

# 1st Annual ERIN ART EXHIBIT

*"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."*

~ Matthew 4:19

Faith spreads through spoken words and caring deeds, but faith is also telegraphed through art. Just as a fish is drawn to the lure, we are drawn to artists' renditions of religious scenes, their capture of the wonders of nature, or their transformation of discarded wood into objects of beauty.

On the first weekend in October, Erin Presbyterian Church will host an exhibit of art works by six talented Erin artists, including paintings, photography, computerized art and woodworking. Also on exhibit will be artist-assisted works by the children of the church.



*"String of Fish"*

By: Sue Toney Rayburn

## Exhibitors

Jim Hilty

John House

Sue Toney Rayburn

Heather Ritchie

John Stuart

Joe Tate

## EVENT

1<sup>st</sup> Annual ERIN ART EXHIBIT  
Featuring 6 of Erin's Talented Artists

## DATES

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm - 9pm

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm

Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm - 3pm

## LOCATION

Erin Presbyterian Church  
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**NO ENTRY FEE ~ FREE PARKING**

## ART FOR PURCHASE

Selected original art works by Artists and Limited Prints of the pictured watercolor by Sue Toney Rayburn will be available for purchase by check or cash.

Any profits will be used for enhancement of the arts at Erin.

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October 5-7, 2012

## *Her Life...*



**FEATURED  
ARTIST**  
Sue Toney Rayburn

Born August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1930, Sue Rayburn, along with three brothers and three sisters, was raised on a farm in Dayhoit, Kentucky. When asked how her mother managed seven children, Sue replied that her mother was smart and had a system...she just put each child in charge of the next youngest. As the next to the last child born, Sue felt she helped "raise" the last-born child, Fay.

Sue worked in Oak Ridge at ORAU and ORNL where she met her future husband, Dr. Louis A. Rayburn, a nuclear physicist. They moved to Arlington, Texas, where Dr. Rayburn was chairman of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Texas - Arlington. For 18 years Sue owned and operated "Meg's" - a clothing shop in Arlington. In 1988, Louis and Sue returned to East Tennessee to be near family and, in Sue's words, "my beloved mountains."

After her husband's death in 1997, Sue moved to Bearden and joined Erin Presbyterian Church. The Erin community has been deeply enriched by Sue's ministry among us, by her grace, by her generosity and by her artistry. In May, 2012, Sue moved from Knoxville to middle Tennessee, to be near her son, Steve.

## *Her Art*

Sue studied the art of watercolor extensively with Al Brouillette, recipient of a prestigious National Watercolor Society award. She is a member of the Tennessee and Texas Watercolor Societies and in the past has won numerous awards at juried art shows in Texas and in Tennessee. Sue has had numerous paintings commissioned and in one short time span determined she would sell enough paintings to buy her husband a car...and she did!

Having spent her youngest years on a farm, nature became a recurring theme in Sue's art. She especially loves painting nature scenes with water. While Sue has given away or sold most of her paintings over the years, we are blessed to be able to exhibit several of her remaining works.

## *Sue Rayburn Paintings On Exhibit With Notes:*

### **Smoky Mountain Stream** 1970

This site in the Great Smoky Mountains was a favorite picnic spot for Sue and her husband, Louis.

### **Berries in a Box** 1982

This painting was completed in an Al Brouillette watercolor class.

### **Shepherd Boy and Lamb** 1990

One of Sue's brothers was especially fond of the animals they raised on the farm. Soon after his death, she painted this picture of him. The painting is constantly on display at Erin Presbyterian Church.

### **String of Fish** 1993

These colorful fish were caught in Kentucky Lake by Sue's brother, A.A. Toney.

### **Family Home** 1994

This painting recalls the Toney family home place in Kentucky.

\*Additional works on display: **Daisies, Sailing Ships, Seashells, Old Barn, Pheasant, and Dove**