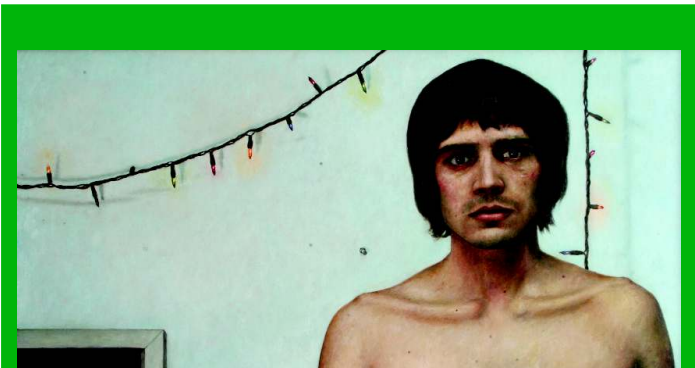


Merriam, Kansas 66203
5701 Merriam Drive



"Self-Portrait with Christmas Lights"
by Ryan Shultz
2010 Best of Show

15th Annual Heartland Artist Exhibition

Irene B. French

*Community Center Gallery of Art
Merriam, Kansas*

March 5-April 2, 2011

*Call for entries deadline:
Sunday, January 9, 2011 • 5:00pm*

JUROR - Jim Hamil

A watercolor artist, he is known in KC for his Plaza prints and many other prints and paintings of the Midwest sold in stores. He is known for his books, *Farmland USA* (written by his father, J. Harold Hamil) and *Return to Kansas* (written by his wife Sharon) which Senators Dole and Kassebaum have used as gifts to represent our state.

He has received many awards, numerous prizes in art shows, has been honored as the Governor's Artist for the state of Kansas and as the American Royal Artist of the Year. He has been feature artist at several art fairs in the area, and for the channel 19 auction; and has membership in the Watercolor USA Honor Society. He received the JC Library Foundation's Pinnacle Award for Excellence in the Arts and was named Best Local Artist by the readers of the Kansas City Magazine.

Jim paints mainly by commission and for the galleries which carry his work. Jim teaches watercolor workshops across the country. He has been named a "Friend of Education" by Phi Delta Kappa because of the teaching he does while doing painting demonstrations for schools, especially in the metro area, as well as in Colorado, Texas, and Nebraska.

C A L E N D A R

January 9: Deadline for entries - 5:00pm

January 31: Notice of acceptance posted on website

February 12-19: Deadline for shipped work to arrive at shipping agent, or hand-delivered work to Irene B. French Community Center, 9am-8pm Monday-Thursday; 9am-4pm, Friday, 9am-3pm Saturday, 2pm-4pm Sunday

March 5: Exhibition opening reception 5pm-7pm; prizes awarded at 6:30pm.

March 5-April 2: Exhibition open to public. Exhibition closes at 4:00pm on April 2.

April 3-April 10: Pick-up hand delivered work between 9am-8pm Monday-Thursday; 9am-4pm Friday, 9am-4pm Saturday, 1pm-4pm Sunday.

Week of April 4: Shipped work returned

JUDGING

Preliminary and final judging will be done by the juror listed above. Selections will be made from digitals that must arrive with the entry form and fee at The Irene B. French Community Center Art Gallery by 5:00pm on January 9th, 2011. Notice of acceptance will be made no later than January 31, 2011 via the website at www.merriam.org/park. Only juror accepted works will be exhibited.

Final judging will be on site. If for some unforeseen reason the juror must withdraw before jurying is completed, The Irene B. French Community Center Art Gallery reserves the right to select another juror of similar rank to complete the juror's responsibilities. Artist will be duly notified in this event.

ELIGIBILITY

Artists age 18 and over are eligible to enter the exhibition. Only **original** paintings in oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, charcoal, pencil or a mixture of any of the above media are acceptable. **All work must be on canvas, paper, masonite or rag-board.** The decision of the juror on all entries is final. **All entries must be FOR SALE and available for exhibition at the Irene B. French Community Center Art Gallery March 5-April 2, 2011.** Works previously exhibited at IBFCC art gallery are not eligible for entry.

QUESTIONS? For more information or entry forms please write The Merriam Parks & Recreation Dept., 5701 Merriam Drive, Merriam, Ks. 66203; call (913) 322-5550 or email: timmm@merriam.org.

14th Annual Heartland Artist Exhibition Entry Form

(Please type or print clearly)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (Daytime) _____

Email Address: _____ Soc. Security #: (required when artwork sold)

Method of Payment: _____ Check/Money Order enclosed (Payable to "City of Merriam") _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____ Discover
Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ V-Code (last 3 digits on back) _____

1.	Title	Sale Price/Insured Amt.	Medium	Framed Size*
2.	Title	Sale Price/Insured Amt.	Medium	Framed Size*
3.	Title	Sale Price/Insured Amt.	Medium	Framed Size*

***Framed Size (40"/101.6cm Max. either direction)**

Agreement: Any entries not conforming to the guidelines in this entry form may be eliminated. By entering the Heartland Artist Exhibition, I understand and agree to all conditions set forth in the information and entry form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail entries to: Irene B. French Community Center, 5701 Merriam Drive, Merriam, KS 66203; or email to Art@merriam.org. For more information call 913-322-5550. Applications cannot be accepted if postmarked after January 9, 2011.

AWARDS: (Sponsored by Merriam Parks, Recreation and Community Center Foundation and The City of Merriam)

Best of Show:	\$1,500.00
Second Place:	\$1,000.00
Third Place:	\$ 500.00
Awards of Merit (3):	\$ 100.00 each
Honorable Mention:	(3)

Purchase Award

(1) by the Merriam Park, Recreation, & Community Center Foundation.

SPECIFICATIONS AND PRESENTATION

All work must be matted, framed, and wired for hanging; clip frames will not be accepted. Plexiglas is required on all shipped work. Maximum size of the outside frame measurement is 40 horizontal or vertical inches. (101.6cm x 101.6 cm). **The Art Gallery is located in a community center. Please use discretion on subject matter.**

HOW TO ENTER

A maximum of three (3) digitals in jpg. format may be submitted for jurying.

Entering by mail: Digitals shall be named identical to the original title to differentiate each work on the disk you submit. **If you wish your disk returned, a self-addressed envelope is required.**

Entering by email: You may email your entry to Art@merriam.org. All digitals, along with ALL of the information on the registration form, is required at that time.

Entering by phone: You may enter by phone with a credit card by calling 913-322-5550. Digitals must be emailed to Art@merriam.org the same day of phone registration.

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are \$35.00 for up to 3 digital works per artist. Entry fees are non-refundable and payable to: The City of Merriam. The entry fee, completed entry form, digitals, and self-addressed stamped envelope for return of digital disk **must be received no later than January 9, 2011 by 5:00pm.** Mail to: Irene B. French Community Center Art Gallery, 5701 Merriam Drive, Merriam, KS. 66203. Contact person: Tim Murphy at (913) 322-5550; email: Art@merriam.org

SALES

A 30% commission will be retained by the City of Merriam on all sales. All work must be for sale—no NFS or POR. With the sale of any artwork, the artist will have to supply their social security number before payment is made. All sold work must remain in exhibition until conclusion of show.

SHIPPING AND RECEIVING

Due between February 12-19. **Due to space limitations, no work will be accepted at the center prior to the designated dates.** Shipped work must be sent to the designated shipping agent **Consolidated Mailing Corp., 5735 Kessler, Merriam, KS 66203, 913-262-4400.** A registration form shall be completely filled out for shipped work. A storage and delivery fee will be charged to your credit card as follows: one piece of work at \$30.00 (1st piece); and \$15.00 per piece thereafter if in separate box. If more than two pieces are shipped together in same box, then the fee for the 2nd and 3rd piece will be \$10.00 each. Unsold work will be returned after credit card charges are made via Consolidated Mailing Corp. unless the artist makes other arrangements directly with the shipping agent. Accepted artists will receive additional shipping instructions. There is no handling fee for hand-delivered work.

Artists are responsible for insuring their own work prior to and after the exhibit as insurance is provided for exhibited works during the exhibit. Consolidated Mailing Corporation utilizes UPS for insurance and you will be able to choose how you want your work returned if not sold.

Work must be picked up by Sunday, April 10th.
Community center hours for pick-up are as follows:
Monday-Thursday, 8am-9pm
Friday, 8am-4pm
Saturday, 8am-4pm
Sunday, 1pm-5pm

***The box you ship must have a BMC stamp, which is the Box Manufacturers Certificate. Without that stamp UPS or FedEx will not pay a claim if something happens to your work(s) during the shipping or receiving process.

If you choose to use FedEx, there will be additional charge of \$15.00 per piece by FedEx for pickup.

LIABILITY

The City of Merriam will not be responsible for loss or damage to artwork which is in transit. Artwork that is touched up prior to shipping **must be completely dry prior to shipping.** Insurance is provided for exhibited works during the exhibit. The artist agrees to authorize the City of Merriam, at its discretion, to utilize photographs of exhibited work for publicity purposes, not for reproduction.