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Summer 2008

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**Lee Rainboth—
“Deserving Existence”—
Artwork Inspired by Africa**
August 12 – September 15, 2008

Artisans Road Trip Preview
September 18 – October 25, 2008

**Michael Peterson—
Patriotic Photos**
October 28 – December 6, 2008

Studio Programs

The clay studio is open for members until 9 p.m. every Thursday evening for current pottery class students and potters.

2008 Fair Hours

Arts on Grand will be open regular hours (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) during both Saturdays of the Clay County Fair. It will also be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, September 9 through Friday, September 12.

Lost & Found

The following items are at Arts on Grand: a Jeep key with remote, a white Crown Victoria dinner plate, and a pair of women's sunglasses left at the Follows residence during Backyard Bach & Blues.

Backyard Bach & Blues

A Midsummer Night's Dream came to life at the rural residence of Bill and Kathy Follows on Saturday, June 12. Over 270 people took advantage of the lovely evening. The Vista Chamber Players performed two sets of classical music and paused to play “Happy Birthday” for two guests. Wine vendors offered opportunities to taste some of the many vintages of wine from Iowa and beyond. The menu of beef and ham, potato salad, hard rolls, sliced tomatoes and onions, fruit slices, and cheese cake was a successful palate pleaser.



Host Bill Follows got into the mood of the evening with a Renaissance costume.

After dinner guests moved their chairs around a grassy space to watch the Mission Theater Company performance of scenes from Shakespeare. Everyone was in agreement that the evening was a delight. The daytime wind gave committee members a few challenges, but the evening temperature was a nice change from the day before. Special thanks go out to Bill and Kathy Follows, and the committee of Susanne Bicknese, Barb Workman, Mary Rahn, Lynn Swan, Jill Barr, Holly Pearson, Joan Fideler, Irene McCoy, Carl Klein, Jan Edmondson, and Ann Holck. Bob Swan, John Rahn, Tim Edmondson, Gary Holck, and Jim McCoy were super committee member assistants. Arts on Grand thanks all those who came and all who helped make the evening a fun event.

Music in the Gallery

Thanks to Isaac Brockshus, Charles James, Ron Klinsky, Jack Ryan, Ryan Sather, and John Gabhart, Tim Norgaard, Amanda Bendlin for their contributions to Thursday night music in the gallery. AOG is open Thursday nights and we hope to have music in the gallery on a regular basis. The guest musicians will be listed in press releases or just call 262 4307 to check on the entertainer of the week. The next Thursday evening Music in the Gallery will feature Jerry Roberts and Dennis Wienke at 7:00 p.m. August 28.

Partners in Art

Spencer Area Concert Association

The 2008–2009 Spencer Area Concert Association season will kick off its biggest season ever with a concert by Todd Green at 3 p.m. Sunday, September 21, in the Grand Ballroom at the Clay County Regional Events Center. Please note that the date, time, and place have all changed from those announced in the season brochure.

Green will perform music from around the world on nearly 40 musical instruments.

The Concert Association will host the Vienna Boys Choir for a very special Valentine's Day concert. This concert is not part of the regular concert series, but Spencer Area Concert Association members will get a discount and be given priority in ordering tickets.

Season tickets are priced at \$40 for adults, \$16 for students, or \$90 for families. In addition to the eight Spencer concerts, season ticket holders may attend concerts in Algona, Sheldon, and Windom at no extra charge—a total of 20 concerts in all! Season tickets may be purchased at Arts on Grand or at the door before performances. They will be mailed out in early September. For more information, phone Arts on Grand at 712.262.4307.

Parker Historical Museum of Clay County

On July 17 the Parker Museum unveiled two traveling exhibits, "A Blaze of Glory: The Great Spencer Fire of 1931" and "The World's Greatest County Fair!" (about the Clay County Fair, of course!). Both exhibits consist of four two-sided panels hinged to create a free-standing display.

These exhibits are offered as outreach projects, making Clay County history available beyond the walls of the Parker Museum and the borders of Clay County.

SCT Playhouse

The 2008–2009 season will open October 10 with Irving Berlin's musical *Annie Get Your Gun*. The musical will run for three weekends, with performances at 7:30 p.m. on October 10 & 11, 17 & 18, and 24 & 25, and at 2 p.m. on October 12 & 19. Tickets are \$16. For more information call 712.262.7336.

Gallery Shop Talk

We have a variety of original art for sale in the Gallery Shop. Each month we will highlight some of the many items available for purchase. This month, check out Vivè bracelets for cancer awareness made by Jan Orr and Sharon Stadvold, pottery by Gene Polson, wood turnings by Perry Polson, watercolor prints by Katie Plucker, Marvel Houge, and Barb McGee, jewelry by Linda Delaughter, Diane Noll, and Sherry Weikum; and cards by Evaline Froelich, Sue Biederman, Colleen Wood Shaw, and Marvel Houge.

Gallery Shop Artist Spotlight

Colleen Wood Shaw was raised in the Spencer area and graduated from Spencer High School. She spent her summers at the family home on Lake Okoboji. Her husband was also a Spencer native. For many years Colleen was a research home economist and educator and was appointed to Iowa government positions relating to health. After a hiatus of thirty years, Colleen took up watercolor brushes and began a career as an artist. Her watercolors reflect her love of nature and flora. Colleen now lives in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where she is a member of the East Bank Artists. Stop by and see her framed watercolors and her lovely notecards. Welcome home, Colleen!

Summer Art Activities

Plein Air Pastel Workshop with Diane Kunzler

Diane Kunzler's two-day plein air pastel workshop had to compete with inclement weather and a mad dash out of the rain, but the class brought some of the outdoors inside and enjoyed capturing the feel of summertime and learning some new techniques.

Watercolor & Mixed Media with Jeanne Norris Larson

Former Spencer resident Jeanne Norris Larson, whose "Homecoming" exhibit was on display at Arts on Grand from July 2 to August 9, held a workshop on Saturday, August 9, for watercolor and mixed media, where participants learned ways to enhance watercolor with other media such as gouache, pastels, and acrylics.

Little Leonardos

The series of summer Saturday classes taught by Kim Jessen is complete. Students created funny fish, ducks, snails, lizards, and snakes—oh my! We wish to take this opportunity to salute the Farmers Bank for sponsoring this activity.

Morning Art Camp, Pottery, and Picture Frames

With the help of Rita Goeken, Kim Jessen, Kim Smith, and Rachel Smith, students made things with clay, tie-dyed shirts, and fashioned origami objects. Kim Smith shared her skills helping kids make a photo album and a picture frame. Gene Polson, a potter from Marcus, taught a class of middle-schoolers and a class of adults and they all had a great time with clay and learning from Gene to relax, it's just dirt! Thanks to all of our instructors!

Memorials

Donations have been received at Arts on Grand in memory of Anita Dyhrkopp by H & Joanne Schar; in memory of Carla Schaffer by Evaughn Schaffer; in memory of Dr. Al Blenderman by Janice Greig; in memory of Naomi Alloway, Bud Pearson, and Mike Zenor by Bob & Lynn Swan, in memory of Elva Barglof by Joanne Schar and Vivian Herbster, in memory of Mike Patrick by H & Joanne Schar, and in honor of Mary Rahn by Mike & Judy Thomas. We would like to express our thanks to everyone who chose to commemorate people by making a donation to Arts on Grand!

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Art Barn at the 2008 Clay County Fair

The following musicians will be playing at the Art Barn.

Jerry Roberts & Dennis Wienke
Joyce & Howard Craig

Robert Johnson, Audrey Johannsen,
Lloyd Buss, & Clark Marshall

For days and times, please call
712.262.4307 or check the daily
schedule.

The following artists will be
demonstrating their art at the Art Barn

Gene Polson, pottery; Diane Noll,
jewelry; Barb McGee, watercolor;
Perry Polson, wood turning; Tony &
John Curiel, glass work; Bogenrief
Studios, glass work.

Little Sioux Spinners will be at the Art
Barn on Wednesday, September 10.

Children's watercolor easels will be
out, and there will be creature
creations using old CDs and shrink-art
creations (name tags for backpacks).

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Deserving Existence — Art Exhibit 2008

The upcoming exhibit "Deserving Existence" features the artwork of Lee Rainboth, a graduate of Iowa State University. Originally from Marcus, Iowa, Lee has traveled in Mali, West Africa, and Haiti, which occupies the western half of the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean. These life experiences have motivated him to use his art to tell the story of children from two of the world's poorest countries. His paintings capture the beauty, the despair, the price of conflict, and the possibilities of hope.

The exhibit will run from August 12, 2008 to September 15, 2008. A reception for the artist will be August 15 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., and Lee will give a gallery talk at 5:30 p.m. During the time of this exhibit, Lee will visit the Art Barn at the Clay County Fair and will talk with students in local schools. This is truly a unique and memorable exhibit, and we invite you to visit us.

Lighting Fixture Contest

Holly Kellogg's design has been chosen as the winner of Arts on Grand's contest to select a new light fixture for the front foyer. Thanks to a Renaissance Initiative Grant from the city of Spencer, Arts on Grand was able to hold a contest for the design and fabrication of a light fixture for the gallery's front entryway. Designs were submitted by Holly Kellogg, Todd Kooker, and Jesse Bogenreif. Each of the three designs have merit and could be used as designs for fixtures in commercial or private spaces. The winning designer will receive the grant money for the design and construction of the light fixture. The public was encouraged to participate by voting for a favorite design.

Clay County Fair Art Barn

It's almost time for the Clay County Fair, September 6–14! It's almost time for the Art Barn to open to the public for 2008! The work times are 10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m., 2–4 p.m., and 4–6 p.m. Your volunteer time is good for a ticket into the Fair! If you would like to volunteer for one or more two-hour stretches at the Art Barn, please call Joanne Schar at 712.262.4307, or e-mail programming@artsongrand.org. Arts on Grand downtown will be closed on Thursday evening (5-9 p.m.) September 11 during Fair week.

Personnel Updates

Staff Changes at Arts on Grand

Martin Arthur assumed duties as Executive Director of Arts on Grand on May 19. Prior to that, he had been on the board of directors of the Spencer Area Arts Council since July 2003, serving as president during 2006–2007.

Joanne Schar was hired at the beginning of June to fill a new full-time position as Programming and Marketing Director at Arts on Grand. The new position combines two part-time positions formerly held by Rita Goeken and Jean Foote.

Spencer Area Arts Council Elects New Officers

A new fiscal year finds a new confirmation of board members for Arts on Grand. After an eventful year, Mary Rahn passed the gavel to new president Irene McCoy, who will be assisted by first vice president Barb Workman. Other officers include secretary Carole Lea Cotton, treasurer John Toale, and grants officer Ann Holck.

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Thanks!

Arts on Grand thanks everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Backyard Bach & Blues "A Midsummer Night's Dream" fund-raiser. We would not be here without the support of our media partners, business sponsors, volunteers, and the community!



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