



prairie arts

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Festival of the Written Word



PAC Theater
Monday, March 12th
8:30 am

Featuring
students from:

Hall
Ohio
De Pue
La Moille
Princeton
Bureau Valley
St. Bede Academy

The creative writing spirit will be in the air on March 12th, when the Prairie Arts Council will host its first-ever Creative Writing Festival for local high school students.

The all day event in Princeton will feature writing workshops, open mike readings by approximately 40 students from seven local high schools, and a creative writing contest judged by local authors.

"More than anything else, the goal of the festival is to provide an opportunity for young people in our community to celebrate themselves and each other as creative writers," said Kevin Shyne, PAC board member, a published author and chairperson of the Festival.

Last spring, the Prairie Arts Council sponsored "Voices, Visions and Story Tellers," featuring readings by local poets and authors. "We wanted to build on our momentum with an event that would encourage young people with a passion for writing."

The Festival has been planned and coordinated with the English and Language Arts teachers to be a field trip for the students. Free of charge to student participants, the Festival is sponsored by the Prairie Arts Council with generous support from Church Women United and Illinois Arts Council.

"We appreciate our partnerships with these organizations," says PAC President Steve Esme. "The Festival exemplifies our shared commitment to a wide range of arts programming."

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FEBRUARY EXHIBIT

Valerie Weberpal



From the Heart: Thought in Color

Valerie Weberpal studied art at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, receiving a BFA in graphic design. She worked as a graphic designer until she started her family. While raising her 3 children, she experimented with many different mediums, including textile, clays, pencils, paint, paper mache', and others. She has taught drawing to local groups as well. As her children grew up and became independent she was able to venture out and do art shows to show and sell her work. She has been actively selling for about 15 years. This exhibition is a selection of her paintings and drawings. Much of her work is done in a primitive, folk art style, and is always loaded with color.

She continues to experiment with her style and various mediums.

She works in her studio named The Crib, which is on the family's working farm in Sycamore, and is an early 1900's corn crib that her husband refurbished in 2015. She hosts her own studio shows a few times a year. The public is always welcome to visit at those times, or by appointment as well.

facebook.com/thecribinsycamore

MARCH EXHIBIT

Quilting



The month of March is a collaboration with others in **“Celebration of Women in Art”**

The Prairie Arts Center gallery will be featuring a collection of quilts every weekend in March from **1:00-4:00pm**

The design shown above is a pattern called **“Women of The Bible”**

We will be displaying a variation of this pattern loaned to us by the “Quilter’s Garden” in Princeton.

Each quilt has a story, and there are too many stories to share in this short announcement. Come see them for yourself, and learn a little bit more of the history behind these heirlooms.

Also, make sure to check the Princeton Public Library and Chamber of Commerce websites for other community events related to **“Celebrating Women in Art”**.

<http://PrincetonPL.org>

<http://www.princetonchamber-il.com/>

And of course, check **our** website for more details about ALL of our future events!

<http://PrairieArts.org>

APRIL EXHIBIT

Adrienne Pike



Adrienne is a contemporary artist with her studio in America's heartland. A Midwest farmer's daughter, Pike was born in Ottawa, Illinois, and grew up near Illinois's Starved Rock State Park.

With a love for the outdoors, she has always been passionate about nature and inspired by the way spirit moves in all things.

Adrienne received her degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison; where she studied painting, ceramics, hot glass, metals and serigraphy.

Today, she paints, throws and sculpts clay, blows glass at Starved Rock Hot Glass in Ottawa, and experiments with printmaking and collage. She lives with her husband and daughter in South Ottawa, farms with her father, and helps run her family's business: Pine Hills Golf Club Bar & Restaurant.

Adrienne is an active member of the Ottawa Art League and Morris Watercolor Guild. She is a watercolor workshop instructor, visual arts judge and guest speaker.

You can find her work at the Ottawa Art League Gallery at 807 LaSalle Street in downtown Ottawa, Illinois and at August Hill Winery in Utica, Illinois.

YOU ARE INVITED

to help us
celebrate the opening of
these exhibits on the
first Friday of every month
6:00-8:00pm

The gallery is **OPEN** on weekends
1:00-4:00 pm

except for the last weekend in April

We will be **CLOSED** for a special event

THANK YOU to everyone who shared appetizers at one of our recent events:

Jeanne Hutchinson, Julie McCutchan,
Sue Cimaroli, Jack Olson, Linda McCabe,
Sue Cox, Ramona Wedding, Jan Lohaus,
Anna Roadhouse, Marilyn Anthony,
Patti Moynihan, Mary Sue Goldsmith,
True Wahlgren, Tracy Boylan, Jan Esme,
Lynne Weber, Laura Kann, Barb Schiff,
Steve Esme, Sue Garvin, Charlie Gebeck,
and Pam Hanson.

Thank you to the volunteers who hosted one of our recent events:

Stephanie Van Ordstrand, Gayle Grace,
Roger Swanson, Kay Telfer, Karen May,
Anna Roadhouse, Mary Michael, Mary
Damon, Dianne Van Drew, Jack Olson,
Jon McCutchan, Ramona Wedding,
and Barry Mayworm.

Thank You
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In Starved Rock Country

R E C E N T M



We kicked off our Christmas season with a Snowflake Workshop! Keith Bonstetter shared his beautiful creations and taught us how to cut and fold multi-layered paper snowflakes. FUN!



This year's Christmas Musical, "The Queen" was written especially for the playwright Rachel E. Gorenz-Johns.



We had 194 visitors to our October Gallery Exhibit! Special thanks to the volunteers at Second Story for bringing a caravan of teenagers over for a private viewing.



For our Christmas Season closer, Phil... stories and songs for a packed house... spirit, and thanks to OmniArts for...

MEMORIES



The One, the Only, Christmas Fairy
the PAC's young actors by local
son, who also directed. Great Job!



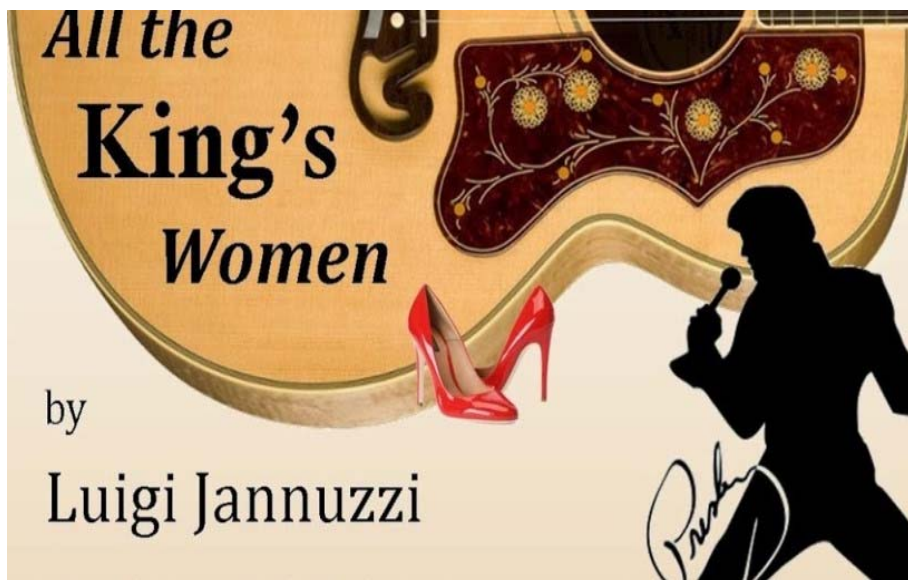
Runners gathered in front of the PAC on December 9th
for the Second Annual Bureau County United Way
"Run for A Claus 5K"



l Kaufmann and Friends performed
e. Thanks for sharing the Christmas
their help in funding this event!



Our annual Christmas Mini-Tree Festival auctioned off 34 trees,
wreaths and table arrangements that were created and donated by
members of our community. Thank You SO MUCH to All!!!



The Prairie Arts Council is announcing a new
Community Theater Program!

The first show will be "**All the King's Women**",
 premiering Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24,
 with a curtain time of 7:30 p.m.

"All the King's Women" is the story of Elvis Presley told
 through the eyes of 17 Women!

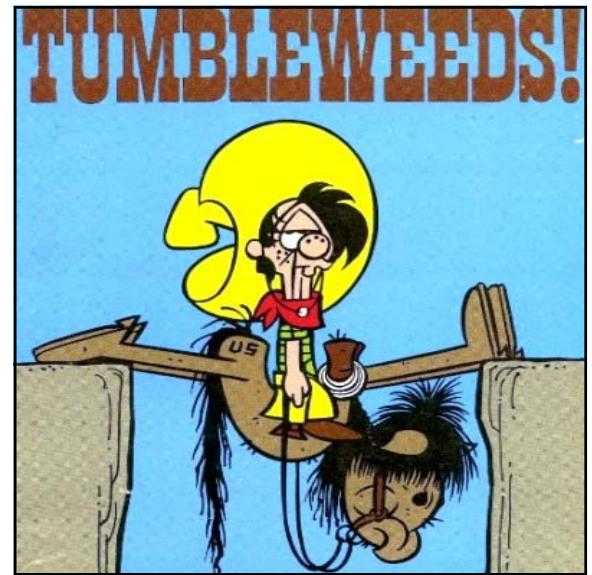
Some Enthralled! Some Appalled! ALL OBSESSED!

A fast paced series of 5 comedic scenes and 3 monologues
 based on the Life of Elvis Presley. From Tupelo Mississippi
 where 11 year old Elvis wanted a BB Gun instead of a guitar,
 to The Steve Allen Show, from President Richard Nixon's of-
 fice, to Andy Warhol's studio, from Cadillac Salesmen, to
 Graceland guards, this is a touching, bring-the-family come-
 dy with a heart that captures the effects that fame, generosity
 & just being a nice guy can bring to others!

Director Dixie Schroeder is excited to present a unique show.
 "I was on the stage crew that performed the show at Stage
 212. It is a lot of fun, especially for Elvis fans." Schroeder
 said. "We take every decade from the 1940's onward so the
 audience will get a visual treat with costumes and hair that
 reflect the era."

The cast of the show will include Bobette Roberson of Otta-
 wa, Marie Pinter of Oglesby, Julie Grady, Andy Marti, Jill
 Marti and Ken Schroeder of Princeton and Leah Metcalf of
 Ohio. Producer of the show is Jill Marti.

Schroeder said, "We are happy to have the support of the
 PAC Board in this inaugural endeavor. We are striving to
 achieve a level of community theater that the local area has
 come to expect."



The Prairie Arts Center is pleased to
 commemorate the 20th anniversary of
 children's theater by presenting once
 again, the first children's musical that
 we ever produced on the PAC stage:

"Tumbleweeds"

The 1998 production was a cooperative
 venture between Act IV community the-
 ater and the Prairie Arts Council.
 We also produced Tumbleweeds in
 2008 for our 10th anniversary of
 children's theater at the PAC.

Tumbleweeds is a zany musical based
 on an old comic strip of the same
 name. With Poohawk Indians, a villain
 named Snake Eye McFoul, sweet
 schoolgirls traveling across the wild
 West, Hildigard, the girl who can't get a
 man, and many others, there are plenty
 of fun character roles to offer challenges
 to a large number of young actors.

Auditions are tentatively scheduled for
 mid-February. Performances will be
 April 27-29. David and Shelley Gorenz
 and Rachel Gorenz-Johnson will co-
 direct Tumbleweeds. David and Shelley
 are directing Tumbleweeds for the third
 time; Rachel portrayed Hildigard
 Hamhocker in the 1998 production and
 helped direct the 2008 show.



Prairie Arts Council

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Welcome to the Prairie Arts Council

Thank You for supporting arts programming in our community!

Name

(or) Business Name

Street address

Street address line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Phone number

E-mail

We will deliver the newsletter to your email address

print & mail ☐

If you are interested in Exhibiting, Performing or Teaching, please specify:

Membership Level

- ☐ \$15 Student
- ☐ \$25 Individual
- ☐ \$35 Family
- ☐ \$60 Associate
- ☐ \$100 Sponsor
- ☐ \$150 Patron
- ☐ \$300 Ambassador
- ☐ \$500 Corporate
- ☐ \$1000 Benefactor

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Willing to Volunteer?

- ☐ Gallery: Host
- ☐ Theater: Painting or Sets
- ☐ Theater: Sewing
- ☐ Mailing and Clerical
- ☐ Appetizers or Baking
- ☐ Graphic Arts
- ☐ Gardening or Maintenance
- ☐ Programming & Publicity
- ☐ Other

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February 2	6:00-8:00pm	Gallery Reception
February 3—25	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Gallery Exhibit – Valerie Weberpal
March 2	6:00-8:00pm	Gallery Reception
March 2-31	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Gallery: Quilting Exhibit
March 12	8:30am	Festival of the Written Word
March 23-24	7:30pm	Theater: “All the King’s Women”
April 6	6:00-8:00pm	Gallery Reception
April 6-29	1:00-4:00pm (weekends)	Gallery Exhibit — Adrienne Pike
April 27-28	7:00pm	Theater: “Tumbleweeds”
April 28-29	3:00pm	Theater: “Tumbleweeds”



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