

boone county arts council news



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5th Grade Arts Festival Expanded to 3 Days

The 2013 Fifth Grade Arts Festival was expanded to 3 days to accommodate the 8 participating schools: Caledonia, Immanuel Lutheran, Lincoln, Meehan, Perry, Seth Whitman, St. James and Washington. The 7 period day included classes in poetry, stage make-up, cartooning, junk art and pottery. Mark Dvorak is on the faculty of Chicago's remarkable Old Town School of Music. His program is



“Old Songs and New People” which means the history of American Folk Music. Mark did the first 2 days and then Jim Kanas, an American folk musician and certified K-12 music teacher, did a history of American music on the last day. I should have also added that the BHS Trash Can Band under the directorship of Dan Foster, entertained the kids at lunch and invited them to try out the instruments.

Kit Scheidenhelm, local artist and retired art teacher taught a pottery class demonstrating the use of a wheel to throw pottery. To decrease the class size we added a second pottery class taught by Dee Santorini. An accomplished painter, Dee discovered clay 10 years ago and now teaches both hand-built and wheel thrown pottery classes.

Bruce Quast, editorial cartoonist for the Rockford Register Star, returned for a second year to demonstrate cartooning for

2 days of the Festival. The third day was taught by Lenny French who learned cartooning from Ron Wagner, a free lance illustrator for D. C. Comics.

Drama was represented by classes in stage make-up taught by Joselyn Ludke, Technical Theater Instructor at Auburn Creative and Performing Arts High School, and Mike Tucker, a recent Guilford High School graduate where he did the make-up for shows including Our Town and Legally Blond.

The popular junk art class was again taught by Norm Knott, a nationally recognized recycling artist. Norm job shared with Cherie Heck who teaches Art From Recycled Materials at Womanspace in Rockford.

The poetry class provided the big project for the 2013 Festival. Connie Kuntz is the editor for the Rockford Review and Rockford Writers Guild Press. Her class was titled, Personal Poetry – Bringing Yourself Into And Out Of Your Poetry. The lesson was “who you are in your family will continue to define who you are in the world for your entire life”. She compiled a 100 page book, What Child Is This, using the expressions written by the students.



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Letter From the President

Happy New Year

It has been a long time since my last correspondence. The “Coming Events” from the spring 2013 Newsletter have come and gone. The Student Art Show showcased the efforts of the young artists of Boone County. Drawings, paintings, clay works and even a video were displayed for the enjoyment of family and friends. Awards were accepted and pictures taken. Some appear in this publication. The Summer Concerts in the Park drew huge crowds to great music and no rain-outs (with the exception of Candlewick Lake which went on inside). We are so grateful for the support given in the baskets. Your donations help fund our programming. In spite of the downpour the Musical Petting Zoo at HarvestFest was a huge success. Expanding the Fifth Grade Arts Festival to 3 days and reducing the class size brought a host of new challenges: more artists had to be found, more spaces in the Community Building and more funding. But the rewards were discovery of a great variety of artistic and instructional talent in the area and more advocates demonstrating the value of the arts in people’s lives.

So what’s coming up this year?

A party for members to mix and mingle
Snow Sculpting – and WE HAVE SNOW
A new High School student art competition
– Best of BOCO
The annual Student Art Show
The 2014 Concerts in the Park

Join the fun. Support the arts.

Sherry Lindquist

HarvestFest 2013

The “Musical Petting Zoo” continues to draw crowds to the Arts Council tent at the October HarvestFest celebration. The sound of a trumpet, drums, an oboe and a French horn filled the air as people attempted to toot, blow and tap. Most of the 200 plus participants were children, but a few accomplished musicians picked up an instrument as they remembered the notes of old. Our thanks to band instructors Michael and Lauren Hart, and to the Belvidere middle schools for the loan of instruments. Over a dozen Belvidere and Belvidere North H.S. band members assisted the children and encouraged them to join the bands of Belvidere!



BCAC sponsored and judged the “Scarecrow Contest”. Yes, the building of a straw figure is an art! Congratulations to the winners: K.A.R.E. Club of BHS, Tom Ott, and NASR. Three Honorable Mention awards were also given. Mark your calendar for this year’s 5th annual event: Saturday, October 4, 2014.



Winning scarecrow by the K.A.R. E. club of BHS. In their “thank you” letter they told us they really appreciated the money because they did not like to do fundraisers, like selling candy!



2nd place Harvest Round Up by Thomas Ott.



Third Place Mr. Mummy by Joseph Ivansco.



Honorable Mention, Shirley Scarecrow by Grace Sanchez.



Photos shown above are from the Boone County Arts Council’s Musical Petting Zoo at HarvestFest.

5th Grade Experience:

Poetry Books and Cartoon Plaques Presented to Perry School and All Participating Belvidere Schools

On a snowy day in December Sherry Lindquist, Jan July, and Karen Shifo met at Perry School to deliver the products from the 2012 and 2013 Fifth Grade Arts Festival projects to the elementary schools.

During the 2012 Arts Festival, cartoonist Bruce Quast created the cartoon Boone Collie Saves the Day. Each participating school painted 1 panel of the story which they were given to display in their school. So they would have the whole story, the Arts Council printed the cartoon and had it mounted on a wooden plaque to display with the panel.

Connie Kuntz, Editor of the Rockford Writers Guild, taught the Poetry Class at the 2013 Arts Festival. She divided the classes into groups based on place in the family. Each group wrote what it was like being in that place. Then Mrs. Kuntz created a book entitled What Child Is This containing those written expressions. The Arts Council had the book bound to present to each participating school.



Shown accepting the gifts are Perry School Principal Jody Dahlseng and two of the fifth graders involved in the poetry project, Isabella Conrad and Rayley Effler.



Perry School Principal Jody Dahlseng, also District 100 liaison with the Boone County Arts Council, places the plaque showing last year's 5th Grade Experience cartoon panels.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Planning is now underway for the 24th annual Summer Concerts in the Park. The 2013 season was very well-attended. Our seven concerts covered a wide variety of musical types to appeal to musical tastes of our audiences. We were pleased to assist the Sister Cities Association of Belvidere with publicizing the concert by the Schwieberdingen Community Band on June 1. Our seven concert series then commenced on Sunday, June 8.

We could not have presented our concert series without our sponsors. Our 2013 sponsors were American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Alpine Bank, Belvidere Dental Study Club, Byron Bank, Candlewick Lake Association, Poplar Grove State Bank, Swedish American Foundation and Swedish American Hospital/Belvidere.

We also thank the Belvidere Park District for their continued assistance. The Community Building served as our rain site and was needed for one concert. This program is also supported in part by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Arts Council Sponsors Student Art Show

Over 500 students, parents, grandparents, friends and family came to browse the BCAC's annual County-wide Student Art Show and reception held April 29th in the lobby of the Belvidere North High School from 3-5pm and enjoy the refreshments served by the BCAC. The art was exhibited until the end of the week.

Art teacher Troy Yunk's advanced art students not only helped set up the displays, but selected a Best in Class for each of the lower grade levels. Art and administration staff judged the high school entries. The BCAC provided ribbons for the winners and certificates for each of the participating students. Work from five students was selected by their

teachers for entry into the show. The art consisted of 2-D, 3-D and computer images. A computer rendition assembled by Jay Allen of the large cartoon mural designed by Rockford cartoonist Bruce Quast for the 2012 5th Grade Arts Festival was also on display.

The Heidi Benzel Best of Show award for high school art was awarded to Belvidere North senior Aurelia Tauscher for her charcoal drawing "On the Driveway". The award consists of a check and certificate. The Benzel award was made possible by "Sis" Benzel in memory of her daughter Heidi, a 1971 graduate of Belvidere Senior High School.



This image is titled "Leaves" by Brett Johnson, a 5th grader at Seth Whitman Elementary.



This image is titled "Wolf" by Riley Sagh, a 4th grader at Meehan Elementary.



This is a paper Mache mask by Tracy Leutik, a 6th grader at Belvidere Central Middle School.



BCAC President Sherry Lindquist presenting the Heidi Benzel Best in Show award to Belvidere North senior Aurelia Tauscher for "On the Driveway."



Image of the mural created by Cartoonist Bruce Quast for the 2012 5th Grade Arts Festival on display during the 2013 Student Art Show

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The Fifth Grade Arts Festival of 2013 was a success thanks in great measure to the financial support received from a grant from the General Mills Foundation, a grant from the Funderburg Foundation through the District 100 Foundation for Excellence in Education, the Rockford Area Arts Council, and Richard and Kathie Curlee Memory of Morris and Frances Carter. The programs of the Boone County Arts Council are partially funded by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. Also thanks go to Dean Foods and Consolidated Container for the bottles used by the junk art class. A special thanks to the staff of the Community for providing and maintaining the perfect venue for the variety of classes. We are greatly indebted to the Arts Council Committee who planned the event and to the many volunteers who gave of their time to assist the artists.



Pottery



Pottery



Junk Art



Stage Makeup



Poetry



Dr. Houselog w/student in poetry area



Cartooning



Junk Art



Stage Makeup

Bits and Pieces . . .

BCAC and Boone County Historical Society collaborated to depict an old-fashioned "Downtown Belvidere Christmas" in the Holiday Lights display.

Watch for a new sculpture! Jack and Peggy Wolf are gifting "Twist On an Old Tale" by renown artist Randy Hand of Loveland, CO. This whimsical artwork will be located near the Administration Building in Belvidere Park.

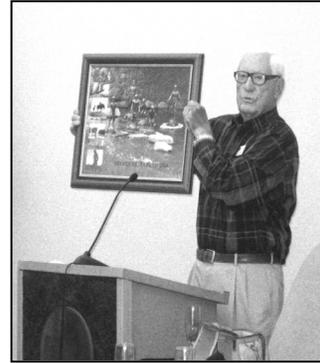
The Pettit Chapel, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, was highlighted in a review of top 10 Rockford area architectural treasures. Another FLW structure, the Laurent House on 4646 Spring Brook Road, will open as a Rockford museum on June 8th.

BCAC's Photography Club offers a free Fundamentals Clinic (16+) on Thursdays 2/6-2/27 5:30-7pm. Pre-register with the Belvidere Park District.

BCAC's Boone County Photography Club meets on the second Wednesday evening of each month. Membership is open to adults with a digital camera.

For many years the month of October has been designated Illinois Arts and Humanities Month by the Illinois Arts Council. In response, in 2013 the Boone County Arts Council issued the following proclamation: We believe as stated in Governor Quinn's Proclamation that 'the arts help foster discipline, creativity, imagination, self-expression and problem solving skills while also helping to develop a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding'. And because art education has been reduced or eliminated in the schools, we offer the Fifth Grade Arts Festival to the students of Boone County annually. Our logo proclaims "The Arts... Share the Vision". This is one way the BCAC shares the vision for the arts in Boone County.

Sister Cities Event

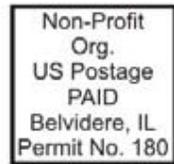


Bill Wolf, President of the Sister Cities Club, with collage of Belvidere sculptures presented to the Mayors from the Sister Cities.

On Sept 27, in the Belvidere City Council Chambers, Sister Cities President Bill Wolf presented the Mayors of the visiting Sister Cities, Vaux-Le-Penil (France) and Scheie-berdingen (Germany) with a framed photo collage featuring several Belvidere sculptures. Photos of the sculptures were supplied by the BCAC. Bob & Joan Lund composed the collage and Dave & Pat Richter framed the composition for presentation. Strawberries in champagne and hors d'oeuvres were served during the reception.

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5-7pm

The Brick Café and Gallery

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For members and prospective members, come enjoy selections from
Taste of the Brick, chocolates and beverages compliments of

the **Boone County Arts Council.**

Door prize - Hand thrown pottery vessel by Dee Santorini