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# For Art's Sake!

July 2010

News of Arts on Grand and the Spencer Area Arts Council

## Exhibit Schedule

**Maria Lux—Oil paintings and chalk pastel**  
July 6–August 14

**“Paint on Our Shoes”—Watercolors by  
Glenda Drennen, Karen Young, & Liz Fluehr**  
August 17–September 25

**Artisans Road Trip 2010—“Northwest  
Iowa Treasures”**  
September 28–November 20

## Upcoming Classes

To register, phone 712.262.4307 or e-mail  
info@artsongrand.org. Scholarships available.

### Wacky Wednesdays

**Dates:** July 14, 21, 28

**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Ages:** 7 to 12

**Cost:** \$12 Members / \$15 Nonmembers  
per Wednesday session

Create art to take away! A different theme  
each week!

*Minimum 5, Maximum 10 students.*

### Youth Pottery

**Taught by Gene Polson from Marcus**

Slab & wheel, firing & glazing.

**Dates:** Mondays, July 12, 19, 26 & August 2

**Time:** 3:45–5:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers  
Clay \$12.50.

### Adult Pottery

**Taught by Gene Polson from Marcus**

Slab & wheel, firing & glazing.

**Dates:** Mondays, July 12, 19, 26 & August 2

**Time:** 6:30–9:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers  
Clay \$12.50

### Artists in the Garden Class

**Date:** Saturday, July 10

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Ages:** 8 to 12

**Cost:** \$10 Members / \$13 Nonmembers  
Decorate a gourd birdhouse.

*Minimum 4, maximum 10 students.*

### Little Artists in the Garden

**Date:** Saturday, July 17

**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Ages:** 4 to 7

**Cost:** \$10 Members / \$13 Nonmembers  
Create a plastic bottle bird feeder.

*Minimum 4, maximum 10 students.*

## Artist of the Month: Bruce Morrison



Bruce Morrison has a deep personal interest in the natural heritage of our remaining Tallgrass Prairie, and much of his work over the past decade has been deeply influenced by this subject. He has spent the past ten years devoting time, energy, and his work in furthering and encouraging prairie reconstruction/restoration projects and education in Northwest Iowa. Today, Morrison works and lives with his wife Georgeann on a prairie remnant in the Tallgrass Prairie Pothole region in rural Northwest Iowa.

“The tallgrass prairie is our country’s most endangered environment,” says Morrison. “Only one tenth of one percent still exists in the state of Iowa. It’s also an environment I fell in love with later in my life, and I fell hard. It now occupies my waking time—creative or not.”

As a student at the University of Iowa’s School of Art, Morrison majored in photography and minored in two other mediums: painting and serigraphy. In his photography, he treats the landscape in large, medium, and digital formats. In paintings or drawings, Morrison prefers a *plein air* approach, and these works are smaller in scale. His work in serigraphy, on the other hand, plays upon a more graphic approach of shape, line, and color.

Museums and galleries where Morrison’s work has been exhibited include Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, Wisconsin; Frye Art Museum, Seattle; Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Santa Barbara; Bernice Pauahi Bishop Art Museum, Honolulu; People’s Museum of Natural History, Beijing; Artique Ltd., Anchorage; MacNider Art Museum, Mason City; Witter Gallery, Storm Lake; Sanford Museum, Cherokee; and Iowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge; as well as at Arts on Grand.

Many of his works are in public and private collections in the United States, Canada, and overseas. You can find a selection of Morrison’s works in Arts on Grand’s Gallery Shop, or you can visit him in his studio and afield through his artist blog at <http://prairiepainter.blogspot.com>.

*“Mid Summer, Prairie Stream” (oil on mounted canvas, 9 x 12 inches)*



## Calling Young Videographers!

Spencer Municipal Utilities is partnering with Arts on Grand to offer a summer kids’ video camp. Eric Meeter will again be conducting the camp, which will take place at Arts on Grand on afternoons during the second week of August. For more information, call Arts on Grand at 712.262.4307.

## AOG at Mainstreet Market

Arts on Grand will again be operating the “Art Tent,” with art activities for kids and families, at this year’s Mainstreet Market. The gallery will be closed on the five Thursday evenings of Mainstreet Market (July 15, 22, 29, and August 5 & 12). In case of rain, Arts on Grand will be open to host the week’s musical performance.

## Norgaard Album at AOG

Amber Norgaard’s latest album, *Long Way Home*, is now available in the AOG Gallery Shop. Norgaard performed many of her new songs at Arts on Grand in early April, when she appeared with Native American flutist Andrew Begay. She will perform at Mainstreet Market on Thursday, July 29, starting at 6:00 p.m.

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### Spencer Area Arts Council

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Spencer, IA 51301  
www.artsongrand.org



## Maria Lux

### From the Midwest: Drawings and Paintings

July 6–August 14, 2010

#### Reception:

Saturday, August 14  
1:00–3:00 p.m.

Works exploring characteristics of  
Midwestern identity and culture  
through the traditional media of oil  
paint and chalk pastel.

*Sponsored by  
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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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### Chad Elliott to Perform at 2010 Backyard Bach & Blues

Attendees of this year's Backyard Bach and Blues can look forward to enjoying the award-winning music of singer/songwriter Chad Elliott. A familiar and much-beloved performer here in northwest Iowa, Elliott released his eighth CD album, *Redemption Man*, in November of 2009. The album includes "Same Old Way," a song that won Elliott third place in the 2009 International Songwriting Contest in the Americana category. According to Daniel Bosman at *Scented Vinyl*, "[Elliott's] music seems to carry on in the tradition of the 'Iowa sound' started decades ago. For those that don't know, 'the Iowa sound' is a 'distinctive combination of folk, blues and roots-rock that perfectly captures the rugged artistry of Iowa's landscape.' Pretty much, Chad Elliott."

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 10, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The "Centennial Lawn Party" will be held at the historic home of Doris Ginger, 402 West First Street in Spencer. The menu will include chef-carved roast beef and pork, country salads, pickled produce, and homemade ice cream with toppings.

Tickets are available at Arts on Grand and through Spencer Area Arts Council board members, at \$35 for nonmembers and \$30 for members.

