

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

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FEBRUARY FEATURED ARTISTS:

JOYCE BRADY & SHARA ABEL



Artisans will feature the artwork of Joyce Brady, beaded art jewelry maker and Shara Abel, photographer. Each piece is unique and handmade by these two talented artists.

Joyce Brady - Joyce Eaton Brady (left above) creates unbelievable jewelry, each piece of which is a work of art. Joyce's jewelry "combines fundamentals of art, design and craft, bringing together a visually unified entity that is uniquely beautiful and functional." Joyce says that "Enjoying the beauty of nature inspires me to explore the wonderful avenues of creativity. I like to use a quote that states - "Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun."

Each piece is an original design and one of a kind. The jewelry is embellished with beads, featuring semi-precious stones, crystals, art glass, pewter, and most recently Raku pottery. Many pieces incorporate fiber art using ribbons, yarns and threads. Other decorative adornments may include shells, metal pieces, silver/gold/copper leaf and seed beads to form unique bracelets, necklaces and coordinating earrings.

Joyce's work has been recognized nationally with numerous awards and accolades, most notably the prestigious National League of American Pen Women. She has also received awards from the Florida State Association of the National League of American Pen Women and the Mount Dora Art League. She teaches and does demonstrations at Artisans on fifth. Visit her website at <a href="https://www.theartofjoyce.com">www.theartofjoyce.com</a> and see her jewelry at Artisans on fifth at 134 E 5th Ave. in Mt. Dora, FL.







**Shara Abel -** Shara Abel (right above) is an accomplished composite photographer who feels, "Art is a gift. A gift that can move us...that can make us feel and imagine...a gift that gives us moments in life to pause, connect and reflect with the emotional and spiritual realms of our beings." Her hope is for her art to give that gift to others.

The process of "transforming traditional photography into unique photographic art" is very complex. She says she "starts with her own original images incorporating a detailed process using multiple layers of dismantling, enhancing and combining to create a new, unique canvas with richer visual and emotional content." The process has paid off with some incredible photos.

Her photos have been selected for the cover of the Mt. Dora Calendar as well as featured in the Lake County Adopt-a-Lake Calendar. Her unique photography is for sale at Artisans on fifth in Mt. Dora. Visit her website at <a href="https://www.SharaAbelPhotography.com">www.SharaAbelPhotography.com</a>.







# "SHOWING OFF" AT THE LIBRARY

During the month of March 2018, Artisans on fifth will have an exhibit titled "Showing Off" at the W.T. Blank Public Library in Mt. Dora, FL. The exhibit will feature the work of 20+ artists who are Associates or Consignors at Artisans. A variety of mediums will be shown, such as: oil painting, acrylic painting, pastels, fused glass, photography, paper quilling, stained glass, and fiber art. The artwork will be for sale. Artwork by the same artists can be seen daily at Artisans on fifth. The library address is 1995 N Donnelly St., Mt. Dora, FL 32757 and the exhibit is open during normal library hours. It is free and open to the public.





An Art Exhibit at the W.T. Bland Public Library 1995 N Donnelly St. Mt. Dora, FL 32757

The artists of Artisans on fifth "show off" their talents March 1 - 31, 2018

Artisans on fifth always has handmade unique art, fine crafts and gifts, made by local artists, for sale at 134 E 5th Ave. Mt. Dora FL 32757 artisansonfifth.com

## 43rd ANNUAL MT. DORA ART FESTIVAL 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: <a href="http://www.mountdoraartsfestival.org/plan/know-before-you-go/index">http://www.mountdoraartsfestival.org/plan/know-before-you-go/index</a>. 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 <a href="http://www.mountdoraartsfestival.org/">http://www.mountdoraartsfestival.org/</a>

### 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 <a href="https://www.visitmountdora.com">www.visitmountdora.com</a> for the latest information.

Artisans on fifth
134 E 5th Ave. Mt. Dora FL 32757
352-406-1000
Closed Mondays
Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
www.artisansonfifth.com

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