

TABLE ROCK ART GUILD ORIENTATION GUIDE – 2017

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The following “art opportunities” are for member’s enjoyment. None are mandatory nor do they affect your membership standing. Your participation in the Table Rock Art Guild is completely up to you! So, here’s what we offer:

Organization: A small group of folks started the Table Rock Art Guild in 1980. Today the Art Guild is managed by a board of directors with appointed positions such as membership, gallery director, sunshine, workshop chair, etc. In any given year, 100 or more members take part in all the “artsy” aspects of the Table Rock Art Guild.

Meetings: Meetings occur on the 3rd Monday of each month. They are held at the First Christian Church, corner of Joe Bald/James River Road and Hilltop Drive. Lunch starts at 12:00 noon. Everyone brings a sack lunch. Guests are always welcome. In May we celebrate our birthday, in June we have a pass the dish luncheon, and in December we celebrate Christmas with another dish to share luncheon and a handmade ornament exchange. A program is usually presented at each meeting, usually given by a member. These monthly programs are posted in the yearbook.

Table Decorations: This is a volunteer job filled by members who volunteer for a particular month. Members usually volunteer together. Table decorations are the artistic creations of these volunteers and are not paid for by the Guild.

Artist of the Month: This is a competition between members each month. Following the monthly categories printed in the yearbook, artists compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at each monthly meeting. The purpose of this event is to keep artists active. Entries must be less than one year old. They are displayed in the gallery for one month.

Masters and Mentors: This year, May Masters and Mentors month. Artists choose a “master” or “mentor” and learn about that artist’s work by copying, using the style of that old master to create their own artwork. Be prepared to discuss the artist and their work you chose and why. This is a learning experience and no ribbons are awarded.

Pandora’s Box: In May, beautifully decorated boxes are sold to members for \$5.00. Inside the box is an object or objects that the buyer uses to stimulate or create his or her artwork. Pandora’s Box artwork is viewed at the July meeting, voted on by the members and then displayed in the gallery for one month. During that time, visitors to the gallery can vote on their favorite. In August the winners (by a tally of all votes) win cash money for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Participation is not mandatory.

Meet and Greet: The 1st Friday of each month the Guild presents its “Featured Artists” at a “Meet & Greet” held in the Gallery. Hours are from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. A display of the artist’s work is available to the public for the viewing and sale. Drinks and hors d’oeuvres are served. You do not have to be displaying in the Gallery to participate, but must be a member in good standing.

Children’s Art Show: Nearly 200 students from surrounding schools participate in our yearly show. Winners are selected by teachers and their artwork is displayed in our gallery for a week long show. Some schools make this an annual field trip.

Fall Festival of Art: The highlight of our year is our Fall Festival of Art held over a weekend in the fall. All members can participate as long as they perform certain duties for the Guild during the year. This is a selling show where a percentage of your sales are given back to the Guild to cover costs. Work on this project begins mid-year as this effort takes lots of planning to make it the perfect venue for the sales of our member’s artwork!

Gallery: The gallery is in the Kimberling City Shopping Center and is open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. In order to show in the Gallery, you are required to sit the Gallery one day each month. The Gallery receives 20% of sales to cover cost and expenses. The Gallery Director will be happy to give you more information.

Gallery Library: Located in the back room of the Gallery, a large collection of art books and videos are there for member’s enjoyment and education. They can be checked out at no cost to a member of the Guild. All aspects of art are covered in this collection of informative books and videos.

Field Trips: Annually, field trips are planned by the chairman. Travel might mean a ½ hour trip or a 2 hour trip to an interesting art “happening.” These are always a great way to spend the day with other Guild members.

Workshops: These are organized yearly by the chairman and posted in the yearbook. These 2-3 day affairs give the artist a chance to sharpen his or her skills or learn new skills, depending on the workshop. This is a wonderful way to learn art and be with your friends in the Table Rock Art Guild.