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Exhibit Schedule

Together -

An Artistic Journey

Anthony Vodraska

Anita Gilbert

Jan 9th - Feb 17th 2008

A GEOMETRY OF TIME AND SPACE

Quilted Textiles Hangings

Joanne Alberda

Feb 20th - March 24th
2008

AREA STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

Artists from local educational
institutions will show their
creations

Mar 27th - May 26th
2008

The Gathering of the Wreaths

“The Gathering of the Wreaths” was a beautiful event at Arts on Grand. Holly McClain and her husband, Steve, and her sister, Tricia Wempe, created the exhibit. Santa’s sister showed up at the Grand Meander and rapped with the Spencer High school Chromatic Jazz singers. Chad Elliott’s ice sculpture of the Nutcracker ballerina was a beautiful addition to all the art in the gallery. Niki Conover’s piano recital was perfect. Wreaths of neon, wreaths painted on canvas and even one of golf balls were sold in a silent auction. Many thanks to the artists who created the wreaths and to the people who bought them. And a special thanks to Holly and her family. We are truly grateful. Del’s Garden donated this wreath in the photo.



Arts on Grand Elves



These elves are Carson and Clayton Wempe, and Brandy Bocher holding Hattie Conover. All the elves were a big draw during the Grand Meander. They got a rave review from George Bower, at KICD. He said “It was the best window in town. Tapping on the window to see the baby’s eyes seemed to be a favorite pastime for adults who passed by the display.” Thanks elves.

Studio Programs

Classes for Kids!

Little Leonardos

Moving with Marta

Dance, sing, act and draw!

Date: Thurs., Jan 17

Time: 10:30am - 11:30am

Fee:\$5 members \$8 nonmembers

Ages: preschool & up

Little Leonardos

Martin King Workshop

Explore poetry and more!

Date: Fri., Jan 18

Time: 11:00am - noon

Fee:\$5 members \$8 nonmembers

Ages: 2nd grade & up

Art PM

Poetry Rap Workshop

Date: Wed., Jan 30

Place: Spencer Middle School

Time: 12:45pm - 2:00pm

Fee: free

Ages: 7th & 8th

Classes for Teens & Adults

Pottery

with Gene Polson

Date: Thurs., Jan 21,28, Feb 4

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Fee:\$55 members \$60

nonmembers

Supplies: Clay \$12

Scarves from Felted Wool Sweaters

with Kathy Barth

Date: Thurs., Jan 24

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Fee:\$10 members \$14

nonmembers

Needle Felting

with Kathy Barth

Date: Thurs., Jan 31

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Fee:\$10 members \$14

nonmembers

More Pottery

with Gene Polson

Date: Mon., Feb 11, 18, 25th

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Fee:\$55 members \$60

nonmembers

Clay Tiles

with Stephanie Kellogg

Date: Tues., Feb 5, 12, 19th

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Fee:\$32 members \$38

nonmembers

Chad Elliott is back at Arts on Grand

Chad Elliott is serving as Artist Liaison while Jean Foote recuperates from surgery. When he isn't sculpting ice, Chad is "Pollocking" our front window. Please drop by to see his latest sculpture and check out his window art. Chad will be creating a sculpture of people up at the winter games. Please join him on January 26, 2008 and become part of a human turtle. For more information, drop by Arts on Grand and ask Chad, or call look at Alyssa@artslive.com. Arts on Grand is a proud member of ARTSlive.

(Photo Credit for Chad and Elves goes to Randy Cauthron and Spencer Daily Reporter)



Artisan Road Trip - Revisited



The Artisans Road Trip Revisited exhibit was curated by Rita Goeken. The performance opening was a success. The poetry of Avis Davis, the songs of Lynn Swan and the readings of Dan Ruf's essays were enjoyed by all came to the "happening". We hope to host their preview before next fall's road trip begins. For more information go to www.artisanroadtrip.com

Sponsorships Available

Would you like to sponsor future exhibits?

Call MARTA BARNARD at Arts on Grand for more details.

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Together – An Artistic Journey



"Together - An Artistic Journey" begins with a party at Arts on Grand on January 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Please come and meet Anthony Vodraska and Anita Gilbert and listen to their stories. For over 30 years they have worked, raised a family and pursued their passion for art in seven countries, mostly in Africa. They have recently relocated to Spencer and opened X-Alt Art Studios. This AOG exhibit will include works of raku, monotypes and digital fine arts, as well as "naked clay" and more traditional ceramics and paintings. Arts on Grand is excited to announce that Anita and Anthony have created pieces for sale, especially for this exhibit. Together ends on February 16. Exhibit co-sponsored by US Bank and Bank of America.

Studio Time

Studio artists are back at Arts on Grand. Chad Elliott, Stephanie Kellogg, Nate O'clair and Katie Thomsen are making art. Artists pay a nominal fee to use the studios at Arts on Grand. For \$25.00 artists are allowed to use our studios. They provide their own clay or materials, but the space is free during open studio times. For more information, please contact Rita Goeken at Arts on Grand.

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"Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story"
Feb. 1-16, 2008.
Call 712-262-7336 for reservations

Parker Historical Museum of Clay County

"History of the Sewing Machine"
with Deb Travis at the House next door.

Quilt show at South Park Mall
February 16-17, 2008.

For more information contact
Cindy McGranahan at
(712) 262 - 3304.

Previews of coming attractions:

MUSIC

Music in the Gallery will begin in February and continue through spring at Arts on Grand. The Iowa Lakes Jazz Band will begin at 6:30 p.m. on February 21, 2008. A five dollar donation is requested. On March 20, a fundraiser, "Equinox Rocks" with Clark Marshall will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for that concert will be sold at the door for \$10.00. The final concert will be with Glenn Henrickson on April 10 at 6:30 p.m. A five dollar donation is requested. These concerts are sponsored by Graham Tire.

FILM

Foreign Film Library. Thanks to your attendance at the Cinematically Challenged Foreign Film Series, we will be able to offer more films for rent at Arts on Grand. Mark Carey inventoried our current films and will be adding more in 2008. Members can rent the films for free.

STAFF

She might not be a coming attraction, but she has only been here for a few months. For those of you who have not met Sandy Langner, please take some time to drop by Arts on Grand and introduce yourself. Sandy is much more than an office administrator. She recently designed the "White Christmas" bathroom at the Parker Museum. Sandy worked at the Parker before coming to Arts on Grand. Sandy not only crunches our numbers and keeps track of our inventory and the Board meetings, she has an appreciation of fine art and a great sense of humor. She designed a Wreath for our Gathering and made some awesome cookies for the bake sale. Arts on Grand is lucky to have her on staff!

Opportunities for Members

SAAC operates with the help of several volunteer committees. Please contact us if you'd like to share your time or talents in any of the following ways:

- Marketing or Hospitality
- Endowments or Grants
- Membership or Board participation
- Crafters Guild or Artists Jury
- Building Management
- Art Adventures and Trips
- Backyard Bach & Blues / Mardi Party

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Monday – Friday: 10 AM – 5 PM
Saturdays: 10 AM – 3 PM; Sunday:
closed

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The Spencer Area Concert Association will present Steve Lippia and his big band performing “Simply Sinatra” at the Clay County Regional Events Center at 7:30 Friday, May 9. Lippia’s tribute to Frank Sinatra has earned rave reviews. The concert will close the 2007–2009 Concert Association series. Members may attend this event by presenting their cards at the door. Individual tickets for “Simply Sinatra” are now on sale for \$25 at the Clay County Regional Events Center box office and through all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets for the pre-performance dinner are also available for \$20.



Director’s Notes: Thanks to all of you who answered the call for donations by renewing your memberships. And an extra special thanks to those of you who were already members and sent in a donation. Arts on Grand is still struggling financially. If you can continue to help us, please send a tax deductible donation at your earliest convenience. If you can’t, please give this newsletter to a friend and ask them to become members. We want to continue the tradition of supporting artists and offering the community a place to meet at Arts on Grand. 2008 will be great--music will be back in the gallery, a mural might begin in downtown Spencer and spring break at Arts on Grand could become a reality, but only through your help. Hope your year is filled with good health, happiness and a chance to be part of the art, at Arts on Grand.

Peace,
Marta Barnard