



prairie arts

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Greetings from the Prairie Arts Council

This is our first newsletter
of the year, so we have a lot
of catching up to do!

We hope you all are happy
and healthy, and excited
about the upcoming events

Current Event:

April Fool's Day
marked the opening
reception for Austin Burrows
"Art & Pop Culture" exhibit,
open to public every weekend
in April from 1:00-4:00 PM

Austin began drawing at an early age, but didn't really take it seriously until after high school. Since then, he has amassed over 20,000 followers on Instagram @austinburrowsofficial and has made a name for himself in the comic art community. He has quite a few friends that are artists for companies such as Marvel and DC Comics, and is displaying some of their work in our gallery in addition to his own artwork. Austin is also exhibiting some of his comic book history and all kinds of fun memorabilia, but time is limited. Open weekends from 1:00-4:00 PM through April 30th.



TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, DONORS, THE CLOSET AND ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL, THANK YOU!

Princeton High School Honors Recital

The Prairie Arts Council hosted a solo and ensemble Honors Recital featuring students from Princeton High School on March 13. |

The concert included vocal and instrumental solos, duets, and a trio.

We would like to thank the students and their instructors, Steven Olson and Brandon Crawford for their hard work.

We hope to make this an annual event so that our community can enjoy the students' talent and accomplishment for years to come.

Musicians included:

Mary Underwood,
vocal solo

Courtney Atkinson,
vocal solo

Maya Gartin,
Sadie Thornton,
flute duet

Riley Jansen,
vocal solo

Courtney Atkinson,
Mary Underwood,
vocal duet

Kailey Patterson,
clarinet solo

Andrea Imsland,
oboe solo

Cade Odell,
vocal solo

Rachel Kirkpatrick,
Isaac Knickerbocker,
Jacob Knickerbocker,
flute trio

Mack Williams,
Trent Goodale,
marimba duet

Bureau Valley High School Senior Art Exhibit



Five BVHS senior artists Ella Entas, Sterling Horner, Hope Richardson, Tommy Sullivan, and Grace Zeman, displayed their work in the Prairie Arts Center Gallery in March. All of the artwork was created during the student's high school careers, and presented to us under the instruction of their art teacher, Laura Nichols. Congratulations to you all, and thank you for sharing your work with us.



**PRAIRIE ARTS
THEATER**
**Diva's
Night
Out**

Join us on
Saturday,
April 29
for

Diva's Night Out

a special event hosted by
the Prairie Arts Council
in conjunction with the
PAC production of

"Delval Divas"

Begin your evening
in the gallery with pre-show
drinks and appetizers while
viewing SuperHero artwork
by Austin Burrows

then move
into the theater
for the performance

Indulge in a
sweet treat at
intermission

and after
the final curtain,
take a minute to meet
the cast in the lobby

Gallery doors open
6:45 PM
for pre-show viewing

The show begins at
7:30 PM

DELVAL DIVAS



The Prairie Arts Council is pleased to announce three performances of "Delval Divas", by Barbara Pease Weber.

Stella Wild, MBA; Linda Robertson, MD, PhD; Rosemary Adams, JD/MBA; and Beth Ziegler, MBA have some things in common.

Besides being educated, successful and professional women, they also share the same address. It isn't a swanky high rise apartment building or a beach-front condo... they reside at the Delaware Valley Federal Correctional Facility, a low level security prison for 'white and 'pink collar criminals.

Add in a new inmate charged with murder, a missing warden and the threat of being transferred to the less-than-glamorous Black Rock Federal Prison. How do the Divas save Delval, solve a murder and reunite on a Roman holiday? Who ever said that crime doesn't pay?

Director Ellen Marincic has cast Karin Hansen of Princeton as Stella, Jill Marti of Princeton as Linda, Kathy Hepner of Streator as Rosemary, Bobette Roberson of Ottawa as Sharon, Kelli Montgomery of Ottawa as Lucille, and Jennifer Walk of Hennepin as Beth.

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2:00

LANDSCAPE MAKEOVER

The Prairie Arts Center will be getting a facelift this spring. Volunteer Tyler McCombs will soon begin a landscape makeover. McCombs, a landscaper with over 15 years of experience, has a plan to incorporate grasses, ornamental trees & shrubs, brick and mortar edging, as well as open spaces for artist display.

In the weeks to come, McCombs will be completely removing the existing landscaping to start with a clean

slate. McCombs intends to highlight the grasses because after all, it's the "Prairie" Arts Center, and make the walkups to the building, both entries, natural grass lined pathways.

He will be working with Hornbaker Gardens to get new plants and Mississippi River rock for the bedding. David Kannenburg of Hornbaker Gardens, will assist with the rock portion of the project while David Hornbaker will work help complete brick-and-mortar edging.

The edging project is especially exciting, as McCombs has arranged a donation of Euclid Street bricks from the Princeton Streets Department. This brick will add another historic touch the architectural and aesthetic beauty of the building which was built in 1930.

Work is slated to begin in early April with planting occurring later in the month to ensure optimal results so keep an eye on the 24 Park Avenue East, Princeton to see the transformation taking place.

If you would like to contribute, donations are being accepted for the project

PRAIRIE ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS



SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022 | 12-3 PM
24 PARK AVE E, PRINCETON, IL

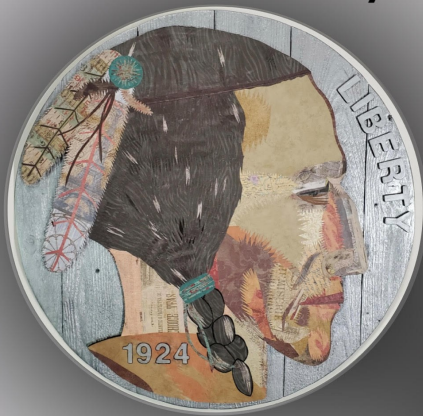


TICKETS: Adult \$20 | Children \$10

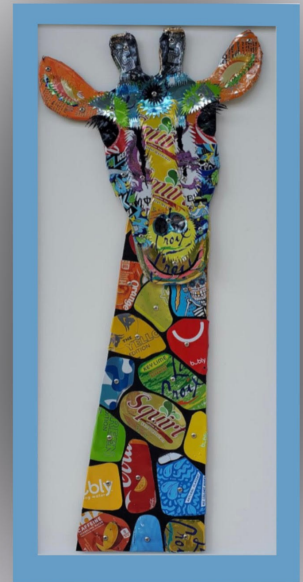
To purchase tickets, visit prairiearts.org or reserve by leaving a message at 815.875.8727 or email prairieartsprinceton@gmail.com

PRAIRIE ARTS PROGRAMMING IS FUNDED IN PART BY GRANTS FROM THE ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY AND THE PRINCETON CLOSET.

Dave Taylor A Funky Folk Art Exhibition



Prairie Art Center
Opening Reception
May 6, 2022
6 pm - 8 pm



I consider myself an Artist Alchemist. In other words, I am an artist who transforms or creates my pieces through a seemingly magical process. While my creative process and subject matter has changed over the past 22 years, a few things have remained consistent in my art. I always try and put a smile on your face with each piece, make it affordable, and create it so that owners will want to pass it down through many generations. Funky Folk Art can be a puzzling style, but once you see my work you will know exactly what it is. Colorful, eclectic, different and desirable come to mind. I also feel it is important for folks to know how important the creative process is for me as an artist. I really just love the process of creating my art, learning from my mistakes, and sharing with others. I am so fortunate that while creating my art, I have an opportunity to express my creativity, have a method for relaxation, and time to spend in my own thoughts.

In my show, I will have over forty new pieces, which I have created in the past few years. Most have never been seen in the area. Visitors will see most all of my pieces fall in one of three types of mediums: Cut Paper Collages, Cut Can Collages or Mosaics, and Wood Assemblages. Much, but not all of my work is created from reclaimed and found objects. Most of my items are Wall Art with a few shelf pieces. A few things that are for certain, you will find my art has lots of color, detail and is eclectic.

I look forward to the event and am very excited to have the opportunity to share my art with everyone at the wonderful gallery at the Prairie Arts Center

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EVERY WEEKEND IN MAY 1:00-4:00 PM



New Board Member Michael Lee

Michael Lee became a member of the Prairie Arts Council in January, and looks forward to working with others on the Board as an arts advocate here in Bureau County. Raised in Warren County, he spent forty-one years in education. He is now retired and has resided in Princeton since September of 2019. After teaching nineteen years in Illinois, he taught language for twenty-two years in Branson (MO) schools, where he also directed both elementary and high school drama. He has himself performed for over thirty years both onstage and on-camera, and both locally and professionally. Last December, he appeared as Ebenezer Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol" with Dixon Stage Left in Dixon, Illinois. He hopes to continue involvement at other local theater venues, including with Festival 56 and at the PAC.

He has always embraced theater for its power to communicate. In the same way, he recognizes the significance of music, visual arts, and written expression for their power to speak to us and enrich our lives. Similarly, in valuing the "artistic impact" of historic architecture, he's also served as a member of the Princeton Historic Preservation Commission since January of 2020.



New Board Member Victoria Yepsen



Victoria Yepsen became a member of the Prairie Arts Council last July. She is excited to join and advocate for the arts in Princeton after moving back to her hometown in October of 2020. The Prairie Arts Center holds a special place in her heart as she was active in various plays and concerts at the PAC from childhood to present. Her most favorite PAC memories were performing in *Tumbleweeds* (1998) and *Secret Garden* (2006).

Victoria trained as a classical vocalist at Illinois State University where she received her degree in Music Business. She is the Executive Director of the Bureau County United Way and also serves as a Princeton Chamber Ambassador.

!!! Grant from The Closet !!!



On Tuesday, January 25, 2022, the Princeton Closet held their Lending a Hand Grant Recipient Reception. The morning began with a tour of the facility and a sneak peek of their expansion plans.

Following the tour, the Closet generously gave back to the community by awarding thirty-five nonprofit organizations with grants totaling \$218,000 (includes \$15,000 in scholarships)

The Prairie Arts Council is honored to be one of those recipients!

Photo:
Tammy Tieman,
PAC President;
Jenn Conwell,
Manager of the Closet;
Joann Kloepping,
President, Closet
Board of Directors



!!! THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS !!!

Appetizers: Sue Garvin, Steve Esme, Pam Hanson, Diane Van Drew, Lynne Weber, Esther Tracy, Debbie Lindberg, Susan Barlow, Tracy Boylan Roden, Tru Wahlgren

Hosts: Mary Damon, Kathy Ballard, Michael Lee, Stephanie Van Ordstrand, Ramona Wedding, Diane Van Drew, Andy & Sophie Niewiara, Karen May

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

INDIVIDUAL

Delores Angel
Denny Bartman
Earlene Campbell
Bea Coates
N. Dana Collins
Sue Cox
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Gayle Grace
Janet Grossman
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Judy Harris
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Jill Marti
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Tim & Cheryl Kunkel
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Roger & Linda McCabe

Jon McCutchan
Tony Morrow &
Stephanie Van Ordstrand
Patti Moynihan
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Dave Roden & Tracy Boylan
Bob & Deb Russell
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Don & Barbara Schiff
John & Lynda Smith
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Dave & Sharry Taylor
Tammy Tieman
Dick & Patty Uttenhove
Gene & Lisa Vincent
Alan & Lynne Weber
Carolyn Workman
(Deb Young)

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A Message from the Membership Chairman

We are happy to have so many
2022 membership renewals. Old and
new members are vital to our support
of the arts in our communities!

If your name is missing, we await
your renewal. If you have a question,
Please contact Julie McCutchan

815-875-2092

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
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April 1	6:00-8:00 PM	Opening Reception: Austin Burrows
April 2-30	1:00-4:00 PM (weekends)	Gallery Exhibit: "Art & Pop Culture"
April 29	7:30 PM	Theater: "Delval Divas"
April 30	6:45 PM	Theater: "Divas Night Out"
May 1	2:00 PM	Theater: "Delval Divas"
May 6	6:00-8:00 PM	Opening Reception: Dave Taylor
May 7	12:00-3:00 PM	A Day in May for Tea
May 8-29	1:00-4:00 PM (weekends)	Gallery Exhibit: "Funky Folk Art"



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