



# Arti-Facts

Plateau Creative Arts Center  
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*Teach, Learn & Inspire*

## PLATEAU CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

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### Hours:

Open Monday thru Saturday

April 1 to December 23

9AM to 4PM

**December 24 to March 31**

**10AM to 2PM**

Closed: Sundays, Easter,  
Memorial Day, 4th of July,  
Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day,  
Christmas Day, New Years Day.

The Art Guild at Fairfield Glade is a  
not-for-profit 501c (3) organization and an  
equal opportunity provider.



## glitz *and* glitter

Browse a dazzling array of handmade arts and crafts from Art Guild vendors, sip hot cider or wine, and enter to win door prizes every half hour. The Endless Possibilities gift shop and Gallery will be open, offering even more treasures to explore. On Sunday, don't miss the **BAKE SALE**—perfect for picking up sweet treats while you shop.

Whether you're hunting for one-of-a-kind gifts or treating yourself to something special, Glitz and Glitter promises a joyful experience for all.

## Glitz and Glitter October 18th & 19th

Celebrate the season and get a head start on your holiday shopping at the 4th Annual Glitz and Glitter event. This festive showcase takes place Saturday, October 18 from 4 - 6 PM and Sunday, October 19 from 11 AM - 4 PM. Admission is free, and donations are warmly welcomed.



Donna Thompson



Debbie Kersh



Shelley Watkins



John Michael Jr.



Judy Ryan manning the Bake Sale



Thank you to  
Sunday's wine sponsor  
Good Times!



## Letting the Paper Speak: The Art of Katie Smith

By Amy Nichols

Step into a world of quiet strength and vivid imagination as the Plateau Creative Arts Center presents the pastel works of Katie Smith during Gallery Opening Night, Friday, October 3, from 5–7 PM. This is a great opportunity to meet Katie, mingle with local artists, and enjoy light refreshments—including wine and non-alcoholic beverages.

Also on display this month, the main gallery exhibit will showcase the October Members Art Challenge: 4x4



*Jeweled Grace by Katie Smith*

Mosaics. Back by popular demand! Artwork is created on 4"x4" pieces in any medium. These 4x4-inch pieces will be displayed together to create a mosaic artwork.

### Finding Grace in Pastels

In a sunlit studio nestled among the trees of Fairfield Glade,

artist Katie Smith creates pastel works that speak with quiet strength and vivid imagination. Her upcoming exhibition invites viewers to experience not only the beauty of her art, but the extraordinary journey behind it.

At age 15, Katie's life took an unexpected turn when she suffered a brain stem stroke that left her unable to walk or swallow. A subsequent laryngectomy removed her ability to speak. Years of intensive physical therapy followed, during which Katie gradually regained control of her left arm and hand. It was through this process that she was introduced to pastels—first as a therapeutic tool, and eventually as a creative calling.

Katie's artwork is not copied from life. Each piece emerges from her imagination, shaped by intuition and a quiet dialogue between artist and paper. She lets the paper guide her, responding with color, form, and feeling. The result is a body of work that is deeply personal, emotionally resonant, and entirely original.

Her compositions often reflect nature's serenity, rendered in soft textures and flowing lines. Her studio is a sanctuary where creativity flourishes. Living with her parents in a cozy, independent space within their home, Katie paints in a way that defies conventional boundaries. Her art is unfiltered, unreplicated, and full of quiet power.

Katie holds a degree in art from Kennesaw State University in Georgia. Her influences include Georgia O'Keeffe, whose adventurous interpretation of nature and flowing lines inspire Katie's own style, and Mark Rothko, whose bold use of color invites viewers to not only see the art, but to become part of it.

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**A UNIQUE AND COZY SHOPPING EXPERIENCE**  
**SHOP LOCAL ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS**  
WINE TASTING  
DOOR PRIZES EVERY 30 MINUTES  
BAKE SALE (Sunday) - SNACKS - HOT CIDER - MUSIC - FUN  
FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED

**START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING EARLY!**  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**THE PLATEAU CREATIVE ARTS CENTER  
& THE ART GUILD AT FAIRFIELD GLADE**  
451 Lakeview Drive, Crossville, TN 38558, (931) 707-7249







Organic Vortex by Katie Smith

# in the gallery

## Oct. 3 - Nov. 6

**Featured Artist:**

**Katie Smith**

**Special Exhibit: 4 x 4 Mosaic**

**Gallery Opening Night**

**Friday, Oct. 3, 5PM – 7PM**

**NOVEMBER: Nov. 7 - Dec 4**  
**PEOPLES CHOICE SHOW**

**Art In/Out:** Nov. 6, 9:00AM - 1:00PM

**Gallery Opening Night:**

Nov. 7, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

**DECEMBER: Dec. 5 - Feb. 5**

**Art In/Out:** Dec. 4, 9:00AM - 1:00PM

**Gallery Opening Night:**

Dec. 5, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

This exhibition is more than a display—it's an invitation to witness imagination unbound by physical limitations. Katie Smith's journey is not defined by limitations, but by transformation—of challenge into beauty, silence into expression, and stillness into strength. Her pastel compositions speak in whispers. Her art lingers. And behind every stroke is a quiet conviction, echoed in the words she signs beneath each email: "God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called."

### Q&A with Katie Smith

**Where do you find inspiration for your work?** Simple answer, nature. In nature there are no rights or wrongs, it is perfect in its imperfection. Honestly though inspiration can be found anywhere you just have to open your eyes wide enough to see it.

**Can you share a memorable moment or achievement in your career?** There have been a few and I thank God for that! I suppose the one that springs directly to mind is being part of Georgia Artists with Disabilities. It was a huge organization in Atlanta Georgia that didn't focus on the disability of artists but celebrated the abilities. They had a huge show every fall that never failed to both inspire and humble me. Artist's that drew with their feet, mouths and combinations of both...how can you see that determination to share the beauty within them and not be inspired.

**What advice would you give to aspiring artists about finding their unique style?** You are only bound by the depth of your own imagination. Learn from the past but create your own future. Don't be boxed in by tradition, color outside the lines and see where it takes you. Never be afraid what lies inside you, illustrate from your heart and it can never be wrong.



SONshine by Katie Smith



Pationate Angle by Katie Smith



# Classes & Workshops

## MONTHLY LIFE DRAWING

For artists who want to improve their drawing skills, life drawing is one of the best ways to accomplish that. It improves hand-eye coordination greatly and really gets the right side of the brain



active. Life drawing sessions at the Arts Center are not a class, everyone works independently. A different model is provided each month. Many of the participants focus on portraiture while others want to compose a drawing of the entire figure. If an artist would like help with their drawing, Dena or another artist is happy to provide assistance. *"Life drawing sessions are very supportive and we learn from one another. It's a good time!"*

**DATE:** 4th Wednesday of every month except for November and December

**TIME:** 12:00 PM – 2:00PM

**COST:** \$5.00 / Open to the public. Registration is not necessary. Just come and join us. Payment must be made before the start of the session.

## SMORGASBORD ART CLASSES

### HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH YOUR ART

with Jack Retterer

**DATE:** October 7

**TIME:** 10AM – 12PM

**COST:** \$25.00 Members / \$30.00 Non-Members

**LIMIT:** 12 students



This class will teach students how to photograph artwork with a simple setup, no fancy gear or experience necessary! Students will learn how to set up a camera or smartphone, using natural light or inexpensive lights to photograph artwork, and edit the photographs. Expected results from this class will be high-quality, color-balanced photographs of artwork that can be posted to social media, build a website, make prints, or sell online. This class is for anyone who needs high-quality photographs of their creative artwork.

**\*\* Online registration is not available for this class. Please stop in or call to register.**

**Bob Stevens will be available to the glass painting students for additional assistance during Open Studio on Mondays throughout October from 9:30AM to 12:00PM**

## WOODTURNING SAFETY COURSE

**DATE:** Ongoing

**TIME:** 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**COST:** \$40.00 Members / \$55.00 Non-Members

**LOCATION:** Tennessee College of Applied Technology  
*Must be 16 years of age.*

Turning wood into functional works and pieces of art is the practice of woodturning. Highly decorative Christmas ornaments, bowls, and sculptures are among the many exquisite objects that can be created.

The Cumberland County Woodturners in association with the Plateau Creative Arts Center is offering an opportunity to learn woodturning. Students will complete a safety training course and ongoing training sessions with members of The Cumberland County Woodturners. This training will allow students to utilize the Cumberland Woodturners woodturning facilities at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT).

Students can expect to learn how to safely work with wood lathes, and chisels. After successful completion of the safety training students will receive a Certificate that will verify their level of training. And with an additional membership to the Cumberland County Woodturners students will have access to the facilities at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology.

Cumberland County Woodturners members have access to club training programs, supplies, donated wood and ongoing support and mentoring.



## Would you like to teach an art class?

You do not need to be a member to teach! Please contact the front desk and leave a message for Dale Soblo at 931-707-7249, or email [education@plateauarts.org](mailto:education@plateauarts.org)

## OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CLASSES . . . . .

### PUMPKIN FIELDS WATERCOLOR PAINTING

w/Charlene Lehto

**DATE:** October 10

**TIME:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**COST:** \$45.00 Members / \$60.00 Non-members

**LIMIT:** 12 students

In the spirit of the season a field of pumpkins will be the subject of this intermediate level watercolor class. Students will learn techniques to render nostalgic images of pumpkins and autumn fields in watercolor. Demonstrations and plenty of individual instruction will be provided to help students create a beautiful watercolor painting of a pumpkin patch. Students should bring their own supplies. **Suggested supply list:** <https://www.plateauarts.org/classes>



### CHAIN MAILLE HARVEST BRACELET w/George Gallant

**DATE:** October 15

**TIME:** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**COST:** \$65.00 Members / \$80.00 Non-members

**LIMIT:** 6 students

Students will create a chain maille bracelet that utilizes a byzantine weave, in 4 colors. This bracelet can be made in all gold or all silver for the first two students who request those colors when registering. The price covers all materials, including a magnetic clasp. Please join me as we create this beautiful bracelet.



### MEMORY ANGEL IN MIXED MEDIA w/Twyla Marti

**DATE:** October 21

**TIME:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**COST:** \$60.00 Members / \$75.00 Non-members

**LIMIT:** 10 students

In this heartfelt class, students will design and create a Memory Angel using wood blocks, layered papers, metals, and fibers to honor someone special. A small photo of a loved one can be incorporated into the piece, making it a truly personal keepsake. While the project includes beautiful details, it's also a great introduction to mixed media techniques for beginners.

All basic materials are provided. **Suggested supply list:** <https://www.plateauarts.org/classes>



### PLATES TO PENDANTS JEWELRY

**\*\*TWO DATES!** w/Debbie Meritsky

**DATE:** October 28

**TIME:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**COST:** \$90.00 Members / \$105.00 Non-members

or

**DATE:** November 11

**TIME:** 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

**COST:** \$90.00 Members / \$105.00 Non-members

In this class students will transform pieces of vintage plates and china into stunning one-of-a-kind jewelry. Plates to Pendants will teach the art of repurposing delicate, broken and unused china into beautiful brooches, necklaces, earrings and pins. Perfect for the beginner or seasoned crafters alike. Students will be: • Selecting and preparing vintage china for jewelry making. • Cutting and shaping china into pendant/pin/brooch or earrings. • Adding smooth, professional edges using specific tools. • Designing and assembling unique pieces of art to wear or gift. All materials will be provided.



## OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CLASSES • • • • •

### LET'S LEARN STAINED GLASS w/Marc Rotman

#### \*\*TWO DATES AVAILABLE

**DATE:** October 28

**TIME:** 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**COST:** \$90.00 Member \$90.00 • \$105.00 Non-Member

**OR**

**DATE:** November 11

**TIME:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**COST:** Member \$90.00 / Non-Member \$105.00

During this fun and informative class, students will learn the process of creating stained glass from start to finish, using the copper foil technique. No prior experience is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to try something new. All supplies will be provided. There will be several design patterns to choose from and a selection of colored glass. Students will learn how to “cut” glass, apply the copper foil and solder pieces together. By the end of the three-hour class, students will have a piece of art ready to take home and maybe even a new hobby.



### SMORGASBORD:

#### CHRISTMAS TREE EARRINGS w/ Michalanne Sloan

**DATE:** November 4

**TIME:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**COST:** \$25.00 Members / \$30.00 Non-Members

The monthly Arts Center smorgasbord classes allow participants to try out different mediums at affordable prices. In November's smorgasbord class, jeweler Michalanne Sloan will guide students as they create miniature Christmas Tree earrings using Crystal Margarita beads in different colors to form the trees. Participants will learn how to form a simple loop from either silver or gold wire and how to open/close a jump ring. All materials and tools will be provided; however students are encouraged to bring their own jewelry tools if they have them. To register, please drop by the Plateau Creative Arts Center at 451 Lakeview Dr., Fairfield Glade or call 931-707-7249.



### INTERMEDIATE STAINED GLASS w/Marc Rotman

**DATE:** November 5

**TIME:** 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**COST:** \$ 162.00 Members / \$177.00 Non-members

**PREREQUISITE:** Completion of Beginner's Class or basic experience with glass cutting, copper foil, and soldering.

This intermediate class will cover several topics to facilitate the creation of a larger project than in the beginner's class. Students will be guided through the design, template creation and construction phase. Participants will learn how to use Stained Glass Patina to “color” the solder joints and different methods available to frame the piece. Tools will be available for use during class, and supplies are included in the class cost.



### FALL WOODLAND SCENE w/Charlene Lehto

**DATE:** November 7

**TIME:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**COST:** Member \$45.00 / Non-Member \$60.00

The subject of this class will be a late fall woodland scene. Students will paint some background woods and a snowy foreground with just a hint of a stream. Demonstrations and plenty of individual instruction will be provided by watercolor artist and instructor Charlene Lehto to help students create a beautiful watercolor painting. This class is for intermediate level painters. Students should bring their own supplies. You can find a supply list on the website.





## OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CLASSES • • • • •

### **KALEIDOSCOPE** w/Evelyn Carpenter

**DATE:** November 13

**TIME:** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**COST:** \$45.00 Members / \$60.00 Non-Members

Artist and instructor Evelyn Carpenter will take participants step-by-step through directions to create a mixed media kaleidoscope. Initial layouts are created by drawing and tracing with graphite paper. Depending on subject matter, the design may be as serious as a cathedral stained glass window or as whimsical as a folk-art sunflower. Embellished with paints, gel pens, stamps and/or papers. Materials, including stencils, will be provided but students may bring their favorite detail paintbrush or preferred collage items.



### **LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS**

w/Donna Cronce

**DATE:** November 18

**TIME:** 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**COST:** \$40.00 Members / \$55.00 Non-Members

Step into the heart of Lithuanian folk art and discover the timeless elegance of šiaudinukai—delicate Christmas ornaments crafted from white paper straws. In this hands-on workshop taught by Donna Cronce, participants will learn the history and symbolism behind these geometric treasures, once used to adorn homes and holiday trees. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or simply curious, this class offers a joyful blend of storytelling, technique, and creativity. You'll leave with a set of handmade ornaments and the skills to continue the tradition at home or share it with others. All material supplied.



### **HOLIDAY EARRING COLLECTION** w/George Gallant

**DATE:** November 19

**TIME:** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**COST:** \$65.00 Members / \$80.00 Non-Members

Students will be making three pairs of holiday earrings guided by instructor George Gallant. Two pairs will be made with glass and crystal beads, and the final pair are chain maille. All ear wires are .925 sterling silver. Participants will make Santa, toy soldier and snowman earrings before they finish this session. These attractive earrings will surely put you in the Christmas spirit anytime you have them on. They would also make a festive holiday gift for someone special! The price covers all materials and use of tools.



### **SMORGASBORD:**

#### **PAINTING ON GLASS PLATES** w/Bob Stevens

**DATE:** December 2, 2025

**TIME:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**COST:** \$25.00 Members / \$30.00 Non-members

Art Guild member Bob Stevens, a master glass painter will be teaching this introductory class. He will introduce students to the basic skills and techniques of glass painting. Students will have a fun hands-on experience painting a glass plate. Starting with a basic design and application of paint students will complete one original piece of beautiful art. All materials will be provided.



**2026 CLASSES ARE ALREADY BEING SCHEDULED  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TEACH IN 2026,  
CONTACT DALE SOBLO.**

## OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CLASSES • • • • •

### WINTER GLOW WATERCOLOR PAINTING w/Charlene Lehto

**DATE:** December 5

**TIME:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**COST:** \$45.00 Members / \$60.00 Non-members

In the spirit of the season, students will paint a peaceful snow scene back lit by a setting sun creating a "Winter Glow". Demonstrations and plenty of individual instruction will be provided to help students create a beautiful watercolor painting. This class is for intermediate level painters. Students should bring their own supplies. Recommended supplies can be found on the website or at the front desk.



### MIXED MEDIA SNOWFLAKE KALEIDOSCOPE

w/Evelyn Carpenter

**DATE:** December 9

**TIME:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**COST:** \$45.00 Members / \$60.00 Non-members

Evelyn will take participants step-by-step through directions to create a mixed media snowflake kaleidoscope. Initial layouts are created by drawing and tracing with graph paper. Depending on subject matter, the design may be as serious as a cathedral stained glass window or as whimsical as a folk art sunflower. Embellished with paints, gel pens, stamps and/ or papers. Materials, including stencils, will be provided but students may bring their favorite detail paintbrush or preferred collage items.



**You can now REGISTER ONLINE! [www.plateauarts.org/classes](http://www.plateauarts.org/classes)**  
**If class is sold out, please call to add your name to the waiting list.**

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Endless Possibilities  
A fine arts and craft shop

**NOVEMBER 7TH  
GALLERY OPENING NIGHT  
5PM - 7PM**





# MEMBERS ONLY



## Call for Vendors Glitz and Glitter

We're seeking vendors for our 4th annual **Glitz & Glitter** event, happening October 18th and 19th. Set-up begins Saturday at 1:00 PM, with shopping hours from **4 – 6 PM Saturday** and **11 AM – 4 PM Sunday**. Space is limited and assigned on a **first-come, first-served** basis. If tables fill up, don't worry—**Endless Possibilities** offers alternative ways to showcase and sell your work!

### Vendor Info

- One table per vendor due to space; \$30 fee due with application
- Tables may be shared by two artists
- Vendors handle their own setup and pricing
- Placement is assigned by committee based on merchandise; gallery wall art must remain visible
- Please donate a small door prize (~\$20 value)
- We're seeking items like ornaments, journals, cards, jewelry, wreaths, holiday décor, small art, pottery, glassware, woodwork, and novelty gifts

**Questions?** Contact Josette at **847-664-9475**

### Glitz and Glitter

Name\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Member Number\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_ Door Prize Donated\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Items to be sold \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Paid\_\_\_\_\_ Cash\_\_\_\_ CC\_\_\_\_ Check\_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd By\_\_\_\_\_

# October 2025

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5	6 9AM – 4PM Open Studio 11AM – 1PM EP Intake	7 10AM – 12PM Smorgasbord- How to Photograph Your Art w/Jack Retterer	8 9:30AM – 11AM Board Meeting	9 9AM – 12PM Barns Watercolor Workshop (3/4) w/Sheryl Reeser	10 9AM – 12PM Pumpkin Fields Watercolor w/Charlene Lehto	11 10AM – 11:30AM Dulcimers 1PM – 3PM Oil Paint Study Grp w/D Soblo & A Kummer
12	13 9AM – 4PM Open Studio 11AM – 1PM EP Intake	14 9AM – 12PM Barns Watercolor Workshop (4/4) w/Sheryl Reeser	15 1PM – 4PM Harvest Chain Maille Bracelet w/George Gallant	16 9AM – 10AM Member Meeting	17 9AM – 12PM Plateau Sketchers- How to Sketch a Crowd	18 4PM – 6PM Glitz & Glitter
19 11AM – 4PM Glitz & Glitter	20 9AM – 4PM Open Studio 11AM – 1PM EP Intake	21 9AM – 12PM Memory Angel w/Twyla Marti	22 12PM – 2PM Life Drawing w/Dena Whitener	23	24	25 10AM – 11:30AM Dulcimers
26	27 9AM – 4PM Open Studio 11AM – 1PM EP Intake	28 9AM – 12PM Plates to Pendants w/Debbie Meritsky 12:30PM – 3:30PM Learn Stained Glass w/Marc Rothman	29	30	31 9AM – 12PM Plateau Sketchers- 4 Tips to Simplify Urban Sketching	
Gallery Theme: Member's Mosaic 4x4/Featured Artist – Katie Smith						

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23 30	24 9AM – 4PM Open Studio 11AM – 1PM EP Intake	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day Arts Center Closed	28	29 10AM – 11:30AM Dulcimers
In the Gallery: People's Choice Art Show						