

Studio 55 Newsletter

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June 14th Program

Gayle Harper, Travel Photographer and Author

"Roadtrip with a Raindrop: 90 Days Along the Mississippi River"

When Gayle Harper learned that a raindrop falling into the headwaters of the Mississippi would travel the river for 90 days to reach the Gulf of Mexico, she knew immediately that her project of a lifetime had appeared.

"The Mississippi River is the aorta of our country," says Harper, "it is essential to our ecology and our economy and it is deeply embedded in our history and our very identity. I watched it grow from a fragile stream into a massive force of nature, yet its essence is always the same."

Harper made a 90-day road trip along the nearly 2,400-mile course of the Mississippi, while keeping pace with a raindrop she called "Serendipity." The result of her adventure was the book *Roadtrip with a Raindrop*. It is a celebration of America and of the simple moments that make life an adventure. Together, the words and images invite us to leave our agendas behind, to travel at the pace of a raindrop and to rediscover the fine art of letting life happen!

Gayle Harper has been a travel photographer and writer for more than two decades. Gayle's home is wherever she is, but she is often at home in Springfield, Missouri, with her husband, Mike, and their cat, Louie.

Books will be available for purchase at the meeting for \$39.95 and videos \$14.95 plus sales tax.

Following the presentation, Studio 55 Fine Arts Guild members and visitors are invited to participate in an artist "show and share." The program is free and open to the public. Join us from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14th in "The Gallery" at National Avenue Christian Church, 1515 S. National Ave., Springfield, Missouri.

Above written by Deal Toney.

Bus Trip to Crystal Bridges: Thursday, July 13, 2017

Deadline to reserve your seat: June 14th meeting.

More details will be emailed or call Joan Bowen, 417-720-4583

Welcome New Members for May: Pat Augustine and Connie Schooley

Library Center Exhibit: June 3rd through June 30th.

Pick up unsold artwork at the Library Center June 30th, at 9:00 a.m.

20% commission will go to the library on sold artwork

Contact Louise Eggleston at 417-616-1139, or email her at 17leggleston@gmail.com

Brentwood Library Exhibit #1: July

Registration is required:

Sign up sheets will be at the meeting (limit 1) or contact Louise Eggleston at 417-616-1139, or email her at 17leggleston@gmail.com 20% commission will go to the library on sold art work

Drop off date Sat. July 1st 9-10 am

Pickup unsold artwork Sat. July 29th, 9-10 am

Brentwood Library Exhibit #2: August

Registration is required:

Sign up sheets at the meeting (limit 1) or contact Louise Eggleston at 417-616-1139, or email her at 17leggleston@gmail.com, 20% commission will go to the library on sold art work

Drop off date July 31st 9-10 am

Pick up unsold artwork August 29th, 9-10 am

Last month, Studio 55 board of directors announced Sammy's Window was selected as the recipient of our charity funding for the 2017, September 1st Art Show and silent auction. Last year Studio 55 raised \$5,541.28 for this organization, benefiting foster children and families throughout Springfield. This amount was doubled in 2016 by the Hulston Foundation making our donation \$11,082.56 and went toward purchasing a permanent facility for Sammy's Window. In 2017 the Hulston Foundation has offered to match the first \$300,000 raised by donors toward the purchase of the building. More information and packets will be available at the June meeting.

Learn more about Sammy's Window and Foster Adopt Connect and their community mission, visit their website <https://www.fosteradopt.org/southwest-mo/> and the Sammy's Window Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/53740542338/>

Offices located at 509 S. Cavalier, Springfield, MO 65802, phone: 417.866.3672.

Maschino's Home Store Exhibit, 1715 S. Campbell Ave. is hosting a juried show:

"Impressionists from the Ozarks." Those juried into the show are listed with Studio 55 members marked by *: Virginia Morrow, Dawna Middleton*, Ken Burstin*, Desiree Young*, Penny Bantle*, Ruth Penaherrera-Norton*, Darlene Prater*, Gordon Lindsey, Michael McConeghy, Bruce Trammell, Amos Gott, Leisa Rowley, Eleanor Strauser*, Jeanene Turney, Meike Aton*, Mike Myers, Martha Vicente, Dora Elliott, Nancy Day*, Paula Moore, Joellen Mittlestadt*, Carol Snyder, and Kay Brock. The Exhibition may be viewed Mon through Sat, from 9:30- 6:00, now through June 25. Future juried shows are: July/August: Art from the Garden
September/October: Outside Art: Springfield's Sculptures, November/December: The Art of Entertaining. Details in future Newsletters or on line.

Exhibits by Members:

Judy Ferguson is exhibiting her colored pencil and pastel artwork at the Blooming Students Exhibit with artist/instructor (and member), Audrey Bottrell

This exhibit will be showing during the months of June and July

The Library Station is at 44 and Kansas Expressway.

Judy is also exhibiting their Assemblage Art at the Creamery Arts Center in the Members Exhibit. This exhibit will be on display for the month of June.

The Creamery Arts Center is on John Q. Hammons Blvd. across from Hammond Field.

Winners of the Mystery Box Contest at the 205 Gallery in Ozark was announced at their reception. They are: Best of Show- Mona Gist, 1st place: Louise Eggleston, 2nd place: Tanja Ware, 3rd place: Sally Lawler, Honorable Mention: Lea Dingman, Honorable Mention: Carol Nunn

Health Concerns:

One of our new members, Mary Johnson, fell and broke her hip. She is presently at The Maples, 610 W. Sunset, doing rehab following surgery and would like visitors or cards. Her home address is 1345 S Florence in Springfield, 65807.

Send information for the July Newsletter to Sandra Letson, studio55guild@gmail.com