

Internationally known artist visits Fredericktown

Billyo O'Donnell stopped by the Democrat News Wednesday. He is on a mission "Painting Missouri." The following paragraph is his press release.

As a personal goal, Billyo has a vision of traveling across the state of Missouri capturing each county on his canvas - while learning more about his home state. Born in Missouri, he finds the state filled with geological and historical wonders that inspire him to create 'on location' paintings. The collection of paintings will then travel across the state in a major exhibit and end in an auction of the original art. Already scheduled is the gallery in the Rotunda at the state capital in Jefferson City, where Billyo will be the second living artist to have ever had an exhibit there in a one-man show.

He is visiting each of 115 locations and creating a piece of

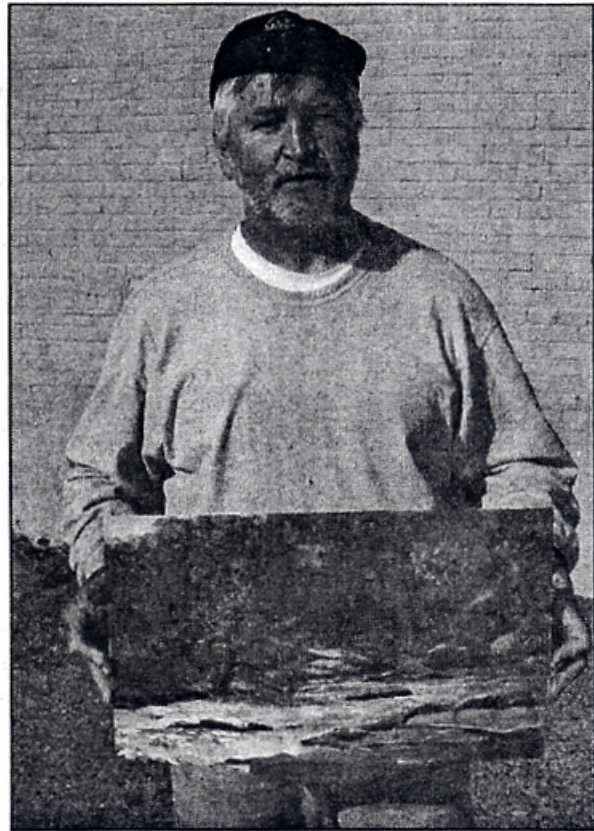
art representing that area while Karen Glines creatively writes an essay on each county...often visiting with people in the counties' local dining spots hearing their personal stories.

O'Donnell created a painting of the Silver Mines area in Madison County. The paint was so fresh it had not dried as of his visit.

He has won several awards including the 1996 award from Painter's Society Exhibition with his design selected for the current State of Missouri license plate.

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