



Plateau Creative Arts Center
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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.



Endless Possibilities Turns Five Celebrate with Us on November 7th!



The Art Guild at Fairfield Glade invites the community to a special evening of celebration on **Friday, November 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM**. This festive event marks the **Five Year Anniversary of Endless Possibilities**, the Guild's artisan gift shop — and coincides with the **People's Choice Opening Night** in the gallery, where guests can view and vote for their favorite artworks.

What began as a shared dream in the midst of a global pandemic has blossomed into a vibrant hub for local artistry. In 2020, while many businesses were forced to close their doors, a group of visionary Art Guild members saw an opportunity to reimagine and revitalize an unused space within the Arts Center. Their goal? To create a gift shop that would showcase handcrafted works that didn't always fit within a traditional gallery setting.

With teamwork, talent, and tenacity, a dozen artists transformed that vision into reality. From

construction and design to inventory and merchandising, the Endless Possibilities Gift Shop was born — and quickly became a cherished destination for high-quality, locally made art and gifts.

Now, five years later, we invite the community to celebrate this milestone with us:

- **One Day Only on November 7th — 10% Off All Gift Shop Purchases**
- **Enter to Win a "Friend of the Arts Center" Membership** — open to non-members who have never belonged to the Art Guild. Entries accepted throughout November
- **People's Choice Opening Night** — explore the latest gallery exhibit and vote for your favorite artwork
- **Light refreshments and artist meet-and-greets** during the event

"Endless Possibilities is more than a shop — it's a testament to what artists can achieve when they come together with a shared purpose," said members of the Art Guild. "We're proud to celebrate five years of creativity and collaboration."



Local Artists Shine at Oak Ridge Art Show

The Oak Ridge Art Center kicked off its 59th Annual Judged and Juried Art Show on October 4, welcoming artists and visitors from across the state. More than 450 pieces of art were submitted, filling the galleries with creativity and color.

This year's judge, Riley Schwab, a professional museum curator, had the daunting task of narrowing down all those entries to just 120 pieces for final judging — no easy task with so much talent on display!

The Art Guild at Fairfield Glade once again made a strong showing at this prestigious event. Thirteen Guild members submitted 20 original works, and 11 of those were selected for the final round: Linda Engel, Kim Griffin, Jerry Knight, Manuel Marti, Twyla Marti, John Michael, Kirsten Murray, Sally Neckvatal, Tom Neckvatal, Ted Palfrey, and Bob Stevens.

Four artists brought home awards, representing a wonderful mix of styles and mediums: Kim Griffin (jewelry) – *Moths on Parade* won the Contemporary Metal Adornment Award for Wearable Art in Metal, Twyla Marti (mixed media) – *Forest Lace VI* won an Honorable Mention, John Michael (pottery) – *Kaleidoscope* won Excellence in Ceramics, and Sally Neckvatal (mixed media) – *Gulliver's Travels* won the Hugh Bailey Memorial Award for Wit and Whimsey (mixed media).

The show runs through November 15 and makes for a great day trip — it's only less than an hour's drive away. Oak Ridge Art Center at 201 Badger Road in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.



Above: John Michael Jr.,
Kaleidoscope



Left: Kim Griffin,
Moths on Parade

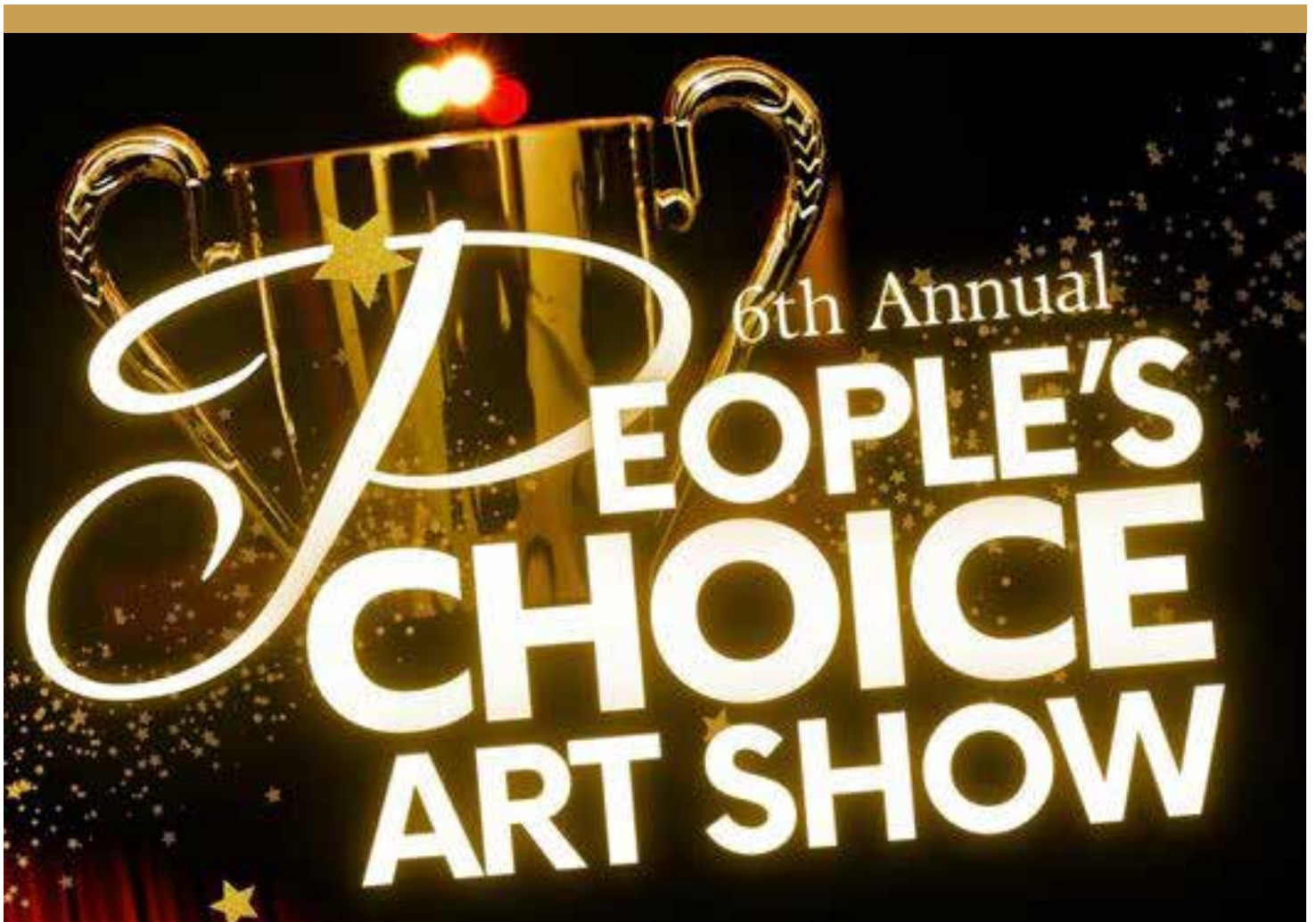


Right: Twyla Marti,
Forest Lace VI



Below: Sally Neckvatal,
Gulliver's Travel

Welcome Our New Executive Assistant We are pleased to announce that Jessica Fleischmann has joined us as the new Executive Assistant. Please join us in welcoming her to the Plateau Creative Arts Center! As many of you know, Bonnie's last day with us will be November 26th. During this transition period, we ask that you direct all communications to Jessica. Bonnie will be available to help guide Jessica through our policies and procedures, ensuring a smooth transition. Thank you for your support in making Jessica feel welcome and helping her get up to speed. We appreciate Bonnie's dedication and assistance during this time.



in the gallery

Nov. 7 – Dec. 4

**Gallery Opening Night and
Endless Possibilities 5 Year Anniversary
Friday, November 7, 5PM – 7PM**

Note

**For Your
Favorite Pieces
Through the Month of November**

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. Will resume in January 2026.

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

CHRISTMAS TREE EARRINGS

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.

**** Online registration is not available for this class.**



OIL PAINTING STUDY GROUP



DATE: November 15, December 13, 2025

TIME: 1:00 PM – 3:00PM

COST: \$5.00 Members, \$10.00 for nonmembers. Fee is due before the start of the session.

LIMIT: 16

An Oil Painting Study group will meet at the Plateau Creative Arts Center to work together and learn this classic art medium from each other. The study group sessions are not a class, everyone works independently. There will be opportunities to share your work and receive constructive critique. Participants must bring their own project and supplies. Beginning in 2026 the group will meet from 12:00 to 2:00 PM on the second Saturday of each month.

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

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

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CLASSES • • • • •

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.



PLATES TO PENDANTS JEWELRY w/Debbie Meritsky

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.



LET'S LEARN STAINED GLASS w/Marc Rotman

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.



You can now REGISTER ONLINE! www.plateauarts.org/classes
If class is sold out, please call to add your name to the waiting list.

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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.



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.



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

2026 PCAC Scheduled Classes

January

1/10	12:00 - 2:00	Oil Painting Study Group, w/Dale Soblo
1/13	10:00 - 2:00	How to Photograph Your Art, w/Jack Retterer
1/17	10:30 - 12:30	Drawing I, w/Freeman Davenport
1/24	10:30 - 12:30	Drawing II, w/Freeman Davenport
1/28	12:00 - 2:00	Life Drawing, w/Dena Whitner

February

2/4	10:00 - 2:00	Sketchbook Workshop, w/Karen Shaw
2/7	10:30 - 1:30	Acrylics I, w/Freeman Davenport
2/14	12:00 - 2:00	Oil Painting Study Group, w/Dale Soblo
2/28	10:30 - 1:30	Acrylics II, w/Freeman Davenport
2/ 25	12:00 - 2:00	Life Drawing, w/Dena Whitner

March

3/12	10:00 - 2:00	SmartPhone Photography (1 of 2), w/Jack Retterer
3/14	12:00 - 2:00	Oil Painting Study Group, w/Dale Soblo
3/19	10:00 - 2:00	SmartPhone Photography (2 of 2), w/Jack Retterer
3/25	12:00 - 2:00	Life Drawing, w/Dena Whitner

April

4/9	12:30 - 3:30	Intro to Digital Photography (1 of 4), w/Jack Retterer
4/11	12:00 - 2:00	Oil Painting Study Group, w/Dale Soblo
4/16	12:30 - 3:30	Intro to Digital Photography (2 of 4), w/Jack Retterer
4/22	12:00 - 2:00	Life Drawing, w/Dena Whitner
4/23	12:30 - 3:30	Intro to Digital Photography (3 of 4), w/Jack Retterer
4/25	9:30 - 12:30	Plein Air, w/Freeman Davenport
4/28	12:30 - 3:30	Intro to Digital Photography (4 of 4), w/Jack Retterer



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In the Gallery: People's Choice Art Show

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Featured Artist – Karen Shaw and the Plateau Sketchers