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Registration is open for our next Summer Art Camp (see page 5)

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BILL LAMB PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

APRIL 7TH-30TH



The Bill Lamb Collection

The Bureau County Historical Society received a monumental donation of photos, films, and personal artifacts from the estate of renowned Princeton journalist and historian Bill Lamb in 2015. Following months of organizing and inventory efforts by Historical Society staff and volunteers, selected photographs from the collection are being prepared for exhibition in Spring and Summer 2017.

The Collection includes original photos from around Princeton and the United States taken by Lamb throughout the 20th Century.

Photo buffs, historians and everyone else in the community will be able to view the breadth of Lamb's body of work featured in the permanent collection of Bureau County Historical Society Museum in Princeton.

For more information about the Bill Lamb collection or questions about the upcoming exhibits visit bureaucountyhistoricalsociety.com (815) 875-2184

Biography of a Photographer

Lamb was born in Princeton and spent most of his life in the community with the exception of a few years in Eureka, IL and service in the military. Throughout his lifetime Lamb collected photos of town

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MEMORIES

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Ten Years Ago at the PAC:

- ◆ Greg Britton's photography was on display in the gallery
- ◆ PAC recognizes Women's History Month w/"Eleemosynary"
- ◆ "Favorite Songs" performed by Karen Glover, Lesley Gonigam and Dorothy Nelson
- ◆ BCHS Students "Self Portraits"
- ◆ "First Year of Art School"
- ◆ The November Ten performed "Blast from the Past"
- ◆ PAC Junior Arts League began
- ◆ Scholarships were awarded to Erica Brown and Tara Jagers

A new star has arrived in the Princeton sky...

Ella Johnson was born on January 24, 2017

She is the precious new daughter of Eric and Rachel Gorenz Johnson.

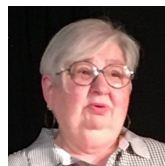
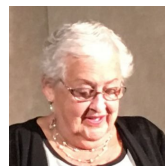
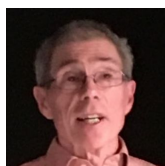
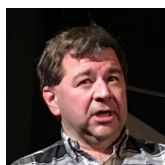
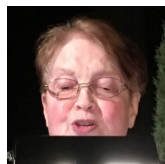
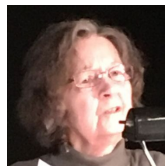
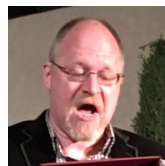
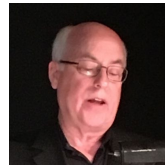
We welcome her and look forward to her playing Cinderella someday in our theater!

THANK YOU NOTE

to **Bob Holmes** and **Kent Broadbent** for bringing their artwork to our Gallery

THANK YOU NOTE

to **The Bureau County Historical Society** for all of their hard work preparing the Bill Lamb Photography Exhibit



The Friday evening of March 24th was a long awaited event for the Prairie Arts Center. It was the first of hopefully many "Poetry & Prose" evenings in our theater as local talent abounded. Princeton has a long history of literary talent dating back to 1824, when John Bryant, brother of William Cullen Bryant, came to Princeton as a writer and printer. If you missed it, here are some highlights of the evening:

Ron McCutchan and **Pam Horwitz** shook up the theater with their rendition of Marquis' Archy and Mehitabel.

Jon McCutchan regaled us with tales written by Robert Service of the frigid north and his unforgettable character Sam McGee.

Poetry by **Mary Dale Stewart** pulled at our senses while **Kevin Shyne** and **Joan Marella** stretched our emotions.

(it was so good to see and hear Joan again!)

Jack Olson surprised us with a couple of short but thoughtful pieces, and **Mike Van Blaricum** shared his adolescent angst with original poems describing 1960's Princeton.

Pam Horwitz and **Nedda Simon** brought the evening to a close by reading excerpts from their new book, a joint effort called "Wired for Hope".

This was one of the most intimate events we have hosted at the PAC; a special evening of sharing mind and heart.

*Bill Lamb Exhibit,
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events, parades, trains, street scenes and many other subjects.

Lamb started taking photos in 1937 when a Princeton High School teacher gave him the school camera and asked him to take some pictures for the yearbook. His photo and motion projection skills developed throughout the 1940's and 50's and eventually lead him into the movie theater business.

Bill worked on the Princeton High School yearbook for decades and was the School's principle photographer from 1974-2001.

Bureau County Republican "Out of the Past"

The Bill Lamb Collection includes Lambs "Out of the Past" articles and historical photographs published in the Bureau County Republican during the 1990s and early 2000s. Lamb carefully researched for each article and accumulated dozens of files on local history. Correspondence and source information for these articles is an excellent source for local history information.

The "Out of the Past" Archive is supported by the Bureau County Republican

Support the Bill Lamb Archive

Donations to the Bill Lamb Collection Fund support the process of documentation, archiving, and scanning over 100,000 photographs, negatives, motion pictures and other material. As the collection is developed, photos will be made available in the BCHS Research Library for community access.

THE ILLINOIS VALLEY FLUTE ENSEMBLE



SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH, 7:00PM !!! FREE ADMISSION !!!

Be amazed at the different sizes of the flutes and the beautiful music of the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble. Their new program is called "**The Supernatural Flute**", a fun collection of pieces including the Barber, Adagio for Strings, Danse Macabre by Saint-Saens, and a brand new piece called The Haunted Mansion by Jonathan Cohen.

Music Suite 408 in Peru is "the home base" for the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble. They have performed at the Hegeler Carus Mansion, at the Chicago Flute Festival, at the Peoria Civic Center and at many other venues, including an appearance on television for the Easter Seals Telethon. They have produced three CDs so far.

The Prairie Arts Council is feeling fortunate to be hosting this event!



MEET THE DIRECTOR -SUE GILLIO

Sue Gillio is the owner of Music Suite 408 and director of the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble. She is also the Principal flute of the Illinois Valley Symphony. She is on faculty at Illinois Valley Community College and served as education coordinator for the Illinois Valley Symphony for 14 years.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER ART CAMP



Registration is open for our next Summer Art Camp, which will be held June 5th through 16th. Students ages 6 through 9 may attend a session from 9:00-10:00am or 10:00-11:00am. Those aged 10 and up will have class from noon to 2:00 pm.

Students must attend the full two weeks. Younger children will focus on Native American work, making charm bags, clay bread necklaces, and paper mache' masks as part of their projects.

Older students will also do some Native American work, creating a clay piece, personal totems, and paint projects. They will also construct a small caddy.

Cost is \$30 for the first child in each family and \$25 for every additional child.

For information, or to register, call

Kathy Ballard 815-879-5531

Big Thanks to All of Our Volunteers!

Shamrock Cookies:

June Harmon

Appetizers:

Melody Best, Marilyn Anthony, Sue Cox, Patti Moynihan, Tracy Boylan Roden, Joanne Swan, Dianne Van Drew, Kathy Ballard, True Wahlgren, Jan and Steve Esme, Sue Garvin, Mary Sue Goldsmith, and Pam Hanson

Gallery Hosts:

Marcel VanDenBorre, Mary Michael, Mary Damon, Karen May, Ramona Wedding, Dianne Van Drew, Gayle Grace, Matt Kauffman, Barry Mayworm, Kay Telfer, Stephanie Van Ordstrand and Jack Olson

FRED BEST

Thank you to Fred Best for his service as a Prairie Arts Council Board Member, and for his years of dedication working as our Publicity Chairman.

Best Wishes, Fred

Thank You for all you have done for the Prairie Arts Center!

PAC Bake Sale

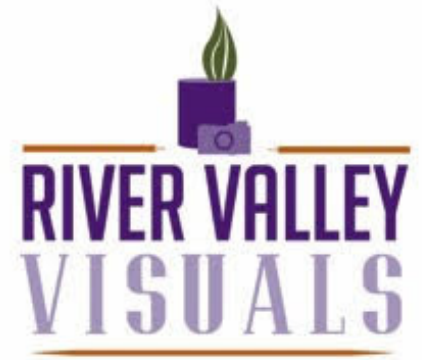
“Lunch in the Park”

Join us for lunch on Friday, June 30th at Soldiers & Sailors Park! The Prairie Arts Center will be having a Bake Sale fund raiser, which will take the place of the garage sale that is usually held in April. If you would like to donate baked items please bring them to the park by 10:00am.

We would suggest items like cookies, brownies, rice crispy treats, fruit pies (no cream pies because of the hot weather), any type of snack mix or anything you might like to donate.

Thanks for your support

A community of artists in Peru, Illinois will be bringing their work to exhibit in the Prairie Arts Center Gallery during the month of May. A reception will be hosted by the Prairie Arts Council on Friday, May 5th from 6:00-8:30pm, and the gallery will be open on weekends from 1:00-4:00pm through Sunday, May 28th. Some of the artists who will be exhibiting in May: Rachel Brisbois, Angie Cornelius, Arica DeArcos , Frank Kobilsek, Dave Taylor and Nicole Warren.



If you are interested, you are free to attend one of their meetings at the Westclox Fine Arts Factory in Peru (408 5th Street) on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. You can receive their newsletters by sending a request to Nicole at colie.nw@gmail.com, and you can learn more about the River Valley Visuals from their facebook page. Here is their mission statement:

The purpose of River Valley Visuals is to foster a supportive community between local visual artists across all mediums and styles. We recognize the importance of these artists not only for the visual enrichment they provide to the larger community, but also for the inspiration they give to the next generation of students. We also recognize the need for artists to meet and discuss their work with other artists and it is our intent to facilitate these meetings.



Dave Taylor, RVV's first artist presentation

MEMBERSHIP MONTH

April is membership drive month for the Prairie Arts Council. You will soon be receiving a letter with a Membership Form and an addressed envelope with which to renew your membership.

The Prairie Arts Council is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization. Memberships and donations are tax deductible. While we do receive grant money from state government and local private agencies for certain programs sponsored by the Prairie Arts Council, these grants provide funding for less than 10% of our annual operating and programming budget. The majority of our funding comes from fund raisers, individual private donations and memberships. It is crucial that we maintain and expand our membership base in order to keep up with increasing expenses and ongoing programming.

The Prairie Arts Council, which has served Princeton and area communities for the past twenty-one years, continues to work to build and strengthen our community's engagement in the arts and those of our children. In order to both maintain and enhance the many programs that we are able to offer, memberships are vital to the existence of the Prairie Arts Council and upkeep of our beautiful building, The Prairie Arts Center.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. If you have questions about your membership record or level, please call me at 815-875-2092 or e-mail me jmc1260@hotmail.com

Julie McCutchan, Prairie Arts Council Membership Chairman

TWO PAC LIBRARIES?

The Prairie Arts Center has been adding more art books to our collection, primarily due to some great finds at our local "Friends of the Library" book sale events.

We've recently added the complete Grolier's "The Book of Art" series from Italy, and twelve volumes of Newsweek's "Great Museums of the World". (Jack Olson has donated several nice additions from his personal collection, too.)

If you have any art related books you would like to donate, we will gratefully add them to our growing collection. Call Jack at 878-8557 if you would like to arrange a drop-off outside of our regular hours.

We will also be filling our new "Little Free Library" with books, and they don't have to be related to Art. (So, we'll take any books you are willing to donate!)

...and here's a sincere "Thank You" for all of your donations so far.

THANK YOU!



INDOOR LIBRARY

OUTDOOR LIBRARY



Getting a Head Start

Just as the days are getting longer, the trees are budding and the grass is turning that beautiful shade of green, we here at PAC have begun planning for the 2017 Christmas Holiday Season.

We just finished writing a grant application to supplement the activities we have planned for this year's extravaganza. Throughout the summer and fall we will be seeking the best possible concerts, children's activities and fun times for all of you. Along with these will be our gorgeous Christmas Tree Festival and beautifully orchestrated Children's Play.

If you would be interested in decorating and donating a Christmas tree for the festival please contact Mary Sue Goldsmith, chair of the event at 309-264-7468 Think Snow !!!

WILLING TO HELP?

One way you can help is by becoming a Member!

Find out more at
PrairieArts.org
or call
815-875-2787

We also welcome VOLUNTEERS!

Would you like to Host a Gallery Exhibit? Bake something? Sponsor Wine for a Reception? Build or Paint Theater Sets? Appetizers? Gardening? Publicity? Something else?
Let's Talk!



Prairie Arts Council MEMBERSHIP FORM

Welcome to the Prairie Arts Council

Thank You for supporting arts programming in our community!

Name

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City

State

Zip Code

Phone number

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We will deliver the newsletter to your email address

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Membership Level

- \$15 Student
- \$25 Individual
- \$35 Family
- \$60 Associate
- \$100 Sponsor
- \$150 Patron
- \$300 Ambassador
- \$500 Corporate
- \$1000 Benefactor

Willing to Volunteer?

- Gallery: Host
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- Gardening or Maintenance
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P A C E V E N T C A L E N D A R

April 7th—30th	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Bill Lamb Photography Exhibit
April 8th	7:00pm	Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble
April 18th	6:30pm	PAC Board Meeting
April 23rd	2:00pm	OmniArts Banquet
May 5th—28th	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	River Valley Visuals Exhibit
May 16th	6:30pm	PAC Board Meeting
June 5th-16th	10:00am	Children’s Art Camp
June 30th	12:00pm	Lunch in the Park—Bake Sale
July 21st-29th	7:30pm	Festival 56 Performances

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