

Twin Oaks Middle School Illustrations Published in Grannie Annie Book; Exhibits Coming to St Louis

This year, five students from the Twin Oaks Middle School Art classes are published in the 2015 Grannie Annie Historical Family Stories, Volume 10. The Grannie Annie book is a collection of family stories written and illustrated by young people from all over the world. To encourage successful submissions, instructor Julia Bowman, taught her students to use the elements and principles of design—proportion and balance, shading, contrast and line quality. The students also looked at photographs for clues, and drew carefully using the grid model, when facing artistic challenges.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to participate in the real market experiences of writing, illustrating, editing, the publication process, marketing through book signings and exhibits. The final product is tangible, as well as for sale, really giving the student a sense of mastery from beginning to end.

For the third year in a row, a Twin Oaks student illustration has graced the cover; this year, it was Andrew Uihlein. Congratulations also to Liv Gravette, Tegan LaVar, Kate Pogue and Esten Ronning for their published illustrations within the book. Join the students and their families on June 7, for a Book Signing Celebration at the Missouri History Museum at 2:00 p.m. The illustrations will be professionally printed, matted, and exhibited, and will be available for purchase. Authors will have the opportunity to read their stories, and artists will discuss their illustrations. Visit TheGrannieAnnie.org for the schedule of future traveling exhibits around St Louis.

Mrs. Julia Bowman