

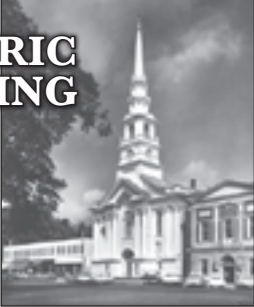
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BEST FINE ARTIST

Emily Sodders of Bird House Studio

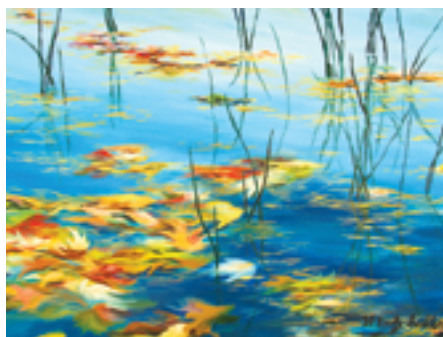
"Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established."
Proverbs 16:3

The Best Of Artist for 2017 was awarded to Emily Sodders of Bird House Studio. Sodders, a Gilsum resident, is best known for her realistic custom drawings and paintings as well as her murals – which can be seen on Main Street in Keene at Taqueria Odelay and The Pawn Shop, as well as Cheshire Medical Center on Court Street. To date, Sodders' largest commissioned mural is 2500 square feet.



This Texas girl's "first love" when it comes to art is working with colored pencils. She is passionate about her work and admits that she really gets excited when she sees a blank canvas.

The heart and soul of Sodders' work is called EvangArts.



These are a series of evangelic artworks that she describes as visual sermons. "I whole-heartedly believe that God gave all of us the ability to be creative in various measures and for various purposes," she says. Once there are a small number of works completed, these

pieces will begin an art tour among local congregations willing to display them for a few consecutive days or weeks. Art prints will be available to individuals and churches as well.

"There may be some traditional gallery venues involved. In time, and with God's blessing, I would like this ministry to reach nationwide, even internationally. Sometimes it seems like a pipe-dream. But with God, all things are possible."

Sodders also offers lessons (to serious students), workshops, and face painting services.

To learn more about this local artist, visit www.emilysodders.com.

