



August 2015

# arts ON GRAND

## Exhibit Schedule

“The Purpose of Understanding”

by Shannon Sargent

July 28 thru August 29

“Cowgirls”

by Mona Majorowicz, Barb McGee and

Carol Herden July 28 thru August 29

Aug 31 thru Sept 26

### 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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## FOR the PuRPOSE of UNDerStAnding

Shannon Sargent's Installation Artworks come to AOG!

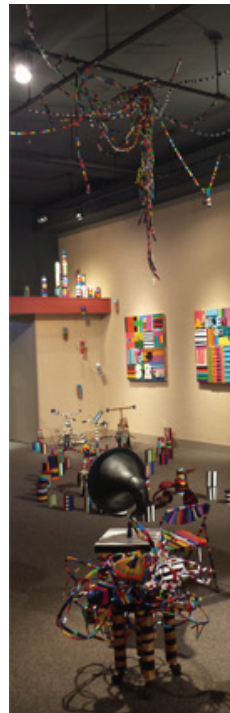
If you were to step into Arts on Grand's gallery right now, you would be swept up in a wash of vinyl, crazy shapes, funky tricycles, and a collection of brightly colored ropes hanging from the ceiling. Arts on Grand is pleased to welcome the public to its new show, “For the Purpose of Understanding” by artist Shannon Sargent!

Utilizing repurposed and found objects, Sargent creates an almost other worldly atmosphere in the gallery. Inspiration behind the pieces range from memories of his childhood, such as his mother's laundry habits for “Kung Fu Laundry”, to his current role today as the Exhibitions and Collections Coordinator at the Sioux City Art Center, which can be seen in pieces “Fragile” and “Broken”. Quotes Sargent, ““For the Purpose of Understanding” is an installation of found objects (manufactured/recognizable) that are used to create new found objects (art). ...I hope that using something reconizable will become the bridge between my abstract world and the viewer's reality.”

The installation, which took place over two days prior to its opening on Tuesday, July 28th, was a collaborative effort between artist Shannon Sargent, AOG representatives - Curator Justine Wagner and Programming Director Katie Hughes. The team had to consider unique installation challenges, such as weight limits of the ceiling, how best to drape colorful, vinyl-covered ropes through the track lighting system and how best to light the pieces throughout the show. Wagner and Hughes both enjoyed the hands-on experience of installing the works. “It was neat to be invited into his whimsical world and I appreciated his inviting us to be a part of the construction of that world.” quoted Wagner. “I highly recommend the public take an opportunity to come and

see the body of work, especially considering how much my legs are still burning after climbing up and down a ladder for two days! But, it was a blast and I absolutely loved the opportunity to work with two awesome folks like Justine and Shannon.” stated Hughes.

“For the Purpose of Understanding” will run through August 29th and is open to the public to enjoy during AOG's regular open hours. “It's our most fun and vibrant show that I've ever seen!” quoted AOG's CEO Wendy Pouse.



Artist Shannon Sargent gives a gallery talk at the reception celebrating the opening of his show, “For the Purpose of Understanding.”

Pict: the colorful works of Shannon Sargent.



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Be sure to see our current exhibit!

## “For the Purpose of Understanding”

by Shannon Sargent

**July 28 - August 29**

Explore the artist's use of repurposed and found materials, bright colors and the gallery space in this fantastic installation art exhibition by Shannon Sargent!

## Thank You!

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

- ◆ Shirley Clark
- ◆ Pixie Jensen
- ◆ Sky
- ◆ Clare Wheeler
- Polly Nelson
- Gayle Simons
- Ellen Sorenson

## Quiz Time!

### GET A REAL JOB!

The father of this famous artist didn't want him to become an artist, but rather pursue a career as a grocer instead. Who was it?

- A) Velazquez
- B) Van Gogh
- C) Salvador Dali
- D) Monet

Think you know the answer? Look for it hidden somewhere in our newsletter!

## Painting Partners

Painting Partners meets Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at Arts on Grand. Bring your brushes and canvas and join this informal group!

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## Backyard Bach and Blues News

If you haven't purchased your tickets to this year's Backyard Bach and Blues celebration, there is still time! Come "Island Hopping" with us in the backyards of the Hough's and Schmidt's, located at 1917 W. 11th St. in Spencer, IA on Saturday, August 8th and enjoy some West O Beer, a tasty whole hog roast, and the musical stylings of local favorite, Damon Dotson! Purchase your tickets by calling (712) 262 - 4307 today or by visiting Arts on Grand in person at 408 North Grand Ave. in Spencer, IA. Be transported away to an island paradise with Arts on Grand!



Don your best island gear or come as you are - it's our annual summer fundraiser, Backyard Bach and Blues! Call today to reserve your tickets to the event!

## Sign up now for ARRRR-gust Art Camp!

Get your kids signed up now for ARRRR-gust Art Camp - a pirate themed art camp created just for your little scalawag or buccaneer! Camp will run Tuesday, August 11th through Friday, August 14th from 12:30 to 3:30 PM each day. There will be two different sessions, one for the Petite Pirates (Ages 5 to 8) and the Mighty Maruaders (Ages 9 to 12) held at the same time, so the mighty Captains (otherwise known as "parents") can drop off and pick up all of the rogues at once. Classes will include everything from playing with clay, to working with colors and paints and more. It's the perfect last "Hurrah!" before the crew sails off to school! Recruitment information is posted below. Sign up to set sail today! If ye dare...

### **Sign up now!** **ARRRR-gust Art Camp!**

**August 11 thru August 14**  
**12:30 to 3:30 PM each day**

Cost: \$45 members, \$55 non members  
per kid for the whole week.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a snack.  
Drinks for snacktime will be provided!

Register by calling (712) 262 - 4307 or  
by emailing [programming@artsongrand.org](mailto:programming@artsongrand.org).  
Please indicate age of child and any  
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