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## Paintings: "Part Time Passion"

**Artist:** Jan Trager

**Art Exhibit Dates:** May 10-June 7, 2013

**Opening Reception:** Friday, May 10 6:00-8:30pm



### Artist Statement:

I love to paint almost any subject matter that is in front of me. Everything is fun to see and explore with a paintbrush.

Born and raised in the Midwest, the changing light through the different seasons is inspiration to me. I have always had a passion for the creative forces of art, either in vibrant paint strokes, making pottery, or sketching musicians playing their instruments.

Painting outdoors involves the intense excitement of how attuned one can become to the surroundings. I have always loved the outdoors, so when plein air painting was introduced to me in the year 2000, painting and love of the outdoors just seemed to go hand in hand. Painting *en plein air* is challenging, by how quickly the light changes, and I try to finish a painting on location if possible, minimizing any difficulty I may have remembering the scene later in my studio. Painting is a personal journey into the discoveries of how beautiful the natural world is.

I am basically a self-taught artist, with community college background in art and design, and I have taken several workshops with Missouri artists Billyo O'Donnell and Shawn Cornell, and with Colorado artist Joshua Bean.