



# prairie arts

The Newsletter of the Prairie Arts Council

## PAC Gallery to host ‘an emerging artist’

### Opening reception set for Sept. 6

Barry Mayworm, a new and emerging artist from Princeton, will exhibit his original artwork in the Prairie Arts Center Gallery through the month of September, beginning with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6.

Using watercolors, Barry has developed his own unique style called the “mottled look,” which uses marks of various colors and textures to create expressive and enduring images. His art includes landscapes and florals that celebrate the beauty of nature. He also paints cityscapes, which illustrate the architecture and vitality of our city. Barry is a perpetual student of art, always exploring new and interesting ways of creating art.

This original watercolor exhibit can be viewed through Sept. 22 during gallery hours from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The public is invited to attend the opening reception Sept. 6. The exhibit will be open extended hours during the Homestead Festival weekend, from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 and from noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15. (The gallery will be closed during the Homestead Talent Showcase presented at 2 p.m.)

Barry will give a special presentation about his creative process, from initial concept to final creation, titled “How I Build a Painting” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. This event is free and open to the public.



Above, Barry Mayworm works on one of his pieces of watercolor art. At left is his painting titled “Apollo Theater.”

## PAC welcomes Homestead Festival Talent Showcase

Some of the most amazing talent from Bureau County, past and present, will perform LIVE at the Prairie Arts Center Theater during this year's Homestead Festival. Sponsored by Midland State Bank and hosted by Bill and Dorothy Nelson, this is the third year the talent showcase has been a part of the Homestead Festival. Many performers grew up in Bureau County and went on to achieve degrees and careers in the musical profession. Performances will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 and at 2 p.m. Sept. 15. Doors will open one-half hour before show time. Get your tickets early as this show will sell out fast! Call 815-875-2787 for tickets. Go to [www.homesteadfestival.com](http://www.homesteadfestival.com) to find out more about these amazing musical artists!

## Mini-trees headed back to PAC

The fourth annual Christmas Mini-Tree Festival at the Prairie Arts Center will be held Nov. 8 through Dec. 8. A wine-and-cheese reception with music will begin the festival from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 8.

The trees, ranging from 12 inches to 36 inches, are individually themed and decorated. Each year local individuals and businesses come forward and donate their time and talents to create some beautifully crafted mini Christmas trees, each one unique in its own way. In addition, the PAC will be decorated by volunteers to add to the holiday atmosphere.

This year we will expand our Mini-Tree Festival to include decorated Christmas wreaths. All trees and wreaths are designed and donated by the artists. Each design is titled and uniquely themed and decorated. Each design will be raffled off to help PAC raise funds in support of our community arts programming. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$2 each or three for \$5. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the month of November. The drawing for the winner of each tree or wreath will take place at 3 p.m. Dec. 8. You do not have to be present to win.

Open hours for viewing will be 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Extended hours from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be offered during the City of Princeton's Christmas Open House on Nov. 23. Children are invited to participate in making Christmas crafts to take home. New this year will be our first collectible Christmas ornament. Watch for more details as the holiday season draws near.

Anyone interested in designing and donating a tree can contact Deb Young at 815-303-7444 or go online at [www.theprairieartscouncil.org](http://www.theprairieartscouncil.org) to download a designer application form. Forms must be returned no later than Sept. 30.

## Area art teachers to exhibit at PAC in October

"Transitions," a group exhibit showcasing the artwork of more than fourteen art teachers from across the Illinois Valley area, will be presented at the Prairie Arts Center during the month of October. An opening reception is planned from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. Wine, punch and appetizers will be served. The public is invited to attend.

The exhibit will continue through Oct. 26 and can be viewed during gallery hours from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

The title of the exhibit reflects the various stages in which these artists are presently serving in their careers. Some are fairly new to the profession, while others are nearing retirement. Still others are already retired.

"No matter how busy the lives of these teachers are, they all have managed to find time to create art and all have a clear understanding of the importance of art in their lives," said Kathy Ballard, organizer of the event.

Works of art on paper and canvas will be presented, as well as art in ceramics, jewelry, mixed media and photography. Many items will be for sale.

This is the third show of its kind presented at the Prairie Arts Center. Teachers participating in the exhibit are coming from Peoria District 150, Illinois Valley Community College, Princeton District, Hall High School, Depue Unit District, Bureau Valley District and Peru Parkside. This event is free and open to the public.

### Flood recovery help needed

This past April, the Prairie Arts Center experienced some serious flooding. As a result of this flooding, we lost both of our furnaces that were only two years old. We have since replaced both furnaces but without the help of FEMA. FEMA gives grants only to individuals and households who have suffered losses.

Therefore, we are asking for donations to help cover this cost. If you feel inclined to donate toward this expense, fill out the form below and return it with your donation. We will gratefully acknowledge you in our next newsletter. Thank you so much! Remember, your donation is tax deductible.

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*This money is to be designated as funds to recover costs incurred by replacing two furnaces at the Prairie Arts Center in Princeton.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Classes and Workshops

## Fabulous Fabric Flower Class

Embellish clothing, hats and bags with these fabulous fabric flower pins made from scraps of wool. Sandy Riecker will present this class on making wool flower pins. This class will fill up fast, so call and reserve your space early! **There will be a \$10 material fee payable to the instructor the day of the class. Please bring a pair of sharp scissors to class.**

**One Session**      **Saturday, Sept. 28**      **1–3 p.m.**

**Members: Free**      **Nonmembers: \$5**

**Registration deadline: Sept. 25**

## Holiday Wreath Making Workshop

Can't find a Christmas wreath that suits your décor? Or the ones you like are just too expensive? Join us and learn the art of making your own Christmas wreath from scratch using an old wreath from Christmases past. You, too, can create something beautiful for your home at half the cost of a store-bought one. Learn tips on how to use color schemes, floral picks, placement of ornaments, and bow making.



**Please bring your old wreath and any decorations you would like to include. Other supplies and decorations will be provided. There is a \$10 material fee payable to the instructor the night of the class. We are offering two alternative dates for the same class.**

*This class is taught by Jane Ousec of LaSalle, who is currently employed as a visual merchandiser and floral designer at Cattails in Utica.*

**One Session**      **Tuesday, Nov. 5**      **6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: Nov. 1**

**One Session**      **Tuesday, Nov. 12**      **6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: Nov. 8**

**Members: \$18**      **Nonmembers: \$22**



## Zentangle

This fun, meditative, relaxing art form, sometimes referred to as “yoga for your brain,” is quickly becoming popular among artists and non-artists alike. The goals of Zentangle are to increase focus and creativity while providing artistic satisfaction. A type of doodling, Zentangle is a pen and ink technique that encourages creativity and relaxation with the use of invented repetitive patterns. We will work in a small-group format to make a completed black and white 3.5” x 3.5” paper tile. A second take-home project may also be started as time allows.

*This workshop will be presented by Linda Fine, a certified Zentangle teacher (otherwise known as a CZT), who received her certification in June 2013 in Providence, Rhode Island. Linda is also currently teaching art at Reagan Middle School in Tiskilwa.*

**There will be a \$5 material fee payable to the instructor the night of class. This class is intended for high school age through adult. No skill level required. We are offering two alternative dates for the same class. Pick one and join us!**

**One Session**      **Thursday, Sept. 26**      **6:30-9 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: Sept. 21**

**One Session**      **Thursday, Oct. 24**      **6:30-9 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: Oct. 19**

**Members \$26**      **Nonmembers \$32**

Please check our website for periodic updates on classes and activities at the PAC.

# Our Current Membership

*Thank you for your support of the Prairie Arts Council and all its programming!*

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### ***Country Comfort gives to PAC***

Loretta Forden and Rosemary Thompson, residents of Country Comfort Retirement Home in Princeton, present a donation of \$300 to Tammy Tieman, Prairie Arts Council Board Member. The check reflects the proceeds from the annual CCRH bake sale, which are donated to the Prairie Arts Center in loving memory of past resident Stephanie Welsh.

## ABOUT VOLUNTEERING:

Recent volunteers who gave of their time and talent as hosts and bakers for our gallery openings and concerts include **Angela Weddell, Betty Sutliff, Marjorie Johnson, Ami Chamberlain, Jan English, June Harmon, Jill Marti, Jan Heaton, Lynn Weber, Kathy Ballard, Barry Mayworm, Pam Hanson, Karen May, Junedale Straka, Marilyn Anthony, Marcia Roberts, Bea Coates, Sandy Riecker, Lin Karells, Nancy Schmidt, Mary Michael, Ramona Wedding, Jack Olson, Mary Ella Rumley, Diane Van DenBorre, Roger Swanson, Joan Marella, Marcie Jagers, Esther Tracy, Jan Lohaus, Barbara LaVelle, Kami Hieronymus, Gayle Grace and Beth Anson.**

And a big Thank you to **Al Taylor**, who came to the rescue and helped **Gary Browning** pump out our basement after the flooding in April. We had three feet of standing water, which destroyed our almost new furnaces. Thanks also to **Dave Roden**, who lent us his sump pump during this time. A special thank you goes out to **Gary and Hope Browning** for all their efforts this summer in the continued up-keep of our landscape gardening, which is a

weekly job. **Julie McCutchan** came and trimmed our out-of-control hedge on the west side of the building. Thank you, **Julie**, for your continued support and watchful eye.

We also would like to thank **Barb Williams** for the donation of 12 watercolor

paper pads and watercolor paints to add to our art supply cabinet. Thank you to **Buster Taylor and Taylor's Natural Green Lawn Inc.** for their continued service keeping our lawn green and free of weeds. Also, thank you to **Jack Olson** for our website upkeep.



### *The art of Rug Hooking*

Sandy Riecker presents the history of the centuries-old art of rug hooking, including a demonstration of how the work is created. These incredible museum-quality pieces of art were on display at the Prairie Arts Center through August 25. Sandy has donated a rug to be raffled off as a fundraiser for PAC. Tickets are on sale for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The drawing will be held at the annual Gala in February.

### Thank you for supporting the PAC with your membership!

Your financial and volunteer support is vital to our arts programming.

Please return this form and remittance to:

Deb Young, Membership Chairman

24 Park Avenue East, Princeton, IL 61365

Make checks payable to Prairie Arts Council

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\*In an effort to "Go Green", the PAC would like to notify members of events using e-mail. If you would like to receive our newsletter and other event notifications through your e-mail, please fill out, or simply leave it blank.

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**I am willing to volunteer my time and talents. Please check all that apply:**

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## Upcoming Events

- Sept. 6** 6-8 p.m. Gallery opening reception for Barry Mayworm art exhibit
- Sept. 6-22** "An Emerging Artist" exhibit in gallery, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; extended hours noon-5 p.m. Sept. 14, noon-2 & 4-5 p.m. Sept. 15
- Sept. 14-15** Homestead Festival Talent Showcase, 7 p.m. Sept. 14, 2 p.m. Sept. 15
- Sept. 26, Oct. 24** Zentangle class, 6:30-9 p.m.
- Sept. 28** Fabric flower class, 1-3 p.m.
- Oct. 4** 6-8 p.m. Gallery opening reception for "Transitions" art exhibit
- Oct. 4-26** "Transitions" art exhibit in gallery, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays
- Nov. 5, 12** Holiday wreath workshop, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Nov. 8** 6-8 p.m. Gallery opening reception for Christmas Mini-Tree Festival
- Nov. 8-Dec. 8** Christmas Mini-Tree Festival in gallery, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; extended hours 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 23
- Nov. 22-24** Children's Christmas Musical in theater

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