



Visit 'First Impressions' at the Depot

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The Depot Art Center features "First Impressions," works by its nine new members through Feb. 20 at its gallery in the quaint red 1881 Santa Fe Depot at 2069 W. Powers Ave., Littleton.

New members who joined the Littleton Fine Arts Guild in 2010 are: Sue Buckner, Brian Serff, Jane Isaacs, Karla Horst, Robyn Tingey, Susan Anderson, Rosemary Laughlin, Joni Tomasetti and Janice Warriner.

They exhibit works in watercolor, oil, pastel and photography and they have created note cards of their art, which are like sending a little gift when used for the letters some of us still enjoy writing.

All members are juried into the guild based on acceptance of a complete portfolio of work. The artists applies and presents a portfolio to a committee of artists who work in a like media. The committee then determines admission. The admitted artist must commit to working one day a month at the volunteer-operated gallery and is eligible to participate in each show during the year. It is understood that this new member will help on a committee of the guild. Annual dues are \$45.

They bring the active membership to 49, according to President Peggy Dietz, who is pleased that "the guild now has a full complement of oil, pastel, acrylic and watercolor painters, along with accomplished photographers, potters and 3-D creators."

Joni Tomasetti's paintings include landscapes — one with an imposing moose — and florals. Karla Horst's images of Native Americans include charming children, as well as the dancers pictured. Brian Serff's little archer is found in the second gallery and paintings of flowers and succulents are in the entry space.

Jane Isaacs is a nature photographer who exhibits sharp images of birds she has captured on film. Photographer Robyn Tingey workshops his photos, creating painterly images in vibrant colors. Susan Anderson's paintings include "Washed Away," a landscape with sand dunes behind a pile of bones and animal tracks. Rosemary Laughlin paints in watercolor and mixed media, is a Colorado Watercolor Society member and recently exhibited at Town Hall with the Palette Pals.

Janice Warriner paints in an Impressionistic style, evidenced by her textured "Sunflowers." She participated in the summer plein air paint-out in Denver last summer. Sue Buckner exhibits landscapes in pastel and oil, including "Garden Bench" and "Platte River."

The Depot has added Sundays to its open hours. What better stop on a leisurely Sunday afternoon — perhaps combined with a snack on Main Street.