



# prairie arts

The Newsletter of the Prairie Arts Council

## PAC to honor Doris Hamilton

**Longtime music presence to receive Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award**

Influential music educator and theater director Doris Hamilton will be the guest of honor at the 18th annual Prairie Arts Council Gala, *Mardi Gras Masquerade*, set for 7 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 2013, at Ye Olde Underground Inn in Princeton. Hamilton will be presented with the 4th annual Lifetime Achievements in the Arts award.

Hamilton was a graduate of Tiskilwa High School, received a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University, and did graduate study work at the University of Illinois and Illinois State University.

Hamilton served as a music education teacher for Tiskilwa Elementary and High Schools for 35 years, providing K-12 music, theater and education programs for students. During her tenure at Tiskilwa schools, she developed a "Kids from Tiskilwa" group who performed throughout Illinois and were invited to participate in an event at Disney World and SeaWorld in Florida. Hamilton was a cooperative consultant for the Illinois Board of Education and a student teacher supervisor for Illinois State University. She has been recognized as an Out-



**Doris Hamilton**

standing Teacher by the Institute for Development of Educational Activities and Outstanding Arts Educator in the state of Illinois by the Illinois Arts Alliance.

In addition to her involvement with K-12 education, Hamilton served as director of the Homestead musicals during Princeton's annual Homestead Festival for 35 years. She also directed several musicals at the Henry Dinner Theater.

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## *MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE SET FOR FEB. 2*

The Prairie Arts Council cordially invites you to its Eighteenth Annual Gala, a *Mardi Gras Masquerade*, to be held at Ye Olde Underground Inn in Princeton on Saturday, February 2, 2013. The Gala is our major fundraiser of the year; proceeds pay for heat, lights, air conditioning, repairs, upgrades, and programming.

PAC is an all volunteer organization that depends on

generous contributions to be able to continue to serve our community; we receive very minimal grant income, so participation in fundraisers such as the Gala is vital to our existence.

The evening starts at 7 p.m. in the banquet room of Ye Old Underground Inn, 219 South 6th Street in Princeton, with jazz entertainment being provided by Al and Jeannie Brown. We will also hold a special tribute to Doris Hamilton, the 2013 recipient of the



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## Spring production brings comedy back to PAC

Comedy comes back to the Prairie Arts Center with the opening of *6 Rms Riv Vu* by Bob Randall. This comedy classic will run March 8, 9 and 10, directed by Ken Schroeder and produced by Dixie Schroeder.

*6 Rms Riv Vu* is the story of two strangers who meet when they respond to an ad in "The New York Times" for a river-view apartment. Paul Friedman is a married advertising copywriter, and Ann Miller a discontented housewife. They view the apartment, but before they can leave, discover that the door has accidentally been locked and they are trapped inside together. A connection quickly forms between them as they begin sharing things about their lives and find themselves attracted to one another.

The cast for this production comes from all over the Illinois Valley. Director Ken Schroeder



has announced it will include Larry Kelsey of Peru as Paul, Gary Talsky of Spring Valley as Eddie, Andrew Loebach of Peru as Larry, Karen Lesman of LaSalle as Anne, Cheriz Kunkel of Princeton as Woman, Jill Marti of Princeton as Janet, Lee Parsons of Princeton as Richard, and Karen Rogers of Streator as Woman in 4A.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. March 8 and 9, and 2 p.m. March 10. Tickets will go on sale Feb. 15 and will be available by calling the PAC at **(815) 200-4789**.

## Member art show set for spring

All artists who are members of the Prairie Arts Council in Princeton are invited to show their works of art during the month of March in the gallery of the PAC. Please bring up to five pieces of art, framed and ready to hang, between 10 a.m. and noon February 27, or call Deb Young at (815) 303-7444 to arrange another time. All works of art are welcome for the exhibit, including pottery, textiles, and mixed media.

Opening reception for our artists will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. March 1. The exhibit will be on display March 1 through March 23, with open hours from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

If you are the parent of a budding young artist of school age and have a family membership to the Prairie Arts Council, we will offer a separate hanging space for those young artists, as well.

Anyone who is not a member of the Prairie Arts Council but wishes to join may call (815) 875-2787. A single membership is only \$15 and \$25 for a family membership.

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Hamilton served as musical director for PAC productions of *The Secret Garden* in 2006 and *Godspell* in 2012.

Continuing her community arts involvement, Hamilton currently teaches voice and piano for private clients, serves as the church organist and choir director for Tiskilwa Community Church, is a contest judge for the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA), and is a member of the Princeton Elementary School Board.

Hamilton joins previous Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award recipients Dick Dorsch, Nedda Simon, and Mary Win Norris.

The *Mardi Gras Masquerade* gala starts at 7 p.m. in the banquet room of Ye Olde Underground Inn with jazz entertainment being provided by Al and Jeannie Brown. A live and silent auction will follow, including some great handmade creations from local artists, items from local businesses and much more!

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PAC Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award.

A live and silent auction will follow. Some of the gala's auction items include: a one-night stay at the Chestnut Street Inn; a bracelet from Bruce Jewelers; four tickets to Festival 56 plays; two tickets to Playcrafters in Bettendorf; a beaded necklace by Kay Cushman; two gift certificates to Mark Allen's Restaurant, donated by Greg and Marilyn Anthony; two hand-carved wood spirits by Steve Wilenski; 18 holes of golf for four, with a cart, at Hunter's Ridge; paintings by Barry Mayworm, Harry Clucas, and Nick Young; a photographic portrait session by Nicole Isaacson Photography; some delicious toffee made by Liz Draper; six different homemade artisan breads to be delivered every other month by David Gorenz; chocolate truffles by Mike Hellberg; a spa package to include services from Jillians, Sophisticuts, Great Lengths, and Oooh La La; a one-year membership to the Bureau County Metro Center; a half-day fishing trip with Lee Wahlgren; two framed garden photos by Phyllis Weyand; a mirror with handmade wood mission-style frame by Randy Swinford. This is only a sampling of the many auction items to be offered at the Gala. These funds will be used to help strengthen our mission of bringing the arts to the community and enhancing the many fine programs offered at the Prairie Arts Center as well as to help ensure its future.

We appreciate your continued support, and encourage all attendees to create a masquerade mask to bring along! However, masks are optional and costumes are not necessary. Tickets are available in advance as well as at the door for \$30 and include wine and hors d'oeuvres. Please RSVP by January 26th by contacting the PAC at (815) 875-2787 or via email at [info@theprairieartscouncil.org](mailto:info@theprairieartscouncil.org).

# Upcoming workshops, classes offer variety of programs

## FABULOUS FIBERS WORKSHOP

Learn how to create fun, fabulous designs on fiber. Instructor will share her knowledge and demonstrate a variety of resistance and surface design techniques. Students will learn how to apply these techniques to achieve fabulous designs and turn an ordinary T-shirt or fabric into a work of art. This is a hands-on workshop. Students will take home several examples of their work. Rubber gloves will be furnished for this class. **Please bring two articles of clothing or two pieces of fabric made with 100% natural fiber such as cotton or silk. Plain white or pastel colors work best.**

\*\*For high school age and adults.

**Saturday, March 23 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**\$28 member**

**\$32 nonmembers Registration deadline: March 16**

*Salena Nelson is a native of Princeton and graduated from Princeton High School in 2006. She studied textiles at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in studio art, concentrating her studies in fiber.*

## SIMPLE CHARM BRACELET

Learn the basic fundamentals of creating beaded jewelry. This class is perfect for the entry level student with an interest in making beaded jewelry. Learn about different beading techniques and tools of the trade. Students will create a bracelet to take home.

**There is a \$10 supply fee payable to instructor at class.**

**Tuesday, February 26 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**\$10 members**

**\$13 nonmembers Registration deadline: Feb 22**

Instructor: Kay Cushman

## SPRUCE UP YOUR SPRING WREATH!

This workshop will give you some design inspiration for sprucing up your spring wreath. Just in time for Easter!! Instructor will demonstrate use of tools and materials that floral designers use in their profession as well as share her expertise in floral design. Students are invited to bring their own wreath to class and get pointers on how to spruce it up. If you don't have a wreath just come and see how it is done. Students will also learn how to make professional looking bows to use in any floral design. **Please bring 4 to 5 yards of wire edged ribbon (any width will do) and take home a beautiful bow!**

\*\*For high school age and adults.

**Thursday, March 14th 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**\$15 for members**

**\$18 for nonmembers Registration deadline: March 11**

*Jane Ousec has over 30 years of experience as a craft artist. She trained as a floral designer at the American Floral Art School in Chicago. She is currently employed as a floral designer at Cat-tails in Utica.*

## CREATE A SWINGING SPRING NECKLACE

This class is intended for the more experienced student in jewelry making. We will create a beautiful necklace using a combination of antique beads and semi precious stones. Instructor will share her lifelong interest in collecting beautiful antique and Czechoslovakian beads. Learn the fascinating history of glass beads and how she became interested in collecting beads as a young girl. This is a two-session class with each session lasting two hours, so plan ahead and allow plenty of time for this class.



**There is a \$25 supply fee payable to instructor at class.**

**Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m. March 12 & 19**

**\$30 members**

**\$34 nonmembers Registration deadline: Mar 8**

*Kay Cushman grew up beading with her mother and grandmother. She attended jewelry making classes at the Chicago Art Institute and was trained under the direction of a designer from the Guggenheim in Germany. Kay is the owner of Amma's gift shop in Princeton.*

## WATERCOLOR FOR BEGINNERS



Did you ever want to learn how to paint with watercolor? This class will teach you the basics to get started. Students will learn different brush styles and techniques to achieve a desired result. Learn the difference between watercolor paper vs. sketchpad paper, dry technique vs. wet technique. Students will practice techniques in class and at home. **Please bring several different sized watercolor brushes to class. Paint and paper**

**will be provided by instructor the first night of class.**

\*\*For high school age and adults

**Mondays 6:30-7:45 p.m. February 11 - Mar 4 (4 sessions)**

**\$45 for members.**

**\$50 for nonmembers. Registration deadline: Jan 31.**

*Mary Michael is a retired art teacher from Depue where she taught grade school and high school art. She has over 40 years experience teaching privately and publicly to all ages. She earned her undergraduate degree and Master's degree in art education at Illinois State University.*

# IRISH STORYTELLERS SET FOR ST. PAT'S DAY

Irish storytellers Mick Henneberry and Tricia Kelly will combine their talents to bring a "bit o' the oul' sod" to Princeton's Prairie Art Center at 7 p.m. March 15.

Mick was blessed with an Irish grandfather who used to regale the family with wondrous

tales. Mick remembered many of these tales from his childhood and has been telling and retelling them all his life. Today, Mick carries on that tradition of Irish storytelling, performing at area schools and libraries, the Hegeler



Carus Mansion, and Starved Rock Lodge.

In addition, Mick was raised in a family of performers who toured the country. Notwithstanding his musical talents (drums, trumpet, organ), Mick has also been spotted on stage juggling and riding a unicycle!

Tricia is newer to the storytelling scene, having told for about ten years. She brings a boundless energy to her original tales, and often incorporates audience participation. A proud Irishman herself, Tricia is convinced that

**SAVE THE DATE:  
"Two Irish Tellers"  
7 p.m.  
Friday, March 15**

"a little bit o' truth and a whole lot o' blarney" makes for a great story.

Both Mick and Tricia have attended the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee. And if you think they're good on their own, just wait 'til they join forces! For ticket prices call the Arts Center at 815-875-ARTS.

## PAC to award art scholarship

Prairie Art Center will award a \$1,000 art scholarship this spring. All students who reside in Bureau County and who will be attending college as an art major in the fall of 2013, are invited to apply. The award will be determined through a portfolio competition. Students should prepare a portfolio of five to ten original works, a statement of intention, and a letter of recommendation. These should be delivered to the Prairie Arts Center, 24 Park Avenue East, Princeton IL 61356, between 2 and 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 8. A panel of members appointed by the Prairie Arts Council will award the scholarship. The winner will be announced during the following week. Further information will be available from area art and guidance faculty, and from PAC Art Scholarship Chair, Dana Collins, at [ndana@comcast.net](mailto:ndana@comcast.net).

## PAC receives grants, memorials

The Prairie Arts Council is fortunate to have been a recipient of multiple grants this year. We recently were awarded grants of \$1,500 from Church Women United, \$100 from the Princeton Junior Woman's Club, and \$500 for the Sun Foundation.

The PAC also received a memorial in the name of Hazel Mae Townsend.

Thank you to all the organizations and individuals who find the Prairie Arts Center a worthy endeavor each year. The many programs would not be possible without all your help.

### Our Mission

*The guiding purpose of the Prairie Arts Council is to strengthen and support the participation in cultural arts in Princeton and the surrounding areas.*

## PAC theater calls for volunteers

The Prairie Arts Council theater is looking for volunteers to assist with all aspects of our theater programming: producing, directing, set art and construction, PR, choreography, accompanying, and acting.

We are trying to maintain a theater season consisting of a spring show (straight play or musical for adult actors), summer youth musical (high school and college aged actors), fall play (for adult actors), and children's Christmas musical (second-eighth grade actors). We would also consider adding a children's play (nonmusical). This very ambitious program requires a great deal of community involvement and a large number of volunteers. We hope that you will be willing to share your talents with our community.

We are still looking for a director, musical director/accompanist, and choreographer for our summer youth show. We typically hold auditions in mid-May, and the show this year will be July 25-28.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Theater Director David Gorenz at [theater@theprairieartscouncil.org](mailto:theater@theprairieartscouncil.org) or call Deb Young, PAC Board president, at (815) 875-2787.



## ATTENTION ALL PAC RATS

### PAC to host art rummage sale

Now is the time to start cleaning out your closets, attics and basements, and donate those long-lost treasures to the PAC Art Rummage Sale!

We are looking for art, frames, art and craft supplies, instruction books, and anything related to art. But we will also take any and all household goods, decorations, and your typical rummage sale items.

**Please, no clothing, though.**

**The PAC Art Rummage Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 27.**

Please drop off any rummage sale items during open hours in April, from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

For questions, call the Arts Center at (815) 875-2787 or Deb Young at (815) 303-7444.

## Thank you!

**To all of the artists and friends who donated the beautiful trees to make our Christmas Mini-Tree Festival a successful event:** Amma's, Daniel & Bruce Acker, Delores Angel, Marilyn Anthony, Cathy Baltikauski, Laurie Bonucci, Julia Cain, Goldie Currie, Sharilyn Davidson, Rachel Gorenz, Liana Hall, Pam Hanson, Carol Johnston, Josie & Morganne, Amy Lindenbusch, Jan Lohaus, Ron McCutchan, Mary Michael, Gina Nelson, Stephanie Van Ordstrand, Ardis Scala, Barb Schiff, Lisa Stefani, Lisa Vincent, Lynne Weber, and Deb Young.

Congratulations to the winners of the mini Christmas trees: Sue Garvin, "Plink Bling"; Maddie Hannon, "Merry Butterflies"; Elen Workman, "Old Fashioned Christmas"; Betty Prat, "Season's Bounty"; Laura Poscotto, "All is Merry and Bright"; Alan Weber, "School Daze"; Vicki Tieman, "Ponytail Express"; Jolene McCauley, "Holly Jolly Christmas"; Deb Dalton, "A Very Fairy Christmas"; Cathy Granata, "We Wish Shoe a Merry Christmas"; Jon McCutchan, "Stick Nick"; Penny Stocking, "Golden Age Christmas"; Mary Michael, "Spirit of Christmas Present"; Diane Smith, "Old Vine Christmas"; Stephanie VanOrdstrand, "Dreaming of a Green Christmas"; Marilyn Weidner, "Button Bobbins Boughs"; Kris Ferrari, "Origami Tree"; Ken Grams, "Hat Tree"; Julie McCutchan, "Advent Tree"; Barry Mayworm, "Emerald Spirit"; Teresa Cotter, "Birds of a Feather"; Jan Arbuckle, "We Need a Little Christmas"; Marge Albrecht, "Angels We Have Heard"; Ron McCutchan, "Partridge in a Pear Tree"; John Martin, "Sweet Dreams"; Nancy Bickett, "Have a Tiger Christmas."

**Make checks payable to Prairie Arts Council.**

**Please return this form and remittance to:**

Tammy Tieman, Membership Chairman  
24 Park Avenue East  
Princeton, IL 61356

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the Illinois Arts Council,  
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## Upcoming Events

- February 2** MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE, Gala Underground Inn, 7 p.m.
- February 11, 18, 25, March 4** Watercolor painting classes, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- February 21** Chamber After Hours at the PAC, 5-7 p.m.
- February 26** Beaded charm bracelet workshop, 6:30-8 p.m.
- MARCH** MEMBERSHIP MONTH — Support the PAC!
- March 1** Members Art Show opening reception, 6-7:30 p.m.
- March 1-23** Gallery open 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays
- March 8, 9, 10** *6 Rms Riv Vu*, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday
- March 12, 19** Swinging spring necklace workshop, 6-8 p.m.
- March 14** Spruce up your spring wreath workshop, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- March 15** *Two Irish Tellers*, 7 p.m.
- March 23** Fabulous Fibers workshop, 1-3 p.m.
- April 27** Rummage Sale at PAC, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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