

Dear KMA Guild Members,

As the 2024-2025 Guild year comes to a close, we wanted to thank you for your membership and continued support. It has been a wonderful year, and we want to share the highlights with all of you. With a great Guild board and a lot of volunteer hours- we enjoyed the following events:

- Kicked off the year with lunch at Cliff and Margaret Rodgers' lovely home
- Visited the home of artist John Woodrow Kelley
- Hosted a luncheon for our fabulous KMA staff
- Celebrated the Holidays with a Guild membership event at the KMA Museum Shop
- Raised our glasses at Bennett Galleries
- Enjoyed lunch and studio tour at Kathie and Buddy Odom's home.

We will end our year with the Guild business meeting at the home of Jim and Elizabeth Williams.

The Guild also helped organize major events including:

- The L'Amour du Vin Artist's luncheon with featured artist Marga McBride
- We kicked off the holiday season with the 30th annual Holiday Homes Tour
- Celebrated with artists from across the United States at Artists on Location

These Guild events raised a record \$365,000+ for the KMA! This allowed the Guild to:

- Donate funds to cover two months of free admission to the KMA
- Pay for scholarships to the Summer Art Academy for students
- Start the annual Rosalind Martin Executive award for art teachers in East Tennessee
- Present a small token of our appreciation to our dedicated volunteers at the annual contributed 9,100 hours of their time in 2024.

The Guild's hard work pays off in so many ways. We could not continue to do what we do year after year without your generous time and efforts. As we head into our new year with returning faces and new ones, we are proud that the Guild will continue to support the KMA in such a strong and multifaceted manner.

Have a great summer, and see you in the fall!

Judy and Gail

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

L'Amour du Vin Artist's Luncheon

The Guild was well represented at the Artist's Luncheon on January 24th with Marga McBride as the featured artist of LDV. Long-time KMA Guild Member Mary Morris spoke about Marga's journey as an artist. Guests were treated to a fabulous lunch from By the Tracks Catering with wine from La Crema.







Guild News Guild Programs for 2025

MAY

Annual Meeting and Year-End Celebration at the Riverbend home of Jim and Elizabeth Williams (May 8, 4:00—7:00)

- Reservation Deadline, May 2
- Cost of the event is \$30
- https://knoxart.ejoinme.org/MyPages/GuildPrograms to register

FACEBOOK - www.facebook.com/guildofkma INSTAGRAM - @artistsonlocation@knoxart

- Aidyn Parkey has been promoted to the part-time role of Visitor Services Team Lead (VSTL). With museum attendance up to nearly 70,000 visitors per year, this position is once again needed.
- Christy Smith has accepted the position of Assistant Director of Development. Her first day was on Saturday, April 26, the Artists on Location Art Sale—she jumped right in!



- Christy has a strong background in non-profit management, having previously served as the District Manager for AMVETS Thrift Stores, and as the Volunteer Manager at Ijams Nature Center.
- Christy will support the Development team with CRM database management, KMA and affinity group memberships, fundraising, events, stewardship, and donor relations. She will provide administrative support for the KMA Guild's Holiday Homes Tour and Artists on Location fundraising events and collaborate with the Guild's Membership Chair on annual membership renewals.
- Christy loves hiking and visiting museums wherever she travels. Please join us in welcoming Christy to the KMA team!



KMA STAFFING CHANGES

WELCOME NEW GUILD MEMEBERS

(January 22, 2025 - April 30, 2025)

Ellen & Jeff Hubrig, Heidi Kouns, Beau & Beth Fancher, Joanne Latimer, Kim & Jim Hays, Gretchen Sexton, Cynthia D'Andrea, Ginny Harvey, and Tina Carroll

GUILD EVENT AT BENNETT, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Bennett Gallery opened their doors to KMA Guild members and guests for the February meeting of the KMA Guild on February 13, 2025. The evening featured beautiful art, decor, and wines and appetizers from By the Tracks Catering. We were graciously welcomed by Robert Shipley, manager of Bennett Gallery who had also been on staff with the KMA in years past in finance and operations. Judy Doyle and Gail Van Hoozier, the co-presidents, gave a short review of upcoming Guild events including AOL in April (an important fundraising event for the Guild.) KMA Director, Steven Matijcio also welcomed everyone and shared exciting upcoming happenings at the Museum.

It was a lovely evening for everyone with time to explore the entire Gallery. We extend a huge thank you to Bennett Gallery for their long-standing and continued support of the KMA.



GUILD EVENT AT BENNETT (CONTINUED)



PROGRAM REVIEW

VISIT TO KATHIE AND BUDDY ODOM'S MARCH

Kathie and Buddy Odom graciously welcomed Guild members to their beautiful mountain home and studio for our March Guild Meeting. It was a marvelous opportunity for everyone to enjoy

wonderful scenery and fabulous art.
Kathie's talent as an artist is superb and so captures Appalachia at its finest.
Steven Matijcio, KMA Director, along with Guild co-presidents, Judy Doyle and Gail Van Hoozier, welcomed everyone.
During lunch, Kathie discussed her painting style and her experiences as an artist. Her latest book, Let the Art
Speak, which many members bought, showcases her style, spirit, and view of



life. We extend a huge "thank you" to Buddy and Kathie for allowing us to visit their special home.

















VISIT TO KATHIE AND BUDDY ODOM'S (CONTINUED)



FUNDRAISERS

ARTISTS ON LOCATION 2025



The Guild of the Knoxville Museum of Art presented the 2025 Artists on Location, a plein-air painting event the week of April 21. We hosted 29 artists this year from all over the country. Among the sites they visited around Knoxville were Old Gray Cemetery, the Historic Bleak House and Gardens, Cherokee Country Club, downtown Knoxville, the Five Thirty Lounge at Hyatt Place, the Joe and Sharon Pryse Garden, Ijams Nature Center, and the Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum. Our artists persevered through a rainy week, chasing sun all over town. The week was capped off with a show and sale at the Knoxville Museum of Art, bringing in hundreds from the community to support the event.

















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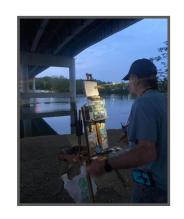


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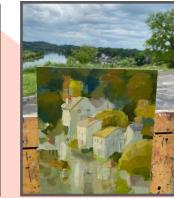
























KMA COLLECTORS CIRCLE

Have you considered expanding your support to KMA by joining the Collectors Circle? With a KMA membership of \$250 or more you may join the Collectors Circle for an additional contribution of \$500 for individuals or \$800 for couples. Members explore the inner workings of the art world and learn directly from the actual works of art, the artists who create them, the art experts who interpret them, and the people who collect art. Collectors Circle visits important art destinations, private collections, and artists' studios locally and nationally to gain a broad perspective on today's art world.

GUILD OFFICERS 2024 – 2025

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