

## prairie arts

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## The Volker's Coca Cola collection

## "Delicious, Refreshing, Invigorating, Exhilarating!"

That was the message proclaimed in the first advertisement for the world's most famous and popular soft drink, Coca-Cola. This advertisement appeared in the Atlantic Daily Journal on Saturday, May 29, 1886, just three weeks after the soft drink was introduced in Jacob's Pharmacy in Atlanta, Ga.

Dick Volker was in sales management with the company for over 40 years. Quite a variety of advertising passed through his hands, some of which he has collected and maintained in his home in Princeton. Loretta, Dick's wife, has especially focused on collecting advertising related to the fountain Coca-Cola, which was the division Volker was associated with. Loretta has made her kitchen into a mini-museum starting with a kitchen soffit packed full of Coke advertising pieces, and extending around the walls are metal serving trays, toy trucks and cars placed in slots in Coca-Cola bottle cases, plus a very large framed puzzle. There is a full-sized



Opening Reception Friday, August 3rd 6:00-8:00 pm

Gallery Hours: every weekend 1:00-4:00 pm

metal policeman crossing guard standing in one corner (years ago the Coke bottlers gave these metal signs to schools). The Volkers will be exhibiting Coke-related memorabilia in the PAC Gallery throughout the month of August. Join us for an

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opening reception on Friday, August 3rd from 6:00-8:00. Dick and Loretta will enjoy telling us more about Coca-Cola and the items in their collection. Volker has done much research on the company, and for the past three years has enjoyed presenting programs on

### THE HISTORY OF COCA-COLA

Free and open to the public. We thank the Volkers for sharing their collection with us!

Original 1899 Coke Bottle



## !!! TICKETS!!!

The Prairie Arts Council is thrilled to announce our new

## ONLINE TICKET PURCHASING SYSTEM

...thanks to the tireless work of our new Theater Director, Tammy Tieman! Since tickets are now on sale for the "Barefoot in the Park" productions during Homestead weekend, NOW is a great time to try it out! We will try to add a "Buy Tickets Here" button to the website soon, but for now, just go to the website at http://PrairieArts.org and try the link on the front page, or at the bottom of the "theater" page.

(If you are reading this online, try clicking this picture:)

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## Thank you to the Ushers:

Tammy Tieman, Pam and Chuck Hanson

## Thank you for the Refreshments:

June Harmon, Anna Roadhouse, Pam Hanson, Kathy Ballard

## Thank You for the Appetizers:

Marilyn Anthony, Tracy Boylan, Lisa Vincent, Steve Esme, Sue Garvin, Stephanie Van Ordstrand, Ramona Wedding, Julie McCutchan, Pam Hanson, True Wahlgren, Jack Olson, Charlie Gebeck, Sue Cox, Laura Kann, Patti Moynihan, Kathy Ballard, Dianne Van Drew, Mary Sue Goldsmith

## Thank you to the Hosts:

Lisa Vincent, Mary Damon, Mary Michael, Matt Kaufman, Karen May, Gayle Grace, Jack Olson, Jon McCutchan, Ramona Wedding



### Thank You to OmniArts

& The Illinois Arts Council for supporting the Prairie Arts Center!



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

## **Olympic Medals for Art**

For the first four decades of Olympic competition, medals were awarded for painting, sculpture, music, architecture and literature!

From 1912 to 1952, juries awarded a total of 151 medals to original works in the fine arts.



## **THANK YOU**

to everyone who contributed to our annual Bake Sale at "Lunch in the Park" (!!! We made \$392!!!)

OCTOBER GALLERY EXHIBIT

## **BRETT HALL**

**WOODWORKING AND STORIES** 



We're going to do something a little bit different this September. We usually have our opening receptions on the first Friday of the month, but since we are focusing on the theater performances of "Barefoot in the Park" during Homestead weekend (September 6-9), we are going to open Brett Hall's exhibit on Friday, September 14th. COME JOIN US, EVERYONE IS INVITED Drop by anytime between 6:00 and 8:00.

Brett has learned woodworking techniques they way we did it back in the days before electricity. He has some stories to tell us, and we are planning a special performance later in the month of September.

We'll email everyone on our list when the details are finalized, and you can always check our website at **PrairieArts.org** 

OPENING RECEPTION SEP 14 6:00 OPEN WEEKENDS SEP 15-30 1:00-4:00

# YOU Can Be Part of Our Photo Project!



The PAC is planning a unique event for our October Gallery exhibit, and EVERYONE who is willing to pay a \$5 entry fee (for the frame) is invited to participate! This is a new and fun idea proposed and organized by Sue Garvin, and we're pretty excited about it.

So, here's the idea: Anyone who wants to be part of the October exhibit will pick up a frame from the PAC for \$5 (open every weekend from 1:00-4:00 and Aug 27& 28 from 4:00--6:00), take a photograph sometime during the weekend of the Homestead Festival, (Sep6-9).

Then print your picture as an 8 x 10" photo (color or black and white), put it in the frame and bring it back to the PAC by Oct 4th, ready to hang!

If you didn't get a frame in time, bring your photo to the PAC (weekends from 1:00-4:00) and if we have any frames left, we'll hang it! It can be a photo of one or more people, activities, family outings, landmarks in town;

It can be ANYTHING.

Your photo doesn't have to be related to the Homestead Festival, the only restriction is that is has to be taken sometime during the Festival, Sept. 6-11

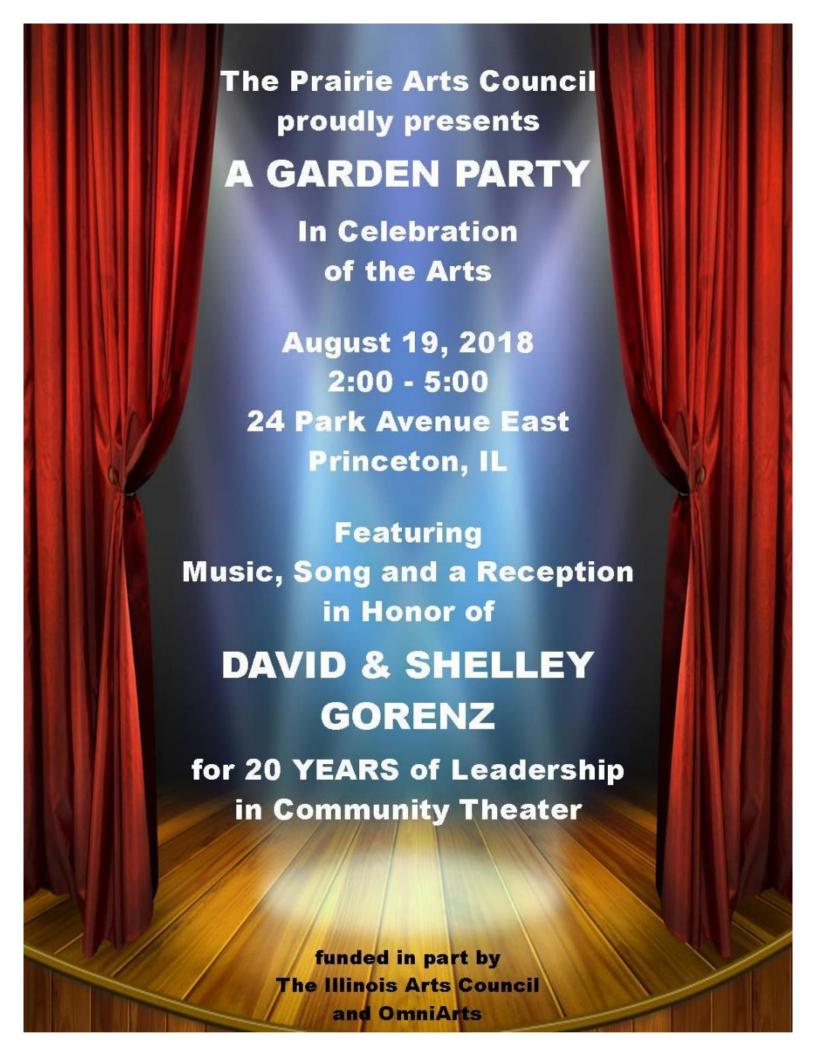
We also hope to get a short description.

Is there a story behind it?

Is this someone special in your life?

Your photos will be presented to the public at a free

Opening Reception on Friday, October 5th 6:00-8:00 (invite
your friends and family, and especially the "subjects" of
your photos), and the collection will be
on display weekends from 1:00-4:00 through October.



## A Letter from the Gorenz's

With the 20th anniversary production of "Tumbleweeds," we bring our efforts to promote community theater at PAC to ... ... a denouement (as they say in theater!). Tammie Tieman has taken on the role of organizing and directing theater programming, and we wish her all the best. We will continue to share the expertise and knowledge gleaned through our many years of experience on and about the PAC stage with you. Our daughter Rachel Gorenz-Johnson will continue with the summer drama camps.

It is with great fondness that we look back upon these two decades in which PAC community theater has consumed much of our lives. Although we have been responsible for all aspects of PAC theater programming for many of those years, our hearts will always be first and foremost with children's theater and the many children and young adults with whom we have been privileged to work in our time here. To each and every one of you, please know that you have touched us deeply and that we would not be the people we are to-day without you.

We hope that, in some small way, you can say the same about us.

## David and Shelley Gorenz

(Please join us on Sunday, August 19th!)

during Homestead weekend PAC Community Theater will be staging four performances of



September 6, 7 & 8 at 7:30 September 9 at 2:00

"Barefoot in the Park" is a romantic comedy story of newlyweds, Corie and Paul Bratter, (Rachel Gorenz-Johnson and Eric Johnson of Princeton.) Paul is a strait-laced attorney; Corie has a far more spontaneous, free spirit. As the young couple contend with lack of heat, a skylight that leaks snow, several long flights of stairs, oddball neighbor Victor Velasco (Ken Schroeder of Princeton) and Corie's well-meaning mother, (Laurie Innes of Ladd) they must also reconcile their own personal differences in how they approach life's challenges. Adjusting to married life isn't so easy! Gary Talsky of Spring Valley and Josh Bush of Princeton round out the cast as the scene stealing telephone repairman and the Lord and Taylor deliveryman respectively. The director of the show is Larry Kelsey of Peru, and the production manager is Dixie Schroeder of Princeton.

Tickets are **\$15**. The Prairie Arts Council is proud to introduce a new online ticket system. To purchase online visit our website at

http://PrairieArts.org

Tickets may also be reserved by calling

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### **Individual**

**Delores Angel** Pam Byrne **Lorrayne Cabral Nancy Carlson Harry Clucas Bea Coates** N. Dana Collins **Susan Cox Marie Etter Deanna Heuer Foran** Vicki Giehl June Harmon **Sue Howard** Susan Jacobsen Lucille Kann Jan Lohaus Jill Marti **Mary Michael Mary Mickow** Patti Moynihan Reanna Pelszynski \* **Patricia Polson Peggy Robinson Ethel Scruggs** O.V. Shaffer **Roger Swanson Esther Tracy Diane Van Drew** 

### **Family**

**Ramona Wedding** 

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Bill & Sallee Beneke
Fred & Melody Best
Tony & Mandy Carr
Dr. & Mrs. Paul Castelein
John & Theresa Cotter
Jack & Jacqui Coulter
Doug & Sarah Criner
Marshall & Georgeanne Cusic
Bob & Cindy Davidson
Dennis & Donna Dickison
Gordon & Carol Dremann

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## EVENT CALENDAR

AUGUST 3 6:00-8:00 PM OPENING RECEPTION FOR THE VOLKERS

AUGUST 4-26 1:00-4:00 PM (WEEKENDS) GALLERY EXHIBIT: COCA COLA MEMORABILIA

SEPTEMBER 6-8 7:30 PM THEATER: BAREFOOT IN THE PARK

SEPTEMBER 9 2:00 PM THEATER MATINEE: BAREFOOT IN THE PARK

SEPTEMBER 14 6:00-8:00 PM OPENING RECEPTION FOR BRETT HALL

SEPTEMBER 15 7:00 PM SHADOWS OF THE BLUE & GRAY: MEET GRANT

SEPTEMBER 15-30 1:00-4:00 PM (WEEKENDS) GALLERY EXHIBIT: WOODWORKING

SEPTEMBER ?? (CHECK WEBSITE) BRETT HALL STORY-TELLING

OCTOBER 5 6:00-8:00 PM OPENING RECEPTION: HOMESTEAD PHOTOS

OCTOBER 6-28 1:00-4:00 PM (WEEKENDS) GALLERY EXHIBIT: HOMESTEAD PHOTOS

OCTOBER 21 3:00 PM THE COVERED BRIDGE CHORUS





## Saturday, September 15, 7:00 pm

Come spend the evening with us at the Prairie Arts Center Theater as we watch and listen to the life of General U.S. Grant. Told in his own words.

Tickets will be **\$5** a person and be on sale soon. For more details, check our website at http://PrairieArts.org

## Sunday October 21, 3:00 pm

The Covered Bridge Chorus is directed by Dale Fiste and has performed in the Princeton area for over 47 years. They enjoy singing on stage and at rehearsals.

Men are invited to come to a rehearsal and share the fun at the Prouty Bldg on Tuesday's at 7:00pm (435 S Main St, Princeton)

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