

The Mississippi Art Colony Fall 2026 Newsletter



It's time to begin looking toward fall and our next session of Colony. This session will run from September 21 – September 26 with [Don Kimes](#) as our visiting artist. **Registration for members will begin on August 1. Registration for nonmembers will begin on August 17. Registration for all ends on August 29.** Find the [application](#) for this session on the website.

We will miss Nancy greatly and I'm sure we will feel it acutely when we meet for the fall session. I attended her funeral in Vicksburg with several Colony members. The place was packed and it was easy to see that Nancy had touched the lives of so many people. Her family named Colony as the recipient for Nancy's memorial contributions. Her husband, Charlie, said that it was an easy decision to name Colony because they all knew how important Colony was to Nancy. Bess, her daughter, laughed as she said that their whole family had to arrange their lives around Colony! We have received \$5170 in donations in memory of Nancy. Starting



in the Spring of 2027 and each spring until 2032, we will award The Nancy Mitchell Scholarship to a deserving first time attendee as a fitting tribute to our dear friend. Having served as the Scholarship Chairperson recently, Nancy was dedicated to bringing in young, excited students of art.

Paulette has agreed to take on the mantle of scholarship chairperson. If you have any suggestions of potential scholarship awardees, let Paulette know. The deadline for application is August 24. The new [application](#) is now available on the website.

There is also a new Traveling Show application that you can access from this [link](#). Please use that one and note that you will now need to send your digital images to Glenn instead of Beverly. My request is that we get our images to Glenn a week before arriving at Colony. Glenn has graciously agreed to take on the role of webmaster. I'm not sure how long Beverly has been in that role, but I've always thought of her as a technology wizard. Thank you, Beverly for all your work on the website and your help in transitioning to a new webmaster. And thank you, Glenn for taking on this task.

Miriam, we are all so glad you are handling the Traveling Show. The spring show has been to Canton, the Desolate County Arts Council and the Union County

Heritage Museum. The fall show will spend time in the southern half of the state. If anyone can help with transporting the fall show let Miriam know.

Speaking of shows, there will be a Colony show outside of the regular traveling show circuit. The Hattiesburg Arts Council has invited us to put together a show of members work that will run from September 1 - October 2, 2026 at the Cultural Center at 723 Main St, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Work will be due at the Cultural Center on August 31 between 10am and 3pm. There are several options for delivery of work. Please see the entry form for more information about delivery options. Here is a [link](#) to the entry form. Please complete the form by August 27, so that I can finalize things before delivery of artwork. The closing reception will be on Friday, October 2, 5 - 7 pm. Work can be removed immediately following the reception. I hope all of you members will want to participate.

As you all know, our fall banquets are not costumed, however, we can still make it into a visual feast of clothing expression for all to behold. Let's have a "Black Tie Optional" dress code this time. Dress as close to the "9's" as you want! It's all good!

It will be so good to be painting together again on Smyth Lake. See you all in September.

Melanie