

MORGAN COUNTY AREA ARTS COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2009

Artist Profile – BONNIE LIEDER

The beauty of God's creation inspires Wiggins artist Bonnie Lieder in her western/country paintings.

"I see things – sunsets, flowers, skies – and paint them," Lieder commented. She tries to photograph locations and also finds ideas online but describes her work as realistic.

"You can call me a cowgirl at heart," Lieder added.

Her first inspiration came from her parents. Her mother, Earlene Noles, was a gifted oil painter with paintings hanging in a number of galleries in the western United States. Lieder's father, Harley Noles, worked with cartoons and posters.

"I was an only child and we sat around the house and drew," Lieder commented. "We'd visit people who drew."

With of that artistic heritage, Lieder has studied with several artists – including her mother. Although Lieder specializes in painting and an occasional drawing, she was also influenced, ironically, by a bronze sculptor.

But Veryl Goodnight, who has done several bronze sculptures that stand at the Denver zoo, is internationally-known and has produced realistic wildlife artwork. That love for realistic wildlife artwork is seen in Lieder's work as well.

Lieder also studied under Pat Denton, a nationally-known water colorist, as well as other instructors.

In addition to the Morgan County Area Arts Council, Lieder is a member of the Mountainside Art Guild and the Sagebrush Art Club

Lieder began painting horses as a child and still loves to paint animals. Her most dramatic piece features a dove in front of a cross. "It's called



'Freedom in Christ' and means the most," Lieder commented. "It has a lot of meaning."

Lieder enjoys painting the Colorado state flower, the columbine, in acrylic. She also uses pastels and watercolors.

Commercially, she has produced several commissioned paintings and did artwork for a t-shirt design after the Columbine shootings. "It was called "Remember This" and the proceeds went to counseling for those involved," Lieder said.

"It is rewarding to see what the Lord has done," Lieder commented. "I like to see how the painting will turn out."

Lieder has a studio at her home and credits her husband, Lawton, as her cheerleader.

Lieder currently serves as secretary of the Morgan County Area Arts Council and has participated in several local art shows through MCAAC.

Her faith is an integral part of her art. "I give the glory for this creative talent to our Father God and stand humbly in the shadow of the cross of Calvary."



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 12** MCAAC meeting, School for the Performing Arts, 914 State St., 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 9** MCAAC meeting, School for the Performing Arts, 914 State St., 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 5** Morgan Co. Chorale Concert, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brush, 5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 6** Air Force Band @ FMHS – all day
Morgan Co. Chorale Concert, @ UMC, 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 7** Christmas Parade, Fort Morgan, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 8** Baker Choir/Instr. Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 10** FMHS Band/Orch. Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11** UMC Christmas Musical, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 12** Community Concert, FMHS, 4:00 p.m.
UMC Christmas Musical, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 14** MCAAC meeting, School for the Performing Arts, 914 State St., 7:00 p.m. – officer and board of directors nominations
- Dec. 19** School for the Performing Arts Christmas Dance Recital
- Dec. 20** Singers Ltd. Concert, UMC, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 11** MCAAC annual meeting, School for the Performing Arts, 914 State St., 7:00 p.m. – refreshments will be served.

MCAAC VISUAL ARTS DIVISION

ART OPPORTUNITIES

- Nov. 14** Still Life Workshop with instructor Heather Arenas. 9-noon downstairs meeting room at the School for the Performing Arts, 914 State St. \$10 for MCAAC members, \$15 for non-members. **Registration deadline November 7th**. For info, see the attached flyer, or you can call Heather at 720-281-4632 or Cyndi at 970-867-0182.
- Nov. 14** Call for art for the next exhibit at MCAAC's permanent gallery at The School for the Performing Arts. Plan now for your Christmas-themed artwork! Information to follow.
- TBA** Fort Morgan Chamber of Commerce will soon be announcing their Art of the Year contest for 2010. Start thinking now about artwork that depicts Fort Morgan.
- TBA** Mural project in downtown Fort Morgan. Watch for upcoming information.

MCAAC Gallery

The School for the Performing Arts
914 State St., Fort Morgan, CO 80701
Hours: M-W 3:30 p.m – 6:00 p.m.

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Independent Study with Moderator

STILL LIFE WORKSHOP



November 14th, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Bring your own materials
for your chosen medium.**

A few easels are available upon request.

Workshop instructor:

Heather Arenas

Wiggins, CO

www.longskinnyranch.com

*The workshop will be held in the downstairs meeting room at
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914 State Street
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