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**Greater Livingston
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Arts Council
&
The Art Center**

September/October 2019

Monday-Friday
10 am - 5 pm
Saturday
10 - 4 p.m.
Sunday
12 - 4 p.m.

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Art Center**

Mission Statement
The purpose of the GLCAC
is to support and
encourage individual
creativity, promote
appreciation and
patronage of the visual
arts, provide workspace,
meeting space, and space
to sell or exhibit members'
art.



THE ART CENTER

The Official signing of the papers to purchase the Art Center Building was completed on August 21, 2019. Thank you to all of our patrons and GLCAC members for your support!



GLCAC Board members Brian Gabor, Vickie Fitzgerald, Brenda Thompson, Troy Harms (Bank of Pontiac), Teresa Beard-Lowell and Pam Beeson have big smiles after signing our mortgage at the Bank of Pontiac

**The Art Center is supported by the
Greater Livingston County Arts Council, a not for profit corporation.**

August Show/Events Highlights

The Joe Bailey Gallery Shows highlight the art work of local artists and guest artists. Each month a new artist is featured and celebrated with a show opening for family, friends, artists, and patrons of The Greater Livingston County Arts Council.

The August Joe Bailey Gallery Show, featuring artist, Dan Fitzgerald was entitled "Something Else". Dan describes the show as a series of images combining photographs that were taken over the years with poems, observations, and comments incorporated into them. Pictures have their own meaning when they are seen on their own, just like words do when they are first read. But when they are combined, they become something else, something other than what they were when they were only pictures and words.



"Creativity is intelligence having fun" Albert Einstein

September Show/Events Highlights

The September 2019 Gallery Show at the Art Center is entitled *Parts Make The Whole* and features the work of artist Sue Drummet. Sue describes the concept of *'Parts Make The Whole'* as follows: "I see art in almost everything and I am always trying new mediums, techniques and subjects. When creating my art, I find that I work in parts and then incorporate them into the whole, uniting them into one finished piece of art (my concept/dream comes to life). I hope I can help my audience experience art as *'Parts Make the Whole'* through a variety of artworks and activities. I appreciate this opportunity to share my work and thoughts with this art that is traditional, experimental, and serendipitous. My inspirations are experiences, natural or constructed environments, and imagination.



"The job of the artist is to deepen the mystery" Bacon

Annual Reports

Annual Reports are available on the table in the office. If you have an interest, please pick yours up by the end of this month. After that time, we will be putting them in the file.

Save the New Date

Please change your calendars. The fourth, annual fall picnic date has been changed from late September to Saturday, October 5. It will be at John and Vickie Fitzgerald's house. More details will be coming later.



Thank you

to our fearless property committee (**Mark VanHoveln, Mike Rodino, Dan Fitzgerald, and Alex Smith**) for their focus and energy! They are currently working on getting our new storefront, windows, and door replaced.

Another Thank You

goes out to **Robert McCoy** for donating 6 pieces of artwork to the art center. You will hear more details about the future of those pieces in the near future...

Thank you to all who helped with my show: those who did set-up, brought food, attended the opening, and, in general, supported the effort...
Dan Fitzgerald



Classroom Use Policy Clarification

There has been some confusion about approved uses for our classroom/pottery space, mainly because our written policy needed a little tweaking. Here is the new wording for approved uses of our classroom:

Classes offered at the art center are advertised in GLCAC/PCAC flyers, on facebook, and through email. Therefore, every class must be facilitated by approved member instructors as representatives of the art center. No classes will be offered at the art center by independent instructors. The art center is not in the business of promoting an individual's art business; therefore, the classroom space is not for rent for the purpose of promoting an individual artist or business other than the art center.

We are grateful for member willingness to teach classes and conduct workshops for the art center! These classes help us to survive! If you have an idea for a new class or workshop, please see Vickie, Pam, or Juli to get a copy of the new paperwork.

Committees: As we grow, it becomes more and more important to communicate as much as possible to the rest of the membership. With this in mind, we are asking that you please set your meeting/activity calendar for 2020. Please schedule at least 3 committee meetings next year and get those dates and times to **Nancy Flessner** for the newsletter and then put them on the large calendar. If you have other times that you meet or need the rest of us to know (jury dates, openings, special events, etc) please set those for the year, as well. It is hard on people working when they are asked questions about upcoming events but cannot find the information to pass on. This does not mean that you cannot throw in additional meetings when need arises, but it provides a framework for us to build on.

Sticky Notes Everywhere! Also pertaining to communication is the issue with sticky notes. They are being left all over the place! If you have an idea of how to communicate with one another that works better than this, please let **Teresa Beard-Lowell** know your thoughts. There must be something better than what we are doing; we just don't know what....

Shop Late Till 8

Where: Downtown Pontiac

When: September 19th

What: An evening with fun and promotions with downtown retailers. Check with the individual shops to see what they are offering.

Who: YOU!

October Joe Bailey Gallery Show

We are reinstating the Halloween show. "Thriller" will be our show title for October. The show will be hung on Monday, it 1:30. All items need to be on the shelf in the kitchen when the gallery committee comes in that day, ready to display, **No exceptions**. Please be sure that each piece has a card with your information attached.

Our Official Building Ownership Cake!



We have come a long way in two years!

THE CUP AND THE SCONE INVITES YOU TO THE 2ND ANNUAL MURDER MYSTRY ON THE SQUARE

Do you have what it takes to solve the mystery?

Date: OCTOBER 12, 2019

TIME: 11:30 AM TO 3:30 PM

WHERE: 213 W. MADISON STREET
PONTIAC, IL

REGISTRATION will be up in the Loft at The Cup and The Scone from 11:30am to 2:30pm. From there you will pick up your information packets and be on your way to solve the murder. Once you have solved the mystery, head back to The Cup and The Scone to the Lead Detective for your time stamp. 1st team to return with the correct perpetrator, murder weapon, and location will win the Grand Prize! Winner(s) will be announced at 4pm.



Pam Beeson hard at work preparing clay!

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held at the art center on Wednesday, August 21 this year. 21 of our 58 members attended. Highlights of the meeting were:

We own our building! In the afternoon before the meeting, GLCAC president, **Vickie Fitzgerald** and treasurer, **Pam Beeson**, signed the paperwork for our very own mortgage at the Bank of Pontiac. Witnesses were board members, **Brenda Thompson, Brian Gabor, and Teresa Beard-Lowell**. We owed the City of Pontiac \$40,000 for our building, due this fall (where have the two years gone?!!) We paid \$10,000 from our treasury and borrowed \$30,000 from the bank. The mortgage is for 15 years, with our monthly payment being \$249.00. There is no penalty for paying the mortgage off early.

Help with the cleaning. Our custodians are us. Please pitch in and do some cleaning when you are working your shift.

GLCAC/PCAC Merge. As of January 1, 2020, we will all be members of Greater Livingston County Arts Council, and we will be referring to ourselves as GLCAC or the art center. Because GLCAC is the name registered with the State of Illinois and the federal IRS, we need to use this name consistently. PCAC President, **Teresa Beard Lowell**, will be working with the separate committees to come up with a new organizational plan to replace the PCAC board model. If you would like to be involved in brainstorming and helping with the transition, please let **Teresa** know, and she will put you on her committee. The GLCAC board will continue to manage finances and building concerns but not take over duties of PCAC. Those duties previously handled by PCAC will be handled by committees.

Classes are important. The income that we earn from our classes and workshops has made all the difference this year! We need to offer classes consistently throughout the year. If you have an idea for a class or workshop, please see **Juli Fraher, Pam Beeson, or Vickie Fitzgerald**. Your class can be a single session or several sessions. People who sign up like both! If you are a little unsure about doing a class by yourself for the first time, we will find someone to act as an assistant. We have a new set of procedures, so please pick a form at the art center, or contact one of us and we will get it to you.



Saturday, October 5, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Make Ceramic Charms, Beads, and Pendants.

Take a morning to make ceramic jewelry pieces. Examples provided or come up with your own design. We will take the first half of the morning to make the shapes, then take a break for coffee and doughnuts, then add color to our creations. You can plan on picking up your pieces after 10 days, or come back on:

Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 – Noon and assemble some of your creations into finished pieces. Some jewelry findings/pendant wires/ clasps, etc will be available for purchase on that day...

Instructors: Vickie Fitzgerald and Pam Beeson

Fees: \$30 for October 5 and \$10 plus materials for October 19



Wednesdays, October 16 through November 20, 2019 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.: Introduction to Hand-Building.

Learn how to make ceramic objects using wet and slab clay and how to decorate your work using colored underglazes and a clear finishing glaze. You will create a minimum of 4 ceramic pieces, but you may create more. Open access to our studio during regular hours while you are in the class gives time for independent work and practice.

Instructor: Vickie Fitzgerald

Fee: \$30 Includes 5 pounds of clay, tools needed, and kiln firings. An additional 25 pounds of clay is available for \$16.

On October 3rd 5-7pm the Library will be having an open House, and they are asking the Art Center members to display some art pieces for the opening and the whole month of October. This is a great opportunity. I was told that their Open Houses generally bring in 100-150 people, and foot traffic on a daily basis is around 130 people. This would be great advertisement for us and a opportunity to reach a new audience. The Library also stated that the visitors that are interested will be able to purchase the art, and the Library will handle the transactions. The Art can be old or new pieces it does not matter. They have room to hang some art on their walls as long as it is not too big or heavy; however if it is heavy or large it will need an easel to display it on. For smaller pieces, such as jewelry, they do have counter space and showcases which will provide security. They said they do have a few desktop easels but you can also bring your own if you want. They are interested in all kinds of art pottery, quilts, paintings ect. For each piece presented you can include a bio, or inspiration for the piece and a price. The Library will need to have an answer by this coming Monday the 16th. They will be sending out post card which will have the art Center mentioned as well. So anyone interested please contact me right away through Facebook, email harristeresa55@yahoo.com or text-call 309-533-4558 ASAP. Once we find out if we have enough interest, then I will give you all more details. I really hope to get this together in time, it is an opportunity that could be a real benefit to our group. Thank you, Teresa

Our Façade Grant at Work! Our New Building Front



Thanks to Abraham Masonry for our brickwork



"Great art picks up where nature ends" Chagall

Art Walk

Please be sure to thank **Brenda Thompson** for all of the work that she did to make our second annual art walk a big success! We had 28 pieces of art displayed in 26 locations around town. Brenda talked to every business involved, gathered your donations, assigned and distributed the art work, and did an all-around amazing job. With the help of **Juli Fraher's** brochure and handy map, art walkers could navigate around town with no problem! The art walk raised **\$728** for the art center! Thanks Brenda and Juli!

Acrylic Painting by Juli Fraher



Acrylic Painting by Teresa Lowell-Harris Ink Sketch by Joyce Harbin Cole



Some samples of the art walk pieces.
Thank You to our art piece donors!

Please send newsletter items and information to nflessner@mchsi.com.

Calendar of Events and Meeting Dates

September 1-30—Joe Bailey Gallery Show Featuring Sue Drummet
September 14—5th Annual Plein Air Day 9:30 am
October 1-31—Joe Bailey Gallery Group Show “Thriller”
October 5—Annual Picnic 4 pm
October 5— Make Ceramic Charms, Beads, and Pendants
October 16-November 20—Introduction of Hand Building
November 1-30—Joe Bailey Gallery Christmas Cash & Carry
December 1-31—Joe Bailey Gallery Christmas Cash & Carry

Please note that all dates and events are subject to change.

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"The chief enemy of creativity is good sense" Pablo Picasso