

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”

Michelle 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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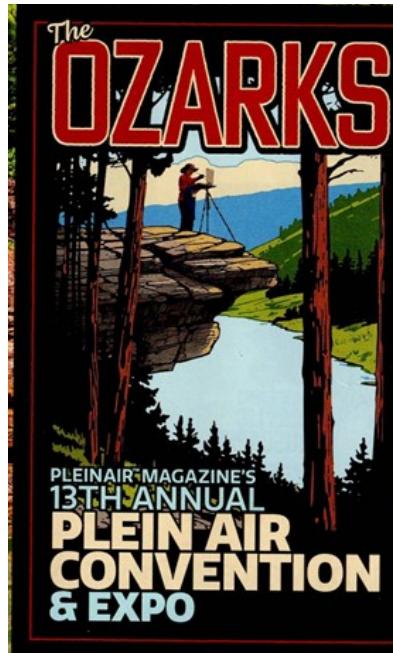
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**Owners: Lary & Lynn Bozzay
Picture Framer: Shana Kotovsky, CPF**

**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:



February 19

Making Marbled Papers

Betsy Sampson

March 19

Preparing for a

Solo Show

Mel Tychonievich



April 19

Watercolor on
Yupo Paper Demo!

Nancy Avdoian



May 21

Connecting
Patients with
Nature

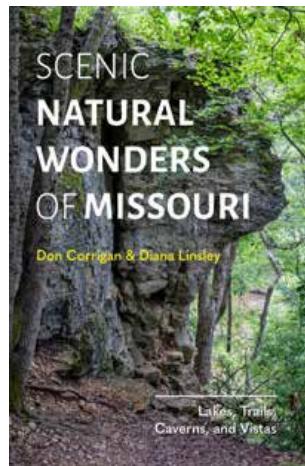
Erin Blumer



June 18

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

**Don Corrigan &
Diana Linsley**



CORRECTION!!

November 19

Get it on your calendar now!

A Demo!

Lon Brauer



**The rest of the 2026
dates:**

July 16

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 17





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.



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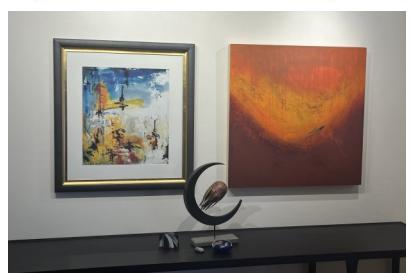
Art "Collections"

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:

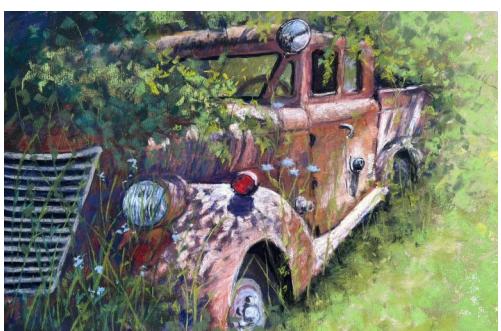
Big Bend exit 33A— go left for just over 2 miles. We'll be on your left just past the light at Laclede Station Road.

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”

Featured Artist

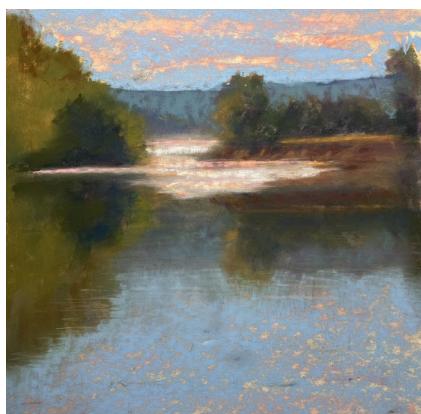
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“In the Shallows”



“Shades of Winter”



“Daybreak on the River”



“Full Moon Over Mingo”



“Shades of Winter”



“Road to Milts Place”