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Art News from West Plains Council on the Arts

Upcoming Events: Sept. 11-29 "Ventures in Art" Mixed Media Exhibit

Sept. 21 (5-7 PM) Meet the Artists and Opening Reception for the 2017 Ozarks Studies Symposium

September 22-23—11th Ozarks Studies Symposium "Marginal Voices of the Ozarks"

Nov. 5, (2:30PM) Community Messiah Sing

Jan. 30 – Feb. 25, 2018—Gail Rowley/Ozark Stream Photography Exhibit, Reception February 4, 2018

March 10, 2018, 5:30-8PM—6th Annual West Plains BrewFest

VENTURES IN ART

"VENTURES IN ART" EXHIBIT TO HIGHLIGHT

2017 SYMPOSIUM OPENING RECEPTION

WPCA will host an Exhibit Reception on Thursday, September 21, from 5-7 p.m., in the Gallery at the Center, during the opening reception for the Ozarks Studies Symposium. All are invited to attend, view and discuss these wonderful pieces.

West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) will host a mixed-media exhibition of pieces produced by the Ventures in Art group of West Plains. The exhibit will be displayed at the Gallery at the Center, West Plains Civic Center from September 11 – 29, 2017. The Gallery, on the mezzanine, is open to the public during regular Civic Center hours.

The "Ventures in Art" group mission is to encourage and support members in their artistic interests. The group meets weekly to discipline themselves to paint on a regular basis, and presents a monthly art activity geared toward developing skills.

Membership is open to those interested in developing their artistic skills in a social setting. They meet Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to noon at the First Christian Church, 422 West Main Street in West Plains, MO. Contact Karen Canby via myventuresinart@yahoo.com for more information.

Artists who will be participating in this exhibit include:

Connie Benson
Karen Canby
Carolyn Forman
Joyce France
Joyce Heddy
Angelika Hughes
Coleen Latta

Robert Moore
Judy Norton
Barbara Robinette
Sandra Shackelford
Kathy Schloss
Patricia Thompson
Velma Wilson

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.

Ozarks Studies Symposium— "Marginal Voices of the Ozarks"

Friday and Saturday,
September 22 and 23, 2017

The theme of the eleventh annual Ozarks Studies Symposium is "Marginal Voices of the Ozarks." All presentations will be held at the West Plains Civic Center, are free of charge, and everyone is invited to attend.

The symposium will feature presentations by scholars, writers, artists and musicians who will provide insight into many facets of the Ozarks.

Dr. Jason McCollom, assistant professor of History at MSU-WP and symposium coordinator emphasized the exciting slate of presenters. "This year's theme is 'Marginal Voices of the Ozarks,'" he said, "and the community can learn about a variety of seemingly ignored people throughout the region's history. From the back-to-the-landers of the 1970s to Jewish Ozarkers to the African American history here in West Plains—and even haiku in the Ozarks—I think this year's topics will open our eyes to a hidden history of this place we call home."

Keynote Address: "Good Times and Sorrow: An Oral History Project"



The symposium's keynote address will be given at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, by Susan Young, outreach coordinator at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History in Springdale, AR. Susan is a lifelong resident of Fayetteville and a fifth-generation Ozarker.

She is the author of *So Big, This Little Place*, a history of the founding of Tontitown, Arkansas, and the editor of *Memories I Can't Let Go Of*, a collection

of life stories from Tontitown, Arkansas.

Susan serves on the boards of the Arkansas Historical Association and the Ozark Folk Cultural Center Commission.

Her Ozark history interests include traditional folkways, religion and cemeteries.

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At the Ozarks Studies Symposium:

Thursday, September 21

5-7 PM Opening Reception, on the Mezzanine, West Plains Civic Center

Sponsor: West Plains Council on the Arts

Exhibit – Mixed Media Exhibit by the Ventures in Art group

Friday, September 22

9:00 AM Welcome. Dr. Drew Bennett, Chancellor, Missouri State University-West Plains

9:15 AM Dr. Jared Phillips, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas

Not Coming Gently: Hipbilly Babies, Small Farm Voices, and Environmental Advocacy

9:45 AM Mara W. Cohen Ioannides, D.S., Senior Instructor, English Department, Missouri State University

From the Outside to the Margin: German Jewish Refugees in the Ozarks

10:30 AM Dr. Thomas Kersen, Associate Professor of Sociology, Jackson State University

The Purple People of the Ozarks

11:00 AM Lynn Morrow, Former Director of the Local Records Preservation Program, Missouri State Archives

"Refugee" Bradford & Backcountry Radicals

11:30 AM Eric Tumminia, Adjunct Professor of English, Missouri State University-West Plains

"Paranoid People": Live Original Songs by Creek Stink

1:30 PM Steve Yates, Associate Director/Marketing Director, University Press of Mississippi

The Legend of the Albino Farm

2:00 PM Carla Kirchner, Assistant Professor of Language and Literature, Southwest Baptist University

A "whole 'nother side of life": Setting as Character in Daniel Woodrell's Ozarks Novels

2:45 PM Diana Fox Bentele, Former Writing Instructor at Missouri State University, Ozarks Technical Community College, and Lebanon Technology & Career Center

Broken

3:15 PM Dr. Craig Albin, Professor of English, Missouri State University-West Plains

"Will and Testament"

3:45 PM Stanley Fick and Andrew Dietz, creators of Feral Feral: A Journal of Ozarkian Gothic

5:00 PM Keynote, Susan Young, Outreach Coordinator at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, Springdale, AR

Good Times and Sorrow: An Oral History Project

Symposium (contd.)

Saturday, September 23

9:00 AM Dr. John J. Han, Professor of English and Creative Writing, Missouri Baptist University

A Wind from the East: Haiku in the Ozarks

9:30 AM Dr. Jason McCollom, Assistant Professor of History, Missouri State University-West Plains, and Mr. Dave Malone, Author of Ottawa University: 150 Years of Significance

Towards an African American History of Olden and West Plains, Missouri

10:15 AM Dr. Steve Wiegenstein, author of Slant of Light; This Old World; and The Language of Trees

The Language of Trees

10:45 AM Dr. James S. Baumlin, Distinguished Professor of English, Missouri State University

Parlor Music and Musicianship in Early Springfield, Missouri

11:15 AM Dr. Blake Perkins, Assistant Professor of History, Williams Baptist College

The War on Poverty and a Closer Look at Anti-Government Defiance in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1960s-70s

1:30 PM Tim Nutt, Director of Historical Research Center, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Dr. W.A. Jaquith and His 1906 Tour of the Ozarks

2:00 PM Leslie Reed, Instructor of English, Arkansas State University
Life on the Fringes: The Desperate Reactions of Isolation and Marginalization in Daniel Woodrell's Tomato Red and The Death of Sweet Mister

Schedule subject to change—full, updated schedule available at <http://ozarksymposium.wp.missouristate.edu/Schedule.htm>



Upcoming Events at the Harlin Museum

Sept 1 - Harlin Gala Night, 6-8 p.m.
Harlin Museum's permanent collection will be on display. Music and refreshments provided.

Sept 19 thru Oct 7 - Harlin Museum's Fall Show. Accepting entries on September 15 and 16 from noon to 4 pm. Reception Oct 7 at 2 p.m.

Oct 6 - Harlin Gala Night, 6-8 p.m.
Harlin Museum's Fall Show will be on display. Music and refreshments provided.

October 31 - November 11 - Harlin Museum will sponsor a High School Art Show, from schools in the surrounding area. Entry drop off is on Friday October 27 and Saturday October 28th. Reception November 11th at 2p.m.

November 3 - Harlin Gala Night, 6-8 p.m., featuring the High School Art Show. Music and refreshments provided.

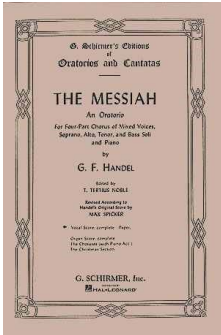
Possible Model Railroad Train Show and Craft Fair for November 24th - December 16th. Details TBD

COMMUNITY MESSIAH SING

West Plains Council on the Arts invites everyone to a Community Messiah Sing directed by Larry Dame, scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2017, 2:30p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 112 Aid Avenue in West Plains, Missouri.

The Christmas portion of "Messiah", using the G. Schirmer score, will be performed. The audience is invited to sing along in these favorite Messiah choruses.

Practice CD's and scores are available. Call Paula Speraneo at 417-293-2325 if interested. Bring your own score, or borrow one of ours.



Open seating; no advance reservations required. Non-singers are also welcome to listen and enjoy!

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"Celebrating Nature's Art" including "Tiny Worlds" Photo Exhibit by Gail E Rowley ~ Ozark Stream Photography



Purple and Green

West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) will host a photo exhibition by Gail E Rowley ~ Ozark Stream Photography. The exhibit will be displayed at the Gallery at the Center, West Plains Civic Center from January 30 – February 25, 2018. The Gallery, on the mezzanine, is open to the public during regular Civic Center hours.

Gail Rowley is a nature photographer who lives with her husband near Willow Springs, Missouri. She has been exploring the outdoors all her life. She enjoys observing and photographing some of nature's treasures, including 'hidden worlds'. She owns Ozark Stream Photography and sells prints, as well as nature notecards in some local stores and parks. Tom makes the solid wood frames for her larger photos.

Gail also works on native plant restorations on their farm, and is photo-documenting much of the native plant world there. She loves to garden, hike, float the rivers and spend time with her family.

"I love experiencing and learning about the natural world. Native plants and animals of the Ozark Plateau have a particular place in my heart. While I work to capture some of nature's magic on camera, I've found that I am the one who's been captured by this awesomeness called nature."

Her nature photography will include birds, springs, macros of tiny subjects as well as super-macros of what she calls "worlds within worlds." Her art will be displayed in several ways. Some frames will be unique "Live Edge" made with Ozark woods.

WPCA will host an Exhibit Reception on Saturday, February 4, from noon to 2 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.



The Avenue Theatre Upcoming Events

October 26-31 - Luther Rock Opera

We are starting a Community Concert the last Saturday of every month. We will have different genres, starting with the 50's show held August 26. We would love for our commu-

nity to participate and join us for these concerts. Donations at the door only. Concession will be running. There will be 50's songs, dance and costumes. Who knows, we might even have a contest for the best dressed!! If you want to join or need more info call or text 417-293-7761.

www.facebook.com/TheAvenueTheatre/

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6th Annual West Plains BrewFest March 10, 2018

Craft brewers, distributors, and area restaurants will highlight the 6th Annual West Plains BrewFest, set for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2018, in the Arena and Exhibit Hall at the West Plains Civic Center. Doors will open promptly at 5:30. In addition to the craft beers and wines, attendees will enjoy a variety of locally prepared samples from many area restaurants.

Due to last year's record crowds, the full Arena will be used to accommodate the needs of this event. The first 500 people through the door will receive a souvenir 2018 tasting glass, and all attendees will be eligible for door prize giveaways provided by the sponsors and attending breweries, wineries, and restaurants. Door prizes will include t-shirts, glasses, growlers, gift certificates, and more.

The 2nd Annual AHA/BJCP sanctioned homebrew competition will be held prior to BrewFest. Several of the homebrewers will also be sampling their products during the event as well. If interested in participating in the competition, email info@westplainsarts.org or contact Autumn and Josh Shirley at 417-293-5175.

West Plains Council on the Arts board members include Carol Bruce, Kathy Campbell, and Terri Combs, and administrator Paula Speraneo EMAIL: info@westplainsarts.org WEBSITE: [http:// www.westplainsarts.org](http://www.westplainsarts.org)