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Book highlighting paintings of Missouri's counties features Benedictine monastery

CLYDE, Mo.—It was a massive undertaking and took seven years to complete – painting a unique and vibrant scene on canvas and writing essays about the locations to capture the heart and soul of each of Missouri's 114 counties and the city of St. Louis.

However, artist Billyo O'Donnell and writer Karen Glines were up to the challenge. Their work has been published in "Painting Missouri: The Counties en Plein Air," a collection of 115 oil paintings and stories that reflect the state's unique and beautiful places.

Each county in Missouri is represented, with locations specifically chosen for historical significance or geographical features. The monastery of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde was chosen as the subject of the painting for Nodaway County.

Glines visited the monastery on Nov. 20 for a presentation about the book and exhibited the oil painting, which features the monastery overlooking the rolling hills of northwest Missouri.

"The Benedictine Sisters' monastery has been a vital part of the area for more than 125 years, and the sisters were honored that Mr. O'Donnell and Ms. Glines chose their home to represent the peaceful spirit of Nodaway County," Director of Communications Kelley Baldwin said. "It is such an honor to be part of an exceptional project that encompasses all of the wonder the Lord created in our beautiful state."

For more information about "Painting Missouri," please log onto www.paintingmissouri.com.

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Author Karen Glines recently visited the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde to share her book and showcase the oil painting of the sisters' monastery that appeared in "Painting Missouri."

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