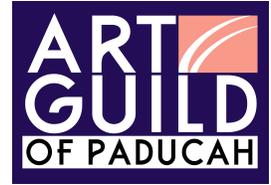


# THE PADUCAH CREATIVE



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## Art Plays a Big Part in the Holidays



Patience Renzulli has captured the spirit of Christmas with this lively gnome she calls: "Mr. Gnome Loves Life." Each of her creations is lovingly crafted from wool using her needle felting technique.

See him and his animal friends at our gallery or online store.

*Whether it's carving a pumpkin, making Christmas cards or baking cookies, creativity is what it's all about!*

*We hope this season can be a time of giving for you and your family. What better way to give than to create a lasting memory with art!*

*Paducah's creative community is here to inspire you, motivate you, get your creative juices flowing. The best way to start is to stroll through our local galleries. Maybe it will spark some ideas!*

We all look to make our holiday season bright. This year is particularly challenging because many of us will not get to share the meals, laughs and hugs we are used to sharing.

But we can still reach out to each other. We can call (remember phone calls?), or make Zoom calls. Maybe write longer, personal notes in our Christmas cards this year.

We can give of ourselves by remembering what needs to be done in our communities. Stock a community pantry, donate to a local food bank, ask a friend what they would like us to bake for them.

As members of the Guild we share the knowledge that we are all working at the same thing, bringing our joy

of creating art to our community. We want you all to know how grateful we are that you have chosen to join with us in doing so.

So if you're feeling shut in this year with your family, find a craft project you can do together. There are lots of resources online, here's one: <https://www.diys.com/easy-christmas-crafts>

Art is what makes us human. What really makes us know we are alive is listening to music, reading a book, or watching a movie together. Or finding a piece of handmade art that brings home the recognition of something well made, of beauty, of knowing there is another human who feels deeply like you do about living well.

Have a great holiday!

## Artists of the Guild

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



Amanda Burton



Diane Bremer



Kathy Dollins



Rick Henry



(above) Hand quilted vest jacket made from vintage silk ties. (below) Pillow by Susan Meacham Grace



### **SPOTLIGHT: Susan Meacham Grace**

When the Guild decided to open it's retail space year-round several years ago one person stepped up to make sure it was a success.

Susan Grace is a force of nature. She is largely responsible for the gallery you see today. Before long, her husband Brent McKinney was drawn in to the effort and together they have done whatever it takes to make us shine!

Susan's work is a wonder in itself. She creates a wealth of useful items from crocheted hats to sewn purses, to warps and shawls.

Her quilted wall pieces are her unique take on the Victorian crazy quilt stitch using classic old silk ties from the 40' and 50's. You never know what designs will appear in her next piece based on what she finds at

the antique store or flea market!

She also uses this technique to craft jacket vests and even pillows!

We are grateful for her work at the Guild. We all like to say "I know how hard you work!" But truly, none of us really do! Thanks Susan.



### **Paducah Creative News: Paducah Quilt Murals: "And Our Flag Was Still There"**

**Stefanie Graves: Mural Artist**  
**Melinda Bula: Quilt Artist**

*Paducah Convention and Expo Center  
415 Park Ave, Paducah*

**Paducah Quilt Murals**  
<http://paducahquiltmurals.org>

Paducah is known as "Quilt City", for its floodwall murals, and also for its vibrant art scene in general. What better way to feature all of these than to commission local artists to paint famous quilts on the floodwall. A natural fit!

And so began the mission of a group of local people

committed to the concept. Led by local artists Char Downs and Jay Downs-Siska, the project started with Carol Bryer-Fallert's Quilt "Corona II", painted by Char on the floodwall by the Convention Center in 2017.

The next quilt mural project was just completed by Stefanie Graves of Cowango Studios. She worked over 700 hours painting the intricate detail of Melinda Bulo's flag quilt

which was heavily layered with "stitch painting", all faithfully reproduced by Stefanie's brush!

Char, Jay and Stefanie are all members of the Art Guild of Paducah. We salute you efforts to bring these creations to our city!



Flag mural in progress at Cowango Studios  
(below: Artist with mural)



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