



# prairie arts

The Newsletter of the Prairie Arts Council

## Inspiration from days gone by

### Local quilters take art form to a new high

A quilt from the past meant warmth on a cold night, but it also provided beauty to the family member on whose bed it resided, a beauty achieved during a time when that family's foremost thoughts were to survive through the difficult winters. And while quilts belonged to that bygone era, because of their wonderful colors and designs, they have evolved into a new and appealing art form. Today they hang on the walls of corporate offices, hospitals, churches, art galleries, and homes.

The upcoming art show at the Prairie Art Center, "Quilts: Then and Now," showcases a new variation of quilt art that might take the soft comfort out of quilting, but maintains all of the beauty and tradition. The month-long exhibit in the PAC gallery features this style of quilt art done on wood for placement on barns. Several quilters in the Princeton area are working on this project which currently can be found in 24 locations in Bureau County.

The barn quilt art will include either the quilter's own designs or the designs of other quilters. Typically, they are either 8-foot-square or 4-foot-square wooden blocks. Designed with colorful and traditional patterns, the blocks are hand-



Painted using durable exterior paint for year-round display, and then mounted on historic barns.

**Meet the artists**  
**6-8 p.m.**  
**Aug. 1**

This new take on the quilting tradition and artistry of yesteryear is designed to invite visitors to venture off the beaten path and explore Bureau County's scenic countryside. A tourist map guide is available to direct you to all 24 barn quilt sites.

Please join us at our opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, August 1, at the Prairie Arts Center, 24 Park Avenue East in Princeton and meet the artists of these magnificent works of art.

The exhibit will continue through August 24 during normal gallery hours.





Participants in the June session of the annual summer drama camp, in costumes for "Fins, Friends, and Foes: Tails from the sea," include (in no particular order) Alex Castaneda, Grace May, Rachel Kirkpatrick, Nora Schneider, Anna Argubright, Lanie Hannon, Sabrina Bickett, Anya Kauffman, Maddie Hannon, Makayla Heller, Nora Kauffman, Niklas Schneider, and Kennedy Kloepping.

## Drama camp 2014 splashes in with *Tails from the sea*

For the past twelve years, the young people of Princeton and the surrounding area have had the opportunity to participate in the Prairie Arts Council's summer drama camps, run by camp director Rachel Gorenz. Each camp session consists of spending a whole morning or afternoon for two weeks at the Prairie Arts Center, memorizing lines, playing games, learning stage design, and having hands-on practice at building and painting sets.

The children participate in specific theater games designed to teach improvisational skills and character development. They also learn how to apply specific stage makeup techniques for wounds, aging, animals, and more.

The camps conclude with a performance of an original play written specifically for each drama camp. Roles are tailored to the individual talents, abilities, and needs of the cast so that each child is helped to achieve their full potential as an actor. The play for this summer's first session of drama camp, titled "Fins, Friends, and Foes: Tails from the sea," was presented to a full audience at noon on June 20 in the theater of the Prairie Arts Center.

The next PAC drama camp will run July 14-25. The camp is open for children who will be entering 2nd through 9th grades in the fall. To register your child for the July camp, call the Prairie Arts Center at (815) 875-2787.

Come see our next show  
on July 25!

## Children's art classes x 4

PAC will offer four classes with four teachers to learn four ways to create art and have fun featuring watercolor, drawing portraits, colored pencil, and pastels. These classes will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays from September 17 to October 8. Each session of four classes will be \$36 for PAC member's children and \$48 for non-members, including all materials. You must sign up for all four classes. To register, please call PAC at (815) 875-2787.

## Artisan market coming in September

Plan to drop by our booth at the Artisan Market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 6 at Hornbaker Gardens, just a few miles southeast of Princeton. A fun day is planned with food vendors, wine tasting, music, local produce, and over 30 artisans selling their wares. The Prairie Arts Council will sponsor a booth for our member artisans. If you are a member of the Prairie Arts Council and wish to sell your art or craft at our booth, please contact Melody Best at the Prairie Arts Center (815) 875-2787 and let her know. We will also ask that you offer to spend an hour or two of your time at the booth to help out and meet the public. Of course, space is limited, so we only can accept a certain amount of art work, but we will do our best to fit everyone in. See you there!

# Berry, Ballard take art to the 'uncommon'

## Exhibit to be featured in gallery in October

Two of the area's best known artists will team up together to present a month-long exhibit of "Uncommon Art" in the gallery of the Prairie Arts Center. The exhibition will begin with an opening wine and hors d'oeuvre reception from 6 to 8 p.m. October 3.

Susan Berry, best known for her wire sculptures, believes that "art beautifies the world and requires one to be a creative builder." She challenges herself to create artwork that she calls "uncommon art." Susan has a love for creating things out of wire that, when viewed, inspire emotion, wonder, and delight. Her pieces include free-standing and wall art in mixed media and three-dimensional sculptures.

Kathy Ballard, on the other hand, has a more conventional outlook toward her art. Her attention is primarily focused on crafting work that is well made and technically correct. Kathy looks to nature for inspiration and finds numerous ways to incorporate it in her art. Well known for her pottery, she has recently pushed herself to work "outside the box," exploring other art media and motifs. While taking more chances with her art, she says it is "both exhilarating and scary at the same time, and quite uncommon" for her to do.

This exhibit will run October 3 through 25 in the PAC gallery during normal gallery hours and will be open and free to the public.



## WIZARDS & WONDER FAIR

The Prairie Arts Council meets the magical realm of Wizards and Wonders in an event drawing inspiration from authors and books celebrating the realm of fantasy children's literature from Harry Potter to Oz to Wonderland to Narnia. Please stop by our booth at the Wizards and Wonder Faire from 5 to 9 p.m. August 16 at the Princeton Public Library on East Peru Street. The Prairie Arts Council will participate in this event with a booth offering three activities for children, including making edible magic wands, photo opportunities, and a bean bag toss with prizes. See you in the other realm!



## Art class revisited

Instructor Sheila Heth works with a student during one of PAC's art classes held in the spring. Please check our website for periodic updates on classes and activities at the PAC.

## Homestead talent showcase to hit the stage Aug. 9-10

The Bureau County Homestead Festival Committee has put together a stellar talent showcase to be held at 7:30 p.m. August 9 and 2 p.m. August 10 in the Prairie Arts Center. This is a pre-Homestead Festival Event and is intended as a fundraiser for the annual Homestead Festival, which takes place September 11-14 in Princeton.

The Saturday night show will be preceded by a lawn party at the Prairie Arts Center with hors d'oeuvres and champagne punch starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$100 for a row of six seats. This is a perfect way to entertain family and friends or business associates. Sunday's performance is \$10 per ticket.

Performers include Ann Field Williams, Phil Kaufmann, Gwen Roseberg, Charles Gebeck, and Jennifer and Morgan Reckamp. Bill and Dorothy Nelson, organizers of the event, will serve as emcees. Call (815) 875-2118 for reservations. The Prairie Arts Council welcomes the Bureau County Homestead Festival Talent Showcase!

## 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.



## Concert in the Park to feature 'Alison and Friends'

The Prairie Arts Council presents its fourth annual Concert in the Park, featuring "Alison Coyer and Friends" at 6 p.m. August 3. For the past four years, the Prairie Arts Council has brought musical entertainment to the outdoors with a free concert under the shade trees of Princeton's Soldiers and Sailors Park on the Courthouse Square.

On August 3, residents of Bureau County will enjoy listening to the musical notes played on the hammered dulcimer by Alison Coyer. Alison started taking dulcimer lessons at age 12, and by the age of 16 she placed third in the nation at competition in Winfield, Kansas. Alison will be accompanied by Jim Johnson from Marseilles on guitar, Owen Johnson from Princeton on guitar, and John Musgrave from Morris on bass. They all met while playing at bluegrass jams in the area and have developed a friendship you can sense as they play together. Alison and Friends have been seen at numerous regional events including a recent concert at the Princeton Public Library.

Please bring your own lawn chairs. Refreshments will be available. All proceeds and donations will go directly to benefit the Prairie Arts Council's art scholarship, which is awarded every May to a deserving Bureau County high school senior.



### 2014 Art Scholarship recipient

Lily Gould (right) of Walnut received the Prairie Arts Council's 2014 Art Scholarship Award. She will attend North Park University in Chicago this fall where she will work toward her bachelor's degree in art, after which she hopes to receive a master's degree in museum studies. Pictured with Lily are Deb Young (from left), PAC president, and Sheila Heth, art teacher at Bureau Valley High School.

# Our Current Membership

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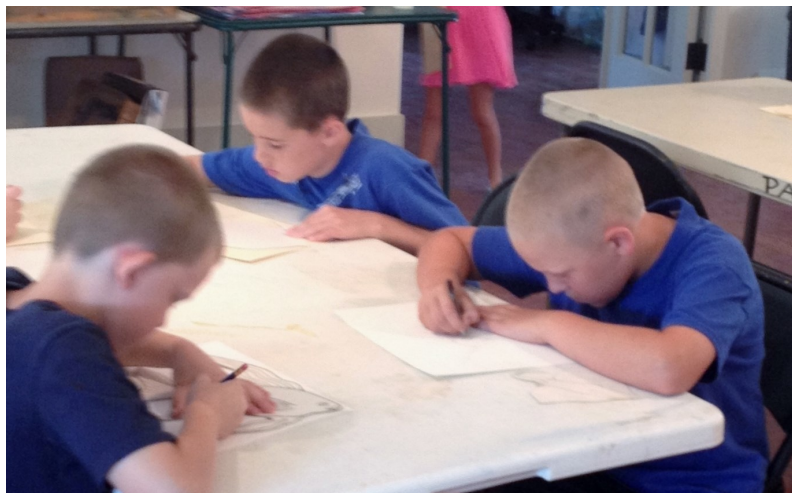
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### Art campers hard at work

Thirty-seven students ages 6 to 14 attend art camp June 23 through July 4 under the instruction of Kathy Ballard and Jill Marti. Students have been working on various art projects throughout the two weeks and will exhibit their works for public viewing at 9:30 a.m. July 4 in the PAC gallery.

### Life and times of Richard Widmark

The Prairie Arts Council will present a biography of Richard Widmark, as seen on "Biography: Strength of Characters," at 2 p.m. September 13-14.

A moderator familiar with Widmark's life and times in Princeton will be available to discuss both the biography and the Widmark posters and memorabilia which will be available for viewing in the gallery.

The biography and exhibit are open and free to the public.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations who gave to the PAC. Without your generosity, we wouldn't be able to do what we do.

Donations were received from: Princeton Junior Woman's Club, Gayle Grace, and David and Judith Peterson (for the furnace fund). Memorials were received in the name of: Winnie and Allen Murphey and Aleene C. Long.

**Thank you also to all our volunteers.** You are too numerous to name individually but no less valuable for that. You help make our programs so successful, and keep them operating smoothly.

*Art is anything you can get away with.*

~~ Andy Warhol

### 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

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## Arts Calendar

- July 14-25** Children's summer drama camp
- July 18-20** *The Little Mermaid Jr.* production by the River Valley Players in Henry, 7:30 p.m. July 18-19, 2 p.m. July 20
- Aug 1-24** *Quilts: Then and Now* exhibit in gallery  
Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Aug. 1  
Exhibit open normal gallery hours through Aug. 24
- Aug 3** Summer concert in the park featuring *Alison and Friends*  
6 p.m. in Soldiers and Sailors Park
- Aug 9-10** Homestead Talent Showcase  
7:30 p.m. Aug 9, 2 p.m. Aug 10 in theater
- Aug 16** *Wizards and Wonder Fair*, 5-9 p.m. at Princeton Library
- Aug 23** John Gorka, musical performance  
7 p.m. at the Princeton Coffeehouse
- Aug 31-Sept 28** *Back in the Day* exhibit of '50s-'60s photos in gallery  
Opening reception 2-4 p.m. Aug. 31  
Exhibit open normal gallery hours through Sept. 28
- Sept 6** Artisan market, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Hornbaker Gardens
- Sept 13-14** Biography of Richard Widmark, 2 p.m. both days
- Sept 17-Oct 8** Children's art class, 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesdays
- Sept 27** Scott Cook, musical performance  
7 p.m. at the Princeton Coffeehouse
- Oct. 3-25** *Uncommon Art* exhibit in gallery  
Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 3  
Exhibit open normal gallery hours through Oct. 25

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