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# A DECISION TO PURSUE THE CAREER OF A FULLTIME ARTIST.

In 2004, I started a career in international business, working for a third-party food safety education and auditing body in various roles and levels of increasing responsibility; almost 11.5 years later, I decided it was time to hang up my hat in order to focus on art full time. I kept having a recurring thought, faint and easy to dismiss at first but that got louder with time, becoming impossible to ignore:



*Tus Labios IV*

"Now is the time to try this; don't wonder what might have been". So in July of this

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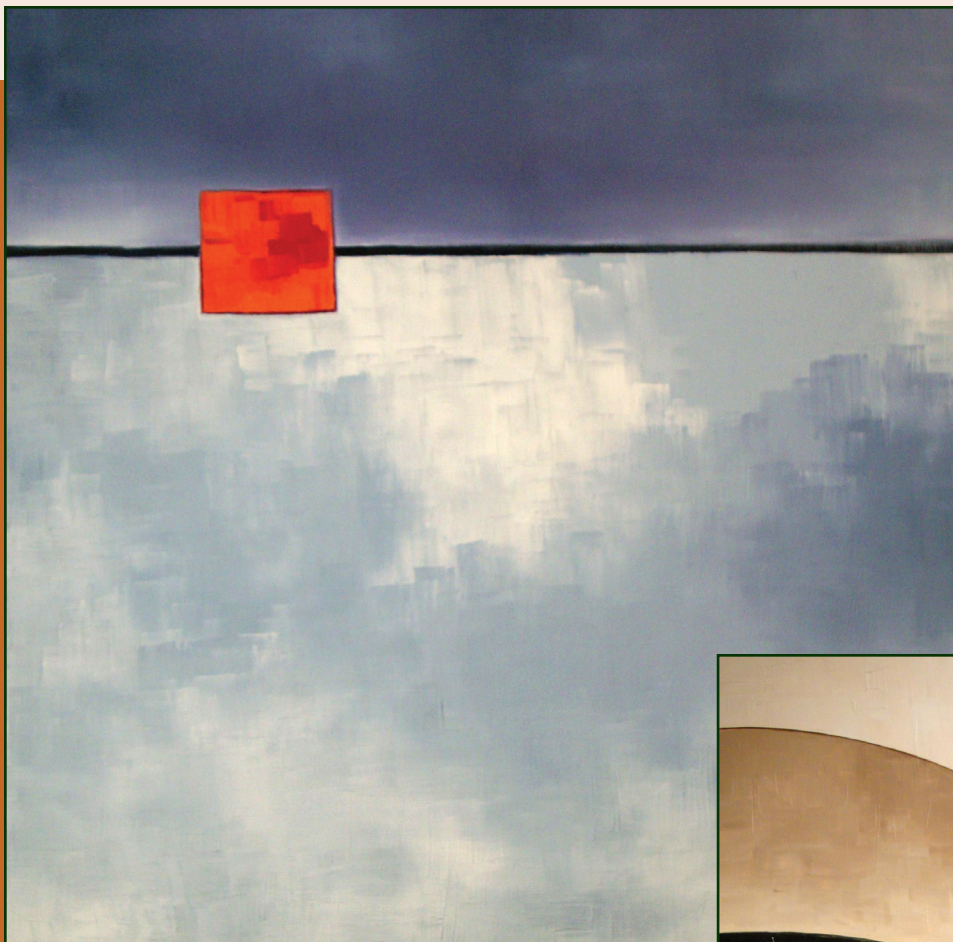


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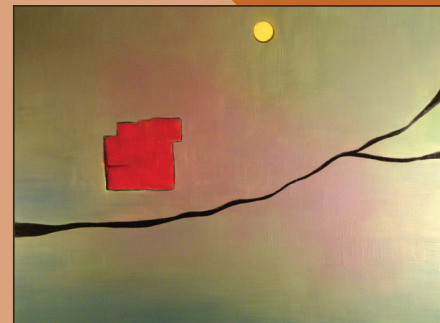
*Columbian Artist Tara Dean at the Manhattan Arts Center Show in 2010.*



Orange Square



Phoenix Rising



Flint Hills in March



Harvest Moon



year, I finally took the leap and left my employer.

As it turns out, my art was starting to compete with my day job for my time, energy, and attention and I knew I had reached a tipping point. I decided it was time to take a risk, albeit a very calculated risk that has involved lots of thinking, planning, and soul-searching.

I've asked myself whether I could have or should have done this ten years ago... five years ago... even one year ago... The answer is "No"; I wasn't ready to do this any sooner. I had not asked enough questions, done enough research, planted enough seeds, or tried enough new things to have taken this action any earlier. It feels like I've been running this whole time, but only in the past year have I actually gained enough momentum to make a smooth transition to a new career as a professional artist. I'm excited to see where the possibilities take me!

Article & photos courtesy  
Artist Tara Dean.



# PHOENIX • GALLERY



## FEATURE GALLERY

All photos courtesy the Phoenix Art Gallery



Columbian Artist Member Carl Brother's work is available at the Phoenix Gallery.



The Phoenix Gallery, located in beautiful downtown Lawrence, Kansas, features the handmade works of local, regional and national artisans. As a locally owned business we support the arts by providing our customers with affordable handcrafted artwork from individual artists. At the Phoenix Gallery you will find a wide

selection of exquisite pottery, blown glass, woodwork, textiles, jewelry, gifts and much more. With such a diverse collection of functional and decorative art pieces, the Phoenix Gallery is the perfect place to find gifts for all the special people in your life.

Our knowledgeable staff is always eager to assist you in finding just the right gift for any occasion whether it is a wedding, birthday, holiday, or anniversary. Each piece will be beautifully boxed for you and an enclosure with information about the artist will accompany each gift.

The Phoenix Gallery also participates in events such as Final Friday Art Walks and artist exhibitions. To find out more about these events, find Phoenix Gallery on the web, Facebook and on Twitter.

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The Phoenix Gallery began over 20 years ago as a result of the talent and vision of several artists. Over the years, we have grown from a small artist cooperative to a gallery featuring over 200 artists, many of whom are local and regional. In 2011 the Phoenix Gallery moved to the Ranjbar Building located at 825 Massachusetts St., a historical art deco building with more space and lots of charm mirroring the Phoenix Gallery's commitment to beauty. At our new location

we are better able to showcase our artists' work within a bright, spacious setting.

Next time you are in downtown Lawrence, visit us at the Phoenix Gallery!


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## MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Columbian Artist Group:** Just a short note for those that are wanting to be present for the Columbian Artist "Pre-Show" Event being held prior to the production of Hoo Haw on Friday August 21st. We would like as many of our members that can show up, to arrive at 6:00 p.m. for the event. We will have a cash bar and cookies, this event is meant for the Swogger Gallery and it's Columbian Artists to have a presence at the events the Columbian

Theatre is having. This gives us an opportunity to build a presence with the public and help let it be known who we are and that we are there.

- **August 22:** Becky Drager, Oscar Larmer & Susan Rose will be featured in the Strecker-Nelson Gallery "Our Beloved Land exhibit celebrating the Flint Hills.

**Strecker-Nelson** will have a second Flint Hills landscape show that opens August 29th - Oct 31

- **August:** Rodney Hoover is proud to announce the extension of his show of Western & Rural Anamnesis thru the end of August.
- **Sept/Oct:** The Oz group was hoping for some oz artwork/representation at the gallery in Sept/Oct. This will be



# MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS<sub>CONTINUED</sub>

discussed at a later date. Be thinking if this is something that you may have art for.

- **October 2: Rodney Hoover** will have an exhibit of Western & Rural Anamnesis at the NexLynx Gallery for Arts Opening will be October 2nd and the exhibit will be up thru the end of the month.
- **October: Pake McNally** will be doing a blacksmithing demo at 4 Girls Garage, 837 N Kansas Ave, Topeka, KS 66608.
- Columbian Artist members showing work at the Manhattan Oncology/ Radiology Department in the upcoming months are as follows:  
  
August - **Patricia Adams**  
September - **Connie Schlageck**  
October - **Deb Hanes-Nelson**  
November - **Jessica Sievers**  
December - **Rodney Hoover**
- **Members Devi Wilbur, Terri Mulhern and Christine Trevino** are

proud to announce ongoing displays at Glen Theodore's Gallery for Hair.

- **Devi Wilbur** has ongoing displays at the offices of Ultra Electronics - ICE, Inc. and in the City of Lansing, MI Public Works Building.
- **Deb Hanes-Nelson:** Though it will take some time before it is completely finished, I have moved into my new studio. It is called 315 Annex Studio & Gallery and is located at 315 John Riggins Avenue (Hwy 9), Centralia KS. My phone number is still 785-293-1004. We moved our household June 15 and now live next door to the studio. Stop by any time for a visit!
- Many of the group's members are also part of the Manhattan Arts Center studio's and their work can be seen throughout the medical building dr's offices.
- Note to members: Please forward all

your upcoming events so that they can get into the newsletter. It's great to share so that all know what our fellow members are up to.

- Aug/Sept: **Susan Rose:** I have my solo show at Art Print Express that opened during First Friday's Art Walk Aug. 3, and runs through Sept 25.

I will also have work in a group show coming up at South Wind Gallery in Topeka....still working on getting the details on that show. That is sometime in September.

Then coming up in the fall I will be in 2 back to back exhibits at the Flint Hills Discovery Center. One opening will be October 3rd, the other will be November 20th.

## Tips from the Artists



**Terry Mulhern:** Kilz spray paint (mat) is great on frames as well as matboard. It's one way to renew the old and damaged items. (apply in thin layers.)

# SUPPORTING GALLERY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MANHATTAN ARTS CENTER

- Celebrate & Experience Art in the Making at ART HAPPENS Saturday August 22, 2015 at 6:30pm.

Join us for our signature fund raiser as we celebrate and experience demonstrations and performances by local artists. Bid on some exceptional artwork in our silent auction. Our live auction will close the evening.

Emcee: Evan Tuttle

Featured demonstrating artist: Kim Casebeer

Demonstrating artists: Gayle Dowell, Jim Hodgson, Ronna Robertson

Performing artists: Robert Edwards, Paul Knackendoffel and Naci Peters, Tyler Woods

## STRECKER-NELSON GALLERY

- **Our Beloved Land Thru August 22, 2015**  
Featuring: *Michael Albrechtsen Zak Barnes, James Borger, Kim Casebeer, Louis Copt, Clare Doveton, Becky Drager, Mark Flickinger, Clive Fullagar, Kristin Goering, Lisa Grossman, Anthony Benton Gude, Stan Herd, Brian Hinkle, John Hulsey, Cally Krallman, Oscar Larmer, Joseph Loganbill, Susan Lynn, Judith Mackey, Bill McCall, Carol McCall, Jerry Moon, Joan Parker, Doloris Pederson, Matthew Richter, Marrin Robinson, Susan Rose, Richard Sneary, Cristine Sundquist, Jean Terry, Ye Wang, Barbara Waterman Peters & Diana Werts.*  
*Sculpture by: Danny Meisinger, Ron Michaels & Albo Glass.*

## NEXLYNX GALLERY OF ARTS

- **AUG:** *Athena Sutton & Barbara Schilling*
- **SEPT:** *Ed Balda*
- **OCT:** *Rodney L Hoover*
- **NOV:** *Inspirations - Vote for your favorite*



## YELDARB GALLERY

- Featured Artist for August: *Fred Hsia*
- First Friday Art Walk  
NOTO District Topeka, KS  
Friday, Sept 4th 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## BIRGER SANDZEN MEMORIAL GALLERY

- Aug. 1 thru Oct. 18, 2015 - Paintings by: *Mark Mohr, Ralph Goltry (1884-1971), Chair Mabel Vandiver (1886-1991)* Plus a selection of Swedish art from the gallery's permanent collection.

## CARRIAGE FACTORY ART GALLERY

- Sat., Sept. 5, 10 a.m. to noon "Playing in the Water," a Beginner's Watercolor Class, \$40
- Saturday, October 17 Art Journaling or 52 Card Pick-Up  
Call to reserve your spot or for details...316-284-2749

If you have upcoming gallery events that you would like to have listed please send your list to [rhoover.studios@gmail.com](mailto:rhoover.studios@gmail.com) and they will be added to the calendar of events...

## Past Columbian Artist member Victor Thomas Studio Liquidation Auction Results

Past member Victor Thomas cleaned out his studio and donated 48 lots of art supplies, books and more to the Columbian Artist Group. The Group held an online silent auction with proceeds to benefit the group.

10 members participated representing 100+ bids totaling over \$597.00.

A big thank you to all for making this a huge success!

View auction items and item results at: <http://columbianartist.weebly.com/columbian-artists-silent-auction.html>  
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