

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

**MARCH**, 2018



# MARCH FEATURED ARTISTS:

# MICHAEL D. HERTZ & GWEN HERTZ



During March 2018, Artisans will feature the artwork of husband-wife team, Michael D. Hertz and Gwen Hertz. Each piece they create is uniquely handmade.

**Michael D. Hertz -** Mike enjoys creating limited edition art glass lamp shades in a large variety of colors. He finds it interesting to see all the different shapes that are created when you heat up glass. They are all unique and quite different. He also creates other home decor items using fused glass. Mike enjoys faceting semi-precious gemstones and beveling glass for jewelry.

Mike and Gwen's lives have completely changed since 2009. They relocated from Boynton Beach, FL to Summerfield, FL. About the time, Mike retired from a 30+ year career in the insurance safety industry, they took a fused glass class at Amazing Glaze in The Villages. They were "hooked" on fused glass immediately.

Mike has taken beveled glass classes from Kent Lauer, internationally-known Master Cold-Working Artist. Mike creates beautiful beveled glass pendants. He is one of only 15 people in the country making beveled glass jewelry. In 2016 they began making home decor art glass items. Once again Mike found his niche making limited edition art glass lamp shades.

They studied the art of kiln-formed and cold-worked glass under: Cheryl Frech, Linda Richardson-Bach, Dennis Brady, Milon Townsend, and Liz Renee, PhD. They have also taken glass classes from Gil Reynolds, Susan McGarry and Laura Peirce.







**Gwen Hertz -** "Jewelry that will get you compliments". That's what Gwen Hertz is all about. She enjoys wire wrapping semi-precious gemstones and glass gemstones, setting faceted cubic zirconia, making earrings, and doing Viking Knit to make jewelry. Gwen feels that everyone needs to feel good about themselves and getting compliments about how you look can certainly help. Gwen also loves to make fused glass home decor items.

Gwen's favorite color is teal, so she loves making jewelry using Larimar from the Dominican Republic and other teal-colored stones. She also makes her own fused glass "gemstones" and wire wraps them for jewelry.

Gwen had a 30+ year career in the judicial system at the local, county and state government levels. She worked in the Colorado courts and for the Broward County Administrator's Office (Ft. Lauderdale FL).

Gwen has studied the art of glass with Tanya Veit of AAE Glass in Cape Coral, FL. Gwen has also taken several wire wrapping classes from Dale Cougar Armstrong, Mary Ellen Lanigan, Jan Stephens and others at William Holland Lapidary School.

The pictures in this article represent the type of artwork Gwen and Mike Hertz do. These pieces may not necessarily be available at Artisans on fifth.







## "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.

Artisans on fifth
Proudly Presents
"Showing Off"



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

### WE WELCOME WESLEY STOUT

Artisans would like to welcome our newest Associate, Wesley Stout. Wesley is a self-taught artist who has been painting full time since 1993 and has done over 3,00 murals in 43 states and a few countries. At this time, he is in a limited number of locations and spends much of his time farming to help the homeless. Wesley teaches the "Brush Commander" techniques for fast painting with a brush and pencil. Stop by Artisans to see more of his artwork.









#### 4-HOUR PARKING IS COMING

to Mt. Dora



A recent article in the Mt. Dora Buzz stated "Come March, customers and visitors of downtown Mount Dora just may find parking a little easier. That's the month when the city is expecting to begin a four-hour time limit on free street parking in its downtown core. The area's public parking lots and parking garage, as well as other street parking will continue to provide free, unlimited parking for patrons requiring longer periods.

The goal is to make downtown's scarce parking more convenient for visitors and customers. Mount Dora visitors and customers that seek free parking with no time limits will still have that option available in all the downtown public parking lots and the parking garage on Donnelly Street. Additionally, street parking that isn't in the immediate downtown core will also have no time limits.

The free four-hour parking is currently planned for every day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The citation amount is tentatively set for \$25; however the details still have to be finalized with city staff and the Mount Dora City Council."

#### LAURA HOWELL

Building Orb is a Hit

Laura's image "Building Orb" was accepted into the Osceola Arts 2018 "CREATIVA - Woman Made Art Show". Out of over 240 entries, 51 were selected for this exhibit, and she was one of them. The exhibit dates are March 2 - May 11, 2018 and



Building Orb #7

the Opening
Reception is
Saturday, March 10
from 2-4. The
address is 2411
Fast Irlo Bronson



**Building Orb** 

Hwy., Kissimmee FL 34744. This photo, and others by Laura, are available at Artisans on fifth.

Laura also received 2nd place in the Creative category at the Orlando Camera Club in February for her picture of the same building, called "Building Ord #7".

### **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-2 pm at Sunset Park. Stop by Artisans on fifth afterwards.

• **Third Weekend** of each month - Antique Fair at Renningers Antique Market in Mount Dora

 Third Thursday - Food Trucks at Sunset Park 5 -8:30 p.m.

• Fourth Saturday of each month - Classic Car Cruise-in in downtown Eustis



• March 5: Close to 150 Model T Fords will be hitting the roads of Lake County as part of the Model T Ford Winter Tour. The cars will be based at Mission Inn resort and then travel to various destinations throughout the county. Here's where you can spot them: Monday March 5: Morning ride to Umatilla, and the afternoon in downtown Mount Dora. The cars will be parking primarily in the Baker/Tremain Street Parking lot and Edgerton Court

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.

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Stop in to see our artists' latest creations.

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