



# MIDLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Summer 2017

## Mural Committee Seeks Donations for Funding

To commemorate historic events and the spirit of Midlanders, the Mural Committee of the MAA has begun seeking donations to underwrite a large outdoor mural in downtown Midland.

The back wall of the historic Yucca Theater is the perfect location for this public mural. The brick wall is 6 stories high and nearly 80 feet in width. Once begun, the project is expected to take about two months to complete.

The Committee has been readying fundraising letters for mailing to businesses and individuals. We seek donations that will set this project in motion. The well-known mural artist Stylee Read has created an initial design which incorporates many historic aspects of Midland; from the arrival of the railroad and early flight, to the oil industry and cotton farming, as well as newer cultural additions to the Permian Basin. For more information contact Olga Nedorub at [nedorub@mail.ru](mailto:nedorub@mail.ru).

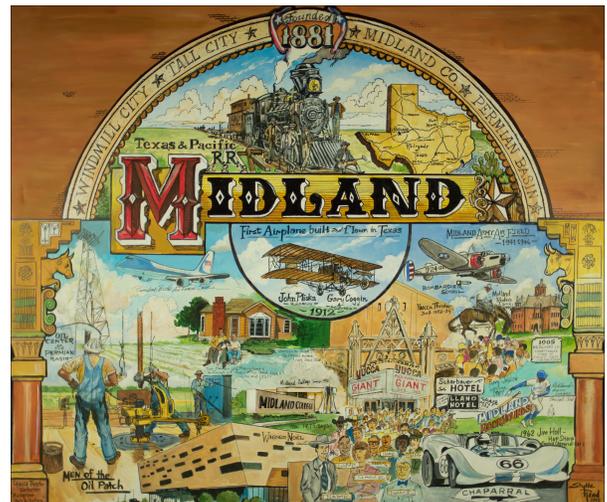


## Summer Drawing Sessions with Live Models Continue

MAA President Rick Reese is coordinating drawing sessions with live models for anyone wishing to practice and improve their figure drawing skills. Titled the "Summer Drawing Club", these sessions take place at the small building *behind the new* Young Life building at 921 W. Wadley. This building is the Midland Arts Center, due west of the Palette Club.

Three sessions have already occurred, and two more are planned. The next one will be Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m. till 8:30p.m. There is a rental cost of the building, and the model is paid, so a \$20 fee is required of participants. The model is on a platform with studio lights.

Artists should bring their own drawing supplies and paper, but easels and drawing tables are provided. No need to sign up, just come. Contact Rick at [igor9115a@gmail.com](mailto:igor9115a@gmail.com) for more information, or phone him at (432) 894-0594. The last session is planned for Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.



Above left, the backside of the Yucca Theater can be seen from the corner in front of Midland City Hall. At right above is the design created for the Mural Committee by muralist Stylee Read. The mural committee is seeking funding in hopes of beginning work in 2018.