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This issue's featured Guild artists are (from left) Michelle Thompson, Anna Kirchner and Bev Baker

Guild Garden Walk Art Show And Sale Will Be Held At One Of Ste. Genevieve's Most Historic Houses

Work by members of the Sainte Genevieve Art Guild will be featured at the historic Jean Baptiste Valle House May 16-17 during the town's Spring Garden Walk event.

The art show and sale will be held on the front veranda, overlooking the beautiful gardens of the house. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 16-17. Admission to the show and sale is free.

This will be just the second special art exhibit held at the historic house (the first was an exhibit of work by members of the Ste. Genevieve Art Colony and Summer School of Art, mounted last year). The home was continuously occupied as a private residence for over 200 years. Ownership has changed hands only four times since it was built in about 1794 by Jean Baptiste Valle, Ste. Genevieve's last colonial commandant.

The Vion/Papin family—among the pioneer families of St. Louis—had one of the longest tenures. Patriarch Leon Vion purchased the house in the 1860s; ownership stayed in the family through several generations.

Descendant Vion Papin Schram lived in the house from the 1960s until it was sold in 2003 to a private



The rear garden of the Jean Baptiste Valle House

owner. The house changed hands again in 2009 and last year was sold to the The National Society of the Colonial Dames In America/Missouri. It then became part of the Bolduc Museum House Properties.

Those who visit the Guild art show also will be able to visit inside the house, where more art will be on display.

Other activities that will take place at Bolduc House properties that weekend, include a re-enactment of the opening

of the house as a museum property in 1958 following a massive restoration project (noon at the Bolduc). Other re-enactors will provide demonstrations of what life was like at the house in the 1700s (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days).

The Bolduc House Players will present Moliere's *School for Husbands* Saturday evening on the lawn at the Le Meilleur House.

The J.B. Valle House gardens are included on the Garden Walk tour ticket. A separate fee will be charged for some other activities at the Bolduc House Museum Properties site, including the Moliere performance. Contact the Bolduc House (573-883-3105) or town Welcome Center (573-883-7097) for more information.



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Words About Art & Artists



If I didn't start painting I would have raised chickens.

Grandma Moses

Guild Artists 'Show Their Stuff'

Guild artists are active showing their work, winning awards and more in the region and farther afield:

• Iris Vincent has had two watercolors on display at the public library in Cape Girardeau. The exhibit runs through May 8.

• Juanita Wyman is featured in the Spring/Summer edition of the *Southeast Missourian* magazine *The Bridge*, published twice yearly. The article IDs our community as "a great place to explore your artistic side." Wyman's work also will be featured at The Depot Museum in Sikeston Missouri throughout the month of May.

• Robert "Padre" Payne took first place in the oil painting category and third place overall at the DeSoto Fine Artisan Show held last month. Wyman won first place in the pastels category and the second place People's Choice award.

• Suzanne Thompson has had two pieces of work accepted for the prestigious 2015 Sacred Threads art exhibition, to be mounted in Washington, DC in July. The show is designed to convey "the spirituality, healing and inspirational messages that transcend all people." The 2x5 foot works are titled "Abraham, God" and "Love One Another."

• The working artists' group D'Imajj (comprised of Guild members Donna Hart, Iris Vincent, Anita Alsup, Mary Peura, Janet Kraus and Jean Rissover) will exhibit work at the historic Jean Baptiste Valle House beginning with the May Fourth Friday event. The house, part of the Bolduc House Museum Properties, will be open for visitors Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and for selected special events.

• Pat Ferguson was the featured artist at the Audubon's of Ste. Genevieve at the April 4th Friday event and demonstrated sketching and watercolor painting in the lobby of the town's newest eatery.

Work by Guild artists is on display at various galleries and business locations in Ste. Genevieve and at several of the county's wineries. Images of their art may be viewed on the Guild website and Facebook page.

Planning Continues For 2015 Plein Air Event

The Sainte Genevieve Art Guild's 2015 Plein Air painting competition will open on September 23 and end with an artists' awards reception, show and sale September 26-27.

This is the 11th year the event has been staged in Missouri's most historic town.

This year, the competition will be sponsored by the Art Guild. The event is supported by the Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation and other local organizations, businesses and individuals.

More information about the event will be released in upcoming issues of the Agenda.



Youth Spring Plein Air Art Will Be On Display

The work of young artists ranging in age from four to 18 years will be on display in May, the culmination of the Valle Catholic School's 2015 Spring Plein Air painting event. Youth painted at various locations in Ste. Genevieve in late April and early May, using supplies provided by the sponsors.

The event was open to all children who live in Ste. Genevieve County.

Iris Vincent, who has organized the event for a number of years, said the work is well worth seeing.

"It's amazing what some of the children can do," Vincent said. "Many of them are very skilled, and often they bring provide a really fresh look at what are very familiar locations. The real plus is that the fun they had creating their art always shows through in the final result."

The youthful artists will compete in four age categories for medals and other awards, including a Best of Show award. Art supplies will be provided free, or may be brought by the young artists.

The youth plein air artwork will be on display May 18 through May 22 at the Ste. Genevieve Welcome Center (corner of Market and S. Main).



Local youth painting during the Valle Catholic School's 2015 plein air event, which is open to all students who live in Ste. Genevieve County.

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Artist Turns Hand To Creation Of Book On Historic Artisan

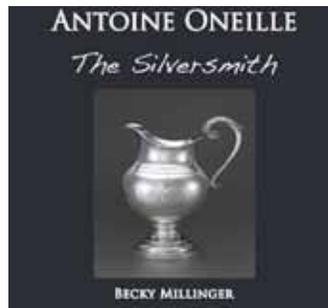
Guild artist Becky Millinger has turned her hand to book design and will be signing the new photo publication *Antoine Oneille, the Silversmith* at the Welcome Center, May 16 and May 17.

Oneille was a French Canadian silversmith who was one of the earliest artisans living in Ste. Genevieve.

Considered one of the top 17 silversmiths of the early 19th century, Oneille crafted both fine silver service pieces as well as Indian trade silver ornaments.

Oneille plied his art in Canada, Detroit and Vincennes before migrating to Ste. Genevieve, where he died in 1825.

Millinger painstakingly collected photos of



At left, the unique book about one of the town's earliest artisans; below, Antoine Oneille's home



his work, authored the text and designed the 24-page full-color book.

Proceeds from its sales will benefit a capital campaign to restore Oneille's c. 1820 Ste. Genevieve home on S. Main Street. The building is owned by the First Presbyterian Church of Ste. Genevieve.

The book signing will take place May 16 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and May 17 (1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.) at the Ste. Genevieve Welcome Center. Sales of jewelry and gift items inspired by Oneille also benefit the renovation project.



SAINTE GENEVIEVE ART GUILD ACTIVITY CALENDAR, 2015

	May 16-17	10am-4pm	Garden Walk Exhibit	Guild artists' garden-themed work on display at the historic Jean Baptiste Valle House
	May 22	6-9pm	4th Friday Art Walk	Guild artists' work on display, 109 N. Main
	May 26	6:30pm	Guild Meeting	Patke Room, U. of MO County Extension Office
	June 26	6-9pm	4th Friday Art Walk	Guild artists' work on display, 109 N. Main
	July 3	5-9pm	Opening Reception	Guild artists' work on display at the Southeast Missouri Council for the Arts Gallery during that city's 1st Friday event. The exhibit runs thru July.
	July 24	6-9pm	4th Friday Art Walk	Guild artists' work on display, 109 N. Main
	Aug 8-9	All day	Jour de Fete	Various art activities
	Aug 25	6:30pm	Guild Meeting	Patke Room
	Aug 28	6-9pm	4th Friday Art Walk	Guild artists' work on display, 109 N. Main
	Sep 22	6:30pm	Guild Meeting	Quilling demonstration, Patke Room
	Sep 23-27	–	Plein Air 2015	11th Annual Plein Air painting competition
	Sep 25	6-9pm	4th Friday Art Walk	Guild artists' work on display, 109 N. Main
	Oct. 23	6-9pm	4th Friday Art Walk	Guild artists' work on display, 109 N. Main
	Oct. 27	6:30pm	Guild Meeting	Patke Room
	Nov 17	10am	Guild Meeting	Preparation for Holiday Art Show & Sale
	Dec 5-6	10am-4pm	Town Holiday Walk	Guild Annual Holiday Art Show & Sale opens

Calendar is subject to change. Check upcoming issues of the Agenda or our website (www.artstegen.org) for news, updates and more.

Agenda d'Art is a publication of the Sainte Genevieve Art Guild, dedicated to raising awareness about art events and artists in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri



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