



## Adrienne Ann Seagraves

December 6, 1947 - January 27, 2019

Adrienne Ann Seagraves, age 71, of Mt. Carroll, Illinois, formerly of Elizabeth, passed away at her home on Sunday, January 27, 2019 with her children by her side. A memorial gathering and retrospective of art will be held on April 6 at the Galena Center for the Arts.

“Adie,” as family and friends knew her, was the daughter of William and Dorothy (Eilenberger) Hickey of Chicago, Illinois. She attended Regina Dominican High School in Wilmette, graduating with the Class of 1965. She went on to Washington University in St. Louis and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting. There Adrienne met David Seagraves, a fellow painter, and they married in 1973. The couple settled in the countryside of Hanover, Illinois, where she remained at home to raise their two children.

Before moving to Elizabeth, Illinois in 1986, Adrienne maintained an immaculate garden at the Hanover “farm.” She displayed a natural gift for working the earth, one of her many talents. She never strayed from her artistic roots, always experimenting with a new medium. There were collages made of pressed leaves, charcoal drawings, masks, furniture painted to look like marble, jewelry, quilts. She began working in clay in the mid-nineties and opened Studio Work in Elizabeth in 2001. The gallery and studio featured her handmade pottery as well as works by other local ceramicists, painters and photographers. She was a founding member of Twenty Dirty Hands, an annual tour of local pottery studios. Grace Episcopal Church in Galena will fondly recollect her presence among its parish for the better part of twenty year.

Adrienne enjoyed taking walks in the woods, sometimes collecting flowers, berries, mushrooms, or pinecones along the way. She was often joined by friends, but was also content on her own. Her admiration for the natural world is embodied in her art, whose themes so skillfully depict birds, insects, trees, and rolling hills. She loved soul music and classic R & B, at times recounting the memorable occasion of seeing James Brown perform in the sixties.

In recent years, Adrienne was delighted by the arrival of two grandchildren. She treasured

spending time with them, sharing her love of art through the simple joy of drawing together. She was always eager to show off the children's most recent photos with friends and found great comfort in their smiling faces in her last days.

Those that knew Adrienne will immediately recall her gentle, kind and gracious nature, her quiet strength. She was witty and markedly humble. Her graceful, creative spirit will live on in the abounding fruits of her artistic career, as they have found their home with art lovers throughout the country.

She will be dearly missed by her two children, Boris Seagraves and Glenda Seagraves; two grandchildren, Josephine and Otto; two brothers, Tom Hickey, and David Hickey; and two sisters, Mary Herr and Joan Hickey. She was preceded in death by parents William and Dorothy Hickey.

# Events

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**APR**   **Memorial Gathering**   01:00PM

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Galena Center for the Arts  
219 Summit St, Galena, IL, US, 61036

# Comments

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“I met Adrienne and her beautiful pottery over 20 years ago in Galena, at Art in the Park. I fell in love with her art immediately. Since that day I have been lucky to be able to purchase several of her pieces. Luckier yet, I had the opportunity to get to know Adrienne. What a soft spoken wonderful person and artist.”

Cathy Hutchcraft

**Cathy Hutchcraft** - February 04, 2019 at 04:51 PM

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“So sorry to hear about Adrienne. My sympathy to her family.

Kathy Wand

**Kathy Wand** - February 02, 2019 at 02:09 PM

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“First met Adrienne when she moved to the Galena/Hanover area in the 70's & worked with her at Chestnut Mountain as a waitress. She was a very sweet person ... always smiling. I relocated to Chicago area later but always followed her work. Moved back here few years & was always going to check out her shop. Unfortunately, I never made it. Beautiful Spirit!!

**Mary Trainor** - February 01, 2019 at 07:30 PM

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“I only had the privilege of meeting Adrienne a few times in her Elizabeth gallery and once at Molly's in Mt. Carroll. I was introduced to her via her art from my mother and enjoy my "Seagraves Pieces" every day. Know that her kind spirit and talents make this world a brighter place in homes all over the world...always.

**Brice Hutchcraft** - February 01, 2019 at 03:00 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Adrienne's passing. She was a wonderful artist and just plain good person. We'll miss her.

Jim and Debra Clark

jim clark - January 30, 2019 at 01:27 PM

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“ My heart was deeply saddened to read today of Adrienne's passing. She was a sweet, very talented woman who will be missed by her wide community. My sympathy goes to her dear ones. May Adrienne rest in peace.

Katherine Pearson - January 29, 2019 at 10:41 AM

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“ Stopping and shopping at Adrienne's Elizabeth studio was always part of our Christmas!  
Plates, cups, vases, pots, and creative art pieces in our house remind us of her daily. Please rest peacefully wherever your spirit takes you.  
With Fond Memories,  
John & Ellen Liberg

JOHN AND ELLEN LIBERG - January 29, 2019 at 07:44 AM

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“ Drinking coffee out of one of my many Adrienne mugs, I am sad for your loss and the community's.  
Karen Zehr

Karen Zehr - January 29, 2019 at 07:20 AM

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“ We were very sorry to hear of Adrienne's passing. She was a kind soul and a very talented artist. We are privileged to own several of her pottery pieces . May her memory live on in a life well lived. Our sympathy to her family!

Greg and Jeneile Haas

Greg and Jeneile Haas - January 28, 2019 at 08:17 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy to the Family , she was a Beautiful Lady and always would said”Hi” when our paths would cross on Main Street Elizabeth!

**Kathleen Knauer** - January 28, 2019 at 01:19 PM

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“ I would like to extend my sympathies to Adrienne’s children on the passing of their Mother. Adrienne was a lovely woman and it was my privilege to have her as a friend. Fly with the angels my friend.

Judy Glew

**Judy Glew** - January 28, 2019 at 01:17 PM

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“ My sympathy to all, especially Boris, whom I will never forget. Colleen (Hayes) Lee

**Colleen Lee** - January 28, 2019 at 12:00 PM

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“ this sweet lady was a neighbor when I lived in Elizabeth..... she was always so very kind & gentle . rip sweet one

**vangie bolio** - January 28, 2019 at 10:47 AM

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“ We are saddened to learn of dear Adrienne's passing. We would like her dear children to know we enjoyed her creative energy in our community for those many years and have missed seeing her since she closed her storefront studio. May her wonderful energy and memories live on in both of you.

Most sincerely, Skip and Carol Schwerdtfeger.

**Skip & Carol Schwerdtfeger** - January 28, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the families. I remember her as a sweet lady and a wonderful mother. God Bless ,Janet Jackson Fowler

**Janet Jackson Fowler** - January 29, 2019 at 12:43 AM



“ We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Boris and Glenda on the passing of your sweet mother. We have wonderful memories of her and have long admired her remarkable artistic talent. We'll always cherish a gorgeous etched salad bowl she gave Jim on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Rest in peace, dear Adrienne.

**Jim** - January 29, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Adrienne's entire family, and to her art family as well. Adrienne was a wonderful supporter of the arts and of other artists as well as being a true talent herself. She was kind and generous to me by welcoming my work into her gallery and encouraging me. I am forever thankful and grateful to have known her. She will live on in the work she has left us with and the example she has set for us. She will be greatly missed.

Megan Lindeman

**Megan Lindeman** - January 29, 2019 at 04:21 PM