

# Famed Artist / Illustrator Bernie Fuchs Exhibits Art



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The level of excitement among Bernie Fuchs' numerous fans grew throughout the entire span of the November 6 – December 19 show entitled: Bernie Fuchs Artist / Illustrator. The exhibit, co-sponsored by the City of O'Fallon and Gary and Lucia Graham of O'Fallon, proved to be one of the most successful exhibits at the Schmidt since its opening two years ago.

Hundreds of people from throughout the area, including many relatives of Bernie and his wife, the former Anna Lee Hesse, the daughter of the late Henry M. Hesse, former O'Fallon Mayor, visited the exhibition.



Dr. Kirchoff and Bernie Fuchs

One of O'Fallon's most accomplished sons, Bernie Fuchs has grown from youthful start to legendary master in his 50-year career as an artist / illustrator.

In 1962, Fuchs was awarded "Artist of the Year" by the New York Artist Guild. In subsequent years, he was named to the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame, and "Sports Artist of the Year."



Jean and John Becker

With a private gift from Red Bud Industries, the Foundation was able to purchase Fuchs' oil sketch and poster of golf star Tiger Woods. The work will be on permanent display at the Red Bud Campus. Private gifts to support adding additional works by Fuchs to the College / Foundation permanent art collection are being sought.