



**The Art Association of Randolph County** has graciously invited the Whitewater Valley Arts Association to mount an exhibition at the Arts Depot gallery in Union City from October 15th until November 12th, 2015. We will need up to 40 pieces to represent the variety and diversity of our Art community. All of the WVAA members are welcomed to submit works for consideration. The show will be curated by Hector Perez and volunteers from the WVAA. All works from the Members Show 2015 presently on display can be under consideration. You can submit up to four works of any kind for free. For more information contact us at (765) 692-0368 or by email infowvartsa@gmail.com. Artwork for consideration must be at the gallery by October 9th 2015. This is an opportunity for us to share, connect and show the talent of our members to neighboring communities.

## General Meeting August Pitch in

The August General Meeting is a pitch in and will be held again at the shelter at Roberts Park on the service road to the Miller Building. Meeting starts at 6pm. Two new board members will be elected at this time. Please bring a side or dessert. Lisa Gettinger will supply the pulled pork once again. Yum! Also remember that the calendar drawings are due by the August meeting.

## Congratulations!!!!

We would like to recognize some of our members for winning awards recently. Brenda Kunkel and Doris Martin won places in the Area 9 Senior Competition. Congratulations ladies! Nancy Bowen won awards at the Fayette County Free Fair for her artwork. Way to go! If you know of a member who has gotten accolades for their artwork, please let me know so I can recognize them. We have such talent in this community!

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Y'all!

Well summer is coming to an end and school is about to start again. Time has really flown by since the last newsletter. Lots of great stuff is going on in the world of the Whitewater Valley Arts Association.

Our Mystery Mural Project went very well. We received a grant from the Fayette County Foundation for \$500 to build the framework for the mural, raised \$2550 on the "adoption" of the mural squares, and then Terry Hreno, Dave Foerster and John Duffy with some help from Tom Hiers put it up on the building. It looks great! Lots of buzz around town! The plaque will go up as soon as it is completed. We may become known as the town with all the murals. Thanks Fayette County Foundation for the grant! Terry has also painted another mural on Jim's Auto & Body on Eastern. If you haven't seen them yet, take a drive by.

On Wednesday July 22 Patti Starr hosted a plein air painting session & pitchin at her home with Terry Hreno giving instruction. It was a fun and informative evening. We hope to have more paint outs so that those of us who are intimidated by the plein air thing will have the chance to get more comfortable with painting on site.

Brenda Kunkel is taking names for the Ray Hassard workshop scheduled for Saturday October 3. It will be an acrylic/oils workshop "Getting a Strong Start in Painting". Cost will be \$65 for members and \$85 non-members. Check him out on [REDACTED]. Call Brenda at 765-825-3579 to reserve your spot.

There have been quite a number of members coming down to help with various things at the Smith building. If you haven't volunteered yet, there is still plenty to do. The Woodcarvers spent one of their weekly work sessions at the building helping out and then a few came back and worked some more. Thanks, guys!

Well I guess that is all I have room for in this newsletter so I leave you with this quote

*"Art washes away from the soul  
the dust of everyday life."*

*-Pablo Picasso*

*Sharon*

# The Artisans

## Art Beyond the Canvas

Opening reception is **September 11 from 6-8.**  
The show will run until the end of October.



### Art Shows

Our next show is The Artisans - Art Beyond the Canvas. This one is to showcase artwork other than paintings. Woodcarvers, quilters, dollhouse makers, jewelry designs, fused and stained glass, you get the idea. Show us what you got! This will be a really fun exhibit. Bring your artwork in Sunday September 6th. We would normally have you bring it in sooner but the Conner Quilters are having their Quilt Show and Barn Quilt Tour on Saturday September 5 from 9-4. Please come by the 28th Street Gallery and see the amazing quilts these ladies have created. Take the Heritage Barn Quilt Tour. There are two tours – the north and the south. The morning tours run from 9-12 and the afternoon tours run from 1-4. Tickets are \$10 per tour or \$18 for both. Reserve your seats now as seating is limited. Call Connie Lane at 765-697-5655 or Delma Brown at 765-679-5626 for more information or to reserve your seat. Tickets will be available at the gallery on Tuesday September 1 from 9-1 and through the Chamber of Commerce.

### Donations



WVAA received a \$5000 check from Frontier for our building fund. Although we didn't get into the 50 who were chosen as the first contenders for "America's Best Communities", they felt like what we were doing was a worthy cause and decided to make this donation. Thanks Frontier!

A couple of our members have also been very generous and have given us checks for \$5000 each for our fund. Thanks Elizabeth Holmes and Julia Yake! Thank you ladies so much!

Another of our grants has been accepted and we will soon receive a check from Henry County REMC for \$500 towards the handicap access for the Smith Building. Thanks Henry County REMC.

Three more grants have been submitted and are awaiting responses. Cross your fingers!

### Boot Drive



We need your help! We are doing a boot drive to raise money for the building fund on Saturday, August 8 from 10-2. We will work the intersections of 6th and Grand and 6th and

Central. We need volunteers! Please call us at 765-692-0368 to help.

### Traveling Show



The Traveling Show spent July at the downtown branch of Union Savings and Loan and has moved to FCN bank in Brookville for August. Five pieces

have already been sold from the show. How awesome is that! We do not have a location for September so if you know of a good place to take it for the month, please let Doug Siebert know.

### Artzzy Party

Artzzy Party has another fundraiser scheduled for the Victims' Assistant of Rush County on August 13th. Gayle Seibert will be the instructor for the evening. Plans are progressing to have an Artzzy Party for residents of Miller Merry Manor of Rush County. Plus, MMM will be scheduling a morale booster for their employees in the coming months.

### Officers & Board Members Contact Information

- Sharon McQueen President
- Hector Perez Vice President
- Tracy Burns Secretary
- Delilah Rigby Treasurer
- Lisa Gettinger Past President
- Terry Hreno Board Member
- Gayle Siebert Board Member
- Patti Starr Board Member

