



8th Annual

GHS

Alumni Art Show

September 5, 2015



featured artist

*Lois Blanchard Liden*

Class of 1953

Lois was born in rural Gideon, Missouri. She was always interested in art. As a child, her mother would give her pencil and paper to keep her out of trouble. She began painting in high school and became more serious about her art after marriage.

Lois studied art education at Memphis State and Ohio State Universities. She had private instruction from Julius Faysash at Akron Art Institute, Jack Richard in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Elinor Himelfarb in Wheaton, Illinois and Hazel King in Nashville, Tennessee. She entered art shows and sold her work in Ohio and Michigan. She also did free lance fashion art for major department stores.

In 1993 publishers from Better Homes & Garden featured a full length doll designed by Lois in a special hard cover book titled *Old Fashioned Dolls and Toys*. In 1994 another design by Lois was featured in the book *Country Dolls*.

As the owner of successful antique shops in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Cape Girardeau, Missouri, she is experienced in all levels of the wholesale and retail antique business. She restored a 5,000 square foot Victorian home in Cape Girardeau and operated it as Victoria Park Antiques for seven years.

Lois is married and has two children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She presently lives in Nolensville, Tennessee.