



Building awareness of the arts by making them accessible to all

For Art's Sake!

April 2010

News of Arts on Grand and the Spencer Area Arts Council

Exhibit Schedule

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 Classes

Have You Met This Artist?

Lunch with Tennie Binzer

Noon on Wednesday, April 28

Bring your lunch and learn about an artist and his art. Everyone welcome. Free dessert!

Little Leonardos

Children's art with Kim Jessen Heinrichs

Seasonal take-away art projects.

Dates: Saturday mornings, April 17 & 24;
May 1 & 8

Time: 10:30 to 11:30 am

Ages: Preschool through third grade

Cost: \$5 Members / \$7 Nonmembers

Parents may stay or leave.

Call 712.262.4307 to register.

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Open Studio

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

Bring your work and mess to our place!

(Free—members only)

Other Events

Iowa Artists Show

Arts on Grand, Saturday, April 17, 2010

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Justin Roth (Singer/Songwriter)

Arts on Grand, Friday, April 23, 2010

Project (Instrumental Trio)

Presented by the Spencer Area Concert

Association at Grace United Methodist

Church, Saturday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.

Individual tickets available at Arts on Grand.

2010 Telethon

SMU Cable Channel 3, Sunday, April 25,

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Dancers In Company

Old High School Auditorium, Saturday, May 1

Lecture-Demonstration, 3:00 p.m.

Performance, 8:00 p.m.

Little House on the Prairie

Trip to the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls

Saturday, June 5, for the matinee performance.

Backyard Bach & Blues

“A Trip Back in Time” at Doris Ginger’s

Saturday, July 10

Additional Information

To learn more about any of these events, stop at Arts on Grand or phone 712.262.4307.

Artist of the Month: Anita Baedke-Plucker

Anita Baedke-Plucker, nicknamed Katie, was born and raised in Terril, Iowa. After graduating from Terril Community School, Katie attended Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa, receiving a BA in Art Education, then married and had two boys. Katie put her artistic career on hold to stay at home, but as the boys grew older, Katie was able to create more artwork and began to enter area art shows. Her career continued to grow as she went from art show to art show, to having limited-edition prints published, to displaying her work in juried national exhibitions and galleries.

When she and her family moved back to the Terril area, Katie joined the Spencer Area Arts Council, and soon became Director of the Gallery Shop and later, worked full-time as the Director of Education and Outreach for Arts on Grand in Spencer. Katie currently teaches art at the Spencer Middle School, enabling her finally to put her degree in education and her love to teach into full practice while still allowing her fragments of free time to create.

Katie has been a popular art instructor for youth and adults for many art organizations, including Witter Gallery, the Lakes Art Center, Arts on Grand, and others. She is a member of several area arts councils, is a member of the Transparent Watercolor Society, a signature member of the Iowa Watercolor Society and a charter member of the Colored Pencil Society of America.

“My watercolor and colored pencil paintings reflect my life in the upper Midwest—rural landscapes, waterscapes, architecture indicative to this area (simple porches and barns to ornate Victorian structures). My approach to my artwork is realistic and my style ranges from loose flowing brushstrokes to tightly controlled detail. I paint, first of all, for my own enjoyment and expression. If anyone enjoys my work, that is an added bonus for me. I look for spatial relationships within my subject matter. I love surface texture, varied lines, negative spaces and the effects color can exude with a piece. I am always striving to experiment, learn more and to promote the arts.”

Last year, Katie painted a watercolor of Thunder Bridge in the studio during the second annual Arts on Grand Telethon. When it was finished, she generously donated it to Arts on Grand. The painting will be auctioned off during this year's Telethon. (See the back of this newsletter for details.)

Right: Katie works on her painting of Thunder Bridge (see back of newsletter) during the 2009 Arts on Grand Telethon.

Below: “Bridge Between East & West”



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Home of the

Spencer Area Arts Council

408 North Grand Avenue
Spencer, IA 51301
www.artsongrand.org



Area Student Art Exhibit 2010

At Arts on Grand through May 20

Grade Schools

April 6–16

Spencer High School

April 20–30

Reception:

Thursday, April 29, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Spencer Middle School

Clay Central/Everly High School

May 4–20

Reception:

Thursday, May 13, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

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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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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)

This year's Telethon features live music by Brandon Dale's guitar students from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., followed by Clark Marshall and the Sliders with Sincerely Yours. Come on down to Spencer Municipal Utilities and join the fun!

As part of this year's Telethon, we are auctioning off Katie Plucker's original watercolor painting of Thunder Bridge, painted during last year's Telethon (see below). 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 5:00 p.m.

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

