



# prairie arts

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# WE'RE BACK!

**After two successful Summer Camps led by Kathy Ballard and Rachel Gorenz-Johnson, we are opening the Prairie Arts Center Gallery in August with a new exhibit featuring art work by Lorena Malm**

Lorena Malm: (in her own words)  
I have chosen to title this exhibit... "Endurance".  
During the process of endurance, opportunity presents itself. Without the strength of endurance, opportunity remains in the shadows.

I define Endurance as the act of working very hard without stopping, even in the face of an unpleasant or difficult process or situation, without giving way to pain.

In 1960... I learned of my passion for Art. My parents gifted me an oil "paint by number". I also learned patience and frustration trying to stay within the lines. By the time I finished painting it, I knew...I was not meant to stay in the lines, and that I would create my own lines, someday!

In 1969... I began drawing and using watercolor. My Dad would bring me discarded steel blades from the sawmill to paint on with acrylic. I did not share my art, at that time, with anyone other than family and close friends.

in 1979... My Dad, my biggest supporter, passed away. I felt lost. No longer holding the passion, I boxed up my Art.

In 2005... I was introduced to Photoshop, and after teaching myself to use the software, I began to create digitally. My passion had returned,



until my computer crashed in 2010!

In 2012... I was given oil paints, tools, brushes, an easel, and a huge roll of canvas. I taught myself to use these gifts, one mistake at a time.

And, in 2014... I purchased an iPad Mini. I discovered an Art App, and began creating digitally again. Exporting from the iPad to the computer, using GIMP, to complete the images. I do not use a stylus to create... only my index finger, maintaining a look unlike others.

It is my desire to bring beauty to the world through Art. The images I create come from life experiences, memories, emotions, and sometimes from my dreams. I embed my emotions into the Art, with intention to present a connection to the viewer, that they too will feel emotion and connected to an otherwise Abstract tangible.

**Join Us for an Opening Reception  
Friday, August 6th from 6:00 to 8:00  
Free and Open to the Public!  
24 Park Avenue East**

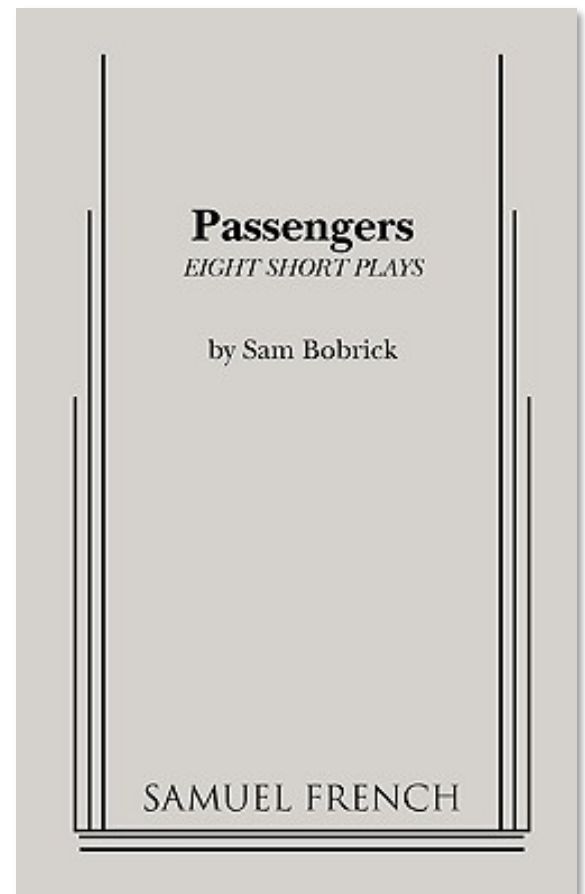


# Summer Art Camp

Art Camp 2021 was held at the Prairie Arts Center in June, led by Kathy Ballard. Thirty-five campers enjoyed working on a variety of projects with Scandinavian themes this year. Every camper made Viking shields, and they created Dala horses and trolls using clay and acrylic paints.

The older campers learned about rosemaling, an elaborate design technique using floral motifs to decorate boxes. They also made stained glass windows using mat knives and tissue. They also had the opportunity to do more painting this year, often choosing their own subjects for the work. Many campers worked with black canvas for the first time, with interesting results. Most said that they would do this again.

The younger campers did watercolor painting on paper. After the papers dried, they were cut into strips and woven into mats. The campers then cut out silhouettes to paste onto the background mats. They used tempera paint to cover their Viking shields and their heart boxes. Many used tempera to paint their tomten & trolls.



There was no Art Camp Gallery show this year because of Covid-19. There were no snacks during camp, but three different types of Scandinavian cookies were served to all campers as they prepared to leave for the last time. Hopefully, we will be back to normal next year!





# OCTOBER THEATER "Passengers"

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**  
**RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!**

Director Joseph Ennenbach is pleased to announce that Ken Schroeder, Mary Kieffer, Gary Talsky, and Liz Svadbik will bring the show Passengers to life on the PAC stage, October 15-17, 2021. Dixie Schroeder will serve as Production Manager, and Jill Marti will serve as Set Designer.

Joe says, "These four actors will have the challenge of bringing to life 18 different characters in Sam Bobrick's wonderful play Passengers. The action is set in a midwestern bus station and consists of eight short scenes which segue fluidly from one to the other without stopping, and vary from comedic to poignant."

People with an interest in theater, with or without previous experience are encouraged to become involved in the show. Volunteers are always needed both on and off stage!

Passengers is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

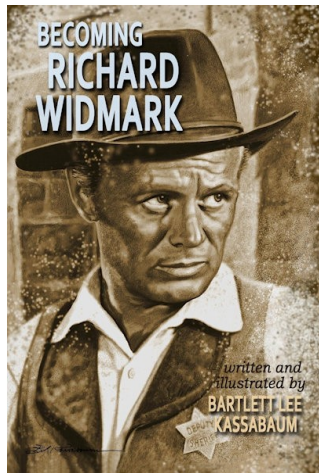
Prairie Arts Council programming is funded in part by grants from the Illinois Arts Council and the Princeton Closet

**FRI**  
**OCT15**  
**7:30**  
**SAT**  
**OCT16**  
**7:30**  
**SUN**  
**OCT17**  
**2:00**

Rachel Gorenz-Johnson organized and led our Summer Drama Camp this year, culminating in a performance of "The Runaway Royal". Here's the cast photo:



# BART KASSABAUM



Bartlett Lee Kassabaum, 73, of Princeton, passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL.

Bart was born on July 26, 1947 in Spring Valley, Illinois, the second of nine children of Marilyn (Kunkel) and Charles H. Kassabaum. Bart was reared in Granville and graduated Hopkins High School in 1965. He served in the Army as a Spec. 5 Communication member from 1968 through 1971. Bart worked as an artist for Josten's for 5 years illustrating medallions, rings, and charms. In 1982 he married Connie McMahon, and has stated many times how his best work was his son, Mark, born in 1985.

Throughout his life he was a member of various organizations like the Jaycees, Elks, Moose, the Illinois Valley Wildlife Committee, Princeton Arts Committee which was responsible for "Art in the Park" held for years in June for various years. Bart was an active member of the Bureau County Daycare Board, 1987-1997, and was involved with the construction of the present Zearing Childhood Center. He was a member of the Princeton's Rediscovering Richard Widmark Group. Being very instrumental in having the Richard Widmark star and plaque installed in the Princeton Walk of Fame in front of the Apollo Theater. On a less serious note, Bart was an audience participant of the infamous concert, "Woodstock." Among his many passions were the outdoors, landscaping projects, music, and his ardent love of family.

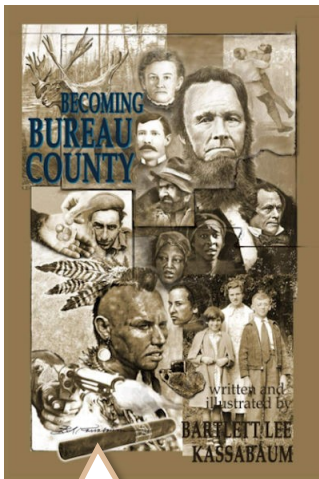
Bartlett Lee Kassabaum worked as a full-time professional artist for almost 45 years after leaving Josten's. He was a self-taught artist and enjoyed working in many mediums including watercolor, gouache, acrylic, graphite, color pencil, and mixed media. He had 99 of his original works in print. Bart's works were mainly of landscapes, wildlife, and local scenes, but he also loved different projects as a change of pace. One such project was painting his first Duckstamp picture on the bottom of a patron's pool.

A dedicated and accomplished artist, Bart Kassabaum's work has been recognized for many achievements and awards. He had three direct purchase awards and two commissions by the state of Illinois, had his art presented to three governors, won four Illinois Duck Stamp competitions for the hunting stamp in 1980, 1983, 1985, and 1987. He also had placed sixth in the National Duck Stamp competition. Bart's patriotic art, "No Free in Freedom," featuring two World War veterans, Charles H. Kassabaum, his father, and pilot John C. Dove, were featured in his design for the country music CD by Derik Scumacher out of Nashville in 2005.

The art of Bartlett Kassabaum has raised over \$150,000 for different charitable causes.

**Bart wrote, illustrated & published his first book, "Becoming Richard Widmark" in 2017, and his second book, "Becoming Bureau County" in 2020, just before his death**

**This information is shared from Bart's online obituary at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/bcrnews/name/bartlett-kassabaum-obituary?pid=197497742>**







## THE KASSABAUM EXHIBIT

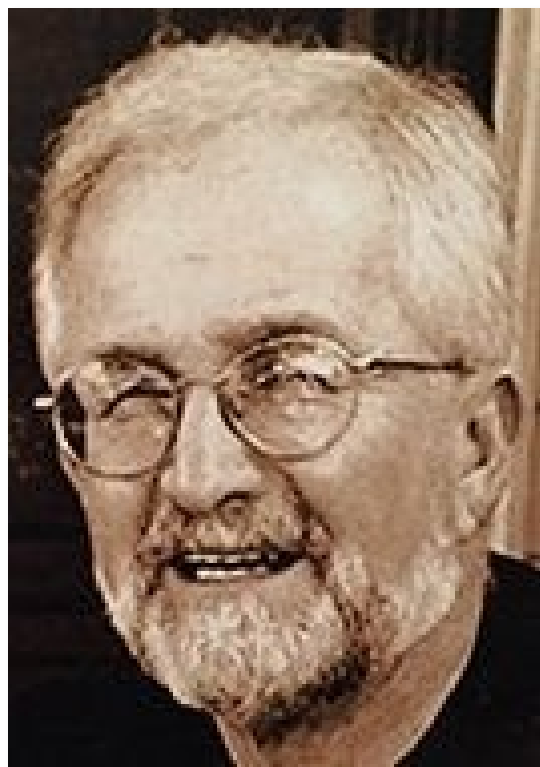
In the month of September the Prairie Arts Center will host in conjunction with the Bureau County Historical Society Museum and the Princeton Public Library an exhibit of Bart Kassabaum's art.

There will be an opening reception on Friday September 3 from 6:00-8:00 at the Prairie Arts Center, 24 Park Avenue East.

The gallery will be open for viewing on Saturdays and Sundays the month of September from 1:00-4:00

On Saturday, September 11 the gallery will be open from 10:00-12:00 because of the Homestead Parade.

**Please come and join us as we honor the works of Bart Kassabaum in this exceptional exhibit!**



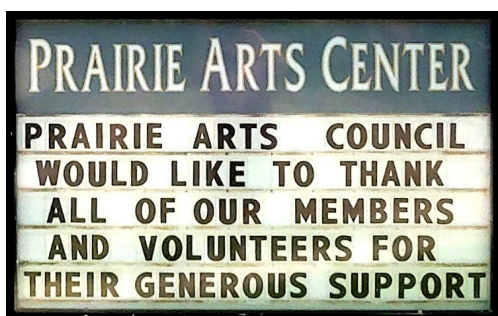




On Friday, June 11 the Prairie Arts Center held a Bake Sale at Soldiers and Sailors Park in conjunction with Lunch in the Park. There were many goodies donated by our friends and patrons, which enabled us to raise **\$355**

Thank you so much to everyone who baked, worked or bought bakery items. Here is a list of our fabulous bakers: Gary and Hope Browning, Steve Esme, Sue Garvin, Charlie Gebeck, Vicki Giehl, Mary Sue Goldsmith, David and Shelly Gorenz, Pam Hanson, Lorena Malm, Linda McCabe, Julie McCutchan, Carol McGee, Patti Moynihan, Joan Parker, Chris Smith, Esther Tracy and True Wahlgren.

Supporting the PAC has never tasted so good...

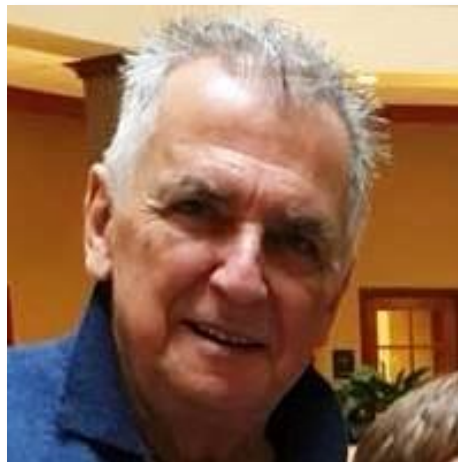


Welcome  
New Board Member

**Joan Parker,**  
and

Returning Board Member  
**Steve Esme**

Joanie will be helping with  
Promotion and Membership,  
and Steve is our new  
Gallery Director



## A Message from the Membership Chairman

We are happy to have so many 2021 membership renewals. Old and new members are vital to our support of the arts in our communities!

If your name is missing, we await your renewal. If you have a question, Please contact Julie McCutchan

**815-875-2092**

Our Memorial plaque has been updated with people we've lost recently:

**Marie Dawson**

**Aaron Porter**

**Bart Kassabaum**

**Pat Fitzgerald**

**Verne Shaffer**



# CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

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\* (new members!)

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MATTERS**



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## P A C E V E N T C A L E N D A R

August 6	6:00-8:00	Gallery Opening Reception: Lorena Malm
August 7-29	1:00-4:00 (weekends)	Gallery Exhibit: "Endurance"
September 3	6:00-8:00	Gallery Opening Reception
September 4-26	1:00-4:00 (weekends)	Gallery Exhibit: Bart Kassabaum
October 15-16	7:30	Theater: "Passengers"
October 17	2:00	Theater: "Passengers"
December 3-4	7:30	Theater: Children's Christmas Musical
December 5	2:00	Theater: Children's Christmas Musical



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