



Jonathan Wood Memorial

Jonathan was an art enthusiast and former art student at Missouri State University-West Plains, who started the first art club on campus. After earning his Associates Degree he continued on to receive his BS in Fine Arts from ASU. He later studied oil painting and drawing at Lorenzo De Medici in Florence, Italy. Jonathan enjoyed experimenting with different styles using a wide range of medias. Jonathan returned to MSU and taught Computer Graphics Programming for a short while. In his last 5 years, he combined his love for art with his passion for theology. Eventually he founded a Christian Art Ministry. He was actively involved creating and donating art pieces to raise money for the food relief program at Christ Fellowship in Miami, FL.

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Special Memorial Exhibit – Artist Jonathan Woods

On Exhibition
April 16–May 7, 2017
Gallery at the Center
West Plains Civic Center

Meet The Artists Reception
Saturday, April 29, 2–4 p.m.

This exhibition is sponsored by Missouri State University-West Plains Academic Affairs, West Plains Council on the Arts and the West Plains Civic Center, with funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

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Portrait of Christ by Jonathan Woods

ARTISTS INFORMATION

Terri Combs

Originally from Indiana, Terri currently resides in Ozark County. Terri's appreciation of the natural world is the inspiration for her artwork. Her love of colors is apparent in her paintings. The subject is recognizable, yet it seems somewhat surreal. Terri sees art as a form of self-expression and a time for singular focus. The creative process from start to completion is the personal reward of any art form.

Sarah Corniels

Sarah is a long-time hobbyist artist. She has honed her skill since she was very young, drawing practically every day until she believed herself adequate. Sarah's mother was her inspiration for improving her artistic ability. Pencil is her favorite medium to work with because they are so accessible and versatile.

Ngozi Ekeke

Nineteen-year old Ngozi Ekeke was born and raised in West Plains, MO. Ngozi has been drawing since she was little, specializes in digital media, and is currently majoring in Computer Animation at Missouri State University.

Nate Ferree

At Cabool High School, Nate first experienced making pottery with a potter's wheel, as well as ceramic sculpture and other forms of art. Nate has a BFA from Truman State, and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Bowling Green State University (Ohio). He has worked as a demonstrator at Silver Dollar City and was a resident artist at Lake Eustis Arts Accord. In 2008 he set up his studio, Cyborg Clayworks. His most recent sculpture includes relief pieces ranging from portraits to barns, mills and landscapes of the Ozarks and Kansas.

Grayson Gordon

Having spent more than two decades with the Missouri State University-West Plains campus, Grayson is a West Plains native, amateur artist and occasional actor/director and board member at the Avenue Theatre. With a Master's degree in Vocal Music Education, Grayson has always had a deep appreciation for the arts and supports artistic expression on the local level.

Brian Hite

Brian Hite graduated Magna Cum Laude from Missouri State University - West Plains in 2015 with an Associates' degree in general studies and a specialization in honors. He currently is double majoring in Psychology and Religious Studies at Missouri State University. Brian is also a full-time custodian at Missouri State University - West Plains

Patty Ingalls

Patty graduated MSU in '95, Cum Laude, with a major in Social Work and an Art minor with emphasis in Photography. She spent countless hours learning proper exposures, composition, film developing in both black and white and color, and print development in the darkroom. Patty spent three years shooting for KY3's Ozone, before making a leap of faith to full time photography. She has a studio located at 115 Washington Ave in West Plains.

Sean McCormick

Sean graduated Magna Cum Laude from MSU-WP in 2011 with associate degrees in Computer Graphics Programming and Computer Technology. He started photography as a hobby in 2016, and hopes one day to do professional photography. His favorite subjects to photograph are old barns, and the outdoors.

Forrest Ogden

Forrest graduated Cum Laude from MSU-WP in 2016 with an Associates of Arts in General Studies. He does art in a variety of media including spray paint and pen. Forrest currently works as a data specialist for Ozark Independent Living, and in his free time enjoys painting, creating music, or enjoying the company of his beloved fiancée and pets.

Floralyn Groff Perry

Floralyn received her Masters degree in Mental Health Counseling, and was a counselor for 30 years. She helped people find personal meaning and healing through various forms of alternative therapy, which included art. She has had a passion for Labyrinths for the past 15 years, and recently she has visited over 60 Labyrinths all over the United States as well as the world's largest labyrinth in Costa Rica. She has a longstanding interest in working with stained glass and dichroic fused glass Jewelry.

Sherrill A. Thompson

Although Sherrill's career has been in the accounting field, her passion has always been in the arts: drawing, painting and other creative endeavors. In the fall of 2016, she took an MSU photography class, which was a wonderful and enjoyable learning experience that broadened the spectrum of her artistic ambitions. Hopefully her works will enable viewers to see the extraordinary beauty that lies in simple things around them that are often overlooked or taken for granted.

Marlene Thompson

Marlene is 58 years old, and started doing art just last year. She jumped in with both feet, taking two art classes with Wendy Ziegler. Her favorite medium is soft pastels and water colors, and she looks forward to continuing with more art classes at MSU-WP.

Rayne Beau Vanderpool

Rayne has been around art throughout her life since her mom is also an artist. While growing up, her mom showed her many different types of media and various surfaces to experiment them on. Because of this experience, she was always successful in her art classes in school. When she continued to college, her passion for art kept growing. She is now pursuing a degree in secondary art education or becoming a psychologist and doing art therapy.

Alex Webb

An artist since a young child, most of Alex's work focuses on cartoons. Alex uses mostly inks as medium of choice. This includes all pens and markers. He prefers to use Copic alcohol based ink markers. For four years, he has focused on this medium, all the time learning the different techniques. He also does work in graphite and watercolor.

Barbara Williams

Barbara was born and raised at Myrtle, Missouri. She has art degrees from Missouri State University, Springfield and Southern Illinois University. Barbara has taught art as adjunct faculty at MSU-West Plains for several years. She has exhibited extensively in one person shows and group exhibitions, including international printmaking exhibitions, national exhibitions such as Watercolor USA, as well as regional and local shows. Her work focuses on the Ozarks with generations of her family in the Ozarks involved in ordinary endeavors, and Ozarks native rock architecture, sometimes combined with pictures of her family. Her project on Ozarks native stone masonry is now in its 17th year.