

# boone county arts council news



September 2016

## **PAINT ON STATE -Another Huge Success**

The Boone County Arts Council partnered with the City of Belvidere and other area businesses to bring Paint on State to town once again. The event nearly doubled in size from last year; 525 squares! Those participating received a bag of painting supplies and were assigned a square. The squares sold out in record time and State Street was filled with artists, young and old, painting their portion of the street. This year our event included live music with the band Gramps with Amps and a great community involvement with individuals and groups offering to volunteer. We wish to thank our sponsors for making this possible: Dari Ripple, Ace Hardware, Locust Street Press, Pacemaker, Franklin Display Group, Steam Plant, Boone County Shopper, Midwestern Photography, Bel Rock, Coley's Cooler, PNC Band, Slick Nickel and Home Depot. We couldn't do it without you.



## **BELVIDERE PRIDE MURAL**

During Heritage Days the public was invited to paint a mural which listed things that those who live in and around the City of Murals are proud of. The City and the Arts Council cooperated to provide the materials so that people could paint for free and express their pride in our wonderful community.



## **SUMMER CONCERT SEASON CLOSSES ON A HIGH NOTE**

The BCAC Summer Concerts in the Park has wrapped up another successful season. All of the musical groups performed before large, appreciative audiences. We were very lucky that the weather cooperated for all seven concerts. We did not need to move into our rain site at the Community Building. However, we truly appreciate the use of the building in case of inclement weather.

This year the following sponsors made the concert series possible - Alpine Bank, Blackhawk Bank, Byron Bank, Candlewick Lake Association, Poplar Grove State Bank, the Swedish American Foundation and the Swedish American Medical Center/Belvidere. The BCAC appreciates the continued help from the Belvidere Park District. Also, a thank you to the Illinois Arts Council Agency for their financial support.



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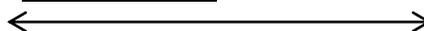
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The programs of the  
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### Letter from the President

The 29<sup>th</sup> year of the Arts Council will be a busy one. In addition to all of the usual events - the Fifth Grade Arts Festival, BOCO, the annual county-wide Student Art Show and Paint on State, we will be fundraising all year for the Mural Project. Summer of 2017 brings the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the public murals for which the City is named, "City of Murals". It is also the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the Boone County Arts Council whose mission is "To enhance the quality of life of the people throughout Boone County by promoting the endowment, development, and enjoyment of the Arts". We are on a mission. Won't you join us and Share the Vision?

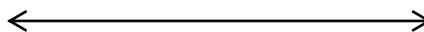


Won't you join us and *Share the Vision?* Support the arts through membership.

If you are not already a member of the Boone County Arts Council, we would appreciate your support. Member categories are as follows:

Individual.....	\$10
Family .....	\$25
Friend of the Arts.....	\$50
Sponsor .....	\$100
Patron .....	\$250
Sustaining .....	\$500
Other .....	

Mail to BCAC @ P. O. Box 311, Belvidere, IL 61008. We also have individual programs that you can support instead of or in addition to membership. Three of those programs in need of support are the 5th Grade Arts Festival, Paint on State and the Concerts in the Park. Any amount would be appreciated. We are also in need of volunteers to assist with our programs. If you can assist with any program, please contact Sherry Lindquist



A new way to donate to the murals, the 5th Grade Arts Festival and the Memorial Fund is to use the "donate" button on our website, [boonecountyarts.com](http://boonecountyarts.com), you can pay through PayPal.

## COMING EVENTS . . .

### **Mural Signboard Dedication**

Because we are preparing for a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in the summer of 2017, the Arts Council believes that it is important to tell the story of each mural on a plaque mounted by the artwork. To that end storyboards have been created and will be placed on the murals in time for the dedication celebration to be held in Mural Court on S. State Street behind City Hall, on Saturday, September, 17, at 11:30 AM. A reception will follow at the Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate office at 323 S. State St. A special treat will be carriage rides to view the Murals.

### **Main Street Players**

Attention Halloween lovers—The theater group will present a radio dinner theater, Dracula at the Community Building on October 28, 2016.

Attention all children (and young at heart adults): The first play of the season will be Seussical the Musical. It will be held on two successive weekends in November—11/11, 11/12 and 11/13 and 11/18, 11/19 and 11/20.

### **RAAC Fall Art Scene in Belvidere**

October 7th, 5 to 9 p.m. and October 8th, 4 to 9 p.m. at the Historical Museum, the Pettit Chapel and Locust Street Press.

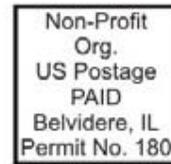
### **Fifth Grade Arts Festival**

October 18, 19, and 20

The Arts Council will present the annual Arts Festival for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders of the county. This year we have planned a day of American Folk Music, dance, mime, theater improve, pottery and creating art from recycled materials. We try to provide experiences that the students do not get in school to enrich and expand their appreciation of all areas of the arts. We couldn't do this without the support of our sponsors: The Illinois Arts Council, the Rockford Area Arts Council, the Boone County Community Foundation, the Northern Illinois Community Foundation and your help. We are still in need of funds to cover the 3 day event. If you would like to support an artist for a day the cost would be \$200. Tax exempt contributions should be sent to the Boone County Arts Council at P.O. Box 311, Belvidere, IL 61008. The students and we thank you.



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## **SUPPORT THE MURALS**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Walldog Rendezvous, Wall-to-Wall Arts Festival that produced the first 10 Murals and earned Belvidere the title “Illinois’ City of Murals” is coming next summer. We will be fundraising all year so that new murals can be created and old ones can be renewed. Some of the original Walldogs will be back. You can support the Mural Project by doing any or all of the following:

- Joining the Arts Council and getting involved.
- Sending a check to the Boone County Arts Council at P.O. Box 311, Belvidere, IL. 61008, specifying “Mural Fund” on the memo line.
- Donating via PayPal online using the “donate” button on the BCAC website, boonecountyarts.com.
- Purchasing 1 or more journals created by the Arts Council with mural image covers for \$5.00 each. They can be found at the Brick Café and Gallery or The Historical Museum.

2017 is also the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boone County Arts Council. Both Anniversaries coincide with Heritage Days in June.

**LET’S CELEBRATE**