EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

This year marked the 9th annual Artists on Location, a plein-air painting competition in Knoxville, Tennessee, April 18—24, 2021. It began with a plan to promote the art and artists of the local community through the Guild, who formally joined together in 2012 to create an event that supported the regional art community and brought the practice of open-air painting to the local art scene. Knoxville is the perfect location for such an event for the east Tennessee mountains and all its unique beauty, to the Knoxville historic and renowned gardens and attractions. After postponing in 2020, artists, enthusiasts, and collectors alike were incredibly excited about this year’s event.

On the first day of the competition, twenty-three juried artists were greeted by the cool winds of an East Tennessee “dogwood winter” among the tender, green foliage of Spring. For five days, talented artists set up to paint outdoors at various well-known landmarks in and around the Knoxville area. Thanks to successful media promotion, interested patrons came to observe artists in action as they masterfully captured the scenes in front of them.
STUDIO VISIT
ARTISTS ON LOCATION 2021

ARTISTS AND LOCATIONS

Clockwise from left

CRAIG REYNOLDS ON LOCATION IN MARKET SQUARE
ROBERT FELKER NEAR DUNCAN’S BOAT DOCK
AMY PETERSON AT BLOUNT MANSION, SOUTH GAY STREET
CINDY SHAW ON LOCATION SIZING UP A GREAT BLUE HERON
VICTORIA PEARMAIN AT LAKESHORE PARK, ON THE TENNESSEE RIVER

PROGRAM REVIEW
ARTISTS ON LOCATION 2021—WEDNESDAY

Juried artists are offered free lodging by gracious home hosts for the duration of their stay. This year in lieu of a sponsor’s reception, a small outdoor evening social was held for artists and the home hosts. At sunset, featured artist Kevin Menck treated everyone in attendance to a plein-air demonstration.

A special thanks goes to Barbara and Steve Apking for hosting “cocktails en plein air” to celebrate the artists and the home hosts. Our gratitude also goes out to Home Hosts: Jenny and Lawrence Bushkell, Dover Properties/Hyatt Place, Judy Doyle, Maribeth and Fred Ergen, Linda and John Haynes, Lane Hays, Lady Johnson, Marble Alley Lofts, Nancy and Joe Parrott, Kate and John Watson, Annette and Barry Winston.
ARTISTS ON LOCATION 2021—SATURDAY

KMA REGISTRATION, SET UP, AWARDS SHOW AND SALE

On Saturday, April 25th, 2021, the Guild hosted the art show and sale in Bailey Hall and Heller Garden in the Knoxville of Museum of Art. Guests had the opportunity to purchase more than 225 paintings from the week’s outdoor painting sessions and artist’s studio pieces. The patrons were delighted by this year’s artworks, noting their originality and remarkable quality. Artists on Location 2021 generated record-setting sales by more than 300 attendees. Sponsors enjoyed a private sale and paused for Kevin Menck who announced awards for more than $2,000 in cash prizes.
The Guild is incredibly grateful to our sponsors and patrons for Artist on Location 2021

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**AWARD-WINNING PAINTINGS FOR ARTISTS ON LOCATION 2021**

**First Place & Artists Choice**
Jeremy Sams, "Too Chilly for a Swim"

**Second Place**
Craig Reynolds, "The Townsend Y"

**Third Place - Robert Felker, "Morning Light on Saint Johns"**

**Honorable Mention**
Debra Howard, "Appalachian Cathedral"

**Honorable Mention**
Pam Padgett, "Dogwood Welcome"

**Best Urban Scene – Robert Felker, "Special Coffee"**

**Best Landscape – Laura Martinez-Bianco "Before the Rain"**
Clockwise From Left

SANDHYA SHARMA FROM BETHESDA, MARYLAND WAS FEATURED ON A LOCAL NEWS CAST WHILE PAINTING ON LOCATION IN SEQUOYAH HILLS

PATRONS OF FIRST BANK ENJOYING THE SPONSORS PRE-VIEW RECEPTION

JILL BANKS OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA WITH HER AMAZING ARTWORKS OF KNOXVILLE

2019 FIRST PLACE WINNER CRAIG REYNOLDS OF GULF SHORES WON 3RD PLACE FOR “THE TOWNSEND Y”

SUSAN WEEKS OF NEW MEXICO SHOWS GREAT VERSATILITY WITH HER BEAUTIFUL WORK

ARTISTS ON LOCATION ART SALE RECEPTION

JEREMY SAMS OF ARCHDALE, NORTH CAROLINA CONTINUES TO DELIGHT FANS WITH HIS WORK AND TOOK HOME FIRST PLACE AND ARTISTS CHOICE FOR HIS PAINTING “TOO CHILLY FOR A SWIM”

FANS OF KNOXVILLE ARTIST, JONATHAN HOWE, WERE BUYING ART STRAIGHT FROM HIS EASEL!
Please join us in congratulating Karen Mann for her outstanding service as president of the Guild. Karen is a long-time KMA member and patron of many events and deeply connected to her community. In 2015, encouraged by KMA friends and colleagues, Karen joined the board as Treasurer. Karen’s friendly, straightforward approach and hands-on leadership lead the Guild to new levels of success through innovation and fundamental growth, especially during deeply involved in fundraisers, bringing the mission to bring in needed funding chaired Holiday Homes Tours with first virtual video fundraiser, bringing a the public could not usually view. This another revenue stream to the Guild’s

Karen’s strong support for Artists on Location helped bring in new sponsors, and again spirited hands-on support for the careful and planned first public event in the museum to great success. In addition, Karen has helped the Guild nurture an important fundraiser into a highly sought-after competition for national and regional plein-air artists and art collectors alike.

Karen’s volunteer leadership also impacts the YWCA, where she works to bring needed funding each year for the annual Tribute to Women. During a recent board transition meeting, Karen was recognized for going above and beyond with versatile and tireless leadership as president for the Guild for a record three-year tenure. Karen says she “feels blessed to have this experience with the Guild.” We are deeply grateful to Karen, who is a blessing to all of us and the Guild and KMA.
A long-time patron of the museum and Guild, Emily Cox will join Johnnie Creel to serve as Guild co-president for a two-year term. Emily Norman Cox was born in New Haven, CT. Her family moved to Knoxville, where she grew up and attended Bearden Elementary, Junior High, and High School. She graduated from Smith College, Northampton, MA, in 1982. Emily moved to Boston and assisted in funding source research at the Sponsored Programs Office of Boston University. In 1985 Emily married David Cox, a fellow at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. In 1988 they moved from Boston to Nashville, where David joined the faculty of Vanderbilt Medical School. That was the same year that they welcomed their son Jonathan into the family. In 1989, they moved to Knoxville, where David went into private practice in Cardiology. Soon after, Emily got involved with the KMA and served as one of the first docents in the KMA’s new Clayton building in 1990. In 1991 the Cox family welcomed their second child, Caroline, into the world.

While raising children, Emily became involved with the Junior League, Ijams Nature Center, the KMA Guild, the Sequoyah Elementary PTA, and the West High Foundation. She also produced the newsletter for St. John’s Cathedral. Upon becoming an empty nester, Emily joined the Boards of the Women’s Fund, Volunteer Ministry Center, and the Guild of KMA. Emily has served on the board of the Guild in several positions and will be a perfect fit to serve as co-president with Johnnie Creel.

Emily and David divide their time between Knoxville and a home in Blowing Rock, NC, and visits to Nashville. Son Jonathan and his wife, Anne, live in Boston, and daughter Caroline is in Nashville. But, as things in the world calm down, they plan to travel to Boston and other far-flung locales.

RENEW YOUR GUILD MEMBERSHIP TODAY!
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WELCOME NEW GUILD MEMBERS
Moody Altamimi, Heather Beck, Isabell Daniel, Lisa Duncan, Amy Fletcher, Kimberly Ford, Chriss Hardy Glover, Ernie Hoskins, Barbara Johnston, Katherine L Knittel, Andrea McDowell, Donna Solod, and Kelly States

IN REMEMBRANCE
Charleene Gourley Edwards was a beloved patron of the arts and after a courageous and hard-fought battle with cancer, passed away on August 22, 2021. She was born on June 19, 1944, in Maryville, Tennessee, and married Foy William Edwards the love of her life in 1966. Charleene's professional career was in fashion, but after retirement she invested her time supporting area cultural groups including the Knoxville Museum of Art. She was a diamond volunteer that was quick to offer her assistance. Donations in her name can be made to the Knoxville Museum of Art.