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June 2010

News of Arts on Grand and the Spencer Area Arts Council

Exhibit Schedule

SHS Homecoming 2010—Artwork by graduates of Spencer High School

Through July 3

Maria Lux—Oil paintings and chalk pastel

July 6–August 14

“Paint on Our Shoes”—Watercolors by Glenda Drennen, Karen Young, & Liz Fluehr

August 17–September 25

Artisans Road Trip 2010—“Northwest Iowa Treasures”

September 28–November 20

Upcoming Classes

Summer Clay Studio

Dates: Thursday evenings in June

Time: 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost: Free—for AOG members only!
Clay purchase \$12.50

Wheel, slab roller, hand built pieces. Some clay experience necessary. Children under 12 must be accompanied by adult.

Wacky Wednesdays

Dates: June 9, 16, 23

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ages: 7 to 12

Cost: \$12 Members / \$15 Nonmembers
Work with summer intern for a fun afternoon. Create art to take away! A different theme each week!

Minimum 5, Maximum 10 students.

Little Artists in the Garden

Date: Saturday, June 19

Time: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Ages: 4 to 7

Cost: \$10 Members / \$13 Nonmembers
Create a garden monster.

Artists in the Garden Class

Date: Saturday, July 10

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Ages: 8 to 12

Cost: \$10 Members / \$13 Nonmembers
Decorate a gourd birdhouse.

Minimum 4, maximum 10 students.

Little Artists in the Garden

Date: Saturday, July 17

Time: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Ages: 4 to 7

Cost: \$10 Members / \$13 Nonmembers
Create a plastic bottle bird feeder.

Artist of the Month: Colleen Wood Shaw

June's artist of the month is Colleen Wood Shaw, a northwest Iowa native and graduate of Spencer High School. She is one of over twenty Spencer High School graduates whose works are on display in Arts on Grand's "SHS Homecoming 2010" exhibit through July 3.

Following graduation from Iowa State University, she married her high school sweetheart, veterinarian James E. Shaw. After two years in Maryland, they moved to Corning, in southwest Iowa. The family, which grew to include two children, loved the area's rolling hills covered with lush hardwood trees, the grassy lowland pastures, and the fertile fields.

During this time, Shaw was employed as a research home economist and educator. She was also active in civic government, serving as a member of the Corning city council for fourteen years. She served as state chair of the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs and as a board member of the Iowa Department of Health. She also served as state president of the Home Economists in Business and Iowa Home Economics Association.

Following the death of her husband, Shaw picked up her paintbrushes after a hiatus of thirty years. She has been cultivating her watercolor style for the past twenty years, taking workshops that have developed her fresh approach to design and color. Her watercolors reflect Shaw's love of nature and flora, which have been enhanced by her love of gardening.

Shaw now resides in La Crosse, Wisconsin, where she has been an active member of the East Bank Artist group. She also volunteers her time to the successful AAUW Art Fair on the Green. In 2008, Shaw was honored as the La Crosse Community Foundation Woman's Fund Artist of the Year for her painting "Field of Wildflowers." Her works hang in galleries in Wisconsin and Iowa. Arts on Grand has a selection of Shaw's note cards and framed prints in the Gallery Shop



Colleen Wood Shaw's love of nature and flora is reflected in her watercolors. Many of her paintings are featured on note cards available at Arts on Grand (above).

Shaw's award-winning "Field of Wildflowers" (detail, below) is on display as part of the SHS Homecoming 2010 exhibit at Arts on Grand through July 3.



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SHS Homecoming 2010

May 25–July 3, 2010

Reception:

Saturday, June 12
1:00–3:00 p.m.

Over thirty artists have been invited to participate in this exhibit, which showcases graduates of Spencer High School and demonstrates the wide range of artistic abilities and endeavors that come from this one town in the Midwest.

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Gallery Hours:

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Sunday and Monday: closed

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2010 Backyard Bach & Blues Scheduled for July 10

Plans are underway for this year's Backyard Bach & Blues. The event will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at the Doris Ginger residence, 402 West First Street (at the intersection of West First Street and Fourth Avenue West).

The house was built in 1910, and thus will be celebrating its hundredth year. Doris, a longtime gallery assistant at Arts on Grand, asked us to help her family celebrate this milestone by holding Backyard Bach & Blues there this year. With that in mind, this year's theme is "Centennial Lawn Party."

The menu will consist of chef-carved roast beef and pork, country salads, pickled produce, and homemade ice cream with toppings. Entertainment will be provided by singer/songwriter Chad Elliott, who was the opening act in 2004, when BBB was first held at the Ginger residence. Since that time, he has released several CDs and garnered a number of songwriting awards.

Be sure not to miss this elegant country affair in the heart of Spencer! Tickets are \$30 for members of the Spencer Area Arts Council and \$35 for nonmembers. They are available at Arts on Grand or from any SAAC board member.

