

## Upcoming Events

**3rd Thursday  
Artful Conversation  
5:30 to 7:30 pm**

**Our line up is on page 2.  
Get them on your calendar  
now!**

Details on page two

January 15  
Kalika Rose will talk about  
“From Vision to Funding:  
Building a Grant-Fueled  
Art Series”

February 19  
Betsy Sampson on  
Making Marbled Paper

See page two for more!

## Featured Artist

### Michelle Spencer



“Day Break on Mingo”

**M**ichelle Spencer appeared on our radar during the show we hosted for the St. Louis Pastel Artists. Her painting “Day Break at Mingo” won Best of Show from juror, Robin Hirsch-Steinhoff. It was an incredibly beautiful show — and Michelle’s work stood out even in a room full of gorgeous art.

Julie Dunn-Morton, Curator of Fine Art for the St. Louis Mercantile Library, purchased “Day Break at Mingo” for the library’s collection.

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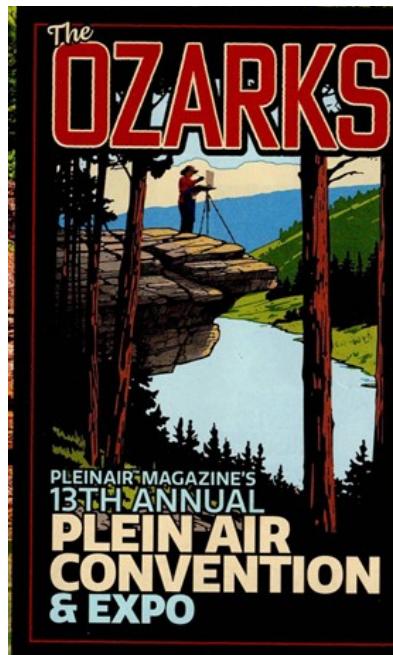
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Hours: Tues-Fri 10 am to 5:30 pm  
Sat. 11 am to 3pm  
or by appointment

On Big Bend in the Old Orchard Business  
District of Webster Groves -- between  
Murdoch and Laclede Station Road

Masthead art from Ralf Broughton's "Oz"



## May 14-18, 2026

For over 12 years, the Plein Air Convention and Expo has inspired thousands of outdoor painters to learn and grow with people who share their passion. In 2026, we're coming to the spectacular Ozark Mountains near Branson, Missouri.

**BOOK NOW!**

<https://pleinairconvention.com/>

Or  
Call 561-655-8778

## Upcoming 3rd Thursday Speakers:

### January 15

“From Vision to Funding:  
Building a Grant-Fueled  
Art Series”

**Kalika Rose**



### March 19

**Suggest a topic or  
speaker!!**

### April 19

**Watercolor on  
Yupo Paper Demo!**

**Nancy Avdoian**



### May 21

Connecting  
Patients With Art

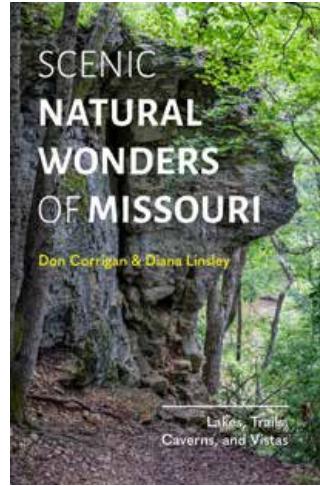
**Erin Blumer**



### June 18

*New Book full of photos of  
terrific plein air painting  
locations in Missouri*

**Don Corrigan &  
Diana Linsley**



**The rest of the 2026  
dates:**

**July 16**

**September 17**

**October 15**

**November 19**

**December 17**



### August 20

*Get it on your calendar now!*

**A Demo!  
Lon Brauer**



**One of my favorite “Lon’s”**



## Ask the Artist

*Michelle Spencer  
Pastel Artist*

**I** was born and raised in Jefferson County Missouri. When it comes to art I have always known I wanted to be an artist. My mother was an artist exposing me to many different creative avenues.

After attending college. I started my career in publications and graphics. I worked in Design, Commercial Digital Photography, PrePress, Publications and Printing. Later my career took me to Houston Texas working in Content Management and Trainer of Brand Management Software Solutions

for Mitsubishi, Caterpillar, LazyBoy, Husqvarna and Pfaff and other international clients.

Retired from the corporate world, I enjoy painting landscapes, still lifes, portraits and pet portraits. I am influenced by the variety of landscapes; "Nature is my greatest inspiration. Painting outdoors connects me to nature; I am passionate about plein air and love getting lost in the wonderful process." Capturing the light, color, and the atmosphere is what I strive to depict.



"Summer Symphony"

I always have a sketchbook book, a box of pastels and a watercolor kit in my car. "I never know what will speak to me, I can pull over and capture the moment." Many of my paintings depict scenes from the Midwest.

Currently I volunteer for Gateway Pastel Society of St. Louis and Heartland Arts Steering Committee in Kirkwood Missouri.

I am an Active Member Pastel Society of America, Gateway Pastel Society, Red Rock Pastel Society in Las Vegas and St. Genevieve Art Guild.



"Pickle Springs"

I have participated in many different gallery shows in St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, Chicago, Las Vegas, Tucson and Baltimore.



Michelle Spencer

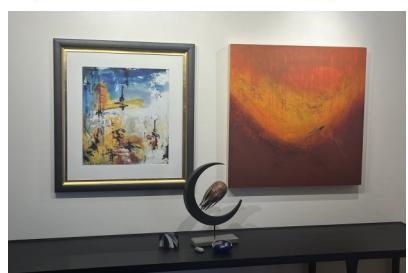
## Art "Collections"

**I**'m going to paraphrase a quote from Faith Berger's article in Ladue News recently. "Collecting (art) isn't just about decoration—it's about connection. When your home reflects the cultures and stories that move you, it becomes more than a space. It becomes a living breathing reflection of your journey."

The next piece of art we add to the walls of our home will be from Portugal.



All these pieces are either from local artists or our travels.



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**Eastbound Hwy 44 :**

Laclede Station Road-Murdoch exit 282 / right off exit / right on Murdoch / right on Big Bend / we'll be on the right.

**Westbound Hwy 44:**

Shrewsbury exit 283—left to Big Bend, turn left / cross Laclede Station Road / we'll be on the left

**Westbound Hwy 40:**

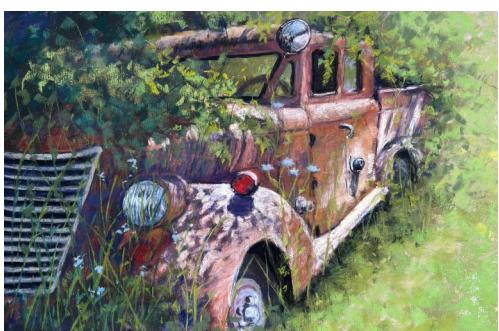
Big Bend exit 33A— go left for just over 2 miles. We'll be on your left just past the light at Laclede Station Road.

**Eastbound Hwy 40:**

Hanley exit 31B south for just over 2 miles — right on Big Bend . We're on the left. (NOTE: Hanley becomes Laclede Station Road.)



“Setting Sun”



“Rusted Relic”

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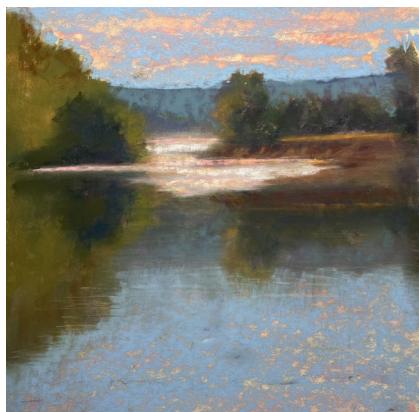
**Michelle Spencer**



“In the Shallows”



“Shades of Winter”



“Daybreak on the River”



“Full Moon Over Mingo”



“Shades of Winter”



“Road to Milts Place”