

Emily James Brings Reflective Figurative Paintings to Edwardsville

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EDWARDSVILLE - These are artists who will appear at the Edwardsville Arts Fair Friday, Sept. 24-Sunday, Sept. 27, at Edwardsville City Park.





Artist: Emily James

Medium: Painting

Location: St. Louis, MO

Website: <https://Emilyjamescreative.com>

Artist Statement: "My work centers on the feminine figure as a space for emotion, memory, and quiet transformation. Through layered materials and a balance of softness and structure, I create figures that feel both present and slightly beyond reach, allowing them to exist somewhere between the physical and the symbolic. My intention is to create work that invites stillness. I want the viewer to pause, to feel something before fully understanding it, and to find a personal connection within the piece."



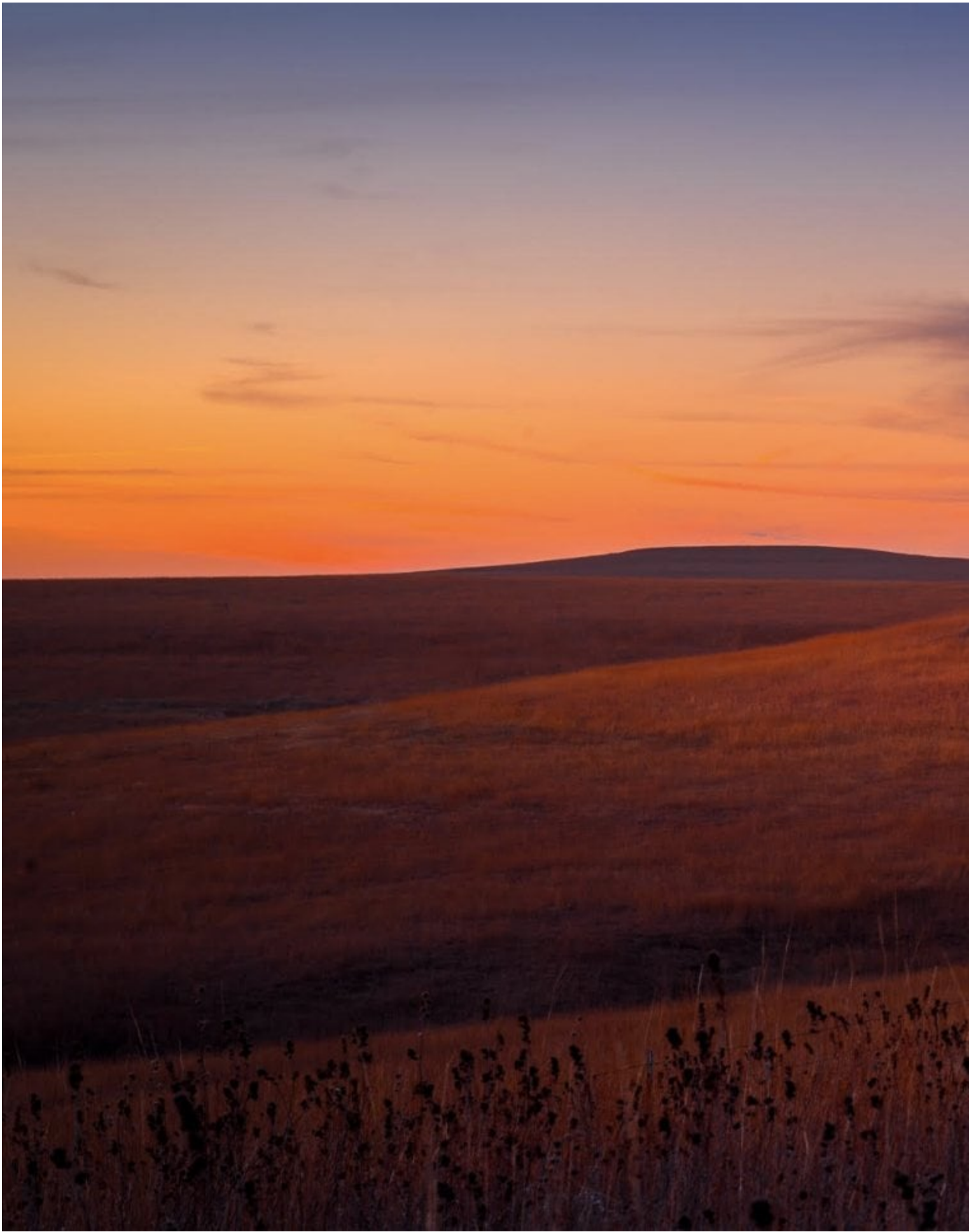
Artist: Ryan Brown

Medium: Wood

Location: Normal, IL

Website: <http://rabwoodworking.com>

Artist Statement: "My work is focused on making practical objects beautiful. Whether it be a cutting board, clock, picture frame, or serving tray, it is an opportunity to bring the warmth and beauty of natural wood into your home."



Artist: Rob Gilmore

Medium: Photography

Location: Maryland Heights, MO

Website: <https://www.robgilmorephoto.com>

Artist Statement: St. Louis photographer Rob Gilmore, with three decades of experience, has evolved his traditional landscape photography. Influenced by diverse artists like Japanese woodblock artists and romantic era painters, his work focuses on natural light compositions emphasizing texture, light, and tone. Rob believes nature is essential to our well-being, and we are happier when we let the outside in.





Artist: David Hasty

Medium: Photography

Location: St. Louis, MO

Website: <https://www.classiceyephoto.com/artist.html>

Artist Statement: "My work consists of nature and landscape prints with a mix of natural abstracts. I often refer to my collection of work as being eclectic. As I evolve as an artist, I challenge myself each day to create something new and unique. It's been a learning process, and through bonding with fellow artists, each encounter I take away something new. The intention of my work is not only to inspire but to share experiences with each person I meet and bring awareness to our natural surroundings."



Artist: Rhonda Gurgone

Medium: Jewelry

Location: Palos Park, IL

Artist Statement: "My pieces tell a story. My goal is to create a unique piece that is not only aesthetically pleasing, but evoke memories and meaningful sentiment."