

LETTERS

Mention in 'Remember' column was a real treat

Editor,

We just want to let you know how much we enjoyed seeing our family mentioned in the "Do you remember?" column in your Oct. 5 edition. All four of our children went on to graduate from Michigan colleges and are pursuing great career paths.

Audrey graduated from Sienna Heights University with a bachelor of science degree and is a CPA at Schaffer and Layher in St. Joseph. Roland II graduated from Michigan Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in engineering and is a partner in Statt Engineering in Martinsville, Ind. Nancy graduated from Western Michigan University with a master's degree in education and is a teacher at Benton Harbor schools. Natalie graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree and is an associate director of global systems and tools for Dentsu Aegis Network. Roland Sr. graduated from Lake Michigan College with an associate degree and has retired from Benton Harbor Area Schools.

Our family has been blessed with a great education from Lake Michigan Catholic School and Lake Michigan College.

**Roland and Carole Bowman
Benton Harbor**

First experience at Krasl Art Fair was tremendous

Editor,

This was my first year exhibiting at the Krasl Art Fair. The director, Sara Shambarger, is amazing. This is the most organized show I have exhibited

in my 25 years of shows.

I wish more shows had directors like Sara!

**Lisa Arkus
Galeton, Pa.**

One artist's perspective: Shambarger is a keeper

Editor,

There has been some discussion on an artists Facebook page that an article written about the Krasl Art Fair does not give the credit due to Sara Shambarger for what she does to run the show.

From this artist's perspective, she is crucial. Krasl is one of the most artist-friendly shows that is worth traveling for, and Sara is why.

**Paul Willsea
Naples, N.Y.**

Shambarger is biggest reason for art fair ranking

Editor,

Concerning the very nice article on the Krasl Art Fair ("Krasl cracks magazine's list of top 10 art fairs in the U.S.," Oct. 4), the reason the art fair is so successful is because of Sara Shambarger, the woman in charge of running the show. There is not another show director who cares more for both the show and her artists than Sara, and that wasn't even mentioned in the article.

Without Sara the show would never have gotten all the recognition it has received or been able to attract the caliber of artists that she draws. As we say in the art fair community, Sara IS the Krasl Art Fair. You should be

doing the article on her and her work to make it a nationally ranked show. You should have interviewed HER since she's the reason it's so highly regarded.

I've been an artist in the show, and also a juror/judge for the show in the past. I have seen first-hand the job that Sara does, and I would like to see her get the kudos for the awards the show is receiving.

**Bonnie Blandford
Grand Rapids**