



The Arts Commission sponsored a stained glass class taught by Bruce Allen of Best Glass in Louisville in November and December. Bruce is not only an accomplished artist himself, but a very good teacher. All class participants learned basic skills, but more importantly were encouraged to explore and strike out with their own design ideas. We also recycled! This mobile was constructed of scrap pieces of glass collected from the various student projects. There is interest in another cycle of classes beginning in January. Contact the Arts Commission for information.

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST:

- January all month - KSD student art exhibit at City Hall
- January all month - Art exhibit at Constitution Square Gallery
- Jan. 12th, 4:30 - Arts Citizen Presentation and Reception at City Hall
- Every Thursday, app 7:45 am - Arts Commission on Joe Show -WHIR
- Jan. 22nd - Arts Day at State Capitol
- Jan 31st - Constitution Square Festival vendor apps live at danvillearts.org
- Jan 31st 10:00 - 1:00 - Farmers' Market Winter Pop Up, location TBA
- Feb. 17th - SAVE THE DATE for Art & Heart at Birds Nest



**The Arts Commission of
Danville & Boyle County**
105 East Walnut Street
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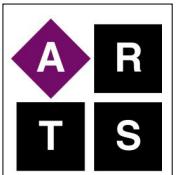
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ARTS CITIZENS OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION – CITY HALL JAN. 12TH AT 4:30

THE ARTS COMMISSION OF DANVILLE/BOYLE COUNTY



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For additional information on all events, refer to danvillearts.org

**CONGRATULATIONS
DAVID AND PAULA
– 2025 Arts Citizens of the Year**

It is widely recognized that this community is home to an extraordinary number of individuals who excel in their work as artists, and those who make art possible. It is the honor and privilege of the Arts Commission to formally name the Arts Citizen(s) of the

Year. The individuals who are recognized are not selected for their work in just one year, rather for a lifetime of work often in multiple disciplines and settings, through twists and turns.

This year, the Board has selected David Farmer and



David Farmer



Paula Meckes

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Paula Meckes as co-honorees. As has been the custom for several years, the awards will be presented at the first meeting of the Danville City Commission in the new year. The public is invited to attend the presentation which will be on January 12th at 4:30 in the City Hall Chamber. The presentation will be followed by a reception in the City Hall Conference Room.

David Farmer, while not a professional artist all his life, knew very early that art was what he loved. As a young child he was drawn to color and would be happiest with a box of colors and some paper. He studied art in college, but did not complete a degree. Through various occupations, a stint in the Army, a college degree in English, he always knew he wanted to paint. He painted in his home

studio, presented exhibits, sold in galleries.

Following retirement from a state office job, he devotes his time to painting, now out of a studio in the Art Center of the Bluegrass.

Paula Meckes is not a native of Kentucky, but landed here after being assigned to Kentucky School for the Deaf as a student teacher. Shortly after completing her degree in Deaf Education from Illinois State University, Paula was offered a position at KSD. She taught at the school for 35 years. While dance was not her major in college, she completed nearly all requirements for a minor in the program leading her to incorporate the arts in much of her work with the students at KSD. She coordinated the Middle School and High School art programs, helped present plays

on campus and engaged the students in local community art.

Paula has spent many years choreographing with West T. Hill Theater, Danville High School and Middle School. Currently, she is the co-coordinator for the City of Danville Dance program at the Jennie Rogers Community Center serving 75 - 80 children each term. She was the founder of the original program over 30 years ago.

Each year the honorees select a program to which the Arts Commission makes a donation in their name. David has chosen the Humane Society and Paula has chosen the KSD Charitable Foundation to provide funding for KSD students to attend professional arts performances.

A complete list of the Arts Citizens of the Year since 2004 is available on the Arts Commission web page, danvillearts.org.

Recipients of the Arts Citizen of the Year from 2004 to the present

2004 Wilma Brown
2005 Jennifer Brummett
2006 Charlotte Henson
2007 Tom Baeker
2008 George Foreman
2009 Karen Logue
2010 George and Rodi Jackson
2011 Barbara Hall
2012 Barbara Reynierson
2013 Steve Meadows
2014 Joan Stansbury

2015 Jane Dewey
2016 Barbara Lockhart and Stuart Powell
2017 Michael Hughes
2018 Vince DiMartino
2019 Robby Henson and Heather Henson
2020 Liz Orndorff
2021 Gaynella McGuire and David Walden

2022 Madelyn Worley
 Special Recognition – Boyle Co. Farmers' Market
2023 Steve Hoffman
 Special Recognition – The Norton Center
2024 Bruce Richardson
2025 David Farmer
 Paula Meckes



The Arts Commission was saddened by the death of Sissi Hamilton on November 25th

Sissi served the Arts Commission as a member of the Board, including a term as Board President. She brought her artistic talent and grace to the organization's activities.



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