

ARTS/ALIVE

Art News from West Plains Council on the Arts

Gallery At the Center: - Nov. 23-Jan. 10—"Michael Roberts Remembered" exhibit, reception Dec. 12, 2-4 p.m.

Feb. 23-Mar.15—"Mathematical Sculptures" by Albert Carpenter, reception Mar. 5, noon-2 p.m.

4th Annual BrewFest—February 27, 2016—West Plains Civic Center Exhibit Hall—5:30—8 p.m.

Scholarship deadline—April 15, 2016

Old Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival—June 17 and 18, 2016

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF WEST PLAINS COUNCIL ON THE ARTS



WPCA received a Missouri Arts Council grant of \$8,370 to support its community arts programming for fiscal year 2015-16. Due to universal award formulation changes on the state level, this represents a 40% reduction in funding available to complete the program year. While we are always grateful for MAC participation in our work here developing arts in the region, this presents new challenges for us to be able to accomplish our goals for the year. For us, the status quo is not enough. We are always striving to push boundaries and make accessible public options to expand experiences and promote arts education. In order to maintain our level of programming and plan for future growth, WPCA is looking for unique ways to generate income, through sponsorships and donations.

We continue to press for more opportunities for multi-generational engagement such as the showing of the Sound of Music SingAlong. Approximately 150 people attended that filming in October, and nearly 200 participated in the Community Messiah Sing in November. We promote at least four art exhibits per year, and are heavily invested in the Old Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival.

Your help is needed if we are to continue to grow. WPCA investor levels are defined on page 4 of this newsletter, and you are reminded that all contributions are tax deductible under our 501(c)3 designation, as allowed by law.

"MICHAEL ROBERTS REMEMBERED"

In memory of Michael Roberts and to honor the impact his life and art had on our area, West Plains Council on the Arts is hosting a multi-media exhibition of pieces of his artwork, loaned from private collections. The exhibit will be displayed at the Gallery at the Center, West Plains Civic Center from November 23 thru early January. The Gallery, on the mezzanine, is open to the public during regular Civic Center hours

WPCA will host an Exhibit Reception on Saturday, December 12, from 2-4 p.m., in the Gallery at the Center. All are invited to attend, view and discuss these wonderful pieces. 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.



STEAM—EDUCATION FOR OUR FUTURE!

Can you imagine life without art? Art and design are key components to so much of our lives, that perhaps we don't consider them as critical.

From an article at [District Administration.com](http://www.districtadministration.com) -- **Putting the "A" in STEAM** - "Blending arts into the sciences inspires creative thinking, problem solving and innovation" This article is available online at http://www.districtadministration.com/article/putting-%E2%80%9Ca%E2%80%9D-steam?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social-media&utm_campaign=addtoany

And from an article in **Education Weekly** by Anne Jolly: **STEM vs. STEAM: Do the Arts Belong?** - "A tug of war is currently looming between proponents of STEM education (science, technology, engineering, and math) and advocates for STEAM lessons, which add art to the mix. Whichever side you come down on, here are some ideas for you to mull over." Full article available at <http://www.edweek.org/tm/articles/2014/11/18/ctq-jolly-stem-vs-steam.html?r=1431012872>

Philanthropy Good for What Ails You?

Here's something to consider—an op-ed piece from the Springfield News Leader, offered by Jennifer Baker, helps us consider the personal benefits of philanthropy. In part: **"There's a lot to recommend the practice of generosity. According to researchers, people who are open-handed with their time, resources and finances tend to have reduced stress, lower blood pressure, less depression, a longer life and a stronger support system. It is apparently so good for our health to be charitable some even suggest we be generous for selfish reasons. In other words, we look for opportunities to give just to improve the quality of our own lives and life expectancy."**

<http://www.news-leader.com/story/opinion/contributors/2015/11/09/baker-reaching-heal-pain-within/75479694/>

Missouri Life Magazine Features Festival!

The Old Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival is listed in the current issue as one of 100 favorite events over the years at Missouri Life! We are so excited! You can read the review in their current issue available to look through at <http://www.missourilife.com/> Another of our favorites is this special blog written by Ron Marr - <http://www.missourilife.com/blogs/ronmarr/so-what-are-you-doing-this-weekend%3F/>

Give Ozarks Day – Save the Date! Tuesday, May 3, 2016 – watch for more details in our February newsletter.

The Avenue Theatre –

Assumption Abbey Fruitcakes available now!

The Avenue Theatre is selling fruitcakes fresh from Assumption Abbey for much needed repairs on their building for \$29.00 each. Fruitcakes can be bought at Heros Coffee, Crafters on the Square, and at The Avenue Theatre during shows. The number is limited, so hurry and get yours today!

Harlin Museum – 100 Club

The Harlin Museum, foremost repository of South Central Ozarks artworks and cultural artifacts, is pleased to formally honor **The Harlin 100**, an exclusive society of patrons making lump-sum donations of \$100 or more toward preservation and improvement of the Museum's holdings, facilities, and exhibitions.

Members of **The Harlin 100** will receive:

- A membership certificate suitable for framing.
- Exclusive invitations to **The Harlin 100** pre-show receptions, allowing preview and purchase of artworks ahead of the general public.
- Frame worthy reproductions of our annually selected **The Harlin 100** Lennis L. Broadfoot portrait for each donation of \$100 or more.

Personal mailing of the Harlin Museum annual calendar of events in April of each year of membership.

Inscription of your name on the public roll of **The Harlin 100** donors exhibited in the Museum lobby.

WEST PLAINS COUNCIL ON THE ARTS GATEWOOD FAMILY FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP Deadline April 15, 2016

West Plains Council on the Arts, in cooperation with the Gatewood Family, has established a scholarship to encourage students of the highest caliber to enter a career in the fine arts, with special emphasis on arts education. This scholarship will be awarded to an area high school senior (graduating 2016) enrolled in a post-secondary program, majoring in fine arts (music or art, performance or education). Education majors will receive higher consideration. Applicant must be a student in Howell or Ozark County. Details are available at http://westplainsarts.org/?page_id=53

If there are any questions about the application process, please contact us at info@westplainsarts.org

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS!



“ROOTS-the Music of the Ozarks”

A special 2-CD set of classic Festival performances re-mastered in high definition and produced by the West Plains Council on the Arts. This CD was compiled from live recordings made at the 2003 Old Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival, West Plains, Mo.

Groups featured include: Collins Family Band, Black-Eyed Susies, Graves Family, The Grace Sisters, Kim and Jim Lansford, Judy Domeny Bowen, Carol Frazier Band, and the Davis Creek Rounders. Full listing of songs is available at http://www.oldtimemusic.org/?page_id=2515

The Old Time Music Ozark Heritage Festival has been presenting the traditional heritage of the Ozark Highlands since 1994. The festival strives to present a picture of the Ozarks through the music of the region. More than a recreation of the past, we present those portions of the Ozarks’ musical heritage that can be classified as “old-time” and present other performers who have influenced the tradition of old time music in the region. Some of the folks are from nearby, some from far away. Some of the performances are more traditional than others. Altogether, our music remains one of our most enduring traditions, and it is our pleasure to share it with you.

This CD can be ordered by mail for \$20 plus \$5 shipping and handling from West Plains Council on the Arts, P.O. Box 339, West Plains, MO 65775 OR payment via PayPal may be sent to info@westplainsarts.org All proceeds from the sale of this CD benefit the West Plains Council on the Arts’ endeavors to promote arts activities in the West Plains area, including the Old Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival.



**4th Annual West Plains BrewFest
Saturday, February 27, 2016
5:30-8:00 p.m.
Exhibit Hall at the West Plains
Civic Center**

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. Advance tickets for \$20 /each would make a great gift! \$30 at the door.

Stay up-to-date by liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WestPlainsBrewfest>

Remembering

JULIA GATEWOOD

Julia Gatewood, long-time board member and friend of West Plains Council on the Arts, passed away peacefully October 6, 2015. She will be sorely missed.

Born July 18, 1927 in Ottawa County, Kansas, she married Moody Gatewood in 1946 in West Plains, Missouri. They created their married life in San Jose, California, and had two beautiful children. Julia earned a Masters of Arts Degree in Education specializing in Reading at University of Santa Clara, California. She was a teacher for 15 years. After Moody and Julia retired in California, they moved to their Missouri farm to run a cattle ranch. Throughout Julia’s life, she was a writer and artist. Her many community contributions included Secretary and Treasurer of the Oak Mound Cemetery Trust, committee member to establish the West Plains Farmers Market, organizer and campaigner for the Missouri House of Representatives for Ozark County, member of the AAUW, member of the West Plains Artist Guild, Board member and historian of the West Plains Council of the Arts, and a member of the West Plains Women’s Business Group.

Donations in her memory may be made to The Gatewood Family Scholarship, C/O West Plains Council of the Arts.

2016 Ozarks Studies Symposium – call for proposals

Theme: Isolation and Connections in the Ozarks

The Ozarks Studies Committee of Missouri State University-West Plains seeks proposals for its tenth annual symposium to be held in September 2016.

The theme of the 2016 symposium is "Isolation and Connection in the Ozarks." This broad theme is intended to accommodate consideration of a wide variety of topics related to how the Ozarks region has been viewed as a place of isolation and/or connection. Some possible topics might include why isolation and connection are sought or rejected; how music, folklore or literature comments on isolation and connection; how isolation or connection contributes to or undermines a sense of place and social stability; how these forces influence language and dialect; how isolation or connections are exaggerated; how isolation has influenced law enforcement, politics, race, class, economic development, real estate values or tourism and many other topics. Full details available at <http://ozarksymposium.wp.missouristate.edu/call-for-proposals.htm>

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END OF YEAR GIVING OPTIONS

West Plains Council on the Arts has been providing support and assistance to arts endeavors in the West Plains area since 1975. Our mission is to stimulate and foster public participation in cultural activities, and to disseminate the knowledge and product of such cultural activities to the public in order to broaden the appreciation and availability of the arts in the West Plains region. WPCA provides educational programs which support innovation and creative expression in the arts; presents artists and art forms that promote artistic and cultural diversity; provides guidance, resources and infrastructure to develop non-profit community-based arts groups; and sponsors festivals, competitions and awards to promote and support artists, and to celebrate and preserve the traditional culture of the region.

Due to current economic conditions, WPCA is providing a membership support option to help us diversify our funding bases. 100% of all funds received are used for the purposes outlined above. We hope you will join our efforts by sending your membership donation, which is tax deductible, and should be sent to West Plains Council on the Arts, P O Box 339, West Plains, MO 65775.

Student (\$10) ____ Individual (\$25) ____ Patron (\$50) ____ Business/Organization (\$100) ____ Hero (\$250) ____

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Contributions can also be sent via PayPal to info@westplainsarts.org

Shopping on Amazon via SmileAmazon.com and choosing WPCA will also benefit the organization.

West Plains Council on the Arts board members include Cathy Proffitt-Boys, Carol Bruce, Kathy Campbell, Terri Combs, Judy Harden, and Paula Speraneo, with Kathleen Morrissey, Arts Administrator.