

LivArt: May-July 2023 Edition

(Greater Livingston County Arts Council Newsletter)

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Dates to Remember:

July 21, 2023:

Art Attack!

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

and/or

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

August 16, 2023

Committee Chairperson

Meeting

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

September 1, 2023: Art Walk

donated items due at the art center

September 7: Art delivered to participating businesses

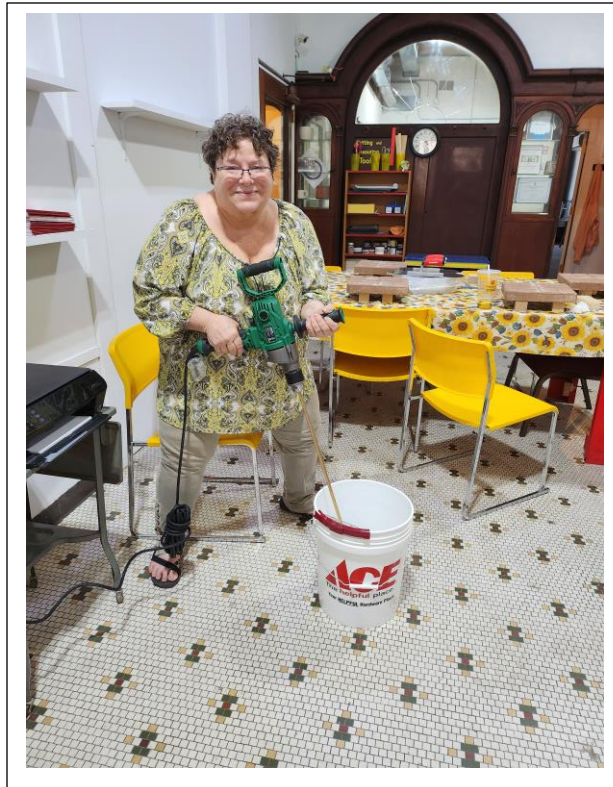
September 8-20: Art Walk

September 30, 2023

6:00 p.m. - ?

GLCAC Bonfire Potluck at Flessner's

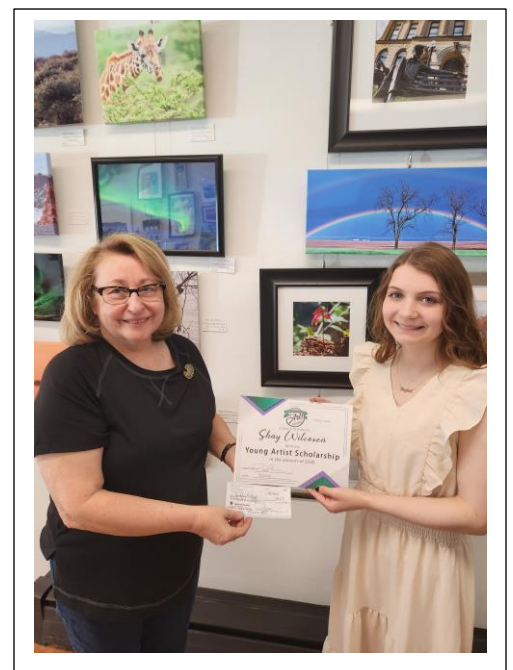
January 2024: GLCAC Winter Celebration – Details to follow



Kathy Zehr with her newest toy!

Congratulations!

Shay Wilcoxon from Woodland High School. Shay is the recipient of the GLCAC Young Artist Scholarship for 2023. Shay was awarded \$500 and will Attend Heartland Community College this fall

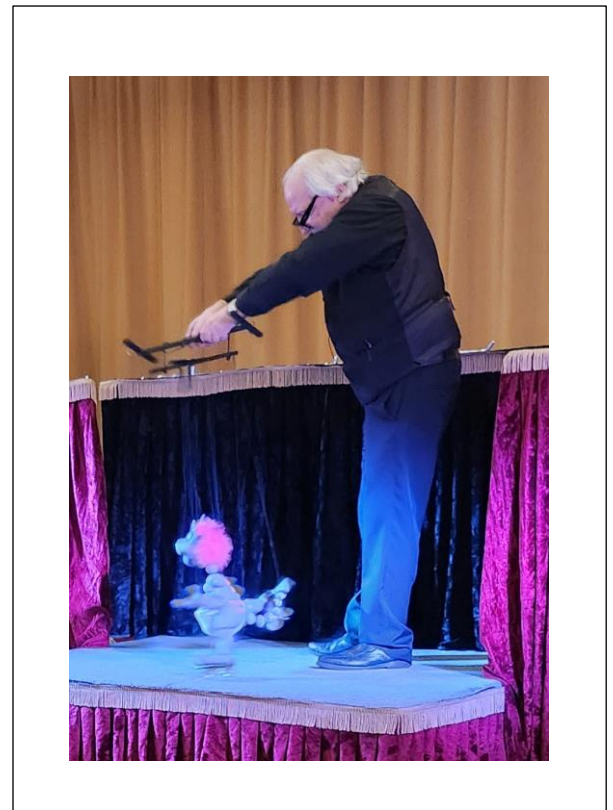
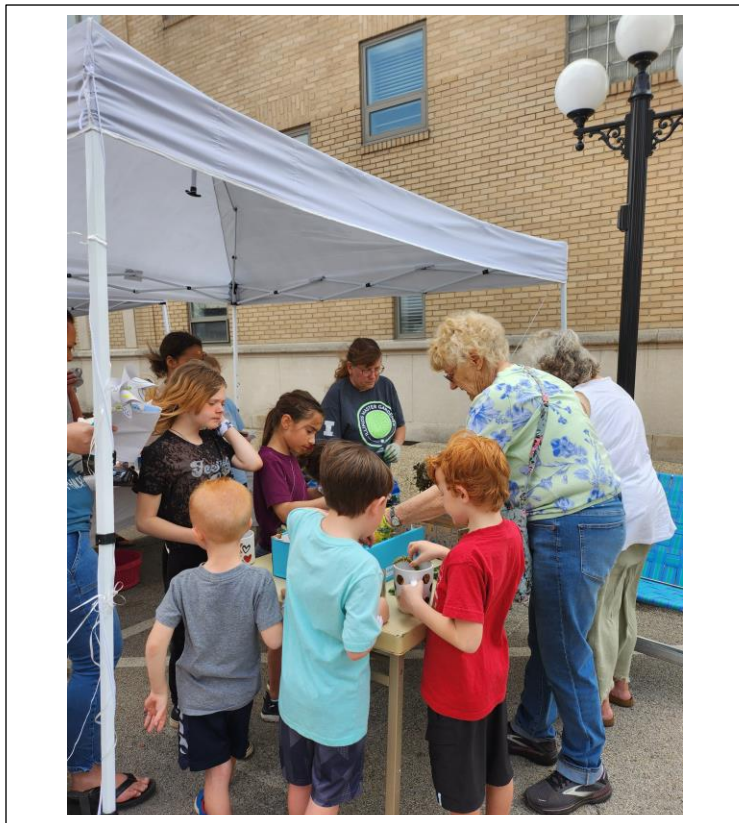


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Swinging Bridges Snapshots!



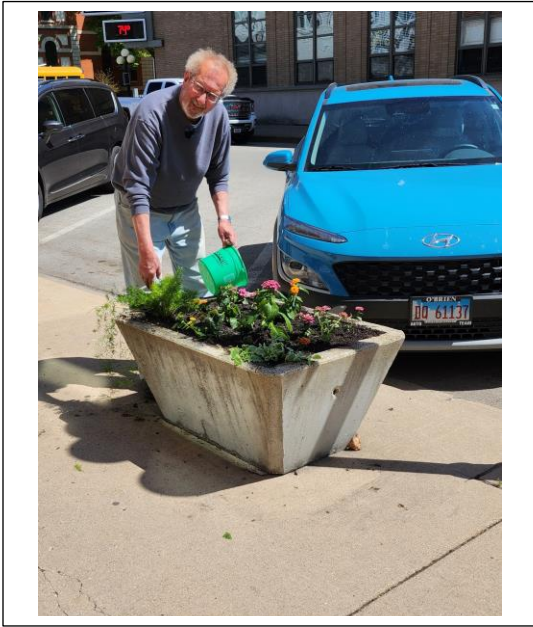
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A Big THANKS to everyone who helped with Swinging Bridges Arts Festival this year!
(Note to self and all: We need to have a designated photographer next year.)

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There is always something going on at the art center!



THANKS **Dan Fitzgerald** for taking care of our flower display out front!



“Before” photo of our back door. Be sure to take a look at our new back “patio.”

Suzanne Shafer Wilson’s June Show!

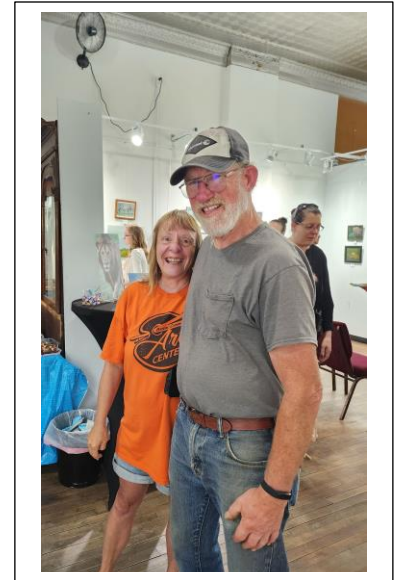


Susan Shafer Wilson, a retired art teacher from Lostant, brought us an eclectic show, featuring wire basket sculpture, paintings, pottery, and sculpture made of recycled materials!

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“Dream Travel,” our July Show by John Gahm



Artist Biography Cards

We will be adding artist cards with your photo and a short biography/artist statement to your downstairs gallery offerings. **Christine Bennett-Weber and Joyce Cole** are going to get us organized! Please help them out by writing a short artist statement and emailing it to one or both of them. Then Pam (or maybe Darlene?) will take your photo, put it all together, and voila! Ready to go!

ART ATTACK!

3rd Friday **Art Attack!** will be July 21st this month. You can plan to come from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and/or from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Art Classroom. **Art Attack!** will be a time for vendor and patron members to bring an art project (or craft) and spend time with your fellow artists talking about art, working on one of your personal projects, socializing, or just hanging out.

IMPORTANT! Committee Chairpersons, please mark your calendars for a committee chairperson meeting on **AUGUST 16, 2023**. It will be a lunch meeting from 11:00 – 1:00. We need to talk about overlaps and gaps in tasks that the committees do. Try to bring a list of duties that your committee does on a regular basis and lists of areas where there are gaps and overlaps in what we do. Communication is key!!

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Gallery Committee News...

Thursday, August 3: Closing of “Dream Travel,” our July show featuring John Gahm’s Photography and set-up of the August show, “One White Pencil,” drawings by Matt Jagitsch

Saturday, August 5: Opening of “One White Pencil,” by Matt Jagitsch

Events Committee

2023 Calendar of Events

1. The **Art Walk returns!** We have moved it to September. Donated art pieces are due by **Sept. 1**. We will label a shelf in the kitchen area for your donated items. Please include an estimated value. We will fill out the bid sheets to place with the donated pieces. Art will be delivered to participating businesses Thursday, September 7.

The Art Walk will run from September 8 through September 20. Thank you to **John Gahm** for joining Events Committee to help with this project. Remember: this project is to raise money for the GLCAC annual \$500 Art Scholarship to be awarded to a graduating Senior.

2. We will have a **bonfire potluck** at Flessner’s property, Cullom, **Saturday September 30**. 6p.m. -?

3. **January 2024:** first annual GLCAC Winter Celebration. Details to come

Jury Committee News...

. **Welcome to new artists:**

Rick DeCorie, Janet Dunn, Brittany Krischel, and Chlo Mayback!

Artist Statements

To make our art gallery even better than it already is, we would like to create artist cards for each vendor to display next to your artwork and to have on file to include with your pieces as they sell. Please write up your

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artist statement with information about you, your art, your inspiration, any recognition/awards, and anything else that you would like to include. One or two paragraphs are fine. **Christine Bennett-Weber and Joyce Cole** will collect and organize these and **Pam Beeson (and possibly Darlene Miller?)** will do photographs for these. Please do this soon and plan to bring a written copy to the office, or email to **Art Folk** by **September 1, 2023** so that we can get these up and running.

VIP Logo



Tourist season is here! When you see people wearing a button with this logo, they are City of Pontiac VIP's. Give them a free postcard, which will be at the desk. New design coming soon!

Thinking of you:

We are a tough group, but sometimes there are bumps along the way. Thinking of **Connie Kostelc, Barb Cook, Jane Diaz, and John and Sue Drummet**...and to new member, **Brittney Krischel, too!**

Summer and Fall Classes Needed

Classes and workshops are still an important part of our overall mission to make the visual arts available to everyone in the Greater Livingston County area. People are asking for kids project workshops, adult workshops, drawing classes, painting classes, and anything else we can think up! If you have an idea for a class or workshop but are a little nervous about taking one on, talk to **Juli Fraher**. She will help you get set up for success and even find you a helper if you would like one.

A Big Thanks to Juli Fraher for representing us at Dominy Memorial Library in Fairbury. Juli has taught 2 art classes over there, and she makes us look good

Newsletter Update

Please direct all newsletter items and photos to our Art Folk email:

(www.pontiaccommunityartcenter@gmail.com). **Deadline for items will be the 10th of each month. Please make a note of this monthly deadline in your calendars.**

July 12, 2023 GLCAC Board Meeting

(Same agenda discussed at the annual meeting, which followed. Notes in Blue indicate results of the annual meeting.)

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The Greater Livingston County Arts Council held their regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 starting at 3 pm at the Art Center.

Present: Vickie, Pam, Brenda, Nancy and Teresa

Secretary Report: Accepted as presented

Treasurer Report: Balance on hand is approximately \$1,694.32. Accepted as presented:

Committee Reports: Reports will be asked to be given at the Annual Meeting this evening. Committees need to be meeting on a more regular basis. A date of Aug 16,2023 was set for a meeting of all Committee Chairs starting at 11:00 to discuss the need for more communication.

Old Business:

- Completed work done on the building was discussed
- Art Attack will be discussed at the Annual Meeting to see how much interest there is in continuing the event (most agreed that it is a good idea, so it will be continued with the next on July 21, 2023)

New Business:

- New Members were accepted at the last jury session. Rick Decorie, Jan Dunn, Brittney Krischel and Cloe Mayback
- John and Vickie will set up a booth at the Cornell Sesquicentennial representing GLCAC
- Artist Bios will be discussed as to which committee should be handling them at the Committee Chair meeting (Christine Bennett-Weber and Joyce Cole will be in charge of this)
- Insurance prices for the building have been steadily increasing

Special Topics:

- GLCAC has many successes to celebrate this year
- A discussion will be held at the Annual Meeting to help direct the future of GLCAC

Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 pm

(President, Vickie Fitzgerald, talked to the group at the annual meeting about viewing the art center as **OUR LEGACY**. We are making history! We are doing a great job with our efforts to make GLCAC work as an organization run by volunteers, and that is working great for now. We need to begin thinking about what to do to ensure that the art center is still here – even after we aren't! Vickie asked that members be thinking of how we can accomplish this. In particular, please think about our current organizational structure (whether to keep it or make changes) and how to build a secure way to fund GLCAC in the years to come. One obvious way to begin building an endowment fund to be invested and used for future needs. Please be thinking about these things. We will begin exploring these issues in early 2024.)

Submitted by Nancy Flessner - Secretary