

# LivArt: January 2023 Edition

(Greater Livingston County Arts Council Newsletter)

**Greater Livingston County Arts Council is a 501c3 organization.**

**GLCAC Board:**

**Vickie Fitzgerald, President**

**Nancy Flessner, Secretary**

**Pam Beeson, Treasurer**

**Brenda Thompson**

**Brian Gabor**

**Teresa Beard-Lowell,**

Committee Liaison

**Dates to Remember:**

**January 20, 2023:**

**Art Attack!**

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
and/or

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**January 29, 2023 at 4:00**

**p.m.: Jury Committee**

**February 8, 2023 at 4:00**

**GLCAC Board Meeting**

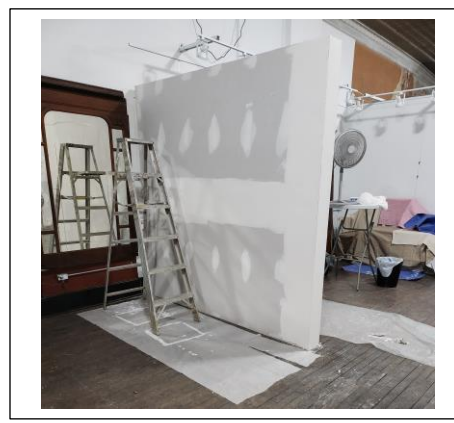
**February 8, 2023 at 5:30**

**p.m.: Swinging Bridges  
Committee Meeting**



Thanks to some of the Gallery Committee (**Nancy Flessner, Vickie Fitzgerald, Lisa Green, and John Gahm**) for repainting pedestals used for display in the Joe Bailey Gallery!

## **Upstairs Renovation...**



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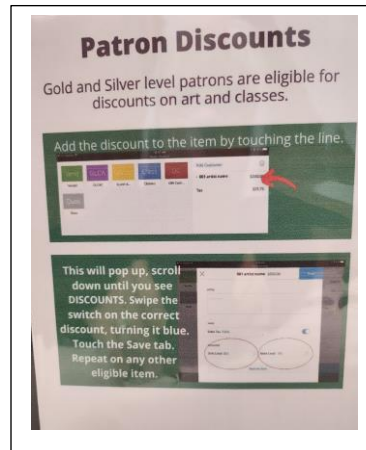
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## Renovation continued...

**Gary Bolt** is doing the construction work upstairs: We will have a new east wall and new half wall attached to the west wall and new ADA-compliant bathroom. **Kelly Electric** is taking care of all electrical work, and we have funds to pay for that much: construction and electric. That leaves plumbing.

Due to the poor shape of plumbing up there, **Smith's Plumbing** will run new drains and waterlines from the top floor to the basement. They will also provide the toilet, lavatory and faucet, faucet for the mop sink, and an electric water heater. The estimate is **\$8,882.00!!! Yikes!** We will be seeking grants and donations for these expenses, and when we have enough collected, Smiths will get started.

## Square Information



We are hoping to encourage more higher-level patron memberships this year. If we do, you will be having more requests for member discounts. Be sure to take a look at the “How To Use the Square” book on the service desk. Everything you need to know is there..

*(Vendors do not absorb the amount of the discount. That comes from the GLCAC portion.)*

## ART ATTACK!

Starting this month, GLCAC will sponsor a regular open studio-type activity for vendor and patron members. There will be two time slots, one in the morning and one in the evening. Mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each 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. The first Art Attack! sessions are on Friday, January 20.

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**Art Attack!** will be a time for you 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!

Due to time limits and keeping costs down, **Art Attack!** will not include pottery activities (unless you are enrolled in a class on the Art Attack days), just any old other project that you want to do. Please feel free to bring a snack to share (not required).

## **Gallery Committee News...**

The Gallery Committee is waiting anxiously for the upstairs renovations to be finished. The February show is now postponed (TBA) in hopes that all will be completed by the end of February. Shows are moving/pending. Once the calendar is set, a new show schedule will be included in the Gallery Committee news report.

## **Jury Committee News...**

The January 8 meeting has been moved to January 29 at 4:00 p.m. 2023 Jury dates are March 5, June 4, and September 10, starting at 4:00 p.m.

## **Pottery Studio Committee News...**

Brenda Thompson, Pam Beeson, and Vickie Fitzgerald spent **six hours** cleaning up and reorganizing the items on the orange storage shelves December 30<sup>th</sup>. Wish we had taken “Before and After” photos!

## **Membership Committee News**

**If you haven't already, please pay your dues soon.**

**Vickie Fitzgerald** is currently the Membership Committee Chair, but we need someone who has more time to devote to membership. We need a new chairperson and one or two committee members. This committee is important and needs some structuring. Please talk to **Vickie** if you are interested.

## **Thinking of you:**

**Brenda Thompson, Mike Ingles, and Dave Flessner**, as you recuperate from surgeries and to **Boris Boden and John and Sue Drummet**, who have had several health issues this year. We are wishing for your speedy and complete recoveries!

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## Our Sincere Thanks to:

**Krystal Lyon** for donating 3 carpet-covered dollies to use when we are moving display pedestals in the Joe Bailey Gallery! The Gallery Committee is very excited!

## **Newsletter Update:**

You may have noticed a change in newsletter format (and noticed that it is not that good!) That is because **Vickie Fitzgerald** is acting as interim Newsletter editor. We are still looking for someone to take over this position, so please search your heart and consider volunteering. If your skill is in the writing/spelling area and if you are good at meeting deadlines, this position is for you! **In the meantime, Vickie is hoping to put out the newsletter around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. You can help! Please direct all newsletter items and photos to our Art Folk email ([www.pontiaccommunityartcenter@gmail.com](mailto:www.pontiaccommunityartcenter@gmail.com)). Deadline for items will be the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please make a note of this monthly deadline in your calendars.**

## **January 11, 2023 Swinging Bridges Committee Meeting**

The Greater Livingston County Arts Council Swinging Bridges committee met at the Art Center on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm:

Present: **Teresa, Darlene, Vickie, Juli, Pam, Lisa and Nancy**

- Darlene reported that she has sent numerous invitations to vendors and so far has secured three vendors for the event
- Nancy reported that the Student Art Show/Competition invitation and paperwork has been mailed to all Livingston County Schools and that the rule requiring participants must be a Livingston County Student to participate has been lifted to include students from any area school
- Vickie reported on the search for music and other entertainment
- Brenda has found a food vendor agreement that was presented to the group for comment
- A People's Choice Award will be added to the event for 2023. Winner will receive their booth fee reimbursed and some type of award for them to display will be given. Nancy has agreed to head the project
- Pam will provide advertising information for the Heritage Corridor Website and Vickie will look in to radio advertising of Rt 66 Radio
- Juli is once again in charge of the kid's activities. Vickie is looking in to grants to off-set cost
- Next meeting will be held at the Art Center on Feb 8, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
- Marty Heller has agreed to let us put signs out by his business. We need someone make the signs.

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## **Student Fine Arts Competition and Show Committee Report**

Thanks to **Nancy Flessner** for sending information to area schools announcing our student fine arts competition and show. In case someone asks you about the competition, here are some of the important facts:

The Greater Livingston County Arts Council is pleased to offer the Third annual **GLCAC Student Fine Arts Competition and Show**. Entries will be on display in our **Joe Bailey Gallery** during the month of April through the Swinging Bridges Arts Festival. Students are encouraged to attend a reception in their honor on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., after which art pieces may be taken home. Last year was a huge success for the students who participated.

### **Competition and Show Details:**

- Four Categories: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, and Photography/Digital Art
- Two Grade Levels: Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12
- Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category in each grade level (24 prizes)

#### **Grade 6-8 Awards per category:**

- Certificate
- \$50 – 1<sup>st</sup> place
- \$25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Art Supplies – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

#### **Grade 9-12 Awards per category:**

- Certificate
- \$75 – 1<sup>st</sup> place
- \$50 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Art Supplies – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

#### **Donna Meyer Outstanding Watercolor:**

\$50 – in memory of Donna Meyer, local watercolorist and former GLCAC member

- **Entry Requirements**
  - **Each student may enter 1 (one) piece of art.**
  - **Entries must be original work (not made from a kit, not published, not copyrighted, not copied from a website.**
  - **Along with the work of art, a typed or neatly printed 8 ½” X 11” identification statement, which will include Title of Artwork, Medium Used, Artist’s Name, and a brief statement (one or two sentences) stating the inspiration for the work and the grade and school attending. These statements will be on display in a 3-ring binder during the art show.**
  - **Parent permission form signed and dated.**
  - **Entries must be framed and ready to hang (if a painting or drawing). Pieces requiring a hanger or easel for display, that is not included at drop-off, will be disqualified from judging. Proper displaying of art is a part of the judging process.**
  - **Bring your entry to the Greater Livingston County Arts Council Art Center (209 W. Madison St., Pontiac, IL) between March 24-29, 2023. Pieces will not be accepted after this date unless special permission is given by contacting GLCAC.**
  - **Art pieces are to be picked up between May 7 (after 2:00 p.m.) and May 31, 2023. GLCAC will not be responsible for art that is not picked up during this time frame.**
  - **An Artist/Award Reception will be held on May 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Pieces may be taken home after the reception.**

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## **GLCAC January 11, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

The Greater Livingston County Arts Council held their regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 starting at 4 pm at the art center.

Present: Vickie, Pam, Nancy and Teresa (art center representative), Brenda (by phone) and Juli

Secretary Report: Accepted as presented

Treasurer Report: Balance on hand is approximately \$9,200.00. Accepted as presented

The following discussions were held:

- Dues – Yearly dues are requested to be paid soon and to sign the vendor contract under the front counter. Patron dues are also needed to be paid
- Upstairs Renovations – Mike reported on the Joe Bailey Gallery and the upstairs bathroom renovations. Work will begin in the morning and hopefully finished by the end of February (earlier, if possible)
- The west wall hanging rail in the front will be raised by John Gahm to accommodate larger art pieces
- The building committee will address the issue of possible roaches in the building
- Artist bios are coming along slowly
- Newsletter will be published shortly. Everyone is encouraged to send information to the Artfolk Email
- A discussion was held on inactive members. Letters will be sent to some encouraging them to become patrons
- Grants and donations will be investigated to help off-set some of our remodeling expenses
- The 2023 Retreat date has been set for **April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am**
- Committee members will be listed on the membership page
- Next Board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2023 at 4:00 pm