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Artists Among Us

(Editor's note: This is an entry in a series featuring artists from the four disciplines chosen to be featured by the Marshall County Commission for the Arts. To nominate someone, e-mail Jody Cofer, commission chairman, at jody.cofer@murraystate.edu.)

By **Jamie Dexter**, Tribune-Courier Staff Writer
 What started as an interest on the side has become a way of life and "a type of fulfillment" for Dawn Holland of Benton.

"I hope to use art to glorify God in this and whatever I do," said Holland.

Holland began her interest in visual art in high school.

"It all started there, and I fell in love with it," Holland said. "I've done it off and on since then."

She really began to realize that art was her calling when she started studying at the former Paducah Community College, where her teacher Mr. Burnette Saseen taught her much of

what she has learned.

"I took several of his art classes as electives," said Holland. "He was always so excited about art and encouraged me."

While her major area of study was in the medical field, Holland took a break from working in the field to follow her passion. She now runs her own art studio out of her home where she paints murals and decorates homes and businesses with popular faux finish techniques.

Some of her most popular work can be seen in the PVA office at the courthouse, where she painted pictures of historical buildings of Marshall County.

"People brought in pic-

tures and I pretty much followed those to create the paintings," Holland said.

"I'm glad to see a local artist being used to preserve our heritage," said Johnnie Davis, Marshall County Commission for the Arts member from the Paper Moon Studio. "The murals on the wall at the PVA office are very special."

Her work can also be seen at Jonathan Elementary, where she was asked to paint a mural incorporating the multiplication tables.

Lesser-known artistic work by Holland can be seen in several local homes and business, where she put her artistic eye to work on everything from a beach

mural for a teenager's room to old-fashioned faux finishes as part of her business, Dawn Holland Art Studio.

She began her interest in faux finish when she researched the style for her newly built home, for an interesting way to decorate.

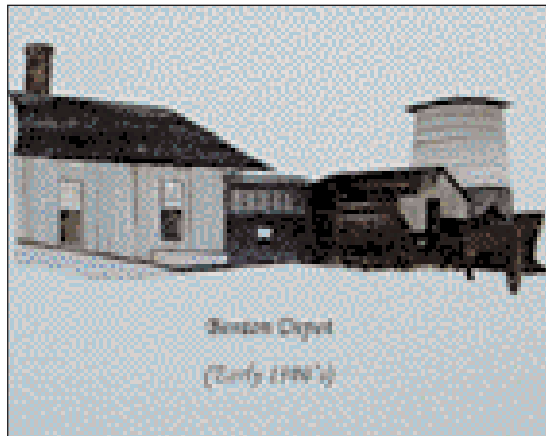
Holland has even helped decorate a few restaurants in Louisville with a group of fellow-artists.

Besides art, Holland also has a love for her church, Briensburg Baptist Church and for her family; husband Ricky and sons Trevor, Cody and Logan.

To contact Holland at her studio, phone her at 527-3962 or email her at dawnhollandstudio@hotmail.com.



Dawn Holland



Benton Depot
(Early 1900's)



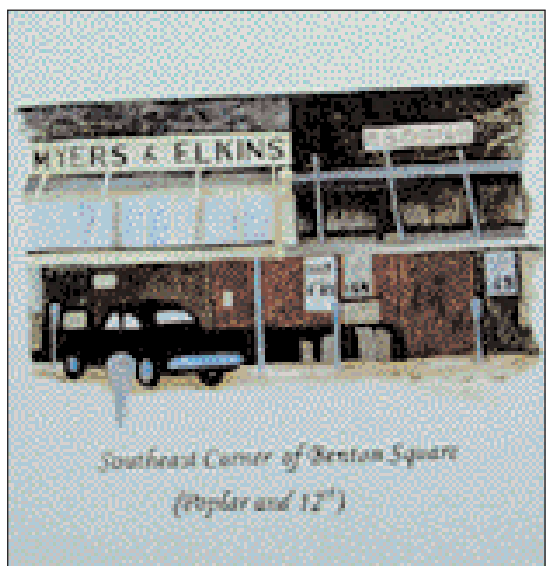
Benton Hotel
(National Stores)



Benton Courthouse: 1888-1914



Benton History Mill
(1st and Poplar)



Southeast Corner of Benton Square
(Poplar and 12th)



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1945



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