

# The Arts



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is in full swing and we are making plans for upcoming events. Our events thus far have been a success and we anticipate much participation in the upcoming Art of Photography show. In addition to our suite of annual shows we are working in partnership with other organizations to broaden our reach and provide more arts events to Fulton County.

We still have room for three additional board members. Anyone interested in serving as a board member should contact one of the officers. As always, members are welcome to attend Arts Council Board meetings without becoming an officer.

We are presently developing a list of judges and prospective judges for Arts Council shows. Anyone who has experience in art show judging or feels that they are

qualified to judge, please contact us for additional information.

In addition to developing a list of judges we are formulating a set of judging guidelines and criteria to be used in judging Arts Council shows.

In the previous Arts Council newsletter we announced that our website had been completely redesigned and had been launched. We also announced that the Arts Alliance of Fulton County had expressed the desire to use the Arts Council website as the umbrella website for the Arts Alliance. Because of this cooperative agreement we continue to add more pages and upgrades to our site. A major new feature is an arts calendar that will provide a place for arts organizations in Fulton County to post all their events in one place. Our site will also provide information



Painting by Lois McCoy titled 'Historic Elmwood Depot'. 2007 Annual Theme Art Show 'Bygone Days'.

about the Arts Alliance and its member organizations. Visit [fultoncountyartscouncil.com](http://fultoncountyartscouncil.com) to see the changes and find information on arts events in Fulton County.

We hope you join us for the exciting year that we have planned. We thank you for your continued support and don't forget to enter your favorite photograph in the upcoming Art of Photography show.

*Kelvin Sampson*

### Board Meeting Schedule

- July 10, 2007
- September 11, 2007
- November 13, 2007
- January 8, 2008

*The Fulton County Arts Council meets at 6:30 p.m. at Graham Hospital. Members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.*

### Officers for 2007

- President - Kelvin Sampson
- Vice President - Stephan Love
- Secretary - Paula Helle
- Treasurer - Steve Endsley

### Board Members

- Dennis Crawford
- Marnie Eskridge
- Crystal Hardesty
- Sharon Harkless
- Joan Johnson-Blackwell
- Cynthia Richter
- Bill Whitehouse (Gallery Coordinator)
- Max Latimer (Advisor)

## ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

### Edgar Lee Masters Day

Winners of the Oak Hill Poetry Competition were announced June 2 at Edgar Lee Masters Day ceremonies in the Lewistown United Methodist Church. Winning poems in the various divisions will appear in a book

to be published this fall by Lewiston Chamber of Commerce and Great River Poets Society of Iowa.

Local poets who received recognition included Marilyn J. Carr, Maquon, Third Place for "Lewis Be Da Town," Karen Lynch, Galesburg,

Honorable Mention for "Oak Hill;" and George Tanner, Yates City, Honorable Mention for "Andy, the Blind Shoeshine Man." The event was co-sponsored by a grant from the Fulton County Arts Council and the Illinois Arts Council, a State Agency.

### Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Fulton County Arts Council "Art in the Park", a hands-on art experience for Children Ages 5 years to 12 years old, to be held on September 1, 2007 at Dickson Mounds Museum. Contact Kelvin Sampson at 309-645-7109 for more information.

## GALLERY NEWS

### Digital Art Show

The Fulton County Arts Council Digital Art Show was held between March 13 and May 8, 2007. The winners in the Amateur / Student division were: First Place, Barb Kittel, "St John's"; Second Place Keith Kittel, "Butterfly Breakfast"; Third Place, Barb Kittel, "Frozen in Time". In the Semi-Professional division the winners were: First Place, Cheryl Swope, "Icicle Candle"; Second Place, Crystal Hardesty, "The Rose". In the Professional division First Place went to Kelvin Sampson, "Weeds". The Fulton County Arts Council thanks all who participated in this show.

### Annual Theme Art Show "Bygone Days"

Presently in the Fulton County Arts Council gallery located in the atrium of Graham Hospital is the annual theme show "Bygone Days". This show will be on view until July 10. Judging for this show has been completed and the winners are as follows. Since participation was low only first places were awarded in each category. In the Amateur / Student division the winner was Stephan Love for his painting "Days of my Youth". In the Semi-Professional division

the winner was Lois McCoy for her painting "Old Automobile" and the winner of the Professional division was Kelvin Sampson with a hand built ceramic vessel "Head Pot".

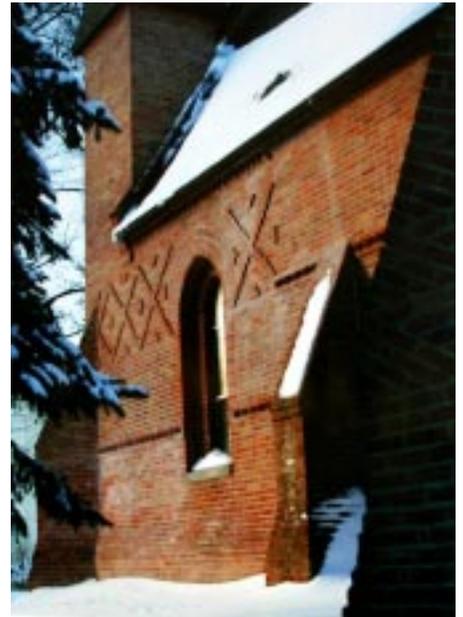
### Upcoming Shows

#### Art of Photography Show

Beginning on July 10 will be the "Art of Photography Show". Entries for the show will be accepted on July 10, 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., in the lower level atrium space of Graham Hospital. Entries may include digital or film photography. This show will be on view from July 10 through September 11, 2007.

Fulton County Arts Council shows are open for entries from the public for a fee of \$3.00 per entry. Arts Council members may enter for free. Entry size, including frame, should not be smaller than 8 x 10 inches and larger than 36 inches in length or width. There is a limit of two entries per show. Entries must be framed and have a sturdy wire type hanger on the back with screw eyes at least 3/16 inch. Shows are open to Student/Amateur, Semi-Professional, and Professional artists. Awards will be

given in these three categories. For more information on entry rules and to download an entry form please visit [fultoncountyartscouncil.com/entry.html](http://fultoncountyartscouncil.com/entry.html).



Fulton County Arts Council Digital Art Show amateur / student division winner "St John's" photograph by Barb Kittel of Lewistown.

## FULTON COUNTY PLAYHOUSE

The Fulton County Playhouse will present Rodgers and Hammerstein II "A Grand Night for Singing" directed by Tammy Hamilton. A Grand Night for Singing opened the 1994 Broadway season with flair and distinction, wildly enthusiastic notes and a Tony nomination for Best Musical. Rodgers & Hammerstein probably never imagined "Shall We Dance?" as a comic pas de deux for a towering beauty and her diminutive admirer, nor did they suspect that one day a lovelorn young lad might pose the musical question "How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?" But that's precisely the kind of invention lavished upon this new revue. "A Grand Night for Singing" will be presented July 13 - 15 and July 19 - 22.

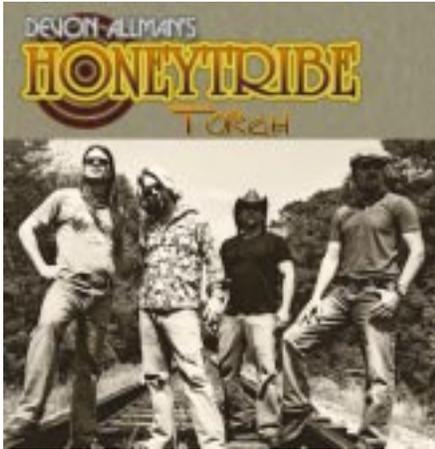
The last show of the 2007 season will be "Beyond a Joke" written by Derek Benfield. "Beyond a Joke" will be directed by Kevin Mercer. This will be Kevin Mercer's directing debut. In "Beyond a Joke" Jane and Andrew's pleasant country house is accident-prone. Six people have already died there in unfortunate and embarrassing accidents. When daughter Sally's young man Geoff arrives for the weekend unaware of the house's reputation, he mistakenly deduces from conversational confusion that the deaths were due to sinister circumstances. A body is discovered in the cupboard and a visiting vicar passes peacefully away in the garden just as Geoff's parents call unexpectedly. Jane and her sister in law persuade Andrew to keep up appearances

by hiding evidence, which involves trundling around with bodies in wheelbarrows. Geoff is nearly convinced that he is mistaken, unaware that one of the bodies has been mistakenly stowed in the trunk of his parent's car. Performance dates for "Beyond a Joke" are August 10 - 12 and 17 - 19.

The season is filled with comedy and great music. Tickets are available by calling the Fulton County Playhouse Ticket Office at (309) 647-6032. Season tickets are \$25.00 each and cover "Noises Off", "A Grand Night for Singing" and "Beyond a Joke". The Playhouse seating chart can be viewed at [fultoncountyplayhouse.com](http://fultoncountyplayhouse.com).

## SPOON RIVER BLUES FESTIVAL

Blues began as a simple vocal form of music and gradually evolved to include the harmonica, drums, bass and electric guitars. This genre has influenced uncountable musical artists ranging from the traditional (B.B. King and John Lee Hooker) to the experimental (Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin). In July, Canton will get to taste a regional sample of the blues.



Slated to perform at this year's festival are headliner Devon Allman's Honeytribe, the Dave Chastain Band, Steve the Harp with special guests the Blues Deacons, and Sally Weisenburg and the Famous Sidemen.

In addition to playing a complete live set Steve the Harp will teach his harmonica skills to students of all ages. The

Blues Blow Torch Blues Harp Workshop, which is sponsored by Capitol Music, begins at 2 p.m. "(Steve the Harp) and the Blues Torch Society have a large interest in letting young listeners get into a classic form of American music," said festival organizer Dennis DeBourbon. "It says

something about an artist when he wants to teach people as well as perform. He's promoting an American cultural heritage." Also, all workshop participants will receive a free Blues Blow Torch Society Blues Harp.

Every year the Spoon River Festival, a non-profit organization, provides scholarships for students in the arts field. In past years, they've given a \$1,000 grant to Canton High School's Jazz Band to record in Nashville, and they also have given a \$2,000 grant to Spoon River College.

The event will take place on Saturday, July 28 at Canton's Ingersoll Manor and last from noon to 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person. Tickets for the festival are available at all Capitol Music stores in Canton, Macomb and Galesburg and by phone, mail, or walk-in at the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce located at 45 East Side Square, Suite 303, Canton, IL 61520, or by calling 309/647-2677. For further information, call Deb Johnson at the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce or visit the website [www.myspace.com/spoonriverbluesfest](http://www.myspace.com/spoonriverbluesfest)

## THE ARTS IN ELLISVILLE

Summer has been busy for the Village of Ellisville and H.E.R.O (Historic Ellisville Restoration Organization). On Saturday, May 26th those in attendance at the Ellisville Opera House enjoyed an evening with the ever-enjoyable Chris Vallillo as he presented an evening of folk music. The event was sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Humanities Council. H.E.R.O. served dessert and sassafras tea at the event.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> the Spoon River Rascals under the direction of Paula Helle presented "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" on stage at the Opera House. The six-member cast was made up of older members from the theatre troupe that calls the Opera House "home". Both evenings boasted good attendance and the cast received stand-

ing ovations.

The next event hosted by H.E.R.O. will be the Street Dance and Corn Boil on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Food will begin being served at 6:30 p.m. with games and cake starting at 7:00. From 8:00 -10:00 P.M. there will be a street dance with live music. Bring a lawn chair and share the fun!

September 8<sup>th</sup> will be the final event in the H.E.R.O. summer concert series. The Ellisville Opera House will host a silent movie festival featuring Charlie Chaplin's 1925 classic "Gold Rush". Paula Helle will accompany the silent movie on the piano. During intermission there will be a Silent Film Star Look-A-Like Contest open to all ages. This is a rare opportunity to experience film as they

were originally experienced. "Gold Rush" is a captivating film that will be appreciated by all age levels. This event will be sponsored in part by F.C.A.C.

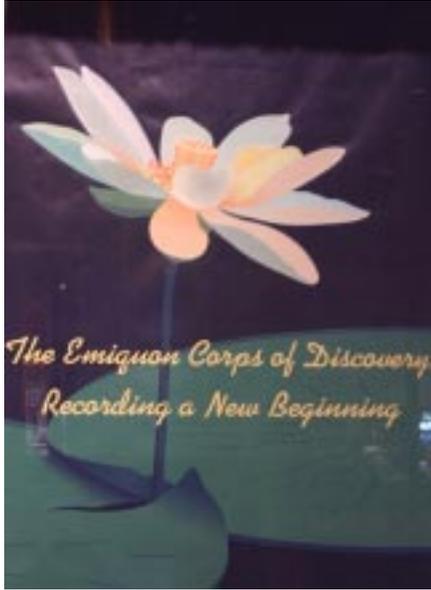


The curtain still adorns the stage at the Ellisville Opera House. The building is on the National Register of Historic Sites.

## THE EMIQUON CORPS OF DISCOVERY EXHIBIT

The Western Illinois University Art Gallery will host the Emiquon Corps of Discovery: Recording a New Beginning exhibit August 20 through September 20, 2007. A public reception will be held on August 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Emiquon, located between Lewistown and Havana on the Illinois River, is one of the largest floodplain restoration projects in the country outside the Florida Everglades. It is the premiere demonstration site for The Nature Conservancy's work on the Illinois River and may ultimately help guide large



floodplain river restoration efforts around the world. The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants and animals and natural communities that protect the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

Emiquon once held diverse and abundant communities of native plants and animals in a complex system of backwater wetlands and lakes. Hundreds of nearby archeological sites, including Native

American villages and burial mounds, are a quiet testimony to the abundant

natural resources that supported generations of people in this area.

This exhibit features art by area artists participating in the Emiquon Corps of Discovery, a group of people working to create artistic interpretations of Emiquon as the land returns to a more natural state.

This exhibition is organized in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy of Illinois, The Illinois Natural History Survey, The Emiquon Corps of Discovery, and Dickson Mounds Museum. The exhibition is held in conjunction with and in support of Western Illinois University's 2007-2008 Campus Theme: "Global Challenges, Personal Responsibility and Environmental Sustainability."

## DICK BLICK OFFERS MORE THAN ART SUPPLIES

Did you know that Dick Blick offers more than art supplies for sale on their website? One section on the website provides free detailed instructions and lesson plans for a variety of art projects for children, kindergarten through high school age. These plans include a materials list, instructions, and ideas on how the project might be applied to a variety of subjects. Also included is an image of the finished project. These art project lesson plans can be downloaded from the site in .pdf format free of charge. There is a wide variety of projects available. These resources can be



Impressionist style ceramic tile glaze painting project offered by Dick Blick.

found at the following address: [www.dickblick.com/lessonplans/2007lessonplans/](http://www.dickblick.com/lessonplans/2007lessonplans/).

The Dick Blick website also provides a link to forum pages of the WetCanvas website. This forum provides an impressive selection of art related discussion topics and has a membership of over 100,000 people. WetCanvas claims to be the largest community for visual artists on the Internet.

WetCanvas was founded in 1998 in an effort to better leverage technology to assist visual artists in sharing informa-

tion and making new contacts and friends. From its humble grass-roots beginnings the site has grown into a valuable resource - a veritable gold mine of information, serving painters, sculptors, illustrators, and other artists.

The online community is comprised of artists of all levels, ranging from Sunday painters to artists who exhibit in some of the finest galleries in the world. Whether your interests lie in learning new techniques, experimenting with alternative or cross-over mediums, gaining critiques from fellow artists, or getting the scoop on exciting new industry products, WetCanvas has something for you.



## FRED JONES ART SHOW

The Galesburg Civic Art Center announces an exhibition of artwork by Fred Jones of Macomb, IL. The exhibition of works will be on display from Friday, June 22nd through Saturday, July 21st, 2007. Midwest Bank of Western Illinois located in Monmouth, Illinois is the sponsor of this exhibition.

After earning a National Diploma in Design in 1961 from Cardiff College of Art in Wales, Great Britain, and an Art Teachers Di-

ploma from the University of Wales in 1962, Fred Jones made a name for himself in the education and fine art world. He also holds a Master of Education degree from the University of Pittsburg and a Master of Fine Art degree from the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Jones



specialized in the technique of silk-screen printing and attended Atelier 17 in Paris and the Print Workshop in London while on sabbatical leave in 1979. In 1987 he returned as an Honorary

Fellow to the University of Wisconsin to study Computer Mediated Art.

Mr. Jones taught for two years at Chester College of Art in England and then became part of the art department at Western Illinois University in 1968. He was appointed Gal-

lery Director in 1969. Mr. Jones founded many significant art programs such as the Silkscreen and Computer Generated Art programs at W.I.U. and the Western Illinois Folio Press, which includes works by major international artists and poets. He has been awarded

many honors as an artist and a teacher throughout his career such as W.I.U. Faculty Lecturer of the Year 1995, Distinguished Professor in 1999, and the Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Artist Award. He retired in 2000. Since then, Mr. Jones has been focusing on his artwork which has recently reflected the changes in the environment, landscapes, and organisms in the surrounding world. His pieces are made up of photographs and paintings arranged in a collage-like presentation. His artwork can be found in private and public collections in the U.S. as well as in the U.K.

Galesburg Civic Art Center hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm and Saturday, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm. For more information, please contact the Galesburg Civic Art Center at 114 E. Main St., Galesburg, IL 61401, (309)342-7415 or by email at [info@galesburgarts.org](mailto:info@galesburgarts.org). This program is partially funded by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

## MACOMB GAZEBO ART FESTIVAL

The Macomb area convention and visitors bureau has announced its 2007 Gazebo Art Festival. The festival is held every year in September in conjunction with the Al Sears Jazz Festival. Local and area artists display their art for visitors to enjoy and purchase. Food, live music, and children's activities are all available at this family-friendly event. The Gazebo Art Festival is held rain or shine in Chandler Park in Downtown Macomb. The hours for the festi-



val are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All work must be original and creative.

Kits and commercial molds are not acceptable. Artists must represent their own work at the festival. The Gazebo Art Committee reserves the right to view each booth after setup and request any work not up to their standards be removed. Entry fee is nonrefundable.

The Gazebo Art Festival will be held

outdoors on the grounds of Chandler Park in downtown Macomb. Spaces will be approximately 12 feet by 12 feet. Artists must provide their own setup. Spaces will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. This festival will be held rain or shine. In case of rain, limited tent space will be available for those without shelters.

Cash awards totaling \$ 1500 will be given. Purchase prizes will also be awarded. A list of these will be made public prior to the festival. For more information go to [makeitmacomb.com/ArtFest/](http://makeitmacomb.com/ArtFest/) or call Katherine Walker at the Macomb Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at 309-833-1315.

# LOCAL ARTS NEWS . . . . .

## 2007 Illinois Art Fair Directory

For 41 years, the Illinois Arts Council (IAC) has supported the arts throughout the state of Illinois. The organizations and individual artists who receive grants and assistance from the IAC create a wide array of arts programming that is made available to people of all ages and abilities. The 2007 Illinois Art Fair Directory will help you discover that *The Arts Are All Around Us* as you travel throughout Illinois.

This annual Art Fair Directory has been developed to help artists find arts fairs at which to sell and promote their work. Both Illinoisans and visitors can locate art and craft fairs and festivals in every region of the state. Whether an artist or an arts enthusiast, the Council hopes that you will find the 2007 Illinois Art Fair Directory a valuable resource.

The Illinois Art Fair Directory, available free of charge, is made possible through the Illinois Arts Council (IAC) in partnership with the Chicago Artists' Coalition. It is published as a service to art fair sponsors, artists, and the general public. Inclusion in the directory is free and open to any and all Illinois art and craft

fairs. Information included is obtained from the fair sponsors.

The Art Fair Directory is available online at [caonline.org/IllinoisArtFairs.asp](http://caonline.org/IllinoisArtFairs.asp). If you wish to receive a printed copy of the 2007 Illinois Art Fair Directory please contact the Illinois Arts Council, James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Suite 10-500, Chicago, IL 60601, or call 312-814-6750.

## The Peoria Art Guild 45th Annual Fine Art Fair

This art fair will be held September 29 – 30, 2007 at the Peoria Riverfront between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 per adult, children 16 and under free.

Rated as one of the top art fairs in the country, the Fine Art Fair is the largest family and cultural event on Peoria's scenic Riverfront. Over 40,000 people are expected to attend this year! 150 artists will exhibit and sell original works of art in jewelry, painting, printmaking and drawing, photography and digital art, ceramics, wood, glass, mixed media, metal, leather and fiber. Also offered is a kids art festival which features great "make and take" art projects for kids

from age 2 to 92.

The Art Fair supports the performing arts with free hourly jazz and gospel performances on the music stage, located in the heart of the Fair. All performers are local and are among the best in central Illinois. For more information on the Fine Art Fair please call (309) 637-2787.

## Galesburg Civic Art Center Art in the Park 2007

This juried art show will be held on September 8, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Standish Park Arboretum, a shady, tree-filled park by the Knox County Courthouse in downtown Galesburg, Illinois. Acceptable art work includes painting, drawing, prints, photography, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, fiber art, metal work, and folk art. Other media will be considered and accepted at the discretion of the committee. All entries must be the original work of the exhibitor. Application deadline is July 11, 2007. For more information and an entry form visit [www.galesburgarts.org/images/Art-Park%20%20Prospectus%2007.pdf](http://www.galesburgarts.org/images/Art-Park%20%20Prospectus%2007.pdf).

