



# prairie arts

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## Festival of the Written Word



**PAC Theater**  
**Monday, March 12th**  
**8:30 am**

**Featuring**  
**students from:**

**Hall**  
**Ohio**  
**De Pue**  
**La Moille**  
**Princeton**  
**Bureau Valley**  
**St. Bede Academy**

The creative writing spirit will be in the air on March 12th, when the Prairie Arts Council will host its first-ever Creative Writing Festival for local high school students.

The all day event in Princeton will feature writing workshops, open mike readings by approximately 40 students from seven local high schools, and a creative writing contest judged by local authors.

“More than anything else, the goal of the festival is to provide an opportunity for young people in our community to celebrate themselves and each other as creative writers,” said Kevin Shyne, PAC board member, a published author and chairperson of the Festival.

Last spring, the Prairie Arts Council sponsored “Voices, Visions and Story Tellers,” featuring readings by local poets and authors. “We wanted to build on our momentum with an event that would encourage young people with a passion for writing.”

The Festival has been planned and coordinated with the English and Language Arts teachers to be a field trip for the students. Free of charge to student participants, the Festival is sponsored by the Prairie Arts Council with generous support from Church Women United and Illinois Arts Council.

“We appreciate our partnerships with these organizations,” says PAC President Steve Esme. “The Festival exemplifies our shared commitment to a wide range of arts programming.”

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## FEBRUARY EXHIBIT

# Valerie Weberpal



### From the Heart: Thought in Color

Valerie Weberpal studied art at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, receiving a BFA in graphic design. She worked as a graphic designer until she started her family. While raising her 3 children, she experimented with many different mediums, including textile, clays, pencils, paint, paper mache', and others. She has taught drawing to local groups as well. As her children grew up and became independent she was able to venture out and do art shows to show and sell her work. She has been actively selling for about 15 years. This exhibition is a selection of her paintings and drawings. Much of her work is done in a primitive, folk art style, and is always loaded with color.

She continues to experiment with her style and various mediums.

She works in her studio named The Crib, which is on the family's working farm in Sycamore, and is an early 1900's corn crib that her husband refurbished in 2015. She hosts her own studio shows a few times a year. The public is always welcome to visit at those times, or by appointment as well.

[facebook.com/thecribinsycamore](https://www.facebook.com/thecribinsycamore)

## MARCH EXHIBIT

# Quilting



The month of March is a collaboration with others in **“Celebration of Women in Art”**

The Prairie Arts Center gallery will be featuring a collection of quilts every weekend in March from **1:00-4:00pm**

The design shown above is a pattern called **“Women of The Bible”**

We will be displaying a variation of this pattern loaned to us by the “Quilter’s Garden” in Princeton.

Each quilt has a story, and there are too many stories to share in this short announcement.

Come see them for yourself, and learn a little bit more of the history behind these heirlooms.

Also, make sure to check the Princeton Public Library and Chamber of Commerce websites for other community events related to **“Celebrating Women in Art”**.

<http://PrincetonPL.org>

<http://www.princetonchamber-il.com/>

And of course, check **our** website for more details about ALL of our future events!

<http://PrairieArts.org>

# APRIL EXHIBIT

## Adrienne Pike



Adrienne is a contemporary artist with her studio in America's heartland. A Midwest farmer's daughter, Pike was born in Ottawa, Illinois, and grew up near Illinois's Starved Rock State Park.

With a love for the outdoors, she has always been passionate about nature and inspired by the way spirit moves in all things.

Adrienne received her degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison; where she studied painting, ceramics, hot glass, metals and serigraphy.

Today, she paints, throws and sculpts clay, blows glass at Starved Rock Hot Glass in Ottawa, and experiments with printmaking and collage. She lives with her husband and daughter in South Ottawa, farms with her father, and helps run her family's business: Pine Hills Golf Club Bar & Restaurant.

Adrienne is an active member of the Ottawa Art League and Morris Watercolor Guild. She is a watercolor workshop instructor, visual arts judge and guest speaker.

You can find her work at the Ottawa Art League Gallery at 807 LaSalle Street in downtown Ottawa, Illinois and at August Hill Winery in Utica, Illinois.

## YOU ARE INVITED

to help us  
celebrate the opening of  
these exhibits on the  
first Friday of every month  
6:00-8:00pm

The gallery is **OPEN** on weekends  
1:00-4:00 pm  
except for the last weekend in April  
We will be **CLOSED** for a special event

**THANK YOU** to everyone who shared  
appetizers at one of our recent events:

Jeanne Hutchinson, Julie McCutchan,  
Sue Cimaroli, Jack Olson, Linda McCabe,  
Sue Cox, Ramona Wedding, Jan Lohaus,  
Anna Roadhouse, Marilyn Anthony,  
Patti Moynihan, Mary Sue Goldsmith,  
True Wahlgren, Tracy Boylan, Jan Esme,  
Lynne Weber, Laura Kann, Barb Schiff,  
Steve Esme, Sue Garvin, Charlie Gebeck,  
and Pam Hanson.

**Thank you to the volunteers who  
hosted one of our recent events:**

Stephanie Van Ordstrand, Gayle Grace,  
Roger Swanson, Kay Telfer, Karen May,  
Anna Roadhouse, Mary Michael, Mary  
Damon, Dianne Van Drew, Jack Olson,  
Jon McCutchan, Ramona Wedding,  
and Barry Mayworm.

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In Starved Rock Country

# RECENT



We kicked off our Christmas season with a Snowflake Workshop! Keith Bonstetter shared his beautiful creations and taught us how to cut and fold multi-layered paper snowflakes. FUN!



This year's Christmas Musical, "The Queen" was written especially for the playwright Rachel E. Gorenz-Johns



We had 194 visitors to our October Gallery Exhibit! Special thanks to the volunteers at Second Story for bringing a caravan of teenagers over for a private viewing.



For our Christmas Season closer, Phil... stories and songs for a packed house... spirit, and thanks to OmniArts for

# MEMORIES



One, the Only, Christmas Fairy  
the PAC's young actors by local  
son, who also directed. Great Job!



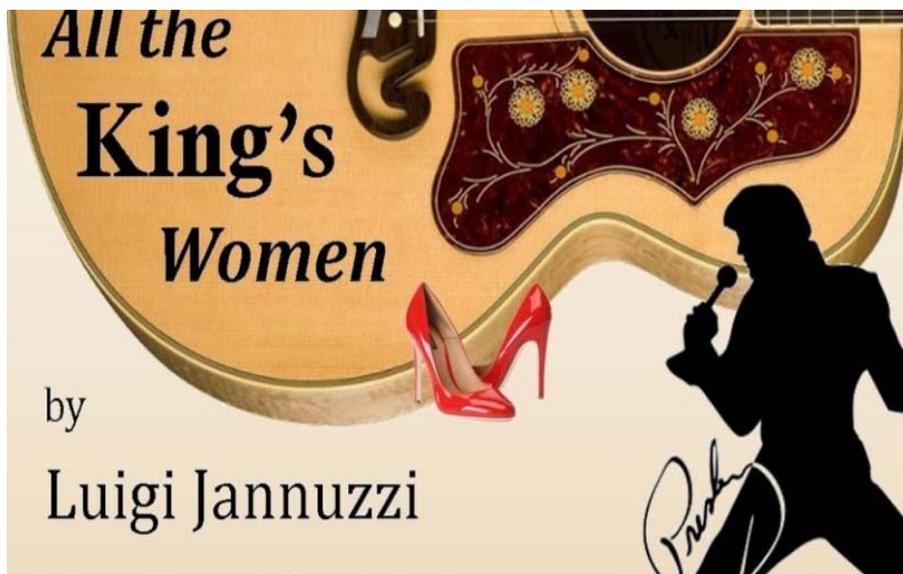
Runners gathered in front of the PAC on December 9th  
for the Second Annual Bureau County United Way  
"Run for A Claus 5K"



l Kaufmann and Friends performed  
e. Thanks for sharing the Christmas  
their help in funding this event!



Our annual Christmas Mini-Tree Festival auctioned off 34 trees,  
wreaths and table arrangements that were created and donated by  
members of our community. Thank You SO MUCH to All!!!



The Prairie Arts Council is announcing a new  
**Community Theater Program!**

The first show will be "**All the King's Women**",  
 premiering Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24,  
 with a curtain time of 7:30 p.m.

"All the King's Women" is the story of Elvis Presley told  
 through the eyes of 17 Women!

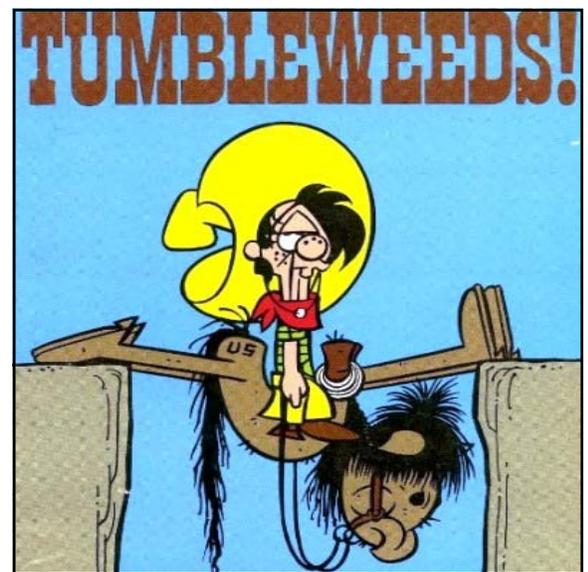
Some Enthralled! Some Appalled! ALL OBSESSED!

A fast paced series of 5 comedic scenes and 3 monologues  
 based on the Life of Elvis Presley. From Tupelo Mississippi  
 where 11 year old Elvis wanted a BB Gun instead of a guitar,  
 to The Steve Allen Show, from President Richard Nixon's of-  
 fice, to Andy Warhol's studio, from Cadillac Salesmen, to  
 Graceland guards, this is a touching, bring-the-family come-  
 dy with a heart that captures the effects that fame, generosity  
 & just being a nice guy can bring to others!

Director Dixie Schroeder is excited to present a unique show.  
 "I was on the stage crew that performed the show at Stage  
 212. It is a lot of fun, especially for Elvis fans." Schroeder  
 said. "We take every decade from the 1940's onward so the  
 audience will get a visual treat with costumes and hair that  
 reflect the era."

The cast of the show will include Bobette Roberson of Otta-  
 wa, Marie Pinter of Oglesby, Julie Grady, Andy Marti, Jill  
 Marti and Ken Schroeder of Princeton and Leah Metcalf of  
 Ohio. Producer of the show is Jill Marti.

Schroeder said, "We are happy to have the support of the  
 PAC Board in this inaugural endeavor. We are striving to  
 achieve a level of community theater that the local area has  
 come to expect."



The Prairie Arts Center is pleased to  
 commemorate the 20th anniversary of  
 children's theater by presenting once  
 again, the first children's musical that  
 we ever produced on the PAC stage:

**"Tumbleweeds"**

The 1998 production was a cooperative  
 venture between Act IV community the-  
 ater and the Prairie Arts Council.  
 We also produced Tumbleweeds in  
 2008 for our 10th anniversary of  
 children's theater at the PAC.

Tumbleweeds is a zany musical based  
 on an old comic strip of the same  
 name. With Poohawk Indians, a villain  
 named Snake Eye McFoul, sweet  
 schoolgirls traveling across the wild  
 West, Hildigard, the girl who can't get a  
 man, and many others, there are plenty  
 of fun character roles to offer challenges  
 to a large number of young actors.

Auditions are tentatively scheduled for  
 mid-February. Performances will be  
 April 27-29. David and Shelley Gorenz  
 and Rachel Gorenz-Johnson will co-  
 direct Tumbleweeds. David and Shelley  
 are directing Tumbleweeds for the third  
 time; Rachel portrayed Hildigard  
 Hamhocker in the 1998 production and  
 helped direct the 2008 show.



# Prairie Arts Council MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Welcome to the Prairie Arts Council**

**Thank You for supporting arts programming in our community!**

Name

(or) Business Name

Street address

Street address line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Phone number

E-mail

**We will deliver the newsletter to your email address**

print & mail

If you are interested in Exhibiting, Performing or Teaching, please specify:

## 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  
 Theater: Painting or Sets  
 Theater: Sewing  
 Mailing and Clerical  
 Appetizers or Baking  
 Graphic Arts  
 Gardening or Maintenance  
 Programming & Publicity  
 Other

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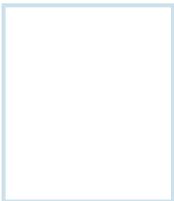


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February 2	6:00-8:00pm	Gallery Reception
February 3—25	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Gallery Exhibit – Valerie Weberpal
March 2	6:00-8:00pm	Gallery Reception
March 2-31	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Gallery: Quilting Exhibit
March 12	8:30am	Festival of the Written Word
March 23-24	7:30pm	Theater: “All the King’s Women”
April 6	6:00-8:00pm	Gallery Reception
April 6-29	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Gallery Exhibit — Adrienne Pike
April 27-28	7:00pm	Theater: “Tumbleweeds”
April 28-29	3:00pm	Theater: “Tumbleweeds”



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