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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.

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Swinging Bridges Arts Festival

Mark your calendars for our 3rd annual Swinging Bridges Arts Festival on Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8! The committee is excited to have scheduled live music, a professional puppet show, and a portrait painter to the art vendors this year! We are still adding to the lineup, so if you know art vendors who might be interested, or have more ideas, please talk to any of the committee members...or join the committee yourself! **People to talk to:** Vickie Fitzgerald, Brenda Thompson, Pam Beeson, Teresa Beard-Lowell, Lisa Green, Darlene Miller, or Joyce Cole.

Paint-a-Chair for Habitat!

All vendors and patrons are invited to come to the art center on **April 8-9** to have some fun and help a good cause at the same time! Habitat for Humanity (Bloomington) will provide chairs for us to “glam up.” We will then return them to Habitat to be auctioned off for their fundraiser. The primed chairs, acrylics, and some paint brushes will be provided. If you want other fancy brushes or decorating items, please bring them.

Can't wait to see what we all come up with! **Chairs MUST be completed by the end of the day April 9.**

Please let us know if you plan to participate so that we can have a chair reserved for you. There is a **sign-up sheet** in the classroom on the round table.



Dem Dry Bones...!

When the Nicor representative came to the art center to check for a gas leak this month (THANKS, Kathy Zehr!) he found a lot more than he was expecting! Along with the leak, which he repaired, he said, “Did you know that there are broken whiskey bottles and bones in the basement behind the old furnace?”

Well, no, we did not know that! The bones were scattered and looked pretty old and pretty, um, mysterious. Being good citizens, we reported the finding to our Pontiac Police Department (thanks, John Fitzgerald) who came, took a look, and decided to send them to the State Forensics Lab!

Oh, the stories that we imagined! Maybe a bootlegger... or a hobo... or a murderer! We have all suspected that our building is haunted, right?

Not to be! The report came back that the bones are pork rib bones and that our building was the site of a butcher shop in the early 1900's. Guess someone decided to have a little picnic down there!



Butterfly Festival

The University of Illinois Extension Livingston County 4-H and Horticulture team are working to plan our first Butterfly Festival scheduled for Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to Noon in downtown Pontiac. Here's what we're planning and how your organization can be part of this adventure:



- Community partners, along with 4-H, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, will host activity stations around Block 59 in Pontiac. (This is the area just south of the old courthouse building.)
- Stations will incorporate fun, hands-on learning activities for participants of all ages.
- Partners are invited to participate in a couple of ways
 - Encourage your audiences/clients to attend.
 - Host an activity station! Lead a fun learning experience at the festival. You can select one of our activities that we have identified, or get creative and work to design your own.

Garage Sale Fundraiser

We have had an unexpected expense this year: purchase of a new h-vac type furnace/ac unit for the pottery studio. We will hold a garage sale in the classroom on Saturday, April 23 during the store hours. If you have any wonderful bargains that you are wishing to move out of your house you could bring them into the pottery studio beginning Monday, April 18 until Friday, April 22. We will be setting up the sale in the classroom on April 22. If you would be willing to help sort, price, arrange items that week and/or help at the sale on Saturday, please let Brenda Thompson know ASAP. Help is needed with this project.



Please save and bring to the art center:

Plastic Bottlecaps - These will be donated to the Buddy Bench program. 200 pounds of plastic can be made into a solid bench to be placed in schools for kids who feel lonely, upset, or bullied. The idea is that when they sit there, other students will be invited to talk to them.

Greeting Cards - Just the cover (decorative part) is needed, not notes or signatures. These will be donated to a school in Appalachia that uses art projects as part of therapy for kids with disabilities.

GLCAC will partner with the Chief Pontiac Chapter of the DAR in collecting these items. They (DAR) will collect from us and others and distribute them to the appropriate places. EASY for us!



Darlene Miller

Art Medium: Photography

"Started with an old Kodak 126 and took pics of everything. I constantly followed my friend's dad when he took pics for the newspaper when I was in grade school. I went to WIU and fell in love with the darkroom. I collect old cameras and old darkroom and graphic items."

Three things that inspire Darlene:

- Life magazines - had a friend whose dad took pics for the magazine in the 40's
- Every photographer
- God's beauty

Poetry Show

April is the month for our annual poetry show in the Joe Bailey Gallery. Please bring in your piece (or pieces) of artwork to inspire our poetry partners as soon as possible. Also, stop in to see poetry that is being submitted for our inspiration. The poetry show opening was April 2.

Retreat

Gallery Committee Retreat



The Gallery Committee met, Thursday, March 10 and decided to schedule a Gallery Committee Retreat on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at PK Uncorked. The purpose of the meeting is to review current procedures and policies and see if some changes are needed.

Gallery Committee members are:

Connie Kostelc, chairperson; Teresa Beard-Lowell, Barb Cook, Lisa Green, Vickie Fitzgerald, and Kathy Sancken.

Anyone else who would like to be a part of this committee is welcome to attend the retreat.

Business After Hours April 21

The special events committee is announcing that we will have our second business after hours on April 21, from 5-7pm. Members and Patrons are also invited to attend. The Chamber will work with us to promote this and to help on the night of the event. We will be inviting business persons in the community to attend and see our beautiful store. We also will invite them to go up to the gallery, check out the pottery studio. We will be serving refreshments in the classroom. A bonus for guest attendees is the possibility of door prizes! So, we are asking members for a few art pieces as donations to the door prizes. We thank you in advance.



Harold Cunningham Paintings

Amy Eppel from Evenglow invited us to partner with them in a special Art Event honoring a former member of the Amitytown Painters Society. She chose us because of our art presence in town. Harold Cunningham decided to donate many of his paintings to Evenglow for an auction to benefit Evenglow's building fund. Evenglow has used our Logo in their advertising! We displayed the first ten of the paintings in the Joe Bailey Gallery during March. **We have also been invited to have a table at the May 4 Event at the Eagle.** We will display class lists, Jury Information, Patron Paperwork, along with Swinging Bridges information. If anyone is interested in sitting at the table during the event, please let Brenda know.

Patron Membership Levels

*The membership committee has developed membership levels for patrons:
Bronze, Silver, and Gold*

- *Bronze is the same as our original patron membership.*
- *Silver members can get a discount of 10% on sales and classes.*
- *Gold members will be entitled to 20% off on sales and classes.*

This will not affect vendor income. The discount will be taken from the GLCAC portion. Pam has set up the Square for these discounts, and instructions are on the counter near the square.

The committee did not add levels for vendors. If you think they should be added, please let Brenda, Vickie, Pam, Krystal, or Theresa C. know.

Classes

If you have a workshop or class idea, please write up your proposal (forms are in the cubby by the desk) and put them in the box in the classroom. A big

THANKS to Juli Fraher for preparing our class offerings document. Please help Juli out by getting a class description and photo of your project to her as soon as possible.



Upcoming Events

Monthly

4th Tuesday -- Paint a Plate

April

- 2 Poetry/Art Show Joe Bailey Gallery
- 8/9 Habitat Paint a Chair
- 21 Business After Hours, 5-7 pm
- 22 - Garage Sale for Furnace
- 23-30 Youth Art Show Drop-Off

May

- **7-8 Swinging Bridges Arts Festival**
- 7 Youth Art Show Opening & Presentation
- 7-30 Youth Art Show in Joe Bailey Gallery

June

- Helen Krieger Show
- 4 Butterfly Festival

July

- Mike Rodino Show

August

- Kathy Zehr Show

September

- Teresa Beard-Lowell Show

October

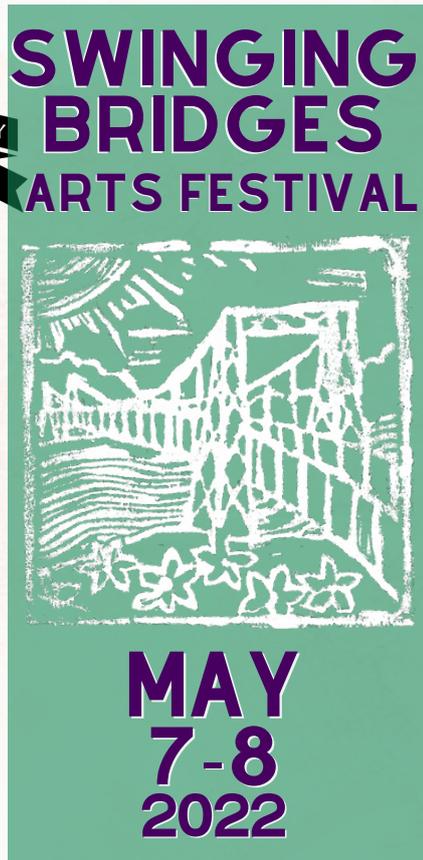
- Halloween Show

November/December

- Holiday Cash & Carry

GLCAC Young Artist Scholarship

The Greater Livingston County Arts Council is pleased to offer the second annual GLCAC Young Artist Scholarship to one senior who lives in or attends a school located in Livingston County who has excelled in the visual arts while in high school. The student must be entering a college, community college, or tech school after high school but is not required to be majoring in art. The scholarship will be a certificate along with a check in the amount of \$500.00 to the school of their choice. Application is available on the website and is due April 18.



SWINGING BRIDGES ARTS FESTIVAL
May 7-8 2022

Saturday

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| 9:00-4:00 | Fine Art Vendors Show |
| 10:00-10:45 | Dave Herzog's Marionettes |
| 11:00-11:30 | Vermillion Valley Show Chorus |
| 1:00-1:30 | Vermillion Valley Show Chorus |
| 1:00-2:00 | GLCAC Young Artist Show and Competition Awards |
| 2:00-4:00 | She Said So |
| 5:00-7:00 | The Riker Maneuver |

Sunday

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| 9:00-3:00 | Fine Art Vendors Show |
| 11:00-1:00 | Kid Tent! Plant a Succulent with Master Gardeners |
| 12:00-2:00 | John Kattke |



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Scan to apply for a vendor space!

Welcome!

Our newest member is Josie Noonan! She is juried for Watercolor. Please give her a warm welcome when you meet her!

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2022.



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Sign up for the Swinging Bridges T-Shirt Design Contest!