

Mountainside **MESSENGER**

On October 14th at 2:00 PM, we will meet at The Wheat Ridge Center for Music and Art, also known as The Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church, 7530 W. 38th Ave. (on the southwest corner of Vance St. and 38th Ave. One block east of Wadsworth). We hope you can join us.

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From the President

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our September meeting and a big thank you to Cheryl Annett for presenting her smoke painting technique!

Thank you to Linda Harris and Annie Williams! Linda is stepping down from being the presentations coordinator and Annie is stepping up. Talk to Annie if you are interested in presenting.

Our Mountainside Miniature Art Show is up at Lakewood Arts Council this month. We have 90 art entries, 33 participating artists, including 13 from out of state. Our own Bruce Beck got a Merit award, Karen Misko got the Chairperson's award, and Liz Watts got the Best Title award. Congratulations! Check the LAC schedule if you would like to stop by and see it. It is a great show and thank you again for everyone who helped make it possible!

The Echter's Show is coming up in November. We oversee it this year and will need volunteers. Talk to Darcie if you are interested in helping.

Keep painting!
Rebecca (Becky) Near

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Lucky Artist

Sherry Benner

I am a third generation Colorado native with two children and two grandchildren, with all of us still in Denver! Growing up here and spending vast amounts of time in the mountains, trees and mountains still fascinate me and it tends to be what I love to paint.

Professionally I was a Cosmetologist, and hairstyling utilizes a lot of art principles. I am not formally trained in art; I grew up sketching and did not start to paint until I went to Canvas and Cocktails. What fun that was! It was an awakening for me; I found something that just makes my heart sing. I paint with watercolor, and I am interested in other mediums and technics. One of the reasons I enjoy MAG is the opportunity to learn more about art. I don't have a favorite artist, that would be like having a favorite color, I like them all!



Currently on our website you will find helpful information on the organization and when we meet, as

well as information about the next presentation and other items of interest. You can find forms for membership and for rotating exhibits, where they are and the forms to fill out for expenses and sales. Entry forms for current sponsored shows of our membership with the prospectus. We have a member gallery where members place their own work to be viewed by the public. The cost for a personal page is a one-time fee of \$15.00. Also available are pdf copies of the Mountainside Messenger

Our Website



MAG Mailing Addresses

MAG has two mailing addresses. The first is **Mountainside Art Guild, P.O. Box 694, Wheat Ridge, CO 80034**. Please send **envelopes** to this address. **Packages** may also be mailed to MAG, but they need to be addressed as **Mountainside Art Guild, 4210 Wadsworth #694, Wheat Ridge, CO 80034**. They will be held in a secure area in the post office.

Hospitality

Meeting Date	First Person	Second Person
October 14th	Karen Misko	Sherry Benner
November 11th	Lori Caudill	Sue Robinson
January 13 th 2026	Liz Watts	
February 10th	William Char	
March 10th	Karen Hartney	
April 8th		
May 12th	Kay Cassa	
June 9th	Del Kelly	
September 8th		
October 13th		
November 10th		

There are still openings for hospitality indicated by the red areas. Please consider signing up for a day. There is a form available at the meetings on which you can place your name, or you may call Cheryl Annett at 303-986-8602

Calendar

LAPR Hangers Send Titles to Darcie Kurtak by	Friday, October 3rd	
LPAR Dropoff/Pickup	Thursday, October 9 th	9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
October Meeting	Tuesday, October 14 th	2:00 – 4:00 PM
Delivery of Art to Echter's	Friday, November 7 th	10:30 – 11:30 AM
Echter's Public Reception	Saturday, November 8 th	1:00 – 3:00 PM
Echter's Award Presentation	Saturday, November 8 th	2:00 PM
November Meeting	Tuesday, November 11 th	2:00 – 4:00 PM
Echter's Pickup	Sunday, November 16 th	4:00 – 5:00 PM
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Collier Pickup/Drop Off	Friday, November 21 st	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
January Meeting	Tuesday, January 13 th	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM



Member News

- Charlie Casper, Carla Stoltzfus, Linda Harris, Bruce Beck and Darcie Kurtak had art sales in September. Congratulations!
- Welcome new member, Sandy Stavnes.
- Just a reminder - If you have a sale of a piece of art at the WRCMA, it is suggested that when arranging to meet with the buyer that you suggest meeting during church service hours to make certain the building is open.
- If you have had an art sale through MAG, please remember to fill out a MAG Art Sale Report form and submit it to the treasurer either by USPS or at a member's meeting. The form may be found on the MAG website under Active Member Info, and it contains complete instructions for completing the form. I have also attached it to the end of this newsletter.
- The Echter's prospectus is ready and attached to the end of the newsletter. We hope you can attend the opening reception on Saturday, November 8th at 1:00 PM.
- The ballot is put together for the 2026 Board elections. Anyone interested in running for a position on the board, please contact Becky Near.
- Our November program will be a demonstration by Christian Dore.
- It's time to start thinking about renewing your MAG membership. The form is at the end of the newsletter.

October Program



October's program will be a critique by Christian Dore. Everyone is invited to bring one piece of art for critiquing and are welcome to bring a second, which will be critiqued if there is time.

Christian's bio is as follows -

Born in Kent, England in 1970 Christian Dore spent most of his childhood living abroad. At the age of 13 he returned home to settle in the small village of Shorne in Kent. At 18 years of age, he was accepted into The Kent Institute of Art and Design before continuing his education at the prestigious Bournemouth and Poole College of Art.

His career began as a motion graphic artist for the BBC as well as MTV and Nickelodeon. After moving to the Colorado foothills, it was here that Dore's work evolved into the work that is owned in private collections throughout the world.

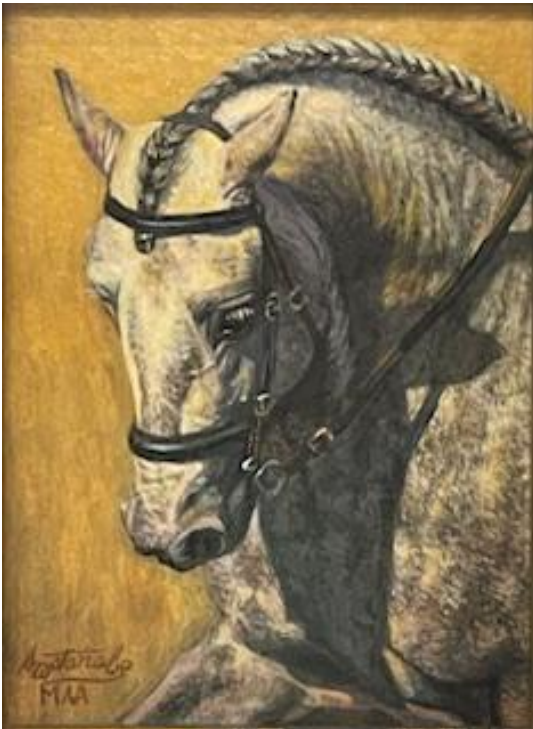
Dore's work explores the impressions of the lush environment around him. He takes the expressive qualities of color and mixes them with a somewhat whimsical narrative to capture his feelings. Dore's flurry of abstract forms is by no means frenetic, and each painting manages to convey a serene moment in time, a tranquil calm. The relentless buildup of texture is intentional to convey that of sound and movement whilst meshing nature into his own distinctive style.

2025 MAG Miniature Show



Best of Show

Debra Keirce
Skullduggery
Oil



First Place

Akiko Watanabe
Misty
Acrylic



Second Place

Judith Edgington Bayes
Nature's Grasp
Acrylic



Third Place

Sue Wall
The Model & Her Portrait
Acrylic



CWS Award

Linda McNeil
Fall Hues
Watercolor



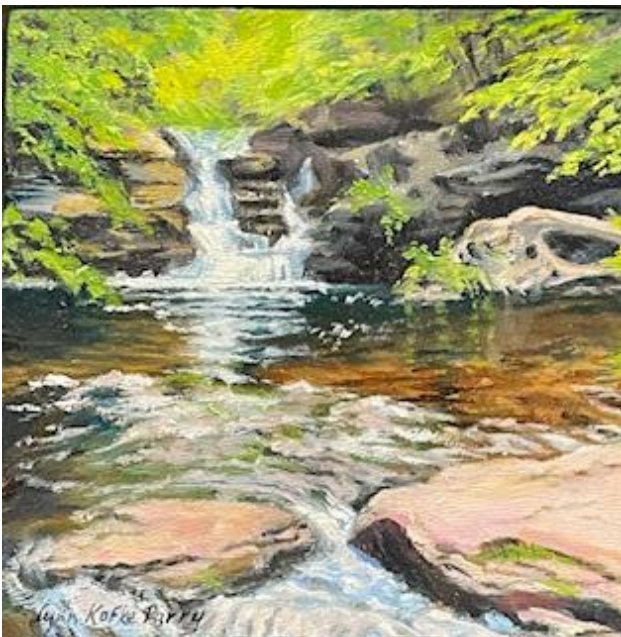
Merit Award

Michelle Pattee
Courage
Scratchboard



Merit Award

Bruce Beck
Round About
Acrylic & Ink



Merit Award

Lynn Parry
Cascade
Oil



Chairperson's Award

Karen Misko
Afternoon in Taos
Acrylic



Judge's Special Award

Liz Watts
The End of a Cliché
Watercolor

MOUNTAINSIDE ART GUILD—MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2026 Annual Membership \$35.00.

ALL PUBLICATIONS ARE BY Email.

Renewing Member or New Member Website Gallery \$15.00

1/2-year Membership (after 5/1) \$17.50 (For New Members Only)

All members who were active in 2025 or earlier must pay Full Membership Yearly. Exceptions are for Emeritus Members who don't pay due to long continued service to the Guild.

Name _____ Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Any Change from Past Information YES NO

Total Amount you are Paying: _____

Checks are payable to **Mountainside Art Guild**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT TO THE TREASURER –

Susan Hommel
807 Nevermore Lane
Evergreen, CO 80439



ECHTER'S 2025 ART SHOW -- Sponsored by
Echter's Garden Center, Mountainside Art Guild & Arvada Fine Arts Guild (*in conjunction with the Glass Artisans Fellowship Show*)

November 8 – 16, 2025

Our Juror: Award Winning Artist Steve Griggs

<https://stevegriggswatercolor.com/>

<https://linktr.ee/SteveGriggsWatercolor>

It started with the gift of tube watercolor paints from his mother when he was in elementary school. Later a degree in Studio Art from Michigan State University and attendance at Art Center College of Design developed Steve Griggs's innate talent into superb technical skills. Ultimately, that little gift from his mother lead to a lifetime of mastering watercolor and the creation of scenes that divulge hints, suggestions and possibilities versus stark reality.

Steve paints places, but not just places he sees, rather those he feels and hopes will lead each viewer down their own path, evoking individual memories of how one felt while enveloped in a similar scene. Narrating these stores are loose washes of color, hints of variegated texture, and emotion.

With his unique, loose painting style, Steve's paintings have been juried into a variety of national and international exhibitions and regularly win awards. Steve loves to guide other artists in learning to paint in his free and expressive style and he is a popular workshop instructor and exhibition juror. Steve and his partner, Sue, have also written numerous articles for publication in Watercolor Artist and The Artist Magazine (published in the UK).

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SHOW SPECIFICATIONS: Please read carefully!

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all members of Mountainside Art Guild & Arvada Fine Arts Guild

DATES: November 8-16, 2025 -- Hours: M-F 10-6; SAT 9-6; SUN 10-5

LOCATION: Echter's Greenhouse, 5150 Garrison (corner of Garrison & 52nd), Arvada

THEME: Florals, plants, vegetables, gardening, landscapes (preferred, but other subject matters welcome)

ENTRIES: Each artist may submit up to 5 works. The show will not be juried for entry. Approx. 135 works will be accepted into the show, in the order of entry receipt. All two-dimensional fine art, including photography & digital is acceptable. Work must not have been displayed in a previous Echter's Show in the past 2 years, and must not have won a previous award at an Echter's Show. Artwork must be original work of artist. New--*See separate entry form for Bin Work. There is no charge for bin work, but you may only submit bin work for sale if you have also entered original artwork and paid the entry fees. Bin work will not be juried for entry or prizes. We will accept approx. 200 pieces of bin work, in the order of entry receipt.*

SPECIFICATIONS: Maximum width 36". Large works must be framed in Plexiglass (20" x 24"). No resin covered art. Work may be framed or gallery-wrapped; gallery-wrapped work must have minimum depth of 1 ½" with painted edges; staples on back. All paintings must be properly wired on the back with picture wire and D-rings. NO SAWTOOTH OR CLIP HANGERS. Paintings with damage to the frame, matting, glass OR that do not meet the above specifications will not be hung. *Please label the back of each piece of artwork with name, phone, title of work, medium, and price.* Painting cards for display of art will be made by MAG.

FEES: \$8.00 per work (limit 5) Checks payable to Mountainside Art Guild or MAG, or pay by Zelle (see Registration Form for details)

AWARDS: The following awards will be given: Awards sponsored by Echter's & Mountainside Art Guild. Other awards may be given at the discretion of Echter's and the Show Chairpersons.

Best of Show: \$100 Echter's Gift Certificate

2nd Place: \$50 Echter's Gift Certificate

Echter's Choice: \$50 Echter's Gift Certificate

8 Merit Awards: \$25 each (given by MAG)

SALES: Sales will be handled by Echter's staff; all sales will go through Mountainside Art Guild's books for processing and tax reporting. A 15% commission will be paid to Echter's and 5% to MAG. It is preferred that sold original artwork remains on display until the close of the show, any exceptions must be approved by the Show Chairpersons. Binwork (see separate Registration Form) will be cash/credit and carry.

DEADLINES AND EVENTS

Note: Works may not be delivered or picked up early without permission from Show Chairpersons!

- **Delivery of works to Echter's**
Fri., November 7 - 10:30-11:30 am
- **Jurying for Awards Only by our Juror Steve Griggs**
Fri., November 7 - 12:00 pm
- **Public Reception (Steve Griggs will be in attendance to give his views on the Winning Paintings). Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend!**
Saturday, Nov. 8 - 1:00 – 3:00 pm (Awards at 2:00 pm)
- **Pick up of unsold works**
Sunday, Nov. 16 – 3:30 to 4:30 pm (please note new earlier pick-up time!)

If you cannot deliver or pick up your artwork, please make arrangements with another artist, friend, or family member to deliver or pick up your work for you.

Host/Hostess: Echter's requires that we have art show representatives on the weekends to talk to the visitors; please check box on registration form if you can help out! Host/Hostess schedule will be available at check-in; you will be given your requested time unless we call you with a change.

QUESTIONS:

Chairperson Darcie Kurtak - Email dkurtak@gmail.com, or Text or Call Cell Phone (303) 859-7501; Co-Chairperson Becky Near @ beckyn6017@gmail.com / (303) 619-3204.

2025 ECHTER'S ART SHOW

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR ORIGINAL ARTWORK (p. 1) AND BIN WORK (p. 2) **(Bin Work to be Submitted on Separate Form on p.2 along with this Registration Form)**

FEES: \$8.00 per original work - checks payable to Mountainside Art Guild or MAG

MAIL TO: Darcie Kurtak, P.O. Box 252, Idledale, CO 80453

(Must be postmarked by Fri. October 24, 2025); or pay by Zelle to 303-489-2025 & Email

Registration Form to dkurtak@gmail.com by Thurs. October 30, 2025

DELIVER artwork to Echters: Friday, November 7: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

PICK UP unsold works: Sunday, November 16: 3:30-4:30 p.m. (new earlier pick-up time)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

1. Title _____
Medium _____ Price _____
2. Title _____
Medium _____ Price _____
3. Title _____
Medium _____ Price _____
4. Title _____
Medium _____ Price _____
5. Title _____
Medium _____ Price _____

Volunteer Help:

Friday, Nov. 7

_____ Help with Check-in 10:30 am - 11:30 am

_____ Help with Hanging 10:30 am til done

Sunday, Nov. 16

_____ Help during Pickup 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm (*note new time*)

Host/Hostess:

Sat. Nov. 8 10:00-1:00 _____ 1:00-4:00 _____

Sun. Nov. 9 10:00-1:00 _____ 1:00-4:00 _____

Sat. Nov. 15 10:00-1:00 _____ 1:00-4:00 _____

Sun. Nov. 16 10:00-1:00 _____ 1:00-4:00 _____

_____ I can bring refreshments for the Reception on Sat. Nov. 8 from 1:00-3:00 (you will be contacted to coordinate refreshments).

Remember, works will be accepted in the order registration forms are received, approx. 135 pieces of artwork will be accepted and hung. Titles and prices MAY NOT be changed once submitted.

Registration Form p. 1 – Must be submitted for Original Artwork and Bin Work

2025 Echter's Art Show BIN WORK GUIDELINES AND REGISTRATION FORM

Each artist who enters artwork into the 2025 Echter's Art Show may also elect to display up to 10 pieces of appropriate bin work. *Bin works will not be juried for entry or prizes. We will accept approx. 200 pieces of bin work, in the order of entry receipt. No fee to enter. This form must be completed and submitted along with the Registration Form and entry fees for original Artwork on p.1*

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

BIN WORK SPECIFICATIONS:

- Can be original or giclee print, including photography or digital art
- Unframed ONLY
- Labels on back must clearly state:
 - Type of art: original or giclee print
 - Artist's name, phone number, title of work, medium and price.
 - Please also include # on label from list to right, i.e., 1. Artist Name, Phone, Title, Medium, Price
- Presentation:
 - Canvas or panel – unframed
OR
 - Appropriately matted and backed artwork on paper (original or giclee) or photographs – must be unframed AND in clear, protective plastic sleeve
 - Maximum size: 16" H x 22" W (outside dimensions of mat or canvas)
- Unsold bin work remains on site at Echter's Garden Center for the duration of show.
- Echter's Garden Center will handle all artwork sales. Echter's takes a 15% commission and MAG 5%.

BINS: Please notify the Show Chair if you are able to bring a bin on the morning of Friday, November 7, from 10:30-11:30 when we hang the show and the type of bin, i.e., floor standing or table top bin.

Darcie Kurtak, Cell: 303-857-7501, Email:

dkurtak@gmail.com

Registration Form p. 2 – Bin Work Only

(Registration Form p. 1 must also be included with this form and appropriate fees submitted for Original Artwork in order to have Bin Work for sale.)

Please list information for your bin work on this form.

Works will be accepted in the order registration forms are received (approx.. 200 accepted). Titles and prices MAY NOT be changed once submitted.

1	Title	
	Medium	Price
Type: ☐ Original ☐ Print		

2	Title	
	Medium	Price
Type: ☐ Original ☐ Print		

3	Title	
	Medium	Price
Type: ☐ Original ☐ Print		

4	Title	
	Medium	Price
Type: ☐ Original ☐ Print		

5	Title	
	Medium	Price
Type: ☐ Original ☐ Print		

6	Title	
	Medium	Price
Type: ☐ Original ☐ Print		

7	Title	
	Medium	Price
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8	Title	
	Medium	Price
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9	Title	
	Medium	Price
Type: ☐ Original ☐ Print		

10	Title	
	Medium	Price
Type: ☐ Original ☐ Print		

MOUNTAINSIDE ART GUILD
INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING SALES (SALES FORM BELOW)

ACCOUNTS WILL BE PAID ON THE 1ST AND 15TH OF EACH MONTH; SALES REPORTS MAY BE TURNED IN BY MAIL OR AT THE MEETINGS; CHECKS WILL BE MAILED TO THE ARTIST.

1. Use this form when reporting sales to MAG. Money sent without this form will be returned to the artist for inclusion of the proper paperwork.

2. Send FULL amount of sale (sale price + sales tax). You will be issued a check for the amount of the sale, minus sales tax and appropriate commission or fee.

3. If sales tax isn't collected from the buyer, you must pay it yourself by including it with your submittal to MAG.

4. Checks from buyer should be made out to: "**Mountainside Art Guild**". If the check has been made out to the artist, please **do not** send it to MAG. The bank is not willing to accept a 2- party check, so please send a new personal check or money order payable to "**Mountainside Art Guild**" for the full amount, including sales tax, to the Treasurer.

5. If you receive cash for a sale, send a personal check for the TOTAL amount, including sales tax, to the Treasurer.

6. Commission for most sales will be deducted by the Treasurer from your payment. EXCEPTIONS: If the show place requires its own commission, please pay them the commission and state that you have done so on your sales report form.

Sales for locations that are not Guild-sponsored shows can also go through MAG books, if you wish, **as long as it is in a location where we have a sales tax license**. There is a \$2.00 Fee for this service. Currently MAG is licensed in Lakewood (7.5%) and Wheat Ridge (8%).

MOUNTAINSIDE ART GUILD
SALES REPORT FORM (Send with check)

Send to: Susan Hommel
807 Nevermore Lane
Evergreen, CO 80439

Date: _____

ARTIST'S NAME & ADDRESS: _____

PHONE & EMAIL: _____

SHOWPLACE & LOCATION: _____

PAINTING TITLE: _____ PRICE: _____

SALES TAX (____%): _____ – Total: _____

\$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ -

\$ For Treasurer's Use Only Date

Check No.:

paid:

Sales Tax:

Wheat Ridge – 8%

- Colliers Hospice

- Wheat Ridge Center for the Arts (WRCMA)

Lakewood – 7.5%

- Lakewood Post-Acute Rehabilitation (LPAR – formerly ProMedica)

- Lakewood Arts Center (LAC)