

Where do you go to see the work of talented artists? Dunlap, Tennessee, of course.

What: Art & the Library Exhibition 2022

When: (All Times Central) May 5, Reception, 6-8pm, May 6-7, noon-7pm, May 8, noon-5pm, Children's painting free, May 7, noon-2pm

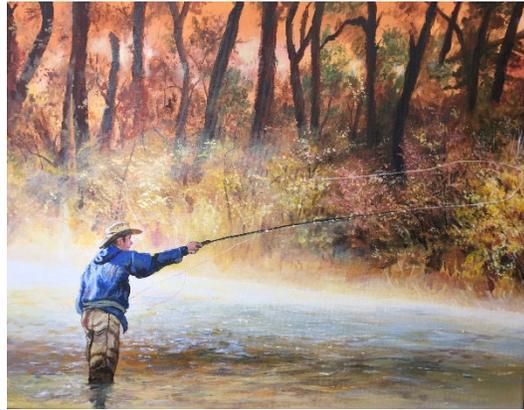
Where: Fair Building, 103 Heard Street, Dunlap, TN 37327

Cost: Free Admission

Sample Works



Donnis Crowe



Loree Schweinforth



Jane Indyk

The exhibition this year will be a lively mix of artists new to the exhibition and those already favorites of past exhibition visitors. Forty-five artists will exhibit their work. The Sequatchie County Friends of the Library sponsors the exhibition. In 2013 the exhibition became an event at Valley Fest, which is good for the festival and for the artists.

Every artist has a story, and beside each work is biographic information. Visitors to the exhibition can read about the artist and how he or she became an artist, as well as see what the artist has produced. Nina Hunt, who chairs the Art Exhibition Committee for the Friends says, "The exhibition, of course, provides an opportunity for local artists to exhibit, to show others what they have been able to achieve. It also provides visitors with a unique cultural experience, the surprise of discovering talented neighbors and friends. One of the main goals is, however, to encourage visitors to express themselves through art, to become exhibitors themselves. Several people have told me over the years they risked trying painting or some other art form because they saw what their friends and neighbors had accomplished. This is good for the festival. New exhibitors makes the exhibition fresh, allows it to grow and improve."

Jane Indyk is in charge of hanging the exhibition and is also an exhibitor, this year displaying a mixed media fiber art piece she calls "Love Triptych." This piece was Started in 2020 just as the pandemic was beginning. Jane says "I have been concerned about the lack of love and forgiveness in our world. I feel strongly we need to treat each other with more kindness, patience, respect and forgiveness. I began collecting quotes about love and this piece expresses some of those thoughts and ideas."

Loree Schweinforth has been a loyal participant in the exhibition for many years. She and her husband, Ross, live in Sequatchie County, Tennessee. She has enjoyed art since childhood. Her art has been in several media such as pastels and oils, and she now works primarily in acrylics. Loree enjoys painting portraits, landscapes, and a wide variety of subjects. She has won various art awards. She titled the work she will exhibit this year "Misty Morning Cast." Loree says, "I love living in Sequatchie County, on a mountain by a lake, above the valley. My husband of over 50 years is an avid fly fisherman and has been a Certified Fly Casting Instructor with Fly Fishers International for a number of years. I

appreciate his ability to critique the correctness of the fly cast shown in this painting. Wherever he fishes there are always stunning scenes of beauty for me to paint.”

The works of Jane and Loree are very different. You will see a lot of variety at this exhibition from woodworking and oil painting to a very large sculpture. Jane says “the variety of work we receive sometimes makes choosing how best to display all the work a little challenging, but I wouldn’t have it any other way. Visitors are going to have a great time walking through the exhibition and seeing everything we offer.”