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February 2010

News of Arts on Grand and the Spencer Area Arts Council

Exhibit Schedule

Danielle Clouse—“Rural Abstractions: Recent Paintings”

February 16–March 20

Spencer Area Schools 2010 Exhibit

March 23–May 20

Spencer Graduates Exhibit

May 25–July 3

Maria Lux—Pastels and oil paintings

July 6–August 14

Films for the Cinematically Disadvantaged

Arts on Grand and Carey's Electronics are presenting another four-film series on Monday evenings during February. Films are screened upstairs at Carey's, 220 Grand Avenue, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Free-will donations are accepted to help support the series.

☞ **February 1:** *Tell No One* (French, 2006; not rated)

☞ **February 8:** *The Cave of the Yellow Dog* (Mongolian, 2005; G)

☞ **February 15:** *Facing Windows* (Italian, 2004; R)

☞ **February 22:** *Vitus* (German-language Swiss, 2007; PG)

Upcoming Art Activities

Youth Pottery

Taught by Gene Polson from Marcus

For middle school and high school students.

Dates: Mondays, March 1, 8, & 15

Time: 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 Members / \$40 Nonmembers
Clay \$12.50.

Adult Pottery

Taught by Gene Polson from Marcus

For all skill levels.

Dates: Mondays, March 1, 8, & 15

Time: 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 Members / \$40 Nonmembers
Clay \$12.50

To register for classes, call 712.262.4307

or e-mail info@artsongrand.org.

Scholarships are available for all classes.

“Have you met _____?”

Bring your lunch and enjoy the conversation about an artist you may not know!

Date: Thursday, February 18

Time: 12:00 noon–1:00 p.m.

Dessert will be served! Free!

Winter Hours

Arts on Grand will continue to be closed Thursday evenings during February unless there is a special event scheduled, such as the artist reception on Thursday, February 18. Beginning March 4, we will again be open regularly on Thursday evenings.

Artist of the Month: Lynn Hunter Swan



Indiana-born Lynn Hunter's first love was music. While in high school, she had the opportunity to spend two summers at the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Michigan. “That truly changed my life! I discovered the arts, which led to a lifelong commitment to help others discover the magic.” On the advice of her vocal coach, Sherrill Milnes (who later had a distinguished career at the Metropolitan Opera), Lynn went to Drake University in Des Moines to study music. There she met future husband Bob Swan on a blind date. He swept her off her feet—and took her back to the farm near Dickens, Iowa, as his wife.

Along with her duties as a mother and farm wife, Lynn taught private voice and piano lessons. Eventually, she finished her degree at Buena Vista College. As a full-time homemaker, she had realized a second love of art, so upon returning to college, she declared a minor in that subject. During those years she became involved in the organization of the Spencer Area Arts Council, serving twice as president. She also directed the Ruthven United Methodist adult choir for thirty years. In addition, she has composed art songs and choral music, winning awards from the Minnesota Composers Forum, Iowa Federated Music Club, and Iowa Music Teachers Association.

After teaching music in public schools at Terril and the Lakes area for a few years, Lynn discovered her passion for interior design. For eleven years, she owned and operated Lynn Hunter Swan Interiors on Fifth and Grand in downtown Spencer. Since closing the shop, she has moved her samples to a smaller space in the Arcade Building, allowing her more time to travel with Bob.



A variety of Lynn Hunter Swan's creations, including pins, barrettes, purses, collages, and wall hangings, are available from the Gallery Shop at Arts on Grand.



Music in the Gallery

Live music will return to Arts on Grand when Chad Elliott comes back for a coffeehouse Saturday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. A \$10–\$15 donation is requested.

Dennis Wienke and Jerry Roberts will perform at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11. Free-will donations will be accepted.

All donations go to the artists.

Please notify us promptly if your address changes. Stop in, write, or call 712.262.4307.



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Spencer Area Arts Council

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Danielle Clouse

Rural Abstractions: Recent Paintings

At Arts on Grand
February 16–March 20

Artist reception
Thursday, February 18
5:00–7:00 p.m.

“This body of abstract work is focused on the Iowa landscape. Using this abstract approach to the rural landscape creates a different way of seeing the area around me.”

*Sponsored by
Iowa State Bank, Ruthven*

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.–5:00 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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Danielle Clouse on “Rural Abstractions”

This body of abstract work is focused on the Iowa landscape. Using this abstract approach to the rural landscape creates a different way of seeing the area around me. Some of the shapes I use are derived from simplification; others are evoked from the painting by color shifts and changes in perspective.

The landscape is unavoidable in this area—driving from place to place, we see it in its change of seasons, during different times of day, and in different weather conditions. Because of these factors, the landscape provides an endless color palette and endless material to work from.

Some paintings are created directly from a specific area, while others are based on a combination of areas and experiences. Some are from a photo reference; others are from memory, where the landscape is not exact but still maintains that area's thumbprint with imagery created right in the studio.

Due to this focus on our local landscape, venturing from small town to small town usually lends itself more to research than to travel.

Originally from Ruthven, Iowa, Danielle Clouse received her Associate of Arts Degree from Iowa Lakes Community College in May of 2004 and later received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Northwest Missouri State University with an emphasis in painting and ceramics in 2007. Currently she is working out of her home studio in Spirit Lake.

Arts on Grand Winter Dance Party

at the Spencer Golf & Country Club

A fundraiser for the Spencer Area Arts Council

Featuring Oldies by the Sliders

Phil Christy, Jerry Jones, Bob Pettit, Clark Marshall, Ray Meyer,
Jill Barr, Jean Johnson, Barb Larson, & Nicole Stauffer

Come and dance, or just sit back and enjoy the music!

Saturday, February 20

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. • Music begins at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 in advance at Arts on Grand or \$25 at the door

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres • Cash bar

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