Join us for our NEW Art Exhibit
“Florals Up Close” by Linda Lee Layton
August 9-30, 2023!

*Opening Reception: Wednesday, August 9 from 5:00-7:00pm*

A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Green Center's education & art programs.
Light refreshments will be served.

**Artist’s Statement**

After many years I have returned to where I began, painting and creating art. I started many years ago at the College of Charleston receiving a Bachelor in Arts degree and the Outstanding Artist Award of my graduating class. After graduating, life took me down a different path. For the last 24 years I have been teaching first grade and have loved it. Teaching is a calling, and I know I have made a difference and put a smile on many faces. When COVID came into our lives my path changed once again. I still teach, but I am back pursuing my art.

In 2021, I was chosen to be a part of the St. Louis Art Fair Emerging Artist Program. The first year, we were mentored and the second year, 2022, we displayed our work at the St Louis Art Fair in Clayton. It was an incredible opportunity! Since then I’ve been invited to show my work in a number of shows in and around the St. Louis and Illinois area.

When you look at my work, you’ll see I like capturing images that make me feel good and peaceful. I especially like working large and focusing on an image, it’s shape or shapes and color.

I love working with pastels as well as working with oil on stretched canvas. Oil allows me to work freely, changing and forming the painting as I go. I focus on detail, color, and play with the composition whether as one panel or breaking the subject up into several panels where they can work individually or as one.

**Past Art Exhibits**
Art in the Park, Columbia, MO 2023
Artsfest on Walnut Street 2023 Springfield Mo
Makers Market Sunset Hills, MO 2022
St. Louis Art Fair, 2022 Emerging Artist
Artsfest on Walnut Street 2022 Springfield, MO
Green Door Art Gallery Botanicals and Blooms 2022
Twilight Market Chesterfield, MO 2022
MOSAICS Fine Art Festival 2022

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