



*A co-op art gallery in downtown Mt.
Dora,
featuring unique fine art, fine crafts
& gifts handmade by Florida artists*

JANUARY, 2018



**JANUARY
FEATURED
ARTISTS:**

**RAY MELLOTT &
LOIS BANDT-
WEBER**



January will bring a new type of exhibit to the front window at Artisans on fifth, in downtown Mount Dora. Artisans will feature the artwork of Ray Mellott, a woodturner, and Lois Bandt-Weber, a paper quiller. Each piece is unique and handmade by these two talented artists.

Ray Mellott...turned to carving in the mid-1990's. Later, he started turning wood. Now, most of his pieces are from the lathe, although a rare piece may still be carved. Sometimes a piece might be both turned and carved.

The work reflects Ray's interest in wood with: wild grain, crotches, voids, splits, bark and other inclusions, stains, spalting (fungus) and wormholes, giving the wood a unique character. With only limited exceptions, the wood Ray uses all comes from locally felled trees. Ray harvests and roughs out the work 'wet', sets it aside for as much as two years or more; and only then, shapes and finishes. Hours can easily go into the wet work. Days and weeks can go into the shaping and finishing of a large, complicated piece. Here are some samples of his work.



Abstract



Bowl



Tailor's Clapper

Lois Bandt-Weber...does amazingly small paper quilling. You must see it to

believe it. She "paints with paper" and makes pictures of lions, zebras, intricate flower arrangements, lighthouses, lovely greeting cards and even watches with small quilled flowers inside the bezel. Each piece has her signature ladybug somewhere on the piece.

She teaches quilling and she says she "takes great pleasure in seeing someone "bloom" as a quiller." Lois is a member of the North American Quilling Guild at which she has been awarded "Best of Show" at their national conventions three times. She has been invited to teach a quilling class at Epcot in February, during their Festival of the Arts.



**Quilling by
Lois Bandt-Weber**

NEWS FROM THE CHAIR



Hi, I am Gwen Hertz. I am the Chair, or President, of Artisans on fifth for 2018. I haven't written an article for the newsletter before, but I am excited to share with you some great things Artisans on fifth has in store for 2018.

This year we are going to be featuring two artists each month in our front window exhibit. Their wonderful artwork will be shown there, and of course, will be for sale in the shop. We will also have an article about those artists in this newsletter.

During March, we will be having an exhibit at the W. T. Bland Public Library at 1995 N Donnelly St. in Mt. Dora, FL. This exhibit, titled "Showing Off" will feature over 20 pieces of artwork from our Associates and Consignors. They will be showing off their multiple talents. We are looking for other venues to exhibit our artwork, so if you have a place available, please let me know at gwenhertz@rocketmail.com

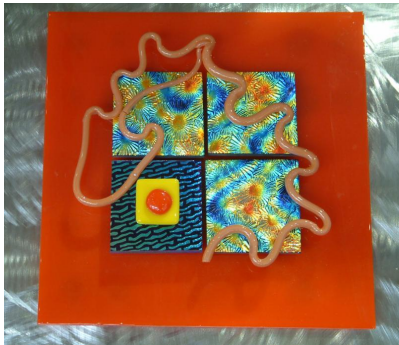
Of course, we are looking forward to the fabulous Art Festival in February that fills the whole town with art. What a fun event! It can get crowded though, so come early and stay late. Take your time to see all of the 295 artists. Be sure to stop at Artisans on fifth when you are on 5th Avenue.

We always welcome artists and craftspeople to apply for membership at Artisans. We offer only handmade art and crafts by Florida artists. We are the only artist's co-op in the area, and have artist-owners in the shop daily. If you are an artist or a crafts person, we can sell your artwork for you, so stop in to apply while you are at the Arts Festival. We have two membership options. Associates have to work in

the shop approx. 2 days a month and Consignors don't have to work. Visit www.artisansonfifth.com for more information and forms.

We hope to see you soon. After you visit, please review us on [Tripadvisor](https://www.tripadvisor.com). We would love to hear what you think of our art gallery shop.

ARTISANS WELCOMES NEW CONSIGNOR - LAURA PEIRCE



Artisans would like to welcome fused glass artists, Laura Peirce as a Consignor. Laura owns Fused Glass Frenzy at 326 Shopping Center Dr. in Wildwood, FL. She teaches fused glass and has fused glass materials for sale. She also invites well-known fused glass artists from around the country to teach classes at Fused Glass Frenzy. Call her at 775-846-8888 to sign up for a class.

Laura studied at the Memphis Academy of Arts and has tried other glass mediums, but has a passion for fused glass. Her and her husband, Randy, moved to The Villages in 2012.

She creates beautiful and unusual fused glass pieces. We are carrying pieces that are mounted on brushed aluminum backs. They are truly unique and make wonderful gifts.

EVERETT WHITTAKER DOING A SEMINAR AT EPCOT

Everett will be discussing how to design and create a stained glass panel. He will be at EPCOT on January 18th from 4:30 - 5:00 pm.



43rd ANNUAL MT. DORA ART FESTIVAL COMING FEB. 3 & 4

Downtown Mt. Dora



Don't miss the biggest art festival Mt. Dora has. It is currently ranked #7 in the nation for Best Arts Festival! Mark your calendars for February 3rd & 4th, 2018 9 am to 5 pm. Be sure to stop at Artisans on fifth while you are visiting booths on 5th Avenue.

Mount Dora Center for the Arts hosts this event, and they say, "This juried, fine-arts festival is for all art lovers, casual festival-goers, and families! Take in the New England architecture and breathtaking view of Lake Dora and see why people fall in love with this festival! In addition to the endless rows of fine-art, the festival features local and regional musical entertainment, festival food, downtown restaurants, and local merchants for extra shopping."

It is best to park at one of the designated parking locations and take a shuttle to downtown. This link will provide parking locations: <http://www.mountdoraartsfestival.org/plan/know-before-you-go/index>. They are expecting 190,000 attendees this year and will have 295 artist vendors. Pets, bicycles and skateboards are not allowed.

For more information, go to <http://www.mountdoraartsfestival.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AND NEAR MT. DORA

When you come near Mt. Dora, visit **Artisans on fifth**, 134 E 5th Ave. in Mount Dora

- **Every Sunday** - Village Market 9 am-1 pm at Sunset Park. Stop by Artisans on Fifth afterwards.
- **Second Sunday** of each month - Guitars & Cars at Renningers in Mount Dora.
- **Third Weekend** of each month - Antique Fair at Renningers Antique Market in Mount Dora
- **Fourth Saturday** of each month - Classic Car Cruise-in in downtown Eustis



Note: Artisans will no longer be open for Art Splash.

Mount Dora is pet-friendly (except during special event weekends), so bring your furry companion. Visit www.visitmountdora.com for the latest information.

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134 E 5th Ave. Mt. Dora FL 32757
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Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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**Stop in to see our artists'
latest creations.**

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