Faught (Proxy is Marilyn Ragan)

1<sup>st</sup> VP Show Chair – Marilyn Ragan (Proxy is Joan Faught)

2<sup>st</sup> 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)

**Aug 5 – Demo: Sheila Minnich** “Colored Pencils” 6:30 pm

**September – No meeting**

**September 10 – Lunch at “Bee Healthy Café” at noon. Tour the Oklahoma State Capitol to see the art exhibits. Meet for tour at 2pm** at the “Guardian” bronze sculpture inside past the security checkpoint. Enter Capitol on south side, down the ramp.

**Oct 7 – Demo/Workshop: Cindy Van Kley** “Invoking Your Artistic Spirit with Inspiring Quotations”

**Nov 4 – Demo: Joshua Brunet** “Children’s Book Illustration Using Layers of Colored Pencils & Watercolor”

**Dec 2 – Holiday Party** Tentative for Olive Garden

## **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 below. And consider sharing an app 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.** You can pick cards up at the next meeting. **Life is more fun together.**

## 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

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