

## Gallery Committee Goals for 2023 Shows:

The Gallery Committee thanks every member who has held shows over the past years. It is truly amazing how much we all stretch ourselves for these presentations! In 2023, we would like to do things a little differently. We will work to present shows from artists outside the membership. The main reasoning behind this is that it is a way to attract new visitors to GLCAC. Each visiting artist has the potential to bring in a new circle of family and friends who may never have even heard of us!

### Shows Pending:

**December, January, and February\*\*** We have artists who could fill these months; however, we will wait to get work dates from **Gary Bolt**. Then we will fill times when he doesn't plan to be here.

**April through the first weekend in May:** Student Art Show and Competition

**Weeks 2 through 4 in May:** Poetry Show

**August:** Matt Jagitsch – White Pencil on Black Paper Drawings (Matt is from Dixon, Illinois but has ties in Cornell and Pontiac)

**October:** Membership Group Show

*If you know of someone who would be a good fit for a show in any of the other months, please talk to that person, and then let Connie Kostelc or Lisa Green know. They will then present it to the gallery committee for approval. We would like to get these slots filled in the next month or two, so please search your brain for some good candidates!*

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Joe Peters\*\* – Metal Sculpture (Joe is from Lewiston and was at the Swinging Bridges Arts Festival this year.)

John Gahn\*\* – As a new member who has not had a show before, we hope to have John's photography in the gallery soon..

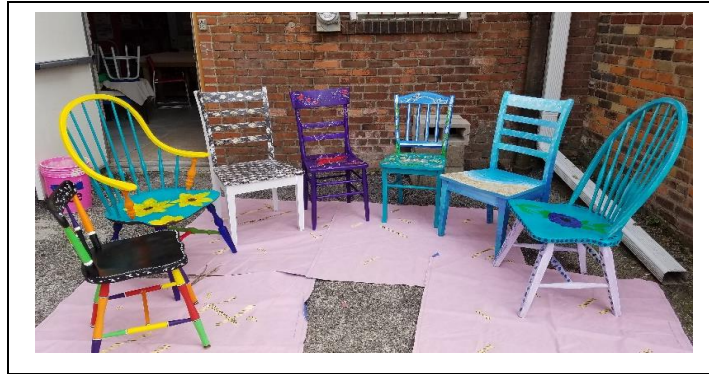
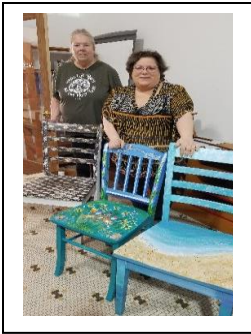
Robert McGee\*\* -Robert is a photographer, originally from the Cullom area.



#### **Bittersweet**

Congratulations to Rick Ruder of Peoria, who purchased the gunpowder mural that has been hanging upstairs in the gallery since we moved here. Rick will hang it in his loft apartment on the Peoria riverfront. Sad, but just in time to do some updating in the Joe Bailey Gallery! *Thanks to Dan and John Fitzgerald* for coming in and

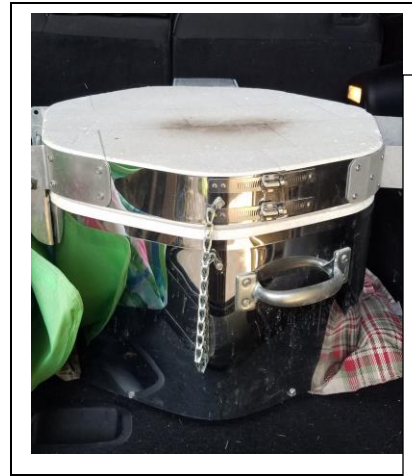
We had a lot of fun painting chairs for the Bloomington Habitat for Humanity Chairs-for-Change fundraising event. Painters pictured: **Shari Corrigan** and **Kathy Zehr**. Also participating were **Denise Michelle, Vickie Fitzgerald,** and **Brenda Thompson**.



*Art  
Is not what you  
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### **“The [Classroom’s] So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades!”**

New lights, receptacles and a light switch have been added to the classroom. What a difference!



### **We have a glass kiln!**

Now we need someone to learn how to use it so that we can have classes and workshops! Speak up if you are interested!

*Special thanks to **Jude Gonzalez** for this donation!*

### **The Second Annual Student Show and Competition**

opened during **Swinging Bridges** and ran through the month of May. We awarded 30 prizes, 3 in each of 5 categories in 2 age groups this year. A reception was held on Sunday, May 8. A big thanks to **Nancy Flessner, Rita Hoch** for organizing this and to **Barb Cook** for sponsoring the prizes!

**Carson Graves** of Pontiac was the recipient of the \$500 Young Artist Scholarship this year. He will attend Columbia University in Chicago in the fall.

## Successful Art Walk!

Thanks to **Brenda Thompson, Nancy Flessner, and Darlene Miller** for planning and implementing our annual art walk in downtown Pontiac August 12 – August 23. Also thanks to **Teresa Beard-Lowell, Pam Beeson, Dan Fitzgerald, Vickie Fitzgerald, John Fitzgerald, Juli Fraher, John Gahm, Lisa Green, Joyce Harbin Cole, Rita Hotch, Krystal Kay Lyon, Darene Miller, and Kathy Zehr** for donating items to be placed in downtown businesses for silent auction and to **Jane Diaz** and **Barb Cook** for cash donations. The art walk finances our Young Artist Scholarship. This year, our art walk generated \$550 in sales and another \$150 in donations! **Also, a big thanks** to the downtown businesses who participated:

**ACRES Inn, Aleenas Bath and Body Boutique, Caryl and Marilyn's, Charmed Boutique, Everyone's Collective, The General Store, Helping Hands, Home Wishes, Jurassic Gemstones, Lilli's, Livin' in Color, Pfaff's Bakery, Pontiac Doll and Toy Museum, Pop's Pop Up, Route 66 Kites and Games, Ticked Pink Fabric Shop, Whispering Wind, and Wright's Furniture!**

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**Annual Report:** Due to negligence on the part of your president, the annual report will be late this year. The goal is for it to be ready by September 17. With that in mind, would **Committee Chairpersons** send 2021-22 reports to **Vickie Fitzgerald** by **September 10, please**. Focus on your reports this year: what your committee accomplished, especially programs, classes, shows, community projects, etc. (Just make a list, if that is what works best. This would be good for our historical record and also for future efforts to gain funding.

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### Wanted:

- **Class Offerings and Teachers:** We are always looking for new class and workshop ideas. If you have ideas, please let **Juli Fraher** know. If you need help teaching, we will find someone!
- **Newsletter Editor:** Anyone interested in taking over or helping with the newsletter, please let **Vickie Fitzgerald** know.
- **Membership Committee Member(s)**

### Upcoming Events:

**September 10:** Committee Chairpersons, please get information to Vickie for the annual report by today.

**September 17:** **GLCAC Annual Cookout starting at 5:00.** This year the cookout will be hosted by Nancy Flessner. Directions to get there will be posted on facebook and emailed soon.

**September 30- October 1:** **COLOR OF FALL (formerly Chocolate Fall Fantasy)**. The City will provide a card with all participating businesses for shoppers. Shoppers who visit ALL businesses on the card will be eligible to be in a drawing for a gift basket. We can be involved if we donate an item for the gift basket. Please see Brenda, Nancy, or Darlene if you can donate an item.

**September 31:** Swinging Bridges 2023 planning meeting. Starts at 5:30.

**November 4-5:** **Holiday Wishes** Participating stores (us) will give out candy canes with little, folded "wishes" attached.

**November 4-5:** **Holiday Wishes** GLCAC will host our pop-up artist booths inside the studio and/or classroom. Vendor members may set up for no charge. You will bring your own cash box and man your own table.

PLEASE NOTE: Bring your own hand-made holiday items for this sale, no resale items or items by other artists. More information will follow.