

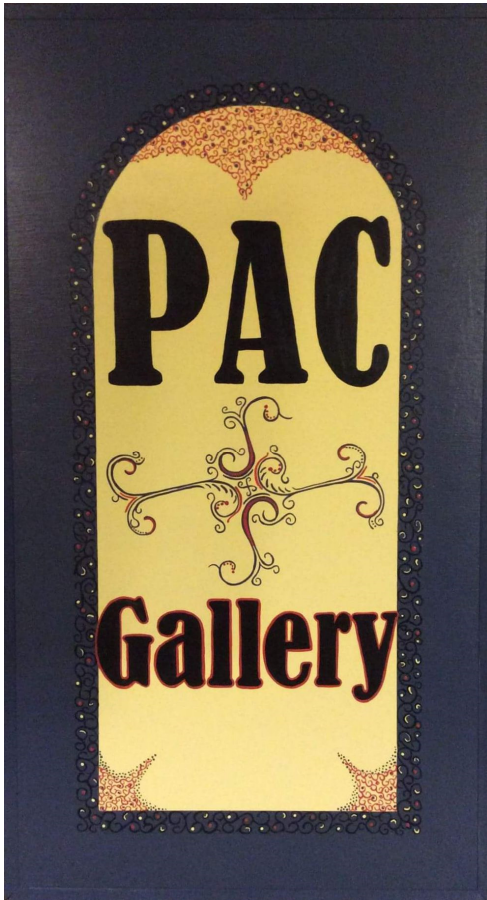


# prairie arts

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## “Scenes from the Heartlands”



### THANK YOU NOTE

to **Dave Taylor** for creating our new PAC Gallery sign!

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Bob Holmes is the featured artist for the first Prairie Arts Center gallery exhibit of 2017. His watercolor paintings will be on display every weekend from 1:00 to 4:00 pm through February 26th

"Although I have never lived on a farm I have always been drawn to the rural life of small towns and farms. As a child growing up in Iowa I remember vividly running around my uncle's farm with my cousins, or fishing and swimming with friends along a river. As a family we would head out to farms to pick mushrooms on a weekend every April and May. Now, as an artist, I want to invoke feelings of the serenity and happiness I felt from these times. Capturing a quiet and reflective moment of the sun setting on a farm or melting snow along a gravel road as winter begins to give way to spring are some of the things I'm after. For me the graineries and farm buildings are monuments to the hard working and humble people that built them. By painting such scenes I feel it's just my small way of helping to preserve our American heritage."

# RECENT MEMORIES

## 2016 Children's Christmas Musical: A Winterhaven Christmas



*Brennan Roden and Luke Bowen*

Our Children's Christmas show, directed by David and Shelley Gorenz, and accompanied by Cheryl Bebej, was a smashing success. The script, written as always by our resident playwright, Rachel Gorenz-Johnson, was adapted for the very large cast that showed up for auditions this year. A wonderful new feature this year was our roller backdrop, allowing us to paint scenes on large pieces of canvas and lower and raise them for the various scenes. A big shout out goes to Dave Roden, Aric Bowen, and Dave Boylan for their assistance with the project. The beautiful sets were painted by parent Jason Walowski; we are so fortunate to have such a gifted Dad who so willingly volunteers his artistic talents with us.

We were also fortunate to have two children's theater alumnae join us as Director's Assistants; it's always wonderful to have our kids come back to assist with productions. A special thank you to Ryan Frank for running our lights, and to his mother, Patti Frank, for stepping in at the last minute to assist with hair and makeup! There are so many others who deserve special thanks, and I'm sure, no matter how hard I try, someone will be left out, so we offer our sincere gratitude to all who made this show possible.

With four performances and an average attendance of 107 per show, this production demonstrates what a talented group of kids and dedicated parents can do in a small community! The children had a great time with their roles, and the audience enjoyed the various levels of humor in the script. A special thank you goes to our Snow Sorceress, Brennan Roden, who suffered much pain and distress due to the her role's extravagant makeup, created by the show's Artistic Director, Rachel Gorenz-Johnson.



*Camryn York, Alexis Alt, Keegan Fogarty, Libby Boyles, Bianca Lanham, Trent Goodale, and Krysten Walowski*

**BECOME A HOST**

**Thank you to the volunteers who hosted our recent gallery exhibitions: Anna Roadhouse, Jon McCutchan, Barb Schiff, Karen May, Jack Olson**



**!!! Returning for One Night Only !!!**

## **Two Irish Tellers**

**Local story tellers Mick Henneberry of Princeton and Tricia Kelly of Peru, return for a performance as the “Two Irish Tellers” on Friday, March 17th**

The “Tellers” will perform in the tradition of Irish storytelling with jokes, Irish folklore and a bit of music. These two tellers return once again for an evening of shenanigans, filled with a “bit o’truth and a whole lot o’blarney”. No reservations required (just show up!).

Well known throughout the Illinois Valley area, Mick Henneberry of Princeton and Tricia Kelly of Peru, have traveled from Colorado to Massachusetts to Tennessee telling stories and performing as professional story tellers for the past ten years; each one working as individual story tellers, and on occasion, teaming up to perform as duo story tellers for a particular theme or festival.

These two tellers return once again “for an evening of shenanigans, blarney, and tomfoolery”

Tricia Kelly says that not only does the program include a bit of jokes, limericks, and stories, but a touch of Irish history, folklore and music, as well. Since 2013 the “Two Irish Tellers” have performed several times at other venues across Illinois and continually add more tales and interesting facts to the program. Both tellers come from Irish backgrounds so it’s quite natural for them to carry on the tradition of Irish storytelling. As stated in the past, Tricia is convinced that “a little bit o’truth and a whole lot o’blarney make for a great story.”

The Prairie Arts Council invites you to find out what it means to be Irish, maybe learn a word or two of the Irish language, and discover the magic of Irish music.

## ...coming in March... **Kent Broadbent**

Kent says, “I might not be quoting this right but somewhere along the line someone said that ‘art is like a mini-vacation’. When I get into starting and working on a painting I can lose myself and the stress of life has to find a new home during my art session.

I enjoy how lines, shapes, colors and texture combine to make my eyes move around the piece of work. I hope your eyes move around also. If they do, I have accomplished one of my goals. I also love that a combination of colors can make a piece of work or section of that work jump out at you and grab your eyes. Different combinations of color also make me smile and I hope the colors also make you smile and happy. I believe different color combinations solicit different feelings with each person.

Until recently I was pretty much a stick in the mud and just used oil paint with mediums such as linseed oil. I was becoming bored and afraid to make a mistake. In 2010 I had a life changing experience and decided to just enjoy creating art. I am getting more adventurous now trying new techniques and mediums. I am having a blast and have come to the realization, that if a painting does not work, I will learn from it.

I hope each piece of work has more appeal than the last one and that I have been able to discover something new that works or doesn't work. I am still succeeding to hopefully create better art. Also I will still be on my mini-vacation and enjoying life. I hope when you see my art you join me on your mini-vacation for a few seconds also..”

**We are planning a reception for this exhibit on Friday, March 3rd from 6:00-8:30pm. After that, Kent's paintings will be on display every weekend from 1:00-4:00pm until March 26th.**



“

The meaning of life is to find your gift.

The purpose of life is to give it away.

-Picasso

”



**DAVE TAYLOR**

**Thanks again to Dave for creating our new PAC gallery sign. You can see more of his work at the new “Sundance Gallery”, 942 North Main**

We now have our own  
**“Little Free Library”**

Come check it out!  
take a book, leave a book...



## Princeton Poetry & Prose will be featuring performances by:

**Kevin Shyne** is a recent arrival, relocating to Princeton with his wife Debi after his retirement in 2013. Since then, his poetry has appeared in several print and online literary journals, thanks in no small measure to Princeton's encouraging and supportive community of writers.

**Pam Horwitz** recently published "Wired for Hope" with Nedda Simon. She voices her passion for rural living and social justice through community advocacy, the arts and poetry, gardening and sharing good food.

**Nedda Simon** is a retired state and nationally certified addictions counselor. She founded and served as first director of Freedom House, a shelter for victims of domestic violence/sexual assault and their children.

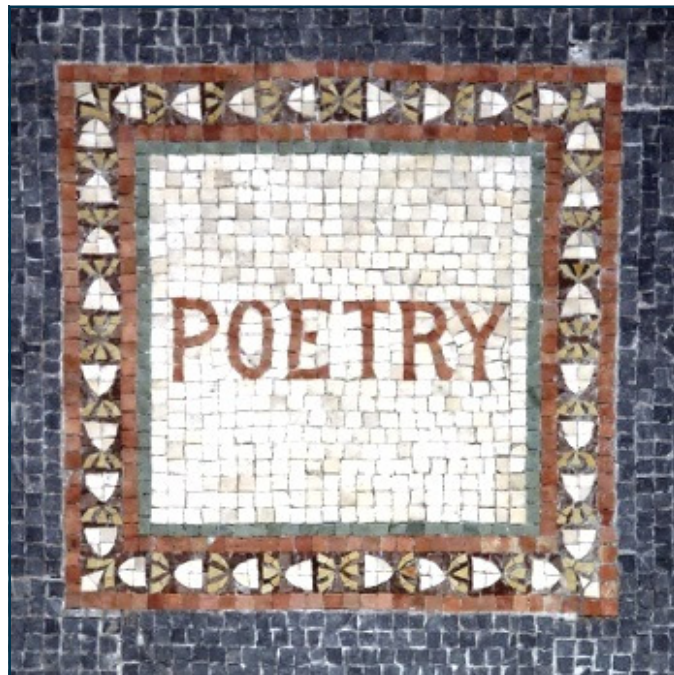
**Jon McCutchan** grew up in Princeton, and long ago, while delivering newspapers here in the snowy winters of the late seventies, he found Robert Service's "The Cremation of Sam McGee" on the front page of the News-Tribune. He's been a Robert Service fan ever since.

**Ron McCutchan** was a founding board member of the Prairie Arts Council and is currently on the board of the Princeton Theatre Group. Along with Linda Ernst, Ron has produced/directed/performed in several "Written Word/Spoken Word" performances at the PAC, and organized monthly "Coffee & Couplets" gatherings with Pam Horwitz.

**Marydale Stewart** is the author of a chapbook, (Inheritance) and a full-length poetry collection (Let the Thunder In). She has poems in a number of literary magazines and has been active in Princeton's writing community and as a volunteer for Festival 56

**Mike VanBlaricum**, a 1968 Princeton High School graduate, has had a multi-faceted career as an electrical engineer, researcher and poet. Reflections on a Boomer's Eye is a collection of Mike's poetry and prose.

## Voices, Visions and Storytellers



### an evening of Princeton Poetry & Prose

The Prairie Arts Council is pleased to sponsor an evening with local poets, writers and storytellers.

The program will feature recently published Princeton poets, readings of classic poetry and prose by Princeton neighbors, stories of recovery and hope, and a few surprises to entertain anyone who loves the written and spoken word.

We'll end the evening with refreshments and socializing

**Friday, March 24th  
7:00 – 9:00pm  
24 Park Avenue East  
no reservations needed**

# Thank You to all of our Current Members

A special welcome to our newest members (highlighted below) who joined us in 2016!

If we missed anyone PLEASE let us know

If you would like to become a member, use the form on the next page:

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State

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 \$25 Individual  
 \$35 Family  
 \$60 Associate  
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- Gallery: Host  
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P A C E V E N T C A L E N D A R

February 3rd—26th	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Bob Holmes Watercolors
February 21st	6:30pm	PAC Board Meeting
March 3rd—26th	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Kent Broadbent Mixed Media
March 17	7:00pm	Two Irish Tellers
March 21st	6:30pm	PAC Board Meeting
March 24th	7:00pm	Princeton Poetry and Prose
April 7th-30th	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Bill Lamb Photography
April 8th	7:00pm	Flutopia

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