



prairie arts

The Newsletter of the Prairie Arts Council

‘Steel Magnolias’ to grace PAC stage

Performances of Southern drama set for April 25-27

The Prairie Arts Council is pleased to announce its upcoming spring play “Steel Magnolias.”

The show, written by Robert Harling, is centered around six women: Truvy, the gossip with a heart of gold and owner of Truvy’s Beauty Spot; Annelle, a shy, new beautician; Clairee, a true southern grande dame with a wicked sense of humor; Shelby, a young woman determined to live life to the fullest despite numerous health problems; M’Lynn, Shelby’s sometimes overly protective mother; and Ouiser, a caustic older woman whose sarcasm cannot completely conceal her

Reserved tickets \$10 available by calling (815) 872-3503

genuine kindness.

Harling’s play follows the lives of these southern ladies as they congregate in

Truvy’s beauty shop and share in each other’s joys and sorrows. Full of acerbic humor, hilarious one-liners, deep emotion, and beautiful poignancy, this show promises to bring audiences to both laughter and tears.

The cast includes Julie Grady of Princeton as Truvy, Kate Buckley of

Princeton as Annelle, Karen Rogers of Peru as Clairee, Rachel Gorenz of Princeton as Shelby, Kathy Missel of Streator as M’Lynn, and Jill Marti of Princeton as Ouiser, with Shelley Gorenz of Princeton serving as the director.

“Steel Magnolias” will be performed at 7:30 p.m. April 25-26 and at 3 p.m. April 27 at the Prairie Arts Center, located at 24 Park Ave. East. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling Mary Sue Goldsmith at (815) 872-3503.



May exhibit brings ‘Art and Soul’ to PAC

The Prairie Arts Council is proud to present its May gallery exhibit titled “The Art and Soul” of Alba Goebel. The exhibit will begin with an opening reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 4. The public is invited.

In 78 years of portrait painting, Alba Goebel of Chillicothe, Illinois, has mastered the art of imbuing every image with the spirit of her subject. Her skills are so palpable, a grieving mother who once commissioned her to paint a portrait of a deceased child walked into Alba’s house, looked at the portrait and fainted.

Alba grew up in Italy and when

young, always dreamed of pursuing her passion to paint. However, because her military father was stationed in a tiny town in Southern Italy, she knew something very dramatic had to be done or she would never have the chance to be trained properly.

She quietly devised a plan to get a message to Italy’s Crown Prince Umberto’s wife wrapped in a portrait of the young princess. The message requested that her family be transferred to Florence so she could pursue her art studies. Because the princess loved the portrait,



Alba Goebel

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Gallery features 'Of Time and Places' exhibit

Art work of Pam Flanders on display through April 23

The Prairie Arts Council has featured as its April exhibit in the gallery "Of Time and Places" by the nationally recognized artist Pam Flanders. The exhibit continues through April 23.

Pam grew up in rural Wisconsin and always loved drawing and sketching florals and landscapes while earning a nursing degree. After being introduced to oil painting in 1991, she found a better way to demonstrate that passion in an expressive and realistic style.

With the encouragement of her family, Pam enrolled in courses and workshops around the country with professional artists whose work she admired. After studying with Anne Templeton in New Mexico in 1994, she was certain she wanted to paint full time.

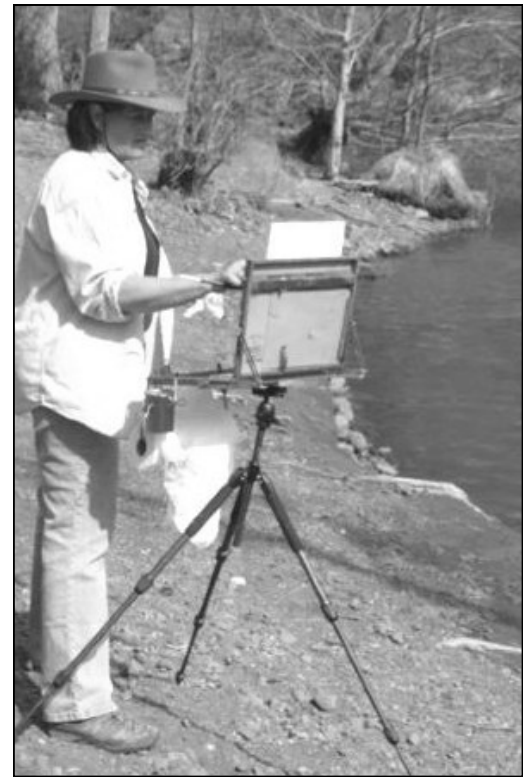
She studied with contemporary artists around the country. Their encouragement caused her to focus on the "plein air" style of painting (outdoors on site). It was plein air painting that seemed to combine Pam's talents with

her love of the outdoors.

Pam describes her style as expressive realism. Using strong values and a warm palette, she enjoys capturing the mood of her surroundings as it relates to the light hitting the subject.

"As I look at one of my finished works, all the sights, sounds and smells come back as if I were once again in that moment," she said. "It is a total sensory experience to relive all the places I've traveled and painted."

Pam participates in national and regional juried shows and events. Her works can be found in public and private collections. She is a longtime member of Oil Painters of America, Alta Prima International, and the Ottawa Art League in Illinois. She recently moved to Central Illinois from the state of Oregon, and her works can be found in galleries of the Pacific Northwest as well as North Central Illinois.

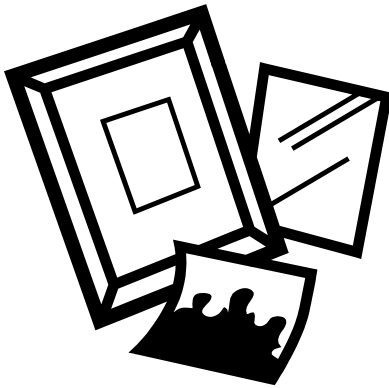


Art, bake sale set for April 26

The Prairie Arts Council will hold its annual rummage and bake sale on the lawn of the Prairie Arts Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 26. All proceeds from the sale will go to benefit our art scholarship program, which will be awarded in May to two deserving high school applicants.

PAC is still seeking donations for the rummage sale. We will accept anything related to art such as paintings, prints, 3-dimensional art, frames, art and craft supplies, as well as all household goods, decorations and typical rummage sale items, with the exception of clothing. Donations for the rummage sale may be dropped off at the



Prairie Arts Center during open hours in April and must be received by April 23. PAC open hours are from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Saturdays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Every year we have a wonderful assortment of items to offer at our rummage sale thanks to the diverse number of people who donate. In particular, we usually receive a great variety of empty picture frames and artwork, so this is a great time to shop for some "new to you" art and art-related items.

We always look forward to this annual sale because you never know what treasures you will find ... plus it's a lot of fun!!

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within months Alba and her family were transferred and her formal training began.

During World War II, Goebel began her professional career painting American soldiers' portraits for \$10. Her sister managed the details, and it was a successful arrangement until her sister married an American and moved to Washington, Illinois. Alba followed to America to help when her sister's baby was born. Shortly after she arrived, she met the proverbial boy-next-door, William Goebel, and they were married in 1947.

Alba estimates that she has painted more than 1,000 portraits. Her works hang in private collections, offices, public buildings and museums. Unfortunately, she is no longer able to paint because of glaucoma and macular degeneration.

She recently participated in a group art exhibit in the Quad Cities and is a much celebrated artist in Chillicothe and the Peoria area. PAC is delighted to be able to host this special exhibit of the art of Alba Goebel.



Classes and Workshops



Participants in a previous children's art class at the Prairie Arts Center show their Van Gogh creations.

Children's art classes

The Prairie Arts Council is offering a series of children's art classes that are guaranteed to be a fun-filled, nurturing experience for children aged 7 through 12. The goal of these classes is to encourage youngsters to develop creativity, style and skill while exploring their artistic ideas in a comfortable and supportive atmosphere. Children will work with a variety of mediums including acrylic, watercolor and pastels. Length of art sessions will vary, depending on the project of the day. March began a two-month long impressionist series where children learned to paint a specific work of art from Monet and Van Gogh. Art supplies are included.

*****Please register your child at least three days in advance of each class by calling 815-875-2787.**

Continuing Impressionist Series:

April 19 10 – 11:15 a.m. Pastels – Van Gogh

Something Different to Celebrate Spring:

**May 3 10 – 11:30 a.m. Woven May Baskets
and Tissue Paper Flowers**
May 17 10 – 11:15 a.m. To be Announced

**\$12 for members/\$15 for nonmembers per class
(Sibling discounts available)**

*"If you hear a voice within you say
'you cannot paint,' then by all means paint,
and that voice will be silenced."*

~~Vincent Van Gogh

Mother/daughter painting

What a fun and enjoyable way to celebrate Mother's Day! You will sit side-by-side, painting together while you sip beverages and create a painting for each of you or someone very special. All materials are provided. No art experience needed! Choose one of two sessions being offered for this special Theorem Painting Class.



*****Reservations are a must, as these sessions fill up fast!**

Saturday, May 10

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

1:30 – 4:00p.m.

\$45 for mother and daughter

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

Wine and Paint class

Enjoy one of our relaxed and entertaining painting sessions with family, friends, or come alone and meet new people.

Instructor Melody Best has developed a new approach to an early 19th century painting technique called theorem painting. Using Best's templates, students will paint botanically correct fruits and flowers. Because **no experience is necessary**, these classes are open to anyone. A guaranteed fun evening with wine, snack and music, all of the painting materials will be provided. Everyone will finish a ready-to-frame painting to take home.



**Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday in April and May
6:30-9 p.m. (Individual sessions)**

Members/Nonmembers: \$35 per session

*****Please be sure to register by telephone or mail your check to the Prairie Arts Center at least 3 days prior to scheduled class*****

Summer camps at PAC

Drama camp celebrates its 12th year

Registration is open for the 12th annual children's summer drama camp for children entering 2nd-9th grades. Camp runs for three hours, Monday -Friday, for two weeks. One camp session will run from 9 a.m. to noon June 9-20. There also will be morning and afternoon sessions, 9 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m., July 14-25. Cost is \$85 with special rates for siblings. Need-based scholarships are available upon request for those who meet the criteria.

Each camp session culminates in the performance (noon on June 20 and noon and 5 p.m. on July 25) of an original play written specifically for the campers and, to a large extent, tailored to the needs and abilities of the campers.

Campers in each session name their own production. They also get the hands-on experience of creating a show, from set and light work to costuming to performing.

To register, please contact camp director Rachel Gorenz at (815) 876-6284 or hildigard@hotmail.com. Payment is expected by June 1. Please make checks payable to The Prairie Arts Council. A phone call or email must be made in order to register. Please do not send a check and registration form without calling or emailing first. Checks and registration forms (available at the PAC website: www.theprairieartscouncil.org) can be returned to Rachel Gorenz, 425 W. Washington St., Princeton, IL 61356.

3rd annual art camp set for June

A two-week long summer art camp for children ages 6 through 14 will again be offered at the Prairie Arts Center by instructors Kathy Ballard and Jill Marti. This year's camp is scheduled June 23 through July 4. Students will work with a variety of art media culminating in a group art exhibit at 9:30 a.m. Friday, July 4. The exhibit will be open to the public.

Cost is \$20 per child (discounts are given for two or more siblings in one family) and includes art supplies. For registration information and camp schedule for each age group, call Jill Marti at (815) 879-0701.

Our Current Membership

The following is a list of our membership at the time of printing this newsletter. Members in current standing indicated by *. If you feel we have omitted, misspelled or listed a name incorrectly, please let us know.

Single

Judy Anderson
Delores Angel
Lois Beaber
Stephen Beatty
*Rebecca Best
Carol Bird
Lou Brown
Leigh Ann Bulthuis
Lorrayne Cabral
Harry Clucas
N. Dana Collins
*Donna Dreisbach
Marie Etter
Vicki Giehl
Maria Gold
Janet Grossman
Barbara Hansen
June Harmon
Jan Heaton
Hannah June Hultine
Susan Jacobsen
Marjorie Johnson
Helen Kenney
Jordon LaFaucia
*Fran Lewis
Jan Lohaus
*Vicky Martin
Paula Morrow
*Dr. Jon McCutchan
Mary Michael
*Patricia Polson
Peggy Robinson
*Patricia Rudzinski
Mary Ella Rumley

*Ethel Scruggs
Cindy Smith
Joy E. Schertz
Roger Swanson
Esther Tracy
Diane VandenBorre
Betty J. Wagner
Angela Weddell
Jeanette Wedding
Ramona Wedding
Marilyn Weeks

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Judy Anderson
Steven Barlow
Fred and Melody Best
Jim and Nancy Carlson
Sandy and Joe Carpenter
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Charles and Linda Gebhardt
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Stephen Gunning and Sarah Cooper
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Andrew and Jill Marti
Roger and Linda McCabe
Jay and Mary Mickow
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Jyl and Winnie Murphey
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Larry and Christine Smith
*Wanda Stenzel
Earl and Betty Sutliff
Roger and Joanne Swan
Ray and Cheri Swanson
Dave and Sharry Taylor
Dean and Tammy Tieman
Tony Morrow and
Stephanie VanOrdstrand
Gene and Lisa Vincent
Alan and Lynne Weber
Bill and Deb Young
Lou and Terri Zearing

Associate

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Aric and Tania Bowen
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Art events wanted

What's happening in the Illinois Valley arts scene? We would like to add a Community Arts Calendar to our newsletter. If you have a cultural art event which you would like listed in our calendar, please let us know by calling 815-875-ARTS.

A letter from the President...

April is membership drive month for the Prairie Arts Council. If you are a member, it may be time to renew your annual membership donation, and if you have not become a member yet, please consider doing so.

The Prairie Arts Council is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization. Memberships and donations are tax deductible. While we do receive grant money from state government and local private agencies for certain programs sponsored by the Prairie Arts Council, these grants provide funding for less than 10% of our annual operating and programming budget. The majority of our funding comes from fund raisers, individual private donations and, in particular, memberships. It is crucial that we maintain and expand our membership base in order to keep up with increasing expenses and ongoing programming. Your membership support, therefore, is very important to the Prairie Arts Council.

The Prairie Arts Council, which has served Princeton and area communities for the past eighteen years, continues to work together to build and strengthen our community's engagement in the arts and those of our children. In order to both maintain and enhance the many programs that we are able to offer, memberships are **vital** to the existence of the Prairie Arts Council and our beautiful building, The Prairie Arts Center.

The goal of the Prairie Arts Council is to make the arts accessible to everyone. In order to achieve this goal, we need your support. Please consider sending in your membership donation today, and be a part of carrying out the mission of the Prairie Arts Council which is to strengthen and support the arts in Princeton and the surrounding area. **Thank you in advance for your continued support.**

Debra A. Young

President/Membership Chair

Become a Member!

Complete the membership form included and return it to Prairie Arts Council, 24 Park Avenue East, Princeton, IL 61356. Or stop by the Arts Center during open hours.

Become a Volunteer!

Support for the arts in Princeton can come in many forms, whether it be monetary, helping to spread word about PAC, or donating time to events and programs. Volunteer opportunities range from setting up gallery exhibits to helping at PAC performances. We are currently looking for people to help keep PAC open for exhibits on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. And if you like to bake and entertain, we need you to help with our opening artist receptions. Please call us at (815) 875-2787 if you feel you can help in any way.

Matching grant monies!

Many employers offer matching contributions their employees make to not-for-profit agencies. Check with your employer and see if they make provisions for gift-giving.

Make a memorial contribution!

Any memorial monies received totaling over \$50.00 will be added to our memorial plaque honoring the name of your loved one.

“Coloring outside the lines is a fine art.”

~~ Kim Nance

Flood recovery help still needed

The Prairie Arts Council would like to gratefully acknowledge the following contributors for their recent generous donations to help recover costs incurred by replacing two furnaces at the Prairie Arts Center after flooding this past spring: Joan Chinal, Bill and Barb Ollila, Betty Ann Losey, Mary Ella Rumley, Rex and Ami Chamberlain, Dave and Jone Booth, Patricia Rudzinski, Julia McCutchan, and Carol McGee.

To date we have received \$1,415 toward the furnace fund. While these donations are greatly appreciated, we still need help recovering costs of over \$5,000 from the loss of our heating and air conditioning system. Remember, your donation is tax deductible.

 Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State _____ Zip _____
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 _____

Art scholarship to be awarded in May

The Prairie Arts Council is pleased to announce that it will award its annual art scholarship this spring. All graduating seniors who reside in Bureau County and who will attend college as an art major in the fall of 2014 are invited to apply. One scholarship each of \$1,000 and \$200 will be awarded.

The award will be determined through a portfolio. Students should prepare a portfolio of five to ten original works, a statement of intention, and a letter of recommendation. These must be delivered to the Prairie Arts Council, 24 Park Avenue East in Princeton, between 2 and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7. A panel of judges will award the scholarships, and the winners will be announced the following week.

If you know of any deserving high school senior, please encourage them to apply for this scholarship. Further information is available from any Bureau County high school art or guidance faculty, or contact the PAC Art Scholarship Director Dana Collins at ndana@comcast.net.

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

Name _____
 Business Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
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Upcoming Events

- April 19** Children's art class, 10-11:15 am
April 4 – 23 “*Of Time and Places*” art exhibit in gallery
 Wednesdays 10-noon
 Saturdays and Sundays 1-4 pm
April 25 - 27 “*Steel Magnolias*” in theater
 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 3:00 pm Sunday
April 26 Rummage and Bake Sale, 9 am – 3 pm on lawn
May 3 Children's art class, 10-11:30 am
May 4 Opening reception for *Art and Soul* exhibit
 3 – 5 pm in gallery
May 4 – 28 *Art and Soul* exhibit in gallery
 Wednesdays, 10 – noon
 Saturdays and Sunday 1-4 pm
May 7 Art scholarship applications due, 2-4 pm
May 7 Wine and Paint, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
May 10 Mother/daughter paint class
 10 am – 12:30 pm, 1:30-4 pm in gallery
May 17 Children's art class, 10 – 11:15 am
May 21 Wine and Paint, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
June 9 – 20 Children's Drama Camp, 9-noon
June 23 thru July 4 Children's Art Camp
July 14 – 25 Children's Drama Camp, 2-5 pm
August 3 PAC summer outdoor concert
 Soldiers and Sailors Park, Courthouse Square

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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 area. The cultural arts entail drama, music, art and literature and we have made it our mission to support and develop these arts for everyone.

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