

# NOMINEES FOR CHEWELAH ARTS GUILD BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021

## Traci Manley

My name is Traci Manley and I'm submitting my name to be considered for a position on the Arts Guild board. I currently work as a tattoo artist creating custom pieces for my clients. I have been doing this for over 15 years, and I enjoy the combination of collaboration and puzzle solving that my work involves. I also enjoy working on independent creative projects such as painting, collage, graphic design, book illustration, jewelry design and metalsmithing.

I'm looking forward to becoming more involved with Chewelah Arts Guild.



## Gail Charupe

Hello this is Gail Churape and i would love to continue on the Arts Guild board as I believe in the work done by this group. Currently I am the Art teacher at Valley School and have had student work at the Arts Guild Art Show. My students love to take the field trip to see all the wonderful art in our community. I know this has been a difficult year for the Arts but I'm proud to see the Arts Guild continue to move forward and look forward to what the next year might bring.

## Geno Ludwig

I was born and raised here in Chewelah, and I returned after graduating from EWU to begin my 48-year teaching career. I retired a couple of years ago, but I still do substitute teaching in the junior high and high school. I have also coached football, wrestling, and baseball. I have taught drawing classes as an elective middle school class. I also have been the sportswriter for the Chewelah Independent since my senior year of high school, with the exception of my years in college. I was rehired as soon as we moved back to Chewelah. I enjoy writing and doing historical research. I get to combine those two interests with the articles I write. Woodcraft painting is one of my hobbies. That has been my way to calm down and relax after an intense ballgame. I am not an artist, by any means, but I enjoy painting things that my wife Sharon cuts out of wood. Most of them are given away to my six children and my grandchildren. I am the president of Park Avenue Player, secretary of our Elders Quorum at church, and secretary of Kiwanis. I have also enjoyed being on the stage as an actor and singer, and I am a strong supporter of StageTime Theatre and PACA. Sharon and I were selected as Chewelah's Honored Citizens two year ago. – geno





## **Diane Evans**

My name is Diane Evans. Our family moved to Chewelah in December of 1979. I have been involved in the community, as a business owner and a community volunteer for over thirty-five years. In 1999, I was asked to help form, along with a handful of others, an organization with and for the artists in our community. The Chewelah Arts Guild was established, then, to support the creative expressions of art that were already in existence and to share in the vision of making the arts accessible to more members of the greater Chewelah community.

Over the years, I have served as President of the Arts Guild, Quilt Show Chairperson, Co-treasurer and I am currently, the Membership Chair. I continue to support creative expression and to make art accessible to the greater Chewelah community. This is the Guild's mission statement, and I am so proud that the Chewelah Arts Guild is still the strong, viable, vibrant organization we hoped for all those years ago.