



7th Annual GHS

Alumni Art Show August 31, 2014



featured artist

Cletus Everett Dale Manning Class of 1967

Dale has always had a love for art. From the time he was big enough to hold a pencil he was scribbling or drawing. In high school he worked as an illustrator for the school paper, The Gisemo Herald. A renewed direction in art surfaced when Mr. Louis Alderman joined the GHS staff as art instructor. Dale really enjoyed Mr. Alderman's classes and his method of teaching. Dale felt fortunate to be presented an art scholarship to the University of Missouri in Columbia.

After graduating from Gideon High School, Dale pursued a career in the medical field. His vocation led him to reside in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. There he met Jerene Little in 1971. They married in 1972 and decided to move to Gideon to raise their family.

In recent years he started taking classes periodically with Bill Ridley, an instructor from St. Louis, Missouri. Dale's favorite medium is oils. He comments, "With oils you can work on a project, leave it a while and when you return to it, it's so easy to change something...oil painting is so forgiving." Landscapes are his specialty with mountains as his favorite subject. Dale hopes the future will allow him time to pick up the brush again and paint more oil scenes.

Dale and Jerene currently reside in rural Gideon and are active in church and community activities.