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Brett Butler holds “The Shining,” a photo he created using toys. Butler, a new member of the Sedalia Visual Art Association, was hanging his show at the Sedalia Municipal Building on Tuesday.

## Artist tells stories through toys, photography

### *Brett Butler opens exhibit at City Hall*

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Most people lose touch with their childhood toys as they grow up and leave the nest, but one artist who “owns every toy he ever had” is turning them into storytelling art — art that is selling well.

Brett Butler studied photography under Allan Piece at the Boca Raton Museum Art School in Florida, has a Bachelor’s Degree in Digital Cinematography and a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Creative Writing from Full Sail University. He creates photos using dolls and action figures and

also shoots small films of the toys. On Tuesday, Butler, a new member of the Sedalia Visual Art Association, was hanging an exhibit at the Sedalia Municipal Building. He spoke to the Democrat about his unique art.

He said he moved to Sedalia last year from Florida to take the posi-

tion of director of the occupational therapy program at State Fair Community College. He added he was pleased to find Sedalia had so many fine artists.

“When I moved here I wasn’t sure,” he noted. “I was leaving a big art following (in Florida).”

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