

## Local artist was admired and will be missed

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Editor, the Advocate:

Art lives on, even when an artist's life comes to an end. Watercolor artist, Steve Beckman, passed on the evening of March 28, 2016, leaving behind family, friends and many art buyers mourning both the loss of his great talent and friendship. All are wishing he was still with us today, to see his smile and to listen in on his clever conversations.

Steve Beckman's work is recognizable for his watercolor textures and style, and he was versatile with his subject matter. He knew his style was bold, colorful and different, and he took pride in that fact. He loved displaying his art works that have so much variety in content - from cattle expressions, figures in motion and whimsical slices of life. He liked having a cold beer and settling back to enjoy the atmosphere of friends hustling and bustling around his works.

The Hallet Oak Gallery featured Beckman's watercolors for its January Spotlight series, and in his memory his family is allowing his work to be the spotlight artist for April. Proceeds from any sales will go to his brother in Vandalia, Illinois. There will be a memorial service for him at Mossy Grove Methodist Church at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.

All Spotlight exhibits are free and open to the public. Steve Beckman's watercolors will be spotlighted through the end of April from 2 to 4 p.m. and are for sale.

Located at 115 N. Main St., Hallettsville, the gallery invites everyone to come enjoy a glass of wine, view Steve's watercolors and share memories. For more information, visit the gallery's website at [www.halletoakgallery.com](http://www.halletoakgallery.com).

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