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So Many Arts at MVAC

Mountain Valley Arts Council’s exhibits for September through October will feature so many art forms that there will be something for everyone – acrylics, charcoal, oils, wood, quilts, and guitar music. The artists’ reception will be Tuesday September 10th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM at the MVAC Gallery at 440 Gunter Avenue in Guntersville. Refreshments will be served. It will include acrylic paintings by Jennifer Wisner, paintings by Sheri Laferriere, and woodwork by the North AL Woodturners Association.

This reception is also the annual MVAC members meeting when new candidates for the MVAC board are elected. If you are an MVAC member, please come to vote or email your votes by September 10th.

Jennifer Wisner is a native Alabamian but has also lived in Colorado, California, Connecticut, and Colorado before returning to “home sweet home” Alabama. Her artwork is strongly influenced by her career as a floral designer and illustrates floral designs that never fade. Many of her art pieces include Bible verses. She and her husband live on their farm in Boaz where she enjoys babysitting grandchildren and harvesting nature’s bounty in addition to painting. Her artwork has also been exhibited on MVAC’s Member Wall and Holiday Art Markets.

Sheri Laferriere moved to the Claysville area in 2017 after growing up in central and southern Michigan, following her husband, Mike’s career after he retired from the Army. She has always been artistic and is currently taking courses through Milan Institute online. As a result of her coursework, her artwork will include a variety of art mediums on canvases, art paper, and notecards. Sheri’s other hobbies include volunteering with the homeless shelter which sometimes includes leading art workshops. Her education was in exercise sciences, and she previously taught Pilates. Sheri and Mike have three children who now live in Guntersville, Nashville, and Michigan.

The North Alabama Woodturners Association has exhibited previously at MVAC, but because of their diverse membership and the 200 diverse kinds of hardwoods in Alabama, the artwork is always unique. Since 2008, the North Alabama Woodturners Association has met monthly to share technique demonstrations and show their work. Newer members really learn quickly from the wealth of knowledge since so many members have decades (some a half century!) of woodturning experience. Bill Cash - Arab, Howard King- Cullman, Jimmy McNulty - Arab, and Staten Tate - Huntsville are some of the exhibitors.

Fred Shuman has been a guitarist for nearly 6 decades. He managed and then owned a music store in Toledo OH for 47 years while playing in different bands in the area. He has played rock, oldies, blues, and country. Fred has the unique ability to sit in with just about any style of music. His wife, Alice, has loved singing her entire life and rarely misses the opportunity to join in at school, church, or caroling. Since their retirement, they have been working on music together, and Alice has just recently started playing bass. Fred and Alice have lived in Warrenton for slightly over 3 years and love the beauty of the region and the kindness of the people they have met.

Riverbend Quilters are on a mission – to provide foster children with quilts of their very own. A couple of members had been providing pajamas but decided to change to quilts that can last a lifetime. Jeannie Moore asked for scrap quilts on Next Door but had to stop after receiving so much fabric from only three people. Penny Russell has a long arm quilting machine, and Judy Brewer is also a seasoned quilter. The Riverbend Quilters have created their own patterns. Other members include Vicki Baggette, Kim Troy, and Barbara Hall.

Since this spring, seven of their quilts were given to Tracy White, Supervisor of Foster Children for Marshall County Department of Human Resources, who distributes the quilts to foster children. More are in the works. If anyone has quilts to donate, they can contact Tracy White.

Thanks to the generous MVAC members and the City of Guntersville for funding these exhibits. Please come by to enjoy these exhibits and meet the artists at the reception on September 10th.