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Maggie Wilmhoff's "Bobblehead Cat" has become our signature piece for 2020. You'll find her on our rack card and splashed at the top of the front page of our new online store. You can also purchase one of her friends for your very own! (Visit our gallery or online store!)

Making it Happen!

You're looking at it. The first edition of our newsletter!

You are receiving this because you have given us your support in the past, visited and shopped at our gallery, or just shown your love and interest in our creative project.

We hope you will enjoy this occasional update on what we are up to. Our hope is to also make this a general journal of all of the art happening in this town and a reflection of Paducah's creative spirit.

Who knew we would be here! The impact of the corona virus has changed everyone's life. Any plans you made last year for 2020 were certainly adjusted.

The Art Guild of Paducah is doing what every other small business downtown is doing; whatever is necessary. That first meant closing down entirely during April and May to just sit tight.

We used this situation as an opportunity to set up our online store. Shopping for Guild goods is now easy to do from the comfort of your own home. You can even pick up a gift certificate there for a loved one! Find the store at: shop.artguildofpaducah.org.

After heart-to-heart discussions with our board members we re-opened in

June with great caution and new policies: masks required, physical distancing encouraged. We even installed a plexiglass screen in front of our cash register, fabricated by one of our talented Guild members, Joey Lewis!

We have received a great response from customers who returned enthusiastically. Of course we don't see people in the same numbers, and like everyone else, our sales are down. But seeing people come in to shop at our gallery makes it all worthwhile. Thank you for coming back!

We have a wide variety of art from our artists for sale. Please visit and pick something out. We will ship to you or you can arrange for pick-up from the gallery.

Artists of the Guild

(Just a sample of the work from over 30 artists of the Art Guild of Paducah)



Belinda Yates



Kathleen Kelly



Rose Hughes



Monte Bremer



Helene Davis is a master fiber artist who creates stunning art quilts like the piece seen above: "Fall Lights". 38"x 31" \$600

SPOTLIGHT: Helene and Bob Davis, Jefferson Street Studios

Guild artists Helene Davis and her husband Bob Davis live and work at Jefferson Street Studios, 1149 Jefferson Street, Paducah.

They moved into the space back in January of 2010. Helene has a large work area for her creative activities which include, hand-dyeing fabrics, art quilt creation, and creating quilted and framed wall pieces.

Her work is a marvel of the quilter's craft.

Bob Davis began making his beads to add to Helene's hanging planters years ago when she worked in ceramics.

He has worked to perfect a style of bead-making based on the Japaneses nerikomi technique. He has pushed the technique in new and technically inventive ways, overcoming obstacles along the way to making beads in a totally unique style. He also fashions bracelets, necklaces, letter openers, and wine stoppers from them (see below).

The Guild is proud to present work at our Gallery from these two fine artists.



Paducah Creative News: Current Exhibit at The National Quilt Museum



"Colorblind" By Mary Jane Sneyd

OURstory: Human Rights Stories in Fabric

June 8 - September 8 215 Jefferson St., Paducah

In 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was drafted by a committee chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt. It delineated the rights to which all humans in all countries should be entitled.

This poignant and timely collection is about our human rights, the groups who've been denied them, the heroes who've fought for them, as well as the

events that drew the attention of news media and the public. Forty-seven artists from six countries tell those stories and some personal ones as well.

Today's renewed interest in our basic rights has become part of popular culture and breaking news, and this colorful new way to approach human rights answers the demand for new perspectives on the issues. From the Mexican border to the #MeToo movement, these images made in fabric are amazing and thought provoking.

These 65 quilts created by 47 artists from six countries focus on the history of the battles for human, civil, and political rights and the continuing developments today. They also celebrate heroes who fought for rights, as well as the events that have drawn attention of the news media and the public. Personal stories offer moving reminders and encouragement for future rights successes.

(This story is provided courtesy of the museum website)

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