

October 2016



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Exhibit Schedule

In the Gallery this month:

Artisans Road Trip

Featuring artworks by over 30 local artists

Open September 13 - October 29

Gallery Hours:

Tuesday - Friday : 10 AM to 5 PM

Saturday: 10 AM-3PM

Closed Sunday and Monday

Thank You!

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

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Art Barn at the Clay County Fair!

It was another great year at the Clay County Fair for Arts on Grand! We were thrilled to welcome visitors of all ages to our little corner of the Fairgrounds for see our talented artists and musicians, as well as participate in The Mural Project and visit our Mechanical Art Museum!

We would be remiss if we didn't thank so many individuals for helping us pull this 9-day event together. First, a huge thank you to our sponsors - State Bank, RE/MAX of Spencer, Farmers Insurance of Spencer and Spirit Lake, Schoeneman Brothers of Spencer, Sherwin Williams of Spencer, The Clay County Fair Association, and a very gracious anonymous donor - for donating funds and materials to the Art Barn and our projects. We couldn't have done it without you!

We also have a massive thanks to Spencer Municipal Utilities, whose wonderful volunteers Dan Shuck and Troy Halverson helped us to save one of our tents from the damage it recieved from the Thursday storms! We also have to thank Jesse Bogenrief and Chad Branham for their help with the Mechanical Art Museum pieces and the canvas for The Mural Project, and finally our amazing Art Barn volunteers, artists and musicians, who truly make the Art Barn a magical place to be. You are the best!



Arts on Grand Welcomes George Engebretson!

Local area songster, George Engebretson, will be presenting the final performance of his "Delusions Of Grandeur, Fall Colors Tour" Thursday night, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Arts on Grand as part of our "Music in the Gallery" series. George has been a pretty much lifetime resident of Northwest Iowa with the exception of youthful expeditions to Colorado, a stint in the military including a visit to sunny Southeast Asia, and a few years in Mankato, MN finishing college and starting a family.

"I guess I've always appreciated music and storytelling," George relates. "There always seemed to be music around our home in Rembrandt during my formative years. My mother and her sisters were piano players---when they got together they often lit up the keyboards with "Boogie Woogie" tunes. My dad's family also had quite a bit of musical ability. There were two or three record players around the house and a bunch of radios so there was always some sort of music in the background. My sister, brothers, and I all had some sort of musical instrument during the school years. I started out with a coronet, then went to saxophone in band, even played a little base drum for marching band. When the early '60s hit, everyone wanted to become a Beatle or Beach Boy and learning some guitar was mandatory. I think I had one lesson on guitar then self-taught. The guitar has stayed a part of my life through thick and thin. I've had a lot of fun playing tunes and writing my own stuff."





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Call to Artists!

We are excited to start preparations for our upcoming exhibit, "Christmas in the Gallery", in which we transform our gallery into a holiday-lover's dream!

We are looking for artists and creators to help us fill our gallery space and create a beautiful Christmas market that will be filled with perfect gifts, stocking stuffers and more! Contact Joanne Schar at curator@artsongrand.org for more information.

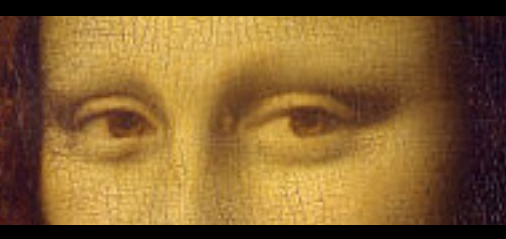
Quiz Time!

A long-lost masterpiece by Da Vinci is likely hidden behind a wall in Florence, but nobody is willing to take the wall down to get to it...why?

- A) It is the wall to his former bedroom.
- B) It is a wall in the Basilica di San Lorenzo.
- C) A priceless fresco is painted on the wall.
- D) The woman who owns the building refuses to let any damage occur to her home and property.



Look for the answer hidden in this newsletter!



Artisans Road Trip Now Showing in the Gallery

Artisans Road Trip exhibit will be up in the gallery from Sept 13 until October 29th. The Road Trip features over 40 artists this year and many of them will have examples of their work at Arts on Grand. SPACE sponsored the Artist Reception, which was held on September 22nd from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Everyone enjoyed meeting the artists and sampling the refreshments.

The actual road trip, which will be held this year on Oct 8th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Oct 9th from 12 Noon to 5:00 pm. Arts on Grand gallery is open during these times and is happy to present wood turner, Perry Polson; oil painter and Solti glass worker, Karen Ruddy; photographer, Judy Hemphill; potter, Mel Myers and watercolorist and mixed media artist, Glenda Drennen.



Brass Buddies to Perform for Music in the Gallery

Arts on Grand is thrilled to welcome Tom Rutt and his "Brass Buddies" to our Music in the Gallery series on October 25th at 7 PM. The group consists of trumpet players Rod Shedenhelm of Sioux Rapids and Sarah Jackson of Spencer, trombones Tom Rutt of Spencer and Julie Forney of Spirit Lake and tuba player Corbet Butler of Alta. They will be accompanied by pianists, Stephen Baker and Lois Morris.

The ensemble will be performing a variety of baroque music for brass, as well as some American standards, such as "The Entertainer" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Tom Rutt will also perform a few solos, which are also a variety - one being from the early 20th Century and one around the late 60's.

Refreshments will be served and donations are welcome. Please join us for this great performance!



Letter from the Director,



If you were one of the estimated 315,000 people that visited the Clay County Fair, we hope you stopped in and visited us at the Art Barn. What a great week we had visiting with many of you and, of course, working on the Mural Project. Thank you to all the volunteers, artists and musicians for making this year's Art Barn a great success. Thank you to State Bank for again sponsoring the Art Barn. This year's Mural, Grant Wood's "Spring in the Country", created by 320 different artists on 320 individual tiles, will reside in the Spencer Event Center. The mural was sponsored by Spencer Re/Max and Farmers Insurance and we thank them very much for their sponsorship, the participants really enjoyed coloring the tiles.

The Artisan Road Trip is here at AOG until end of October, showcasing 33 different artists and their work. We look forward to the road trip, with Christmas in the Gallery up next. Thank you all for your support.
- Chris White, Executive Director