



It's time to travel to Colony!

Monday April 28 - Saturday May 3

Registration opens for Members Only March 1st

Non-Member Registration opens March 15th

Scholarship Application Deadline March 18th

Colony Application Deadline March 29th

Spring Art Colony is sure to be an experiences beyond your wildest dreams! Being a Spring session means that we are theme oriented for our **Friday night Reception and Awards Banquet!** Hosted by the Central Mississippi group, the theme is **Steampunk!** All things fantasy, inventive, Victorian-industrial, Medieval-futuristic, mad scientist or all of the above! Take your pick! Google "Steampunk characters". As always, it's optional as to whether you come in costume BUT there will be a costume contest for those with a competitive nature and even if you're not competitive, you don't want to run the risk of the dreaded FOMO!!!

Returning to Colony as our **Guest Artist is Stan Kurth** from Phoenix, Arizona <https://stankurth.com/index.php>



"Artist and workshop instructor Stan Kurth has drawn and painted most of his life. An aunt, who was an artist and art instructor, became a big influence even before he began school. Stan lives with the conviction of "fear not" and that same attitude permeates not just his life but his art. His focus and dedication to his work have earned him signature member status in several watercolor societies including the National Watercolor Society - Master, San Diego Watercolor Society and the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies - Master. He currently lives in Arizona."



"There's a complex simplicity in Stan Kurth's paintings that is both paradoxical and straightforward. As he works with multiple layers of watercolor and gesso, his provocative images emerge. Ambiguity and form coalesce into a singular,

cohesive vision that holds the viewer spellbound". Betsy Dillard Stroud - Watercolor Masters and Legends: Secrets, Stories and Techniques from 34 Visionary Artists.

This session, **attendees will be able to order and pay for Spring 2025 t-shirts on the registration form** located on our website, and pick them up upon arrival! The black, 100% cotton, short sleeve shirts will be available in our usual weight or a lighter, softer weight with artwork by the infamous Patt Odom titled, "Flight of the Bumblebee".



***PLEASE** make sure that you read the registration form carefully! Then save the form to your computer, print it out, and THEN fill in all the spaces that apply. At the bottom is where you will total up everything you will be paying for. Write one check and mail the completed form and payment to: Kim Whitt 318 Cook Road Moselle, MS 39459 by the deadline of March 29th. If for some unknown reason you are unable to attend this session you must contact Kim by April 4th for a full refund. If you are unable to attend after this deadline then you will only be refunded the price of your room and board according to Lake Tiak O'Khata's policy. The \$150 cost of the guest artist fee cannot be refunded or the price of the t-shirt if ordered.

Silent Auction Theme: Steampunk! (of course!) Spring Colony attendees are being asked to donate a 2-D or 3-D piece no larger than 12"x12"x12" to benefit our scholarship program. Did you see Sherry Carlson's post on our members only page? There are some great inspirations for artwork and costumes there! Speaking of costumes, we will have a **Costume Contest** with a variety of trophies and ribbons! This ought to be a lot of fun especially if a lot of us participate in our super creative way!!!

And finally....We respectfully ask that *everyone* come to Colony healthy! If any symptoms of any illness become present, PLEASE be tested to confirm you are not or won't be contagious! Many of our members are advanced in age or have weakened immune systems. Let's promise to be responsible and take care of ourselves so we can take care of our family of Colonistas!

Stay well! Safe travels! Kim