



prairie arts

The Newsletter of the Prairie Arts Council

An Evening of Dance



PAC invites you to 19th annual gala

Be prepared to put on your dancing shoes and do some ballroom dancing during the Prairie Arts Council's 19th annual gala, "An Evening of Dance," on Saturday, Feb. 15. Live music will be provided by Ivory Plus, a five-piece band that will make you reminisce on the big band era when people wore their finest clothes and danced to live music.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. at A Hundred Acre Orchard, west of Princeton. Complimentary beverages, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served immediately and throughout the evening while attendees enjoy the live music of Ivory

Plus. More than 30 pieces of art, donated by artists and individuals for the silent auction, will remain on display until the end of the evening when the winners will be announced. Volunteers will sell 50/50 raffle tickets for \$1 each. A cash bar also will be available.

Tickets are \$30 per person with advance reservations or at the door for \$35. Reservations can be made by calling (815) 875-2787 or by mailing your check to PAC before February 5.

**50/50 tickets available
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Feb. 1
at Sullivan's**

Shaffer to receive Lifetime Achievement award

One of Princeton's most respected artists, O.V. "Verne" Shaffer, has been nominated and chosen to receive the Prairie Arts Council's Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award for 2014. This award was created five years ago by the PAC board of directors to recognize and honor special people in our community who have made important contributions to the arts.



Born and raised in Princeton, Verne began his study of art in 1946 at Beloit College where he earned a bachelor's degree. Later he earned a master's degree at Michigan State University. Verne's career evolved from painter to educator. Starting as

McCutchan named *Patron of the Arts*

Longtime Princeton resident and PAC member Julia "Julie" McCutchan will receive a special tribute award as the 2014 Patron of the Arts. The award will be presented at PAC's annual Gala event Feb. 15.

Julie became a member of PAC in 1996 when her son Ron McCutchan was on the organization's founding board of directors. She attended many PAC events during the next three years while her son filled the position of program director there.

After three years, in 1998, the original founding members of the board found that their term was up, as stated in the bylaws of the corporation. Then-

president Deb Young approached Julie to find out if she would be interested in taking over the vacant position of treasurer. After careful consideration and wary interest, Julie consented to "help out," and has been helping out ever since.

Up until 2013, Julie remained on the PAC board, working with commitment and determination to see things through. She has served in various capacities from president to treasurer, and when there was no one willing to fill a vacant presidency, she would find someone or do it herself. The president's position in

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Mini tree festival a success

Thanks to our talented designers, the 2013 Mini-Christmas Tree Festival was a success. A big thank you to everyone involved.

Our designers and volunteers included Jane Ousec, Kim Frey, Sue Garvin, Sallee Zearing, Daniel and Bruce Acker, Stephanie VanOrdstrand, Diane Vandenberg, Shanna

May, Jan Esme, Steve Esme, Deb Young, Hope Browning, Bea Coates, Margaret Martinkus, Marilyn Anthony, Melody Best, Carol Johnston, Holly Harris, David Hornbaker, Julia Cain, Carlotta Dodels, Lani Swinford, Jan Lohaus, Susan Wright, Julie Davis and her Girl Scout Troup, Lynne Weber, Gina Nelson, Liz Draper, Jan Heaton, Roger Swanson, Gayle Grace, Mary Michael.

Please check our website on how YOU can enter a design for PAC's Mini-Christmas Tree Festival, 2014.



Now available at PAC

Matted prints of Bureau County's beloved Red Covered Bridge by Princeton artist, B.J. "Betty" Wagner are now available for purchase at the Prairie Arts Center. Stop in and see these lovely 8x10 matted prints, ready to be framed. (Also available at Annie's Little Pots on North Main Street in Princeton.)

Also, our collectible, limited-edition, hand-painted ornaments of the Red Covered Bridge and the Soldiers and Sailors Monument are available throughout the year while supplies last. Each year a committee will select a different historic building or monument in Bureau County to commemorate for the ornament. The next ornament to be offered and produced in limited quantity by the Prairie Arts Council is currently in the planning stages and will be announced later this year.

All proceeds from the sale of these items are donated to the Prairie Arts Council.



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assistant professor of art at Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan, he then was hired in 1955 by Beloit College as a professor of art. He later obtained the position of director of the Wright Art Center at Beloit College.

In 1959 he traveled to Maine where he assisted Clark FitzGerald with the construction of three large-scale sculptures. This influenced his decision to give up his teaching position to embark on a solo art career as a sculptor.

For many years, Shaffer sculpted in his rural studio in Wisconsin before moving back to Princeton. Most of his works are made from metal, either welded or cast. He has also worked in wood and cast concrete, including a concrete mural sculpture for the face of the UWM Union.

With an estimated 1,200 pieces to his credit, Shaffer has exhibited throughout the Midwest and has major commissions in Maine, Florida and Utah, as well as Wisconsin and Illinois. He won the Wisconsin Governor's Award in the Arts in 1970. He has had countless exhibitions from 1956 on up through 2013. His name appears in numerous publications, including the 1999 edition of *Who's Who in American Art*, and *Wisconsin Painters and Sculptors* published by the West Bend Art Museum in 2000.

In 2012 Shaffer gifted a collection of his own sculptures and drawings to Kohler Foundation, where preservation technicians have carefully catalogued, photographed and cleaned the collection. The artwork is now at home at the University of Wisconsin. Among the many websites credited with the name O.V. (Verne) Shaffer, The Kohler Foundation

Inc. features a web page where Shaffer's work can now be viewed on the internet.

Please join us in honoring O.V. (Verne) Shaffer for his Lifetime Achievement in the Arts.

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volunteer organization means countless hours in not only presiding over the organization, but also making sure the building and grounds are taken care of.

Julie has held the title of gardener, grant writer, newsletter editor, fundraiser, groundskeeper, sign changer, baker, hostess, usher, and "on call" at all hours to let people into the building when needed.

The Prairie Arts Council board of directors is extremely grateful to Julia McCutchan. For this we would like to award her with a special tribute as PAC's Patron of the Arts.



Classes and Workshops

Theorem painting workshop

Many who have taken the wine and paint classes have expressed an interest in an all-day theorem painting workshop. We will offer this for you so that you can paint your favorite flowers or fruit. Instructor Melody Best has developed a new and fresh approach to an early 19th century art painting technique. Utilizing her materials, included in the tuition, she will teach you how to paint botanically correct flowers and plants. **No painting experience necessary.** Please bring a sack lunch. Beverages will be provided.



Saturday, February 22 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Members/Nonmembers: \$65

CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

The Prairie Arts Council will offer children's art classes on the first and third Saturday of each month, starting February 1 at 10 a.m. Art sessions will last one to two hours, depending on the project of the day. Please check our website for updates on these classes. A minimal supply fee for each child will apply for each class. Call PAC at (815) 875-2787 to register your child at least 3 days prior to each class

Drawing 101

The Prairie Arts Council will offer a four-week beginning drawing class for high school age and adults with little or no drawing experience. Learn how to see things differently as our teacher guides you through some drawing techniques. Learn shading, contouring, and other elements of good drawing skills. **Please bring an ebony pencil, kneaded eraser, sketching pencil #HB, and a 9x12 sketch book.**

Tuesday 6:30-8 p.m. February 11-March 4
Registrations deadline: February 6

Members/Nonmembers: \$38/\$42

Sheila L. Heth has taught art to all ages for almost 30 years and currently teaches art at Bureau Valley High School. She has won various teaching awards, and her students have earned many awards and scholarships. Heth's personal artwork has been seen throughout the world.

Watercolor for beginners

Students will learn the basics of watercolor painting, as well as different brush styles and techniques to achieve a desired result. Learn the difference between watercolor paper vs. sketchpad paper and what effects various weights of paper have on watercolor. Learn dry technique vs. wet technique and how to obtain varying shades of color. The class is intended for the beginner with basically no experience in watercolor painting.

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.

**March 10-April 7
(no class March 24)**

Registration deadline April 2

\$45 for members/\$50 for nonmembers

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

Wine and Paint class

What could be better than an evening of wine, music and art, with YOU as the artist? Enjoy one of our relaxed, entertaining painting sessions with family and friends, or come alone and meet new people. Consider attending as a way to celebrate a Ladies Night Out, an anniversary, a birthday, or entertaining an out-of-town guest.

Instructor Melody Best will guide you through the featured painting of the evening and demonstrate some painting tricks and techniques. Each session will be different. **No experience necessary!** 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.



Wednesday 6:30-9 p.m. (Individual sessions)

February 5 March 5 April 9

February 19 March 19 April 23

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*****

In the Gallery ...

Everyone is a Collector!

February 7-28

To open our 2014 exhibit season, we are excited to announce something a little different than what you normally see at the Prairie Arts Center's gallery exhibits. We would like ALL of our members to share and exhibit one or two of their favorite works of arts and a little note sharing how you acquired the piece. It could be a painting, a sculpture, photograph, or even a child's drawing. All will be on view during the month of February. Up to two works of art will be accepted. For more information, call Melody Best at (203) 522-6805.

Any member of the Prairie Arts Council is invited to participate in this exhibit. The Arts Center will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 1-2 to receive your works of art

so we can prepare for the month-long exhibit.

As always, our opening reception will be held on the first Friday of the month, from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 7. The exhibit will run through February 28.

A Bit of the Green

March 7-March 28

This exhibit is for our artist members. Each year we try to set aside a month in the gallery for our PAC members to show off their talents in a group exhibit. This year we are asking our artists to extend an invitation to a nonmember guest artist to display their works as well. Up to four works of art in any medium will be accepted. Receiving dates for these works of art will be from 2:30 to 4 p.m. March 1-2. For more information, please call

Melody Best at (203) 522-6805.

Opening reception for this exhibit will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 7. The exhibit will run through March 28.

Art Exhibit

April 4-April 25

Watch our website for information about our exhibit in April. As always, plan to attend our first Friday of the month opening reception in April. Enjoy appetizers, wine and conversation with the artist.

***** All gallery exhibits are open and free to the public. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. *****

Our Current Membership

Single

Judy Anderson
Delores Angel
Lois Beaber
Stephen Beatty
Carol Bird
Lou Brown
Leigh Ann Bulthuis
Lorrayne Cabral
Harry Clucas
N. Dana Collins
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
Paula Morrow
Dr. Jon McCutchan
Mary Michael
Patricia Polson
Betty Pretzsch
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

Family

Daniel and Gina Acker
Judy Anderson
Steven Barlow
Fred and Melody Best
Jim and Nancy Carlson
Sandy and Joe Carpenter
Rex and Ami Chamberlain
Joan Cichy and Steve Lewkowycz
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Harry and Elaine Gerber
Hector and Margaret Gomez
Bertha Gorenz
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PAC RECEIVES GRANTS

The Prairie Arts Council recently received several grants from community and statewide organizations as follows:

- Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, \$1,015 for annual operating costs;
- Church Women United, \$1,500 to help offset costs associated with remodeling the theater bathroom to make it handicapped accessible;
- and The Sun Foundation, \$500 to be used for our summer children's art camp.

ATTENTION ALL PAC-RATS!!

The PAC once again will hold its annual art rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 26 on the lawn of the Prairie Arts Center. Donate your unwanted, never-going-to-be-used-again treasures to the rummage sale that gives back. All proceeds from the annual sale go into our art scholarship fund, which awards scholarships each May to two deserving high school applicants.

We will accept anything related to art such as paintings, prints, 3-dimensional art, frames, art/craft supplies, and instruction books. We also will accept any and all household goods, decorations, and typical rummage sale items with the exception of clothing.

Donations for the rummage sale can be dropped off at PAC during open hours in April. For questions, call the Prairie Arts Center or Deb Young at (815) 303-7444.

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: Bill and Barb Ollila, and Julia McCutchan.

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 _____

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 _____
 Phone _____
 *E-Mail _____

*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.
 ___ I still prefer to receive my newsletter by US postal service.

Categories of Membership

___ Student..... \$10	___ Monetary Donation _____
___ Single..... \$15	___ Memorial Gift _____
___ Family..... \$25	in Memory of _____
___ Sponsor..... \$50	
___ Patron..... \$150	
___ Corporate \$300	

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

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___ Artist/Fine Art Exhibitor. Please specify: _____
 ___ Performing Artist/Musician. Please specify: _____
 ___ Teaching. Please specify: _____



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the Illinois Arts Council,
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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 1** Children's art class, 10 a.m. in gallery
- Feb. 5-April 23** Wine and paint class, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays in gallery
- Feb. 7** Opening reception for member art exhibit, 6-8 p.m. in gallery
- Feb. 7-28** Member art exhibit in gallery, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays
- Feb. 11-March 4** *Drawing 101*, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays in gallery
- Feb. 15** *An Evening of Dance* annual gala, 6 p.m. at A Hundred Acre Orchard
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- March 7-28** *A Bit of the Green* art exhibit in gallery, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays
- March 10-April 7** Watercolor painting class, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Mondays in gallery
- April 26** Annual art rummage sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on lawn

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