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September Gallery Exhibit Paula Guttilla

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Opening Reception
Friday, Sept. 1st
6:00-8:00pm

Gallery Hours:
every weekend
from 1:00-4:00pm
(closed summer)



Paula Guttilla has an eye for the natural beauty – a gift she will be sharing at an exhibition of her photographs at the Fall 2017 gallery show at Princeton’s Prairie Arts Center.

Paula’s deep connection with the natural beauty of the Illinois Valley is evident in her award winning photographs of the Starved Rock canyons, wildlife and other natural subjects. “Photography gives me the opportunity -- by capturing light, space and time -- to share through my eyes the joy, splendor and truth of life,” she says.

Paula traces her passion for photography back to the Kodak Brownie camera she received as a gift at age 10. Her earliest inspiration came from the wonderful photos in Life magazine and National Geographic she saw as a child. Since then, Paula has developed a rare gift for capturing natural beauty. Her works have been recognized for excellence in numerous venues, including contests sponsored by the Smithsonian Magazine and the Illinois Bureau of Tourism.

“I consider myself an artist who uses photography to paint my canvas,” says Paula. “I love subjects that signify beauty and harmony and those usually include landscapes, sunsets, animals, flowers, birds, water reflections, butterflies and trees.”

The reception is open to the public. Join us in welcoming Paula!

Thank you to OmniArts
and
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MEMORIES

Here's a photograph taken at the Exhibit and Reception
for the Children's Art Camp this summer.

Thanks to Jill Marti and Kathy Ballard for all their hard work!



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

for all the delicious items donated to our Bake Sale at Lunch in the Park.

The variety was great and everyone complemented us on the items.

It was a huge success because of your generosity.

We made \$472 that will help support our many programs at the PAC.

Thank you again and we look forward to next year



Thanks to all of the volunteers who hosted our recent Gallery Exhibitions: Gayle Grace, Jon McCutchan, Mary Michael, Jack Olson, Dave Taylor, Kay Telfer, Diane VanDenBorre

Thanks to everyone who brought appetizers for our Gallery Receptions: Karen May, Tracy Boylan, Marilyn Anthony, Melody Best, Sandy Carpenter, Ramona Wedding, David Gorenz, Pam Hanson, Steve Esme, Sue Garvin, Sue Cox, Mary Sue Goldsmith, True Wahngen, Charlie Gebeck Stephanie Van Ordstrand, June Harmon and Jack Olson



BECOME A HOST

2017 Summer Drama Camp

The 15th annual PAC Summer Drama Camp, directed by PAC's resident playwright, Rachel Gorenz-Johnson, was a success once again. Twelve campers, some new to PAC, some new to theater, and some returning after many years, came together for learning, games, theater skills, and enjoying the company of like-minded friends. Our show this year was named "The Mystical Necklace" by the campers, and was performed on June 30th. At drama camp the children play games that improve their acting skills, block the play, build and paint their set, work on costumes and theater make up, name their play, write the press release, and of course, perform the play at the end of it all.

A big thank you to Rachel Gorenz-Johnson, to baby Ella Johnson for giving up her mother every afternoon to run the camp, to Shelley Gorenz for caring for Ella while Mommy was at camp, and to the parents and campers for making this a summer priority.

CAST LIST :

Miles Bengston	as Farouk
Andrea Imsland	as Zafirah
Riley Jansen	as Tamir
Mark Kirkpatrick	as Rasha
Rachel Kirkpatrick	as Princess Inaya
Trisha Kloeping	as Sahlah
Cearra LaPlante	as Princess Yasmine
Joelle LaPlante	as Noor
Evan Lemon	as Malke
Mallori Manna	as The Carpet
Emma Mavity	as Akeem
Lilly Wray	as Farah



Festival 56

We hope you enjoyed the Festival's performance of "Stop Kiss" in our theater

We look forward to working with them for many seasons to come.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to bring this event to the PAC!

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True Wahlgren

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Greg and Marilyn Anthony
Chuck and Pam Hanson



Jack Olson

Opening Reception:

Friday, Oct. 6th 6:00-8:00pm

Gallery Hours:

Weekends 1:00-4:00pm



“Scrisual Arts”

scriptural interpretations
in acrylic paint

I’m very excited for this opportunity to share this artwork with my community! Allow me introduce myself. My name is Jack Olson and I’ve recently accepted the invitation to be the Prairie Arts Center’s newest Gallery Director. I enjoy preparing and hosting these exhibits, and working on these newsletters, and I’ll also be taking care of the website here: <http://PrairieArts.org>

I make a living by designing circuit boards for Caterpillar, but in my spare time I like to paint. It doesn’t seem too long ago that I was sitting around the kitchen table with my children, sharing their crayons and coloring books. Who could have predicted that it would lead to this? Anyway, having fun with crayons led to drawing again. (I’m not sure why, but I really liked drawing trees!)

After I became a Christian, I began to think that if I was going to spend so much time on art, it should be MORE MEANINGFUL Being new to Christianity, I was just starting to explore the bible, and after having the thought about “art and meaning”, images related to scripture began coming into my mind almost immediately. But I paint very slowly, and a lot of it is fixing mistakes because I’m not very good at it yet. So after all this time, this is everything I have to show.

I would like to invite you to a reception (open to the public) Friday, October 6th at 6:00pm. If you can’t make it, I hope to see you some weekend from 1:00-4:00pm. Also, since I’m new at this, I welcome any comments or questions or suggestions. AND — if you know of any artists who would be a good fit for our little gallery, please let me know, ok? seeya soon...!



Four Reasons to Love the Holidays in Princeton:

While Christmas and the holidays are still a few months away, that hasn't stopped the Prairie Arts Council from moving ahead on plans to make your season bright. Here is a preview of four holiday coming attractions, all taking place at the Prairie Arts Center, 24 Park Avenue East in Princeton. Please mark your calendars!

One: Amazing Snowflakes

The PAC holiday season kicks off on Saturday, November 4 with a workshop on making ornate and amazing cut-paper snowflakes under the guidance of Keith Bonnstetter, a teacher in Bettendorf, IA. Bonnstetter will inspire you, not only with his craft, but with his family's remarkable faith journey through the ordeal of their

daughter's childhood illness. For more info on Bonnstetter, see his Facebook site at Clear Visions Snowflakes. There will be a 1:00 pm workshop for children ages 8 to 12, followed by a 3:00 pm program for adults. The two-hour sessions are free to participants, thanks to generous sponsorship by Omni Arts.

Two: Delightful Decorations

For the eighth year running, the PAC is hosting its annual festival of Christmas mini-trees, holiday wreaths and tabletop pieces decorated by local artists and craftspeople. The festival begins with a reception on Friday evening, November 17, 6:00-8:00pm. Come and enjoy the decorations on display, along with holiday music and refreshments, all free to the public. You can also bid on the decorations in a silent auction, with all proceeds going to support future PAC programming. Bids during the reception or by phone (815 875-2787) are welcome.

Following the reception, the mini-trees, wreaths and tabletop pieces will be on display Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm through December 3rd.

The festival is made possible by funding from OmniArts and the Illinois Arts Council

The Prairie Arts Center encourages local artists, designers and crafts persons to showcase their work at the festival. Please use the entry form on the next page.

Three: Charming Children

Local children will again bring the spirit of the holidays to the stage in a Christmas play at the Prairie Arts Center. While the details of the production are still being finalized, please mark your calendars for the December 8th opening night, followed by an evening performance on Saturday and a Sunday matinee.

Four: Marvelous Music

Stay tuned for an upcoming PAC announcement of a performance of holiday favorites. The announcement will be made on our website, as well as through local media and the PAC's e-mail list.



2017 Christmas Mini-Tree & Holiday Decoration Festival

The Prairie Arts Council Christmas Mini-Tree and Holiday Decoration Festival would not be possible without talented people like you! If you are interested in entering a tree, wreath or tabletop design, please complete this form and return it by mail to the Prairie Arts Council, 24 Park Avenue East, Princeton, IL 61356 before November 7 to ensure inclusion into the festival. Any questions may be directed to Mary Sue Goldsmith at 309-264-7468.

As an entrant in the festival – either as an individual or as a team -- you will be donating a mini-tree, wreath or tabletop design to the Prairie Arts Council to be used as a silent auction item to help PAC raise funds in support of community arts programming. A limited supply of trees and wreaths to start your design are available from Prairie Arts Council (815 875-2787) at no charge and will be given on a first come, first serve basis. All entries are welcome! There is no fee to enter.

Your entry will be viewed by hundreds of attendees. Every design stays up for the entire two-week run of the festival. If you incorporate lights into your design, be sure to use a new string of lights. The PAC is not responsible if the lights burn out during the exhibit. We will take every step to make sure your design is properly presented. All designs must be submitted with a title and your name. All trees, wreaths and tabletops will be presented with an identical name card for consistency in the display.

MINI- TREES SHOULD BE NO LARGER THAN 30 INCHES TALL!

The Prairie Arts Center will be open November 15th-16th after 4:00pm to receive your entry



Entry Form

2017 Christmas Mini-Tree & Holiday Decoration Festival

Please complete this form and return it by mail by Tuesday, November 7, to the Prairie Arts Council, 24 Park Avenue East, Princeton, IL 61356. The Prairie Arts Center will be open November 15th and 16th after 4:00pm to receive entries. Questions? Please call Mary Sue Goldsmith at 309-264-7468

Entrant Name _____

Company/Organization (if you would like this name to be listed) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

I understand this design is a tax-deductible donation and will be used to help raise funds in support of community arts programming at the Prairie Arts Center.

Signature _____

Date _____



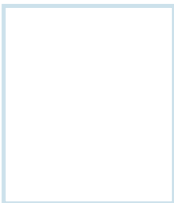
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P A C E V E N T C A L E N D A R

September 1	6:00-8:00pm	Gallery Reception
September 2—24	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Gallery Exhibit – Paula Guttila
October 6	6:00-8:00pm	Gallery Reception
October 7-29	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Gallery Exhibit – Jack Olson
October 22	3:00pm	Barbershop Chorus
November 4	1:00(children) 3:00(adults)	Snowflake Workshop
Nov. 18—Dec. 3	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Christmas Mini-Tree Festival
December 1 and 2	7:00pm	Children’s Christmas Drama
December 2 and 3	3:00pm Matinee	Children’s Christmas Drama

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