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Murfreesboro Art League to exhibit in the Rotunda of Murfreesboro's City Hall

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** -- The City Hall Art Committee announces the Murfreesboro Art League's 7<sup>th</sup> annual fine arts exhibit in the Rotunda of Murfreesboro City Hall, May 21 through June 21.

An artists' reception in the Rotunda is scheduled May 21 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Founded by a local group of artists and chartered in 1966, the Murfreesboro Art League (MAL) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to develop and maintain a vibrant artistic environment in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County.

To maintain this, the league strives to promote the appreciation and love of art in our area by hosting a gallery, having art exhibitions throughout the county, and teaching classes.

The league consists of members from all ages and walks of life with beginning and advanced artists working to perfect techniques, share their artistic wisdom and spending time with like-minded individuals.

"The thing that binds us together is a love of art: making, showing, teaching, and simply talking about art of all types," Suzanne LeBeau, MAL President, said.

The MAL community meets in the back of historic Cannonsburgh Village on Front Street in Murfreesboro. Most meetings are from 7 to 9 p.m. with art classes on the first three Mondays of every month. Each month's class focus will be on one basic medium or theme.

So far in 2013, classes have addressed penguins, pencil portraits, oils in the Bob Ross method and watercolors. May's focus is meditative art meant to quiet your inner critic, taught by Jenny Jacobs.

The fourth Monday is regularly scheduled as a business meeting. On the occasional fifth Monday, the League hosts an "Eatin' Meetin'" LeBeau said, "where we come together for pot-luck goodies and share our latest art pieces. Critiques are welcomed if the artist wants them, too."

The MAL gallery opens each spring and remains open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. through the fall. Admission is free and the public is always welcome.

Besides the league's annual City Hall exhibition, MAL also participates in several other spring events including: Pioneer Days at Cannonsburgh and the MAL gallery's grand opening the following week.

For more information on the Rotunda, visit the <u>MAL website</u> or contact the group's President, <u>Suzanne LeBeau</u>.

For information about the City Hall Rotunda show, contact City Hall Chairman <u>Eric Snyder</u> or call 893-5210.