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Art News from West Plains Council on the Arts

Gallery At the Center Exhibits: "Everyday Sights" Photo Exhibit by Sally Robinson—April 13—May 8. Meet the Artists April 18, 2-4 p.m.

WPCA/Gatewood Family Fine Arts Scholarship deadline—April 15, 2020

Lunch with Art—May 12, 2020—Guest Presenter Marideth Sisco

26th Annual Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival scheduled for June 5 and 6, 2020

Ozarks Studies Symposium "Creation in the Ozarks" - September 17-19, 2020.

West Plains BREW FEST 2020 8th Annual

Saturday, March 14— 5:30-8:00 p.m.
West Plains Civic Center
Arena and Exhibit Hall

Craft brewers, distributors, and area restaurants and farmers' markets will highlight the 8th Annual West Plains BrewFest, set for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2020, in the Arena and Exhibit Hall at the West Plains Civic Center. Doors will open promptly at 5:30.

The first 700 people through the door will receive a souvenir 2020 tasting glass, courtesy of Simmons Bank, and all attendees will be eligible for door prize giveaways, which will include t-shirts, glasses, growlers, gift certificates, and more.

Attendees will have the opportunity to sample craft beers from a wide range of breweries, organizers said. Confirmations are still coming in, but thus far confirmed are participating Missouri craft breweries Boulevard Brewing of Kansas City; O'Fallon Brewing of O'Fallon; Piney River Brewery of Bucyrus; Public House Brewing of Rolla; and Wages Brewing of West Plains. St. James Winery will be participating with some specially chosen wines.

Great Rivers Distributing is bringing products from Anheuser Busch, Babe Brewing, Elysian Brewing, Goose Island, Michelob, and O'Fallon Brewing.

Grellner Sales & Service will feature products from Boston Beer Company, Boulevard Brewing, MillerCoors, Sam Adams, Schlafly Brewing, The Smirnoff Co., and White Claw Seltzer Works.

In addition to the craft beers and wines, attendees will enjoy a variety of samples from many area restaurants and farmers market members. Confirmed as of February 8 are Bootleggers BBQ, Colton's Steak House & Grill, Higher Grounds Coffee Co., Kiko Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Lounge, Ozark Pizza & Bread Company, Ruby Tuesday's, Snider's Family Restaurant, Sole Café at the Grizzly Lofts, and Sugar Lily Bakery. GO FARM Market members and members of the West Plains Area Farmers Market will have a wide assortment of their featured products.

T-Shirts will be available, printed on-site by Ink Monkey Screen Printing and Graphics. DJ Services will be provided by Bill Talley of SoundWorx.

The 4th Annual AHA/BJCP sanctioned home brew competition will be held prior to BrewFest. Several of the home brewers will also be sampling products during the event as well. For information on the competition, contact Amy Fisher at 417-204-2878.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the West Plains Council on the Arts' efforts to promote arts organizations in the West Plains area, as well as fund the Gatewood Family Fine Arts Scholarship. The event is being sponsored by the West Plains Council on the Arts, Great Rivers Distributing, Grellner Sales & Service, Simmons Bank-West Plains, and the West Plains Daily Quill all of West Plains; Piney River Brewing of Bucyrus, and Brewers Ice Co. of Eminence.



**"EVERYDAY SIGHTS:
SEEING GOD'S WORD IN
DAILY LIFE"
EXHIBIT FEATURES
PHOTOGRAPHY OF
SALLY ROBINSON**

West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) will host an exhibition of works by local photographer Sally Robinson. The exhibit will be displayed at the Gallery at the Center, West Plains Civic Center from April 13 through May 8, 2020.

Sally Robinson started photographing in her late teens

when her brother gave her his old half frame Yashica camera. Since she was quite inept at drawing, she loved having a way to capture moments in time and freeze a memory. Being especially attracted to nature and landscape subjects, moving to the Ozarks in 1996 was a huge inspiration and really encouraged her to start working at becoming a better photographer. Over the years she has set up darkrooms in the bathroom, studied known and unknown photographers' images, taught herself how to hand color black and white photos, and finally made the switch from film to digital. While the magic of waiting for photos to be developed and learn if she captured what she hoped for is no longer happening, the joy of seeing the vision imaged or, even better, something totally unexpected, is still there.

Robinson says, "This is a collection of photographs with scripture illustrating that God's Word is alive and visible in our everyday lives. Each photograph is accompanied by a Bible verse that showcases the beauty and truth in landscapes, nature, animals, buildings and people from daily life. The idea for using Bible verses with photographs started when I looked at a print of light shining through the trees in my backyard and it made me think, "And God said, 'Let there be light.'" Once I had the idea for this project, I started looking at my images to see if a verse came to mind and also looking for images that went well with favorite verses. For this series, I chose to use art photo paper and display each photograph identically to maintain the simplicity and beauty of everyday life."

WPCA will host a Meet the Artist event on Saturday, April 18, from 2-4 p.m., in the Gallery at the Center. All are invited to attend, meet the artist and discuss the 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.

WPCA Supporting Members 2019

The Harlin Museum
Nathan Ray Hicks
Judy Norton
Jackie Sisco
Joyce Stewart
Cindy Temple
Glenda Watson

**Traditional Artisans,
Vendors and
Volunteers Sought
For 2020 Old Time
Music, Ozark Heritage
Festival**



The Old-Time Music, Ozarks Heritage Festival in downtown West Plains, Mo., will

celebrate its 26th year Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6. The two-day festival seeks to celebrate, preserve, pass on and nurture an appreciation of the old-time music and folk life traditions distinctive to the Ozark Highlands.

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

VOLUNTEERS - Organizers come from many different areas of the community, volunteering their time to assure a successful event. The festival committee spends many hours over the year preparing for it. Volunteer participation is a critical element of the success of the Festival. Because of the festival's continued growth, more volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs, organizers said. Those interested in helping in any way should contact coordinator Sabrina Lewis <sabrinalewis1022@hotmail.com> or 417-274-8060.

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 may be downloaded from the festival website: http://www.oldtimemusic.org/?page_id=100 Registrations should be received by May 15. Email Sherry Harper <sherryharper@hotmail.com> or 417-274-8618.

The Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival is the signature event for West Plains. 2020 Festival partners include West Plains Council on the Arts, City of West Plains, 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>

West Plains BrewFest 2020 contd.

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 are available and may be purchased in West Plains at Bootleggers BBQ, Kiko Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Lounge, Wages Brewing, and from the West Plains Civic Center box office. In Bucyrus, tickets are available at Piney River Brewery. Credit card phone-in orders can be made through the Civic Center box office. Call 417-256-8123 to place your order.

More information about the West Plains BrewFest can be found at <http://www.westplainsarts.org>, VisitMo.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.



ART AT OZSBI

The West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) and Ozarks Small Business Incubator (OzSBI) have partnered to bring quarterly art displays to the incubator throughout 2020. Local artist Cindy Temple's work will be featured inside OzSBI's first floor March 27 through June 25. Visitors may view the display at the incubator during OzSBI's business hours, anytime between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

"Cindy Temple's work is reflective of the things she loves - family,



friends and places she's seen," WPCA Coordinator Janey Hale said. "Her work is fresh and invites the viewer to take a closer look; to explore all the details."

A Meet-the-Artist event will be held on Thursday, April 2, from 2-4 p.m. in

OzSBI's lobby at 408 Washington Ave. in West Plains. The public is invited to attend, meet Temple, view and discuss pieces on display.

"I'm actively seeking to do better and learn new skills," Temple said. "I enjoy painting, sharing ideas, and learning with other artists in our local art groups. Being a self-taught artist and learning as I go, breaking rules didn't seem to matter and has given me freedom to find my own style. Honestly, I believe all artists, educated or not, are all self-taught. We retain and choose what we want to learn. Subsequently, we go with our gut and what moves and stirs our souls."

For more information about the exhibit, contact OzSBI Program Administrator Brittany Simers at brittanyimers@ozsbi.com or WPCA Coordinator Janey Hale at jhale2129@gmail.com.

Art at the Sole Café



The West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) and Sole Café at the Grizzly Lofts have partnered to bring art displays to the Sole throughout 2020.

The work of four artists, members of the West Plains Artist's Guild, will be featured February 13 through May 15, and will be available for viewing during normal dining hours, Monday-Friday. Janey Hale, Joyce Stewart, Cindy Temple, and Regina Willard will showcase some specially chosen pieces.

Janey Hale

Teaching art for over twenty years, Hale is now focusing on painting full time. Janey has been in a number of juried and non-juried shows. Her work has been purchased by businesses and people in both Arkansas and Missouri.

Hale says, "Creating art is a means by which I record both emotional and visual experiences. The interaction of color, light and textures in combination with mark making appeals to my own aesthetic, which I hope gives something to the viewer."

Joyce Stewart

Stewart says she can barely remember a time in her life that she didn't aspire to be an artist.

"I have a driving need to create, and if I look a little distracted sometimes, it is probably because I am painting in my head, working out a solution to a painting problem, looking for the turn of a shadow on a face or just feeling the awe and the magnitude of the natural world around me," Stewart said. "I love the feel of the paint moving across the canvas to give an impression of what I am seeing and feeling at the time. I especially like to do paintings that tell a bit of the story of the place or objects. I have always admired the work of the impressionists but tend to work in a more representational style. Becoming an artist is not a destination but a wonderful, fulfilling (and sometimes frustrating) journey!"

Cindy Temple

Five years ago, Temple felt God lead her back to her original passion -- art. As a little girl, growing up in Kansas City, Temple's favorite pastime was riding a city bus down to Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, where she would spend hours. She was intrigued by the beauty of the art and her imagination would run wild. She especially liked the portrait room, where she would sit in the middle of the room and invent her own story about each face.

Temple prefers to paint people or animals-- things with eyes or a mother, she likes to say. Her works have been exhibited in juried and non-juried shows in the area, winning several awards.

Regina Willard

Willard's desire and passion for painting started at an early age. Largely a self-taught artist, she gained knowledge of oil painting in her teen years and immediately fell in love with the medium. Painting for her is a release of a language spoken with a brush. Willard says, "When I paint, I want to give something of myself - whether it be an emotion or feeling by way of a color or a mark made. I'm most intrigued by movement of paint and how a mark laying next to another in a different direction can give a subject life, drawing the viewer to engage in my work". More of her work is available on her website <https://reginawillard.com>

A Meet-the-Artists event will be held on Monday, February 24, from 2-4 p.m. at Sole Café, 665 Missouri Avenue, in West Plains. The public is invited to attend, meet the artists, and view and discuss pieces on display.

For more information about the exhibit, contact WPCA Coordinator Janey Hale at jhale2129@gmail.com



Spring Activities at the West Plains Civic Center

March 6 & 7 – Home and Garden Show



March 21- Cystic Fibrosis Benefit Concert: featuring Joe Nichols

March 24 - Joe and Nick's VCR Party

March 26 - John Conlee in Concert



April 3 - Casting Crowns

April 10-11 - Buckin' in the Plains: Professional Bull Riding

April 18 - West Plains Gospel Sing featuring Final Authority and Old Paths Quartet



April 24-26: Oz Con

April 30 – Thom Wall, Master of Modern Vaudeville

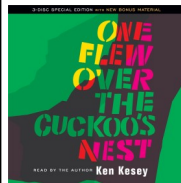
May 2: Jazz and Java

www.civiccenter.net



Coming to The Avenue Theatre:

Star Stars. The Franchise Awakes -March 5-7, 7PM — Fairview Drama Club



One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest - March 13-15, 17, 19-22, 7PM, Sundays at 3PM

Clue - April 2-5, 7PM - WPHS Drama

Improv with Aaron Barton - April 18, 7PM



SSAM Production - May 1-3, 7 PM, Sunday 3PM



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - May 8-9, 15-16, 7PM Fri., 3 & 7PM Sat. Children's Ballet of the Ozarks

www.theavenuetheatre.org

The Harlin Museum



February 22 – The Lost Arts Workshop: *Basket-Weaving* with Michelle Werther

February 29 - (5-7pm) *Gala Night* at the Museum/ Artist Reception

3/5 – 3/29 – Digital Art Show Competition

March 28 - (5-7pm) *Gala Night* at the Museum/ Artist Reception

4/2 – 4/26 – Annual Spring Art Show Competition

April 18 - (5-7pm) *Gala Night* at the Museum/ Artist Reception

4/30 – 5/24 – Annual Photography Show Competition

May 2 - (5-7pm) *Gala Night* at the Museum/ Artist Reception

May 28 – June 28 – Ozark Heritage Show featuring the L.L. Broadfoot Collection

505 Worcester Ave., West Plains
417-256-7801
www.harlinmuseum.com/

NEW HOURS!! Now Open - Thursday & Friday, 12 noon - 6 pm/ Saturday & Sunday 12 noon - 4pm)



Lunch with



Featured Artist—
Marideth Sisco



THESE OZARKS HILLS

Marideth will share thoughts on storytelling and "These Ozark Hills"

Monday, May 11, 2020

Noon till 1PM

West Plains Public Library
Community Room.

POETRY OUT LOUD WINNER

ADVANCES TO REGIONAL

COMPETITION



Kassidy Scott was the winner in the recent Poetry Out Loud competition held at West Plains High School. She advances to the Regional competition to be held in Springfield February 19.

Kassidy, a junior, is the daughter of Crystal and Joe Carey, and is involved in Theatre, Band, Chess, World Culture Club, and the Anime and Gaming Club. Kassidy said she "likes competing in the POL competition because you get to express yourself through reciting poetry. I look forward to doing my best at Regionals so that I can potentially go to Nationals in Washington DC."

Poetry Out Loud is a national recitation contest open to all high school students and conducted in all 50 states by the National Endowment for the Arts. Since 2006, over 50,000 students, and over 2,500 teachers from Missouri schools have participated. The Missouri Arts Council and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education collaborate to bring this program to Missouri.

Poetry Out Loud builds students' speaking skills, develops appreciation for poetry, increases self-confidence, and satisfies NCTE English Language Arts standards. In addition to memorizing and performing great poems, students discuss poems and write poetry of their own.

This year area high schools were encouraged to participate through a partnership between Missouri State University-West Plains (MSU-WP) and the West Plains Council on the Arts. Andy Hanson coordinated the local West Plains competition. Organizers are hopeful that next year more area schools will participate so that a regional competition can be held at MSU-WP. Winners of the regional competitions advance to the state competition.

For more information on future Poetry Out Loud competitions, contact Alex Pinon APinon@missouristate.edu or West Plains Council on the Arts info@westplainsarts.org

Craft Workshops scheduled 2019-2020

(Full Schedule available at westplainsarts.org)



March 10, 2020— Wooden Block
Bunny Sitters



April 14, 2020 – Mason Jar
Welcome Sign

Classes held 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the West Plains Senior Center.

After a break for the summer, craft workshops will begin anew October 2020 through April 2021. Watch the Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/westplainsarts/>

Fine Arts Scholarship

GATEWOOD FAMILY FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

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.

WPCA, in cooperation with the Gatewood Family, has established this 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 2020) 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 high school student in Howell or Ozark County.

Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2020. Forms and instructions are available to download from www.westplainsarts.org

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Imaginary Theater returns to West Plains!

In partnership with Missouri State University-West Plains, the West Plains Council on the Arts is co-sponsoring this production by the Imaginary Theater Company at the Civic Center Theater. There will be two presentations during the day to school groups, followed by a sensory-friendly performance at 7 p.m.

Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical—March 3, 2020

The “Squares Only” town of Rockaway turns upside down when Lily Polkadot arrives. As the first Polkadot in an all Square school, Lily faces an almost impossible task of gaining acceptance from her peers. From daily bullying to segregated drinking fountains, everything seems hopeless until Lily meets Sky, a shy Square boy whose curiosity for her different skin leads to an unexpected friendship. Inspired by the events of The Little Rock Nine, this musical serves as a colorful history lesson, reminding us that our differences make us awesome, not outcasts.

West Plains Council on the Arts board members include Leigh Adams, Terri Combs, Kerri Jones, and Janey Hale. Arts Administrator— Paula Speraneo.
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