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For Art's Sake!

March 2010

News of Arts on Grand and the Spencer Area Arts Council

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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

Upcoming Art Activities

Little Leonardos

Children's art with Kim Jessen Heinrichs

Seasonal take-away art projects

Dates: Saturdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24

Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Ages: Preschool through third grade

Cost: \$5 Members / \$7 Nonmembers

Parents may stay or leave.

Call 712.262.4307 to register.

Sponsored by Farmers Trust & Savings Bank

Acrylic Painting Class

With Kendall Oliver

Dates: Thursdays, April 8, 15, & 22

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50 Members / \$60 Nonmembers

Limit 8 students. Cost of supplies included.

Call 712.262.4307 to register.

Open Studio

Thursday evenings, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

(Members only)

Artist of the Month: Holly Kellogg

Spencer artist Holly Kellogg comes from a family of artists and architects. She credits them with being instrumental in nurturing her visual awareness and love of the visual arts. Her formal education began at Cornell College and concluded at the Kansas City Art Institute, where she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting.

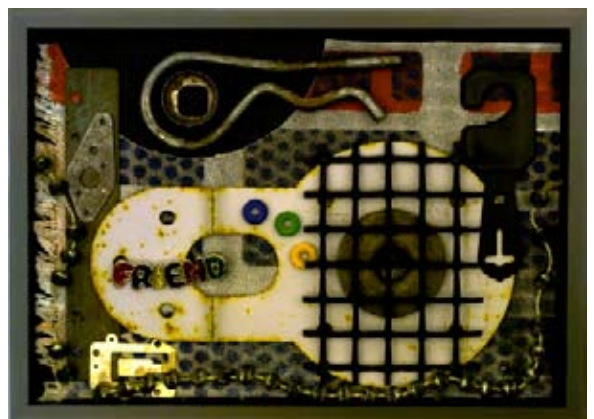
She in turn has passed on her passion for art to her two daughters, Sarah and Stephanie. All three women have exhibited at Arts on Grand. An exhibit of works by all three opened on March 12 at A Piece of Work in downtown Spirit Lake.

"I am drawn to and influenced by color, light, and the rhythms of nature," says Kellogg. "In my work I have been exploring ways to create depth through color and through the layering of form, either through collage or paint. In my mixed media pieces I like using materials that otherwise would have been discarded, or have been discarded. They come from a careful observation of the world around me, and cause me to examine the way I live, and what I value."

Right: Holly Kellogg holds up her winning light fixture design for Arts on Grand, with the completed fixture in the background. (Photo by Russ Mitchell, courtesy of the Spencer Daily Reporter.)

Below: Several of Kellogg's paintings and collages are available in the Gallery Shop at Arts on Grand.

Several of Kellogg's original paintings and collages are available in the Arts on Grand Gallery Shop. Another example of her art is a permanent feature in the new front foyer. In 2008, Kellogg submitted the winning design for a new light fixture, which was funded by a Renaissance Initiative Grant from the city of Spencer. The fixture hung in a temporary location in a corner of the gallery until remodeling of the front of the building was completed recently.



Tai Chi at Arts on Grand

For those of you looking for a new start to spring, how about taking a Tai Chi class with Avis Davis? Avis is an artist from Spirit Lake who has taught this class elsewhere in the past. Tai Chi is a Chinese exercise for every skill level. Mayo Clinic recommends Tai Chi for stress reduction and refers to it as "meditation in motion." It is low impact and good for your body and your soul. The class will meet for five sessions, to help you get on the road to doing these movements on your own. Arts on Grand will host this class in the gallery on April 12, 14, 16, 19, and 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost for the five sessions is \$60 per person. If you are interested in trying an exercise regime that is totally new for you, please call AOG at 712.262.4307 or email info@artsongrand.org to register.

Grant News

The Spencer Area Arts Council has received two grants since the beginning of the year.

- We received our Storefront Initiative Grant and zero-interest loan to pay for the recent remodeling of the front of Arts on Grand.
- We were awarded a grant by the Clay County Community Foundation to purchase new chairs and tables for gallery events.

Merci, Gracias, Faristo, Danke, Tak

No matter how we say it, we mean it. Thanks to the many volunteers who help with food, decorations, mailings, gallery events, building maintenance, studio clean-up. The staff at Arts on Grand thinks you are the best in the world, and we couldn't do this without you!



AOG Hosts Annual Exhibit of Students' Artwork

Each year Arts on Grand is proud to offer a space for area students' artwork to be exhibited for the public to see and enjoy. This year we are pleased to have Farmers Trust & Savings Bank once more sponsoring the exhibit.

Please accept our invitation to participate in this popular event by visiting the exhibits and attending the public receptions. Refreshments will be served.

Notice a change in the exhibit schedule this year; the Middle School will have a separate exhibit time and will be the last exhibit in the series.

Preschools	March 23–April 3	Reception: Saturday, March 27, 2:00–3:00 p.m.
Grade Schools	April 6–16	Reception: Saturday, April 10, 2:00–3:00 p.m.
Spencer High School	April 20–30	Reception: Thursday, April 29, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Spencer Middle School	May 4–20	Reception: Thursday, May 13, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Justin Roth Returns to Arts on Grand on April 23

In May 2006, Justin Roth became the first artist to perform in the Spencer house concert series. The following evening, he performed at Arts on Grand as part of a "songwriters' circle" organized by Chad Elliott, along with Elliott and other local singer/songwriters. Since then, Roth has performed two more house concerts in Spencer, building his local fan base, but hasn't returned to Arts on Grand.

That will be remedied when Roth returns to Spencer on Friday, April 23. This time, he'll have the floor to himself. He will perform new songs as well as old favorites, such as "Dead Horse Trampoline," "Fatima's Waltz," "Bagshot Row," "She Dances," and "Shine" (winner of the Indie Acoustic Project's award for Best Song of 2005).

Roth has been working on a new CD, but is taking time out for a brief tour of the midwest from his Colorado home. His concert at Arts on Grand will start at 7:00 p.m. A donation of \$10–\$15 per person is suggested, with all proceeds going to Roth.



Dancers In Company Coming to Spencer

Dance lovers have something to look forward to. On Saturday, May 1, the Spencer Area Arts Council is bringing Dancers In Company to Spencer for the day. At 3:00 p.m. that afternoon, there will be a lecture demonstration focusing on ballet and modern dance. The lecture demonstration will be free and open to the public.

At 8:00 that evening, Dancers In Company will perform a concert of classical and contemporary ballet, modern, and jazz dance. Both events will take place in the Old Spencer High School (or Middle School) Auditorium. Admission to the evening performance is \$10 for adults and free for children 18 and under. Tickets are available in advance at Arts on Grand.

Dancers In Company, the repertory dance company of the University of Iowa Department of Dance, is a touring ensemble in the Division of Performing Arts. The company of twelve dancers, both undergraduate and graduate students, is directed by Eloy Barragán.

In addition to an annual home concert at the University of Iowa, Dancers In Company performs throughout Iowa and the midwest from March to mid May, presenting concerts and lecture demonstrations for a wide range of audiences in theaters, schools, and museums.

This season, Dancers In Company is showcasing the work of Deanna Carter, Jaime Cararena, Annet Schaedlich-Hendrix, Eloy Barragán, Karen Burns, Carl Flink, Armando Duarte, and celebrated modern dance pioneer, José Limón.

Iowa Artists Show at Arts on Grand

Arts on Grand is very pleased to announce that the annual Iowa Artist Show will be held in the gallery on April 17, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Iowa Artists is a nonprofit educational group organized in 1970 to continue the art program for adults started by Jack Olds at University of Northern Iowa. Contributing artists must be members of Iowa Artists; the dues are \$20 annually paid by January 1 each year. For this fee the members receive the Iowa Artists quarterly newsletter and free entry into these yearly one-day shows. Members may enter three pieces of two- or three-dimensional art.

The twelve regions in Iowa each hold a one-day show once a year. The award-winning artwork is then represented in a statewide show on May 8, 2010, in Fairfield, Iowa. A variety of art is brought in for the day to be judged and critiqued. The event is a great way for artists in Iowa to get more public exposure and interact with other artists from the region. It is also a great way for the public to see artwork from around the area, which includes Lyon, Dickinson, Osceola, Emmet, Sioux, O'Brien, Clay, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Cherokee, Buena Vista, Woodbury, Ida, Sac, Monona, and Crawford counties.



Celebrate the Arts!

Watch Arts on Grand's Third Annual Telethon
 Sunday, April 25, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
 on The Spencer Channel
 (SMU Cable Channel 3)

For schedule information and a list of premiums,
 look under Events at www.artsongrand.org.

During last year's Telethon, artist Katie Plucker demonstrated her technique, painting a watercolor of Thunder Bridge (above).

As part of this year's Telethon, we are auctioning off the original watercolor painting, which Katie graciously donated to us. We will be taking bids between now and the end of the Telethon on April 25. In the meantime, you can view the painting at Arts on Grand.

You may place a bid in advance, or send us a bid by e-mail at sales@artsongrand.org. Minimum bid is \$300. Bidding will continue throughout the Telethon, with the winning bidder announced just before it ends at 5:00 p.m.



"Little House" Trip Planned

Melissa Gilbert is coming to Sioux Falls in a musical version of *The Little House on the Prairie*, based on the long-running television series in which she starred as Laura. In this musical version, which debuted at the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, she plays Ma Ingalls.

The show is directed by Francesca Zambello (Disney's *The Little Mermaid*), with music by Academy Award® winner Rachel Portman, book by Rachel Sheinkin (Tony Award® for *Spelling Bee*), and lyrics by Donna di Novelli.

The Spencer Area Arts Council is offering a trip to the Saturday matinee performance at the Washington Pavilion. We have reserved two blocks of seats in the front row of the mezzanine (balcony) for the best possible view. Travel to Sioux Falls and back will be in a comfortable 50-passenger bus from Reading Bus Lines.

For more information, or to make reservations, call 712.262.4307 or stop in at Arts on Grand. The performance will take place at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 5. The cost of this trip is \$100 for members of the Spencer Area Arts Council or \$115 for nonmembers, and must be paid when you make your reservations. **Reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, May 4.**

Chapter 6

a capella sextet

Saturday, March 27 — 7:30 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church

Presented by the Spencer Area Concert Association

Individual tickets available at Arts on Grand

or at the door before the performance:

\$10 Adults/\$5 Students/\$20 Families



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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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