

# ARTS/ALIVE

Art News from West Plains Council on the Arts

Gallery At the Center Art Exhibits - Richard Dudden— “Abstract. Soulful. Raw.”— Feb. 17—March 16

Nancy France— “Winds of the Southwest”— April 21— May 18

20th Annual Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival scheduled for June 20 and 21, 2014



## 2nd Annual West Plains BrewFest Features Mardi Gras Theme Saturday, February 15, 2014 Exhibit Hall at the West Plains Civic Center

February 15 is the official first day of Mardi Gras 2014, and to celebrate all are invited to sample locally available craft beers and specially prepared foods to help a worthy cause at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual West Plains BrewFest, set for 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the West Plains Council on the Arts' efforts to promote arts in the West Plains area, as well as fund the Gatewood Family Fine Arts Scholarship, which will be awarded to an area graduating high school senior planning to major in fine arts. The event is being sponsored by the West Plains Council on the Arts, Great Rivers Distributing, Grellner Sales & Services, Piney River Brewing of Bucyrus, and the Sole Café at the Shoe Factory Lofts.

Attendees will have the opportunity to sample craft beers from a wide range of breweries, organizers said. Participating independent breweries include Mother's Brewing and Springfield Brewing, both of Springfield; Broadway Brewery and Rock Bridge Brewing of Columbia; Public House Brewing Co. of Rolla; and Piney River Brewing of Bucyrus.

Grellner Sales is bringing representatives from Boulevard of Kansas City; O'Fallon Brewery of O'Fallon; Samuel Adams of Boston; Leinenkugel of Chippewa Falls, WI; New Belgium of Ft. Collins, CO; and Blue Moon, a product of Miller Coors national brewery.

Great Rivers Distributing will feature specially selected craft beers from Kona Brewing Co. of Kailua-Kona, HI; Stella Atroris Brewing of Leuven, Belgium; Goose Island Brewing —of Chicago, IL; Deschutes Brewing of Bend, OR; Widmer Brothers Brewing of Portland, OR; and Anheuser Busch of St. Louis.

In addition to the craft beer sampling, attendees will enjoy a variety of locally prepared hors d'oeuvres from several area restaurants, in keeping with the Mardi Gras theme. Sole Café's "Chef Ty" promises outstanding fare with the help of visiting New Orleans chef Nathan Heldrich. Roper's Saloon/Café 37 will sample mini-quiche, spinach dip, and other appetizers. Ozark Pizza Co., Skillet's, and Island Style will be bringing their best! What a great opportunity to see what these fine restaurants have to offer.

Soft drinks, water, and snacks will be provided by West Plains Beverage and Pepsi. The first 250 people through the doors will receive a souvenir tasting glass.

More information about the West Plains BrewFest can be found at <http://westplainsbrewfest.webs.com/>, VisitMo.com, BeerAdvocate.com, or at the event's Facebook page, West Plains BrewFest. E-mail inquiries may be sent to Terri Combs at [terricomb@gmail.com](mailto:terricomb@gmail.com) or by phone at 417-505-0812.



## **"ABSTRACT. SOULFUL. RAW." RICHARD DUDDEN'**

**Meet the Artist Reception Saturday,**

**February 22, 2014, 10 a.m. till noon**

Unique artwork selections in "The Richard Dudden Exhibit - Abstract. Soulful. Raw." will be on display at the Gallery at the Center, West Plains Civic Center from February 17 through March 16, 2014. The Gallery, on the mezzanine, is open to the public during regular Civic Center hours.

Richard Dudden was born in Colorado and just recently moved to West Plains with his wife and daughter from Springfield, Missouri. He has been crafting since the age of six using wood and recycled materials, and illustrating ever since he could hold a crayon.

Dudden's artwork comes from his soul, a visionary using common objects to create his unique art. His sculptures are often made from reclaimed or donated wood. A majority of his paintings are layered with joint compound mud, salvaged paint and scavenged elements. In each piece of art, Richard's imagination is captured in subtle details.

"Every piece of my work has a story. My artwork comes from years of experiences seen and unseen. It is more than just a painting or wood carving, it's a piece of me." Says Dudden.

He designed and painted many murals around the Springfield area, including one at Bowerman Elementary School. In August 2008, during a First Friday Art Walk, he created a 50-foot jungle-themed mural in oil pastels at the Metro Credit Union.

Supporters say Dudden can turn any vision into a reality. From custom murals, illustrations, to business signs, his one of a kind visions prevail in his passion to create a lasting impression. He looks forward to getting involved in the community arts.

WPCA will host a Meet-the-Artist Reception for Dudden on Saturday, February 22 from 10 am to noon, in the Gallery at the Center. All are invited to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to view and discuss the artwork with Dudden.







## **“WINDS OF THE SOUTHWEST” JOYCE FRANCE**

**Meet the Artist Reception Saturday,**

**April 26, 2014, 10 a.m. till noon**

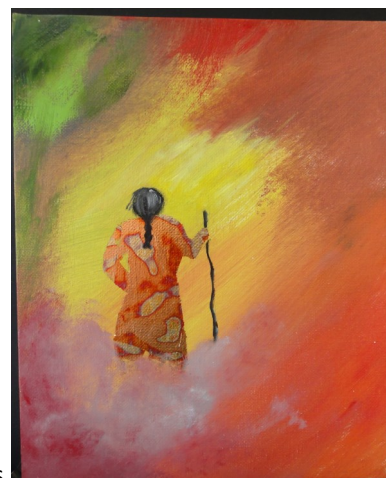
West Plains Council on the Arts invites everyone to view the unique artwork of artist Joyce France, in her exhibition titled “Winds of the Southwest” at the Gallery at the Center, West Plains Civic Center from April 21 through May 18, 2014. The Gallery, on the mezzanine, is open to the public during regular Civic Center hours.

France came from Southern California in 1963, and has lived in West Plains ever since. She spent a lot of time in Arizona and found inspiration in the rich colors of the southwestern desert. Many of her paintings have a southwestern flavor, especially in the choice of colors. France says, “Using a pallet knife is my very favorite method of getting those vivid colors on canvas.”

With a lifelong love of photography, France operated Foto’s from France photography studio for twelve years in West Plains. “Photography taught me a lot about composition and lighting, and by doing my own printing I learned about color,” France said. She painted a bit in the late 80’s and early 90’s then set it aside to manage her business, France Fire Extinguisher Company.

France recently started painting again, mostly oils, but loves art of all kinds, including gourd art, which will be represented by several gourd pieces in the exhibit.

“I first saw gourd art in Arizona about 4 years ago and knew immediately this was something I had to try. The process involves carving, burning, inlay, and beading. Each gourd is unique in its shape, color, and markings and these features help determine the design I create. With so many shapes available, the possibilities are endless.”



WPCA will host a Meet-the-Artist Reception for France on Saturday, April 26, from 10 am to noon, in the Gallery at the Center. All are invited to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to view and discuss the artwork with France.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by the West Plains Civic Center and West Plains Council on the Arts, with partial funding provided by Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

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