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# For Art's Sake!

August 2010

News of Arts on Grand and the Spencer Area Arts Council

## Exhibit Schedule

**Maria Lux—“From the Midwest”:  
Drawings and Paintings**

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

**Ceramics Invitational**

November 23–January 8

## Two Artist Receptions

Two artist receptions will be held “back to back” at Arts on Grand. One will be a closing reception, and the other an opening reception.

The first reception will take place at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 14, for Maria Lux, whose exhibit of chalk pastel drawings and oil paintings, “From the Midwest,” closes that day.

The second reception will be for the three artists—Glenda Drennen, Elizabeth Fluehr, and Karen Young—whose exhibit of watercolors, fancifully titled “Paint on Our Shoes,” goes on display Tuesday, August 17. The reception will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. that evening, with all three artists in attendance.

Both exhibits are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

## Backyard Bach & Blues 2010: Centennial Lawn Party

This year’s Backyard Bach & Blues was held at the home of Doris Ginger, which was built in 1910. In honor of the occasion, a birthday cake was decorated with a photograph of the house. Junior Halverson brought two of his antique cars, and gave Doris a ride around the yard in his 1910 Maxwell.

Attendees feasted on chef-carved roast beef and pork, summer salads and relishes, and cake and ice cream with rhubarb sauce or hot fudge. Entertainment was provided by Chad Elliott (bottom right, with Karli Frerichs), who has also been commissioned by the SAAC to paint a picture of the century-old house for Doris.



## Artist of the Month: Jane Nieuwendorp

“Attitude is everything.” That is the motto Jane Nieuwendorp has imprinted on a banner hanging in her Eagle River, Wisconsin, studio—her martial arts studio, that is. She became interested in martial arts when she accompanied her son to a class, and opened her “Flying Dragon” martial arts studio a few years ago. “The better you are physically, the better you are mentally,” she maintains. “When I’m doing karate regularly, I get better at everything.”

In spite of spending every evening teaching martial arts, Nieuwendorp hasn’t quit her “day job” as a full-time art teacher at Three Lakes High School. She has taught art for over thirty years, and has been honored by *Who’s Who*

*Among American Teachers* for her outstanding work as an art instructor. Her students receive an average of twenty state and national awards every year. She has judged many art competitions throughout Wisconsin.

She considers herself a realist artist. She has always preferred to be in the outdoors, so it is only natural to see her enjoyment of nature reflected in her art work. “Nature is full of creative beauty,” says Nieuwendorp. “It is constantly showing us different combinations of colors, textures, and how each reflects and plays off the other in different light.” Her artwork reflects how light plays on subtle details of nature. Her favorite medium is airbrush with colored pencils and pottery.

Nieuwendorp was born in Sioux Center, Iowa, where she grew up on a small farm with her identical twin sister. She earned her B.S. degree in art and education from the University of Wisconsin–River Falls and her master’s degree from Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She has won numerous awards, including the Wisconsin Excellence in Art Award, and has been the subject of various newspaper articles. Her work has been displayed in galleries in the Twin Cities, Leigh Yawkey Woodson, Artarama, and Three Lakes Art Center, as well as at Arts on Grand.



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## Arts on Grand

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### Spencer Area Arts Council

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**Glenda Drennen**

**Elizabeth Fluehr**

**Karen Young**

## “Paint on Our Shoes”

August 17–September 25, 2010

### Reception:

Tuesday, August 17

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.–8:00 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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## SHS Homecoming 2010

The exhibit of art by Spencer High School graduates drew large crowds. At the bottom, Eleanor Wendlendt poses with artwork by her late son, Dennis Lookingbill.



## AOG at Mainstreet Market

Arts on Grand once more operated the “Art Tent” at Mainstreet Market this year. There were a variety of art activities for kids, and intern Christina Sorenson painted faces.

