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Art News from West Plains Council on the Arts

Gallery At the Center Exhibits:—"In the Dew of Little Things" - Karen Eubank -Jan.30-Mar.5. Reception Feb. 18 , 12-2 p.m.

MSU-WP Faculty, Staff and Students Art Exhibit— Apr.17-May 14. Reception April 29, 2-4 p.m.

WPCA/Gatewood Family Fine Arts Scholarship deadline—April 15, 2017

Give Ozarks Day—May 3, 2017

23rd Annual Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival scheduled for June 2 and 3, 2017

West Plains 5th Annual BREWFEST

Saturday, February 25, 2017—5:30-8:00 p.m.
West Plains Civic Center Exhibit Hall and Arena

Everyone is invited to sample locally available craft beers and specially prepared foods to help a worthy cause at the 5th Annual West Plains BrewFest, set for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, in the Arena and 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. The event is being sponsored by the West Plains Council on the Arts and Great Rivers Distributing of West Plains; Grellner Sales & Service of Rolla; and by Piney River Brewing of Bucyrus.

Attendees will have the opportunity to sample craft beers from a wide range of breweries, organizers said. Participating craft breweries include Boulevard Brewing of Kansas City, Mother's Brewing and Springfield Brewing of Springfield, O'Fallon Brewing of O'Fallon, Piney River Brewery of Bucyrus, Public House Brewing of Rolla, Rock Bridge Brewing of Columbia, Urban Chestnut Brewing of St. Louis, and Wages Brewing of West Plains. Missouri State University Winery will have specially selected products from their winery.

Great Rivers Distributing is bringing products from 10 Barrel Brewing, Anheuser-Busch, Bells Brewery, Blue Point Brewing, Deschutes Brewing, Elysian Brewing, Goose Island Beer, Kona Brewing, O'Dell Brewing, and Sierra Nevada.

Grellner Sales & Service will also feature products from Ballast Point, FMB, Kraftig, Lagunitas, Miller/Coors, New Belgium, and Samuel Adams, including Twisted Tea and Angry Orchard.

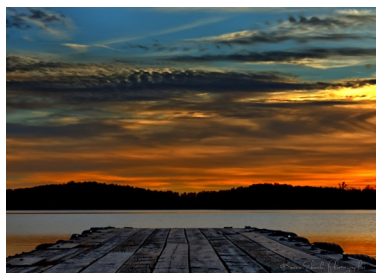
In addition to the craft beers and wines, attendees will enjoy a variety of locally prepared samples from many area restaurants, including Auntie Anne's, Bootleggers BBQ, Colton's Steakhouse & Grill, Grump's Grub, Heroes Coffee Café, Johnny's BBQ, Ozark Pizza Co., Ropers Saloon & Grill/Wild Vine Beverage Shop, Savor Grill & BBQ, Skillet's Family Café, Sole Café at the Grizzly Lofts, and Spring Dipper of West Plains.

New to this year's event will be an American Homebrewers Association sanctioned homebrew competition prior to BrewFest. Several of the homebrewers will also be sampling their products during the event as well. For information on the competition, contact Autumn and Josh Shirley at 417-293-5175. Andy Pearsall of Show-Me Brewing will be on hand with homebrew equipment, and will be available for discussion about methods and materials.

The first 500 people through the doors will receive a souvenir tasting glass. Admission is \$25 per person in advance and \$35 at the door. All attendees must be over 21 and have a valid photo ID. Advanced tickets can be purchased in West Plains at Colton's Steakhouse, from the West Plains Civic Center box office, Mulligan's Package Store or Wages Brewery. In Bucyrus, tickets are available at Piney River Brewery.

More information about the West Plains BrewFest can be found at <http://www.westplainsarts.org>, VisitMo.com, BeerAdvocate.com, or at the event's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WestPlainsBrewfest>. Email inquiries may be sent to Terri Combs at terricomb@gmail.com or by phone at 417-505-0812.

"IN THE DEW OF LITTLE THINGS"
PHOTO EXHIBIT BY KAREN EUBANK
TO BE FEATURED AT THE GALLERY AT THE CENTER



West Plains Council on the Arts will host a photo exhibit by artist Karen Eubank - "In the Dew of Little Things" - at the Gallery at the Center. The exhibit will be displayed at the Gallery at the Center, West Plains Civic Center from January 30 – March 5, 2017. The Gallery, on the mezzanine, is open to the public during regular Civic Center hours.

Karen Eubank is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, with a double major in English and journalism. She spent 30 years in the Gainesville R-V schools, teaching high school English and journalism before re-focusing her efforts into administration, first as an A+ Coordinator and then junior high principal. She has three grown sons with degrees in art, photography, and film production. It was their creative endeavors and adventurous spirits that encouraged Eubank to expand her own horizons.

In 2010, when Eubank's youngest son graduated high school and left home, she began writing a blog as a way to fill the void. As she approached retirement two years later, she realized she needed more than her blog writing to occupy her time, and photography seemed the perfect complement. When she started looking for photographic opportunities to enhance her writing, she found true joy behind the camera lens. In 2012 she also began writing a day tripping column for the Ozark County Times, supplementing her articles with photos of her journeys. It was that exposure, perhaps more than anything else, that created a following for her work. She continues to provide columns and photographs for the newspaper, and she has also had her photos featured in 417 Magazine and on various websites.

"Photography has been a calming, soul-satisfying experience for me," said Eubank. "I love capturing Nature's beauty and charm, especially in the early morning light. Looking at the world through the lens has forced me to slow down, to breathe deeply, and to focus on all the little details I never noticed before. Like so many other moms and teachers, for years I was focused on fulfilling everyone else's needs and overwhelmed by the weight of the world. But wearing a camera around my neck has reminded me to stand in quiet reflection before blazing sunsets, to gaze in silent wonder at thundering waterfalls, to smile in sheer delight at tiny, trembling wildflowers—and in doing so, I've found the elusive peace I didn't even realize I'd been searching for."

Eubank's exhibit, "In the Dew of Little Things," references her favorite Khalil Gibran quote: "For in the dew of little things, the heart finds its morning and is refreshed." Those little things in nature, she believes, have brought her not only peace but also joy and rejuvenation in this second stage of her life.

In addition to photography and writing, Eubank enjoys traveling, hiking, and cycling with her husband, Norman. Examples of her photography can be seen at <https://facebook.com/KarenSEubank>; her blog can be found at <http://www.icedteawithlemon.wordpress.com>

WPCA will host a Meet the Artist Reception on Saturday, February 18, from noon till 2 p.m., in the Gallery at the Center. All are invited to attend, view and discuss these wonderful pieces with the artist. 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.



Coming to The Avenue Theatre:

WPHS Choirs Off Broadway –

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11—7 PM
Possibly Sunday Feb. 12—Time TBD

West Plains Center for the Arts—Irish Show

March 17, 7 PM

WPHS Spring Production - Pride & Prejudice

April 6 and 7— 7 PM

April 8—11 AM

April 9—2 PM

Why The Arts Are As Important As Science Or Math

An interesting article/blog from the Huffington Post.

"Cultures are judged on the basis of their arts; and most cultures and most historical eras have not doubted the importance of studying the arts. Let's assume then, that the arts should be a part of every child's education and that they are given serious treatment as is the case with mathematics, or history, or biology. Let's remember why societies have always included the arts in every child's education. The reason is simple. The arts are a fundamentally important part of culture, and an education without them is an impoverished education, leading to an impoverished society. Studying the arts should not have to be justified. The arts are as important as the sciences: they are time-honoured ways of learning, knowing, and expressing." -- Ellen Winner, Lois Hetland et al, "[The Arts and Academic Achievement](http://www.huffingtonpost.in/dipin-damodharan/will-arts-make-you-smarte_b_9169536.html)"

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May 9, 2017 - Give Ozarks is a one-day, online fundraising event for nonprofit partners of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. West Plains Council on the Arts will be among them, and you are encouraged to use this opportunity to contribute using the power of the Cause Momentum crowdfunding website. Come be a part of a one-day surge in generosity across our state. Updates will be posted on Facebook. <https://giveozarks.org/>



The Harlin Museum opens for the season April 1. Regular hours are Tues.-Sat. 12p-4p—505 Worcester Ave., West Plains 417-256-7801

Spring Art Show April 4-22, 2017

The Harlin Museum announces The Spring Art Show sponsored by the West Plains Artists Guild.

Entry Dates are March 31 and April 1, 12-4p.m. The show will run April 4-22. See original works by local artists in a beautiful gallery. This is a non-juried show open to all artists 18 and older. Ribbons will be given for Best of Show, First Place, Second Place and Third Place entries in each category. Reception will be held Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m.

Entry Fee: 1 painting - \$15.00, 2 paintings - \$25.00, 3 paintings - \$30.00, Payable to the West Plains Artists Guild. Five (5) Entry Categories: Oil; Water medium (includes: acrylic, gouache, regular watercolor and watercolor pencils); Mixed medium/collage; Pastel; Graphics (includes: pencil, graphite, charcoal, ink, linocut, and colored pencil.)

For information on the show contact: Charlene Brooks, WPAG President, 417-274-9735, cbrooks2@yahoo.com; or Gladys Morris, 417-255-0920, gmorris@centurylink.net

West Plains Artists Guild meets monthly at

Various locations in West Plains. They have many activities scheduled for 2017.



For more information, contact Gladys Morris, 417-255-0920, gmorris@centurylink.net or check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WPArtistsGuild/>

OLD-TIME MUSIC *Ozark Heritage Festival*

Old Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival Announces Changes for 2017 Event

The Old-Time Music, Ozarks Heritage Festival will celebrate its 23rd year Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3. The two-day annual event in downtown West Plains, Mo., celebrates the distinctive music and culture of the Ozarks Highlands. Admission to all festival events is free.

Major changes include:

Dates moved to the first Friday/Saturday of June.

Festival times will be 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. both days
Headliners will perform outside on the Civic Center East Lawn both evenings

Food concessions will be centralized in a Food Court
Vendors will be juried to meet the mission of the Festival

“The many suggestions we’ve received from participants and attendees helped with our decisions, so we’re hopeful these changes will prove beneficial to all,” organizers said. “We want this City of West Plains signature event to grow and prosper.”

Moving to late afternoon and evening hours should promote a more pleasant experience for all – performers, artisans, and attendees.

Festival music performances will be held on both the Civic Center theater stage and the outside stage, with music scheduled for all times during the Festival hours. From 3-5 p.m. Main Stage performances will be held in the theater and 2nd Stage performances will be held on the outdoor stage. The headliner shows at 6 and 8 p.m. will be on the outdoor stage.

Centralizing the food vendors will give attendees more opportunity to view all the selections in one area.

All non-profit vendors will once again be accepted, but the Festival Committee will be evaluating other vendors as to authenticity toward the Festival’s purpose to highlight traditional arts.

ARTISANS/DEMONSTRATORS - The festival has featured many different material art and craft genres throughout the years. Area artisans and demonstrators who are keeping traditional crafts alive and would like to share their talents with festival goers are encouraged to contact coordinator Kathleen Morrissey at 417-293-7751, email to info@westplainsarts.org, or download a form from the website at http://www.oldtimemusic.org/?page_id=3205

VENDOR BOOTH SPACE AVAILABLE - Organizers said they welcome booths from vendors, non-profit groups, businesses, school fund-raising efforts, churches, civic groups, public officials, and individuals; however, in the event of duplicate offerings, first consideration will be given to early registrants. Applications will be juried by festival committee members for final approval.

Booth registration forms are available from Terri Combs, TCombs@MissouriState.edu or 417-255-7988, or they may be downloaded from the festival website: http://www.oldtimemusic.org/?page_id=100 Registrations should be mailed by May 15, 2015.

2017 Festival partners include the West Plains Council on the Arts, the City of West Plains, the Ozark Heritage Welcome Center, West Plains Civic Center, and Missouri State University-West Plains. Partial funding for this event is provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

For more information on the Festival, email info@westplainsarts.org, visit the website at <http://www.oldtimemusic.org>, or “like” the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Old.Time.Music.Festival>

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23rd OLD-TIME MUSIC, OZARK HERITAGE FESTIVAL

SAVE THE **NEW** DATES!! JUNE 2 and 3, 2017

Watch the website and Facebook pages for updated information as the date approaches:

<http://www.oldtimemusic.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/Old.Time.Music.Festival>

Contact information:

Email—info@westplainsarts.org

Performers/Artisans— Kathleen Morrissey—417-293-7751

Vendors/Booths—Terri Combs—417-255-7988

General Info—Paula Speraneo—417-293-2325

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

Website: <http://www.westplainsarts.org>

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