



May/June 2016

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Exhibit Schedule

Opening this month:
“Pots and Pictures”
by Mel Myers and
the Arts on Grand Gallery Shop Artists
Ceramics and various framed works
Opening May 24th!

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. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Backyard Bach & Blues!

Our favorite summertime fundraiser is coming soon! We're excited to announce this year's hosts, Rolf and Valerie Mosbo of Spencer, IA! Mark your calendars for August 13th, and look for tickets coming soon!



Thank You!

Arts on Grand is grateful for all of our wonderful volunteers!

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- ◆ Emily O'Loughlin
- ◆ Sky
- ◆ Carol Cadmus
- ◆ Ann Holck
- ◆ Jay Prather
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Music in the Gallery!

Please welcome to the AOG Stage... Ceolmhor! This talented trio acoustic cover band will play everything from John Prine to the Beatles, America and more during their performance in our gallery on Friday, June 3rd from 7:30 to 10 PM!



Pictured: Acoustic trio, Ceolmhor.

The only thing that is Celtic about Ceolmhor is its name. This trio, originally from Hartley, Iowa, have been playing together for many years. Phil Sweeney, Pam Sease and Rod Patten think of their music as rich harmonies, accompanied by guitars, bass, mandolin, harmonica and occasional squeezebox. Many of the songs they perform are covers from the 60's, 70's, and 80's. They can often be found performing at the Little Swan Lake Winery one Sunday afternoon a month, where folks come to listen to good music, drink good wine, and eat good buffalo meals. They have also enjoyed performances at West O Brewery in Milford, IA.

Mark your calendars now for Ceolmhor at Arts on Grand, Friday, June 3rd from 7:30 to 10 PM. Refreshments will be served, along with iced tea and ice water. Attendees are encouraged to bring a beverage of their choice to share with friends!

Danika Portz to Perform!

Arts on Grand and Spencer Community Theatre's joint series, SPARC, will be presenting Danika Portz of Remsen, IA LIVE in concert June 10th!

After relocating to Nashville, TN in 2011, Danika pursued her career in music and songwriting, where she was rewarded with a co-publishing deal with Green Hills Music Group and Grin Like A Dog Songs. She now enjoys a life filled with music, or as she puts it, "My days work consists of any combination of the following: writing, recording, and drinking gas station coffee. It's a great life I lead and I love my job, because it doesn't feel like a job."

Her musical stylings and genre are pop that has been "influenced by the honesty of traditional country lyrics...and throw in a banjo for good measure!"

Tickets can be purchased at Spencer Community Theatre by calling (712) 262-7336. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Join us at SCT to enjoy Danika LIVE on June 10th, 2016 at 7:30 pm!



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Psssssst! Hey!

The Clay County Garden Club will be presenting "Art in Bloom" during Flag Fest weekend. Stop in the Gallery to see stunning arrangements created by these talented green thumbs!



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Letter from the Director,

Our spring fundraiser is complete, and we congratulate Shirley Wheeler for winning the Iowa/Iowa State Football game tickets. We hope she enjoys the game in September. Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors and attendees of our fundraiser, it was a great time. Wendell Arneson had a great exhibit and we thank the Days Inn of Spencer for accommodating him during his stay. We look forward to Mel Myers and Pots and Pictures, where all our art will be on sale. We are looking forward to June and Flag Fest and Danika Portz coming to town and if you're a John Senn and Friend fan, they will be playing at Backyard Bach and Blues on August 13th. Tickets of BBB are now available. Thank you to our board of directors, all of our members and sponsors for your continued support. Hope to see you at one of our events, perhaps our Arts and Crafts Garage Sale at Bogenrief Studios May 19-21st.

- Chris White, Executive Director



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Congratulations!

A hearty congrats goes to Hannah Johnson and Liz Olson for winning "Best of Show" at the Student Art Exhibit!



Oops....

Our apologies to Farmers Bank of Spencer, IA for our error in crediting their name last month. We hope that you'll forgive the error.

New Memberships

Thank you to the following people and organizations for renewing their memberships with Arts on Grand!

Benefactor Level

- ◆ Gaul Dermatology

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- ◆ Jan & Tim Edmondson

Family

- ◆ Carol Cadmus Neal & Cindy Drefke
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Individual

- ◆ Judy Fox Evaline Froehlich
- ◆ Sandy Ladegaard Jim Schooley

Look for the answer hidden in this newsletter!



A What Was Found Where?!

There are many images of animals and other figures depicted in the 20,000-year-old cave paintings located in La grotte Chauvet in Ardeche, France. What two surprising animals are featured in amongst the horses, deer and mastodons?

- A) Giraffes & Zebras C) Frogs & Lizards
- B) Pigs & Goats D) Rhinos & Lions

Wendell Arneson Featured in the Gallery

"A Sense of Place", an exhibit of work by Wendell Arneson, is on display at Arts on Grand in Spencer from now through May 21st. This is the second exhibit in some 20 years for Wendell and his art has undergone some amazing changes, so it will be worth the visit from his fans of years ago!

Wendell received his BA from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, his Art Education Certification from the University of Wisconsin, and his MFA from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. His works have been shown at places such the Toledo Museum of Art, Groveland Gallery in Minneapolis, Wichita Art Center, and Rochester Art Center to name just a few. There are numerous corporate and public collections of his work found in businesses such as the Ford Motor Corporation, 3M Corporation, and the First Bank Corporation. Arneson has been on the faculty at St. Olaf since 1978, specializing in painting (oil, acrylic, & watercolor), drawing, and color design.

In his artist statement Wendell shares: "I am interested in work that resides both in the objective and non-objective worlds. I am equally attracted to the gesture or non-descriptive mark as well as the power and ambiguity of symbol and image. Art, for me, does not provide answers but rather provokes questions and seeks possibilities.

These paintings use image and symbol to convey the internal. Beginning with an idea derived from memory and/or observation, these paintings are an exploration of questions raised through formal investigation and contemplation of the spiritual. I am an image-maker and interested in the juxtaposition of images that, for me, reference time, place, fragility, memory, journey, and hope. Through the process of discovery I seek clarity while honoring mystery and ambiguity."



Pictured: "Travelers" by Wendell Arneson

Coming soon to the Gallery... Pots and Pictures!

We are excited to announce the next show coming to the AOG Gallery, "Pots and Pictures!". The exhibit will feature the pottery of Mel Myers, former art teacher from Spencer High School. Since his retirement, Mel has been creating beautiful, hand-carved fine clay pots, platters, bowls, plates, vases, casseroles, and urns. Each piece is a one of a kind creation and many of them will be for sale during the exhibit.

The "Pictures" for this exhibit will include the work of artists who have their art in the Gallery Shop. It will be great to see these pictures out in the main gallery! Works by Bruce Morrison, Barb McGee, Evelyn Runhke, Timothy Arand-McIraeth, Judy Thompson, Danuta Hutchins, Karen Ruddy, Debra Yellick Manley, Nancy Schoenewe, Judy Hemphill, as well as Mike and Marvel Hogue will be on the walls. There will be oils, watercolors, and mixed media pieces. The subject matter will feature landscapes, figures, lettering, flower petals, abstracts.

The public is invited to come and see this exhibit and meet the artists at an artists reception on Thursday evening June 2nd. from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. This reception is free and open to the public.

