

# ARTS/ALIVE

## Art News from West Plains Council on the Arts

Gallery At the Center Exhibits: Apr. 30– May 6—"It's Okay to Not Be Okay" student art exhibit—Meet the Artists May 6, 4-5:30 PM  
 "Plein Air Artists Exhibit" May 7-June 18 Meet the Artist May 14, 2-4 PM

Lunch with Art—Mar. 7 —Guest Presenter Heather Legler, stained-glass artist. May 2, Ellen Hones Martin, potter

History Tour Screenings —Mar. 24, 7 PM, and Mar. 26, 1 PM in the Civic Center Theater

Art at OzSBI— through Mar. 31 —Works of Joyce France. Apr.-June—works of Karen Pitts

Christos House Art Show and Sale—April 7— to support Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Gatewood Family Fine Arts Scholarship deadline April 15

Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival scheduled for June 3 and 4, 2022

## West Plains BREW FEST 2022

**Saturday, March 12—  
5:30-8:00 p.m.  
West Plains Civic Center  
Arena and Exhibit Hall**

WEST PLAINS, Mo. – Craft brewers, distributors, and area restaurants and farmers' markets will highlight the Annual West Plains BrewFest, set for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2022, in the Arena and Exhibit Hall at the West Plains Civic Center. Doors will open promptly at 5:30.

Individual glasses will be provided at each table for one-time use. All attendees will be eligible for door prize giveaway items supplied by the vendors, 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 and Kansas City Bier Co. of Kansas City; Crane Brewing of Raytown; Mother's Brewing and Springfield Brewing of Springfield; O'Fallon Brewing of O'Fallon; Piney River Brewery of Bucyrus; Public House Brewing of Rolla; Schlafly Brewing of St. Louis; 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, O'Fallon Brewing, Springfield Brewing, Kansas City Bier Co., and more to be announced,

Grellner Sales & Service will feature products from the breweries they represent.

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 23 are Bootlegger's BBQ, Charlie's Tamales,

Coffee Doctor, Foodie's Fare, Grump's Grub, Kiko Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Lounge, Lil Bits Bakery, Ozark Pizza & Bread Company, Ruby Tuesday's, Snider's Family Restaurant, and Sole Café at Grizzly Lofts. West Plains Area Farmers Market's Jolliff Farm, Kelly Hollow Farms, and Thunder Mountain Farm will offer an assortment of their featured products.

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, Brewer's Ice Co., Great Rivers Distributing, Grellner Sales & Service, and the West Plains Daily Quill.

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. Water and soft drinks are provided by PepsiCo.

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 through Ticketmaster online or from the West Plains Civic Center box office. Credit card phone-in orders can be made through the Civic Center box office at 417-256-8087.

More information about the West Plains BrewFest can be found at [New tab \(westplainsarts.org\)](http://westplainsarts.org), or at the event's Facebook page [\(14\) Facebook](#) E-mail inquiries may be sent to [wpartscouncil1@gmail.com](mailto:wpartscouncil1@gmail.com)

## OZARKS DEEP - ART AND CULTURE TRAILS



"Evening Glow" by Janey Hale

### WEST PLAINS STORY TOUR

West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) continues to invest in our region's infrastructure for folk and traditional arts. In spring 2020, we were awarded a grant from the West Plains

Community Development Grant

Program to develop a program of art and culture trails based in West Plains. The "Ozarks Deep: Art & Culture Trails" combines successful projects with new resources to expand the cultural tourism capacity of the Ozarks region and improve the vitality of our own community. The project will allow the city and regional organizations to promote current assets and be a gateway for future cultural journeys.

The first trail created is called "Ozarks Deep: Story Trail" - where the community stories link with artistic traditions passed down generations, to turn a place into a destination, an experience, for both local residents and visitors as well.

The Story Trail is a combination of history, imagination, and creative use of the community stories that have been passed down through generations. They are the stories that make us unique as well as universal.

We began with existing material that was part of the Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival. The "West Plains Story Tour" is a guided bus tour of downtown West Plains, which was created for the festival by local residents deeply connected to the history and stories of the region. Building on that foundation, we worked with local artists, historians, tradition bearers, and storytellers to combine existing material with new narratives and additional tour sites, to include more depth, more voices, and more stories.

In fall, 2020, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) awarded WPCA a grant to support the production of the West Plains Story Tour and simultaneously create an Artist's Showcase, a sampling of musicians, dancers, occupational artists who have been selected in the past to perform, demonstrate, or exhibit at the Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival. WPCA worked with approximately 30 artists to create this Artist's Showcase. Both the West Plains Story Tour and the Artists' Showcase are virtual elements of "Ozarks Deep: Story Trail", intended to increase accessibility throughout the year, bringing economic benefits to the artists and greater visibility to the creative community.

Tour sites include historically significant locations. The stories demonstrate continuity through context. The route of the tour is featured in this preview page. [http://westplainsarts.org/?page\\_id=3056](http://westplainsarts.org/?page_id=3056)

The entire tour will be uploaded and available after being featured at the 2022 Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival.

People often ask, "What did people do before they had television?"

They brought the fiddle out of the closet, rolled up the rugs and started the music. If they were called to dance, they danced. If there were biscuits and hot cane sorghum around, they headed for the kitchen table, with requests for more. They went to the deer woods, called up the wild turkey. They caught sucker fish with iron gigs, long poles, and flat-bottomed boats, then cooked them up on the sand bars of the river, sharing stories, secrets, and recipes for green tomato relish, served up with a big helping of music around the bonfire that held caldrons of fish, potatoes, onions, and corn dodgers (hush puppies). Growing up in a small town is itself a story, but when you can see the incandescence of the wild azalea bloom that inspired the song "Fire on the Mountain" and hear the bluegrass-style rendition of that song in the same day, it is more than a story. It is an experience.

The Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival has become a vehicle for dissemination, transmission, and conservation of those experiences. Culture is an important part of every-day life, yet we are finding more and more things taking the place of the front porch, the kitchen table, the riverbanks, the country churches. The stories however are more vital than ever because we live in an age of access to instant information, and sensory overload.

Perhaps we long for the kind of connection that comes from listening to something genuine. The new digital mediums have become necessary vehicles for sharing and conservation at the same time. It is different from the live performance, the multi-sensory experience, but our virtual world can offer benefits and opportunities –sharing and listening to people, visiting places that were unimaginable or inaccessible in the past. And it reminds us that we are not only the living descendants of this unique culture, but we hold and embody the living remnants of an otherwise disappearing part of American life.

We expect this effort will generate more community involvement in the planning, organizing and administration of the Ozarks Deep, Art and Culture Trails, and to inspire a group of "Friends of Cultural Tourism". This group will focus on long range sustainability, growth, creating additional "Trails", and reaching into the Ozarks Deep for other diverse voices to include.

Finally, we are grateful for the collaborations that made these productions of the West Plains Story Tour and the Artists' Showcase possible. In addition to the City of West Plains and the National Endowment for the Arts, Missouri State University – West Plains provided resources of the Ozarks Heritage Resource Center, and University Communications to the production efforts. We are also indebted to all those who gave us time, encouragement and trust with their stories, their photos, their memories, and their conversations.

**Both the Story Tour and the Artists Showcase will be featured at the Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival, June 3 & 4, 2022.**

**Pre-Festival Screenings of the West Plains Story Tour – Civic Center Theater**

**Thursday, 3/24/22 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, 3/26/22 1:00 PM**





Indian Creek Afternoon  
Michael McClure

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS "EN PLEIN AIR" EXHIBIT

West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) has issued a call for submissions for their juried "en plein air" exhibit. WPCA will host the exhibition of works in the Gallery at the Center, West Plains Civic Center from May 7 through June 18, 2022. The Gallery, on the mezzanine, is open to the public during regular Civic Center hours.

Plein air artist and WPCA board member Janey Hale says, "Wind, rain, heat or cold will not keep an artist who loves to paint en plein air inside. Any artist who loves to paint directly from nature has experienced all its variations but will endure to capture that special moment in time and place."

WPCA will showcase works that have been created "en plein air" by area artists to highlight the unique challenges this artform brings. Area artists are requested to email photos of up to six (6) proposed works to [info@westplainsarts.org](mailto:info@westplainsarts.org) before April 1 to be considered. The number of pieces allowed per artist will depend on total submissions accepted. A virtual showcase will be prepared and shared online after the exhibit is finalized.

### Guidelines for entries:

16"x20" maximum size preferred. Indicate size with each entry.  
Must have been painted on location, not from a photo.  
Pieces must be framed and/or ready to hang.

WPCA will host a Meet the Artist event on Saturday, May 14, from 2-4 p.m., in the Gallery at the Center. All are invited to attend, meet the artists, 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. [\(15\)](#)  
["EN PLEIN AIR" EXHIBIT- CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS | Facebook](#)



**Behavioral Health Center**

WEST PLAINS, MO - The West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) and Ozarks Healthcare (OHC) through the Behavioral Healthcare Center have partnered to host a selection of high school students' artwork on the theme of "It's Okay to Not Be Okay." The exhibit will be displayed in the Gallery at the Center in the West Plains Civic Center April 30 through May 6, 2022. The Gallery, on the mezzanine, is open to the public during regular Civic Center hours.

Children's mental health week is the first week of May, and this exhibit of 9-12 grade works will help celebrate and build awareness for children's mental health. A digital art gallery will follow.

WPCA will host a Meet-the-Artists event at the close of the exhibit on Friday, May 6, 2022, 4 - 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend, meet the artists, and discuss the pieces on display.  
[\(15\) "It's Okay to Not Be Okay" High School Art Exhibit | Facebook](#)



## Traditional Artisans, Vendors and Volunteers Sought For 2022 Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival

The Old-Time Music, Ozarks Heritage Festival in downtown West Plains, Mo., will be held Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4. 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 the 2022 coordinator Lauren Campbell [ljcampbell9145@gmail.com](mailto:ljcampbell9145@gmail.com) or download a form from the website at: [http://www.oldtimemusic.org/?page\\_id=3205](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 Hannah Salvesen [Hannah.marie.salvesen@gmail.com](mailto:Hannah.marie.salvesen@gmail.com), 385-985-5494.

**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](http://www.oldtimemusic.org/?page_id=100) Registrations should be received by May 15. Contact Sherry Harper-Navarette at 417-274-8618 or email [sherryloisharper1963@yahoo.com](mailto:sherryloisharper1963@yahoo.com)

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](mailto: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>

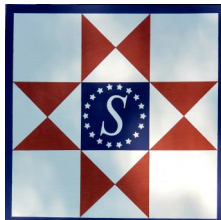
## Craft Workshops scheduled Spring 2022

(Full Schedule available at [westplainsarts.org](http://westplainsarts.org))



Mar. 8—Leprechaun/Bunny Paint Stick Gnomes

April 12—Ohio Star Monogram Barn Quilt Wall Hanging



Register via the Facebook page event links at [\(10\) West Plains Council on the Arts | Facebook](#)

And keep watch on the Facebook page for future workshops in our 2022-2023 fiscal year, planned September 2022 through May 2023.

## Lunch with



featuring Stained Glass Artist Heather Legler

Join us for lunch as we learn more about this distinctive artform.



Monday Mar. 7 2021

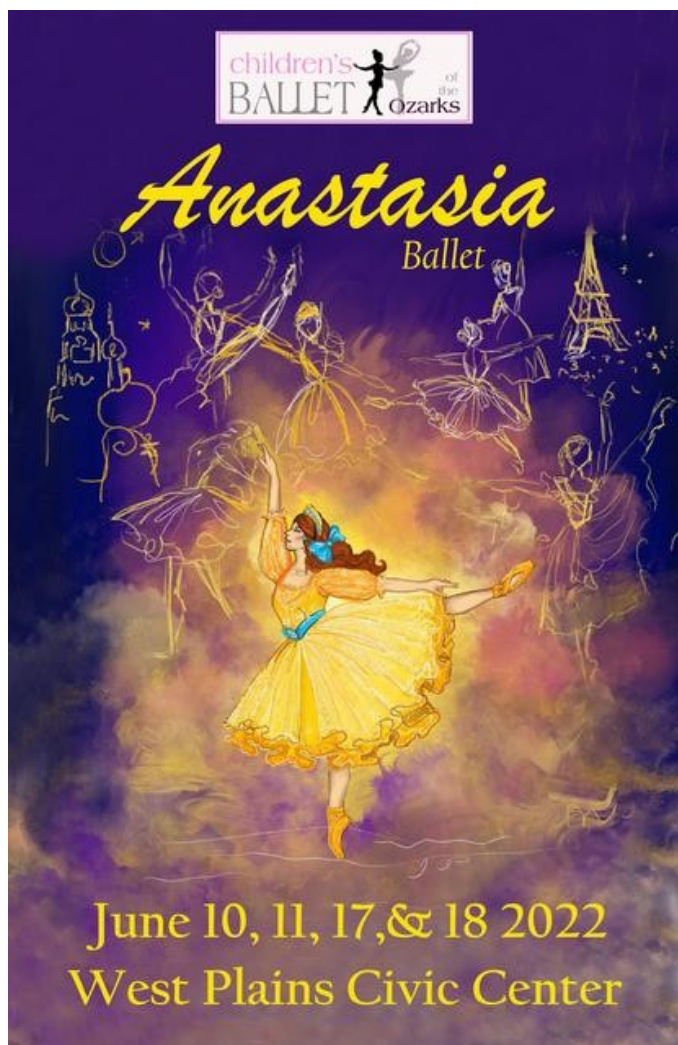
Noon till 1PM

West Plains Public Library Community Room



Tickets available through the WPCA Facebook event page: March 2022 Lunch with Art or phone Paula at 417-293-2325

[\(15\) March 2022 Lunch with Art - Heather Legler | Facebook](#)



The Avenue Theatre is thrilled to announce that a whole new generation will get the opportunity to make their own memories of watching movies on an Avenue screen!

That's right, coming this Spring, the Avenue Theatre will begin regularly showing movies for the first time in over 30 years.

"With digital projection equipment and 7.1 surround sound, we will bring new, independent, and classic films to Avenue Theatre audiences!"



## 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 2022) 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, 2022.** Forms and instructions are available to download from [www.westplainsarts.org](http://www.westplainsarts.org)

### WPCA Supporting Members 2022

Lisa Brassfield  
Barbara Williams  
Mary & Richard Campbell  
Charlotte Craft  
Nanci Harlin  
Mark Wallen  
Brian Smolnik  
Toni Johnson  
Glenda Watson

Your WPCA Membership helps to strengthen our mission. Please consider joining us.

Forms are available at [Membership | West Plains Council on the Arts \(westplainsarts.org\)](http://Membership | West Plains Council on the Arts (westplainsarts.org))



## ART AT OZSBI

### Artwork of Joyce France Thru March 31

The West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) and Ozarks Small Business Incubator (OzSBI) have partnered to bring quarterly art displays to the incubator.



Local artist Joyce France's works will be featured inside OzSBI's first floor through the end of March, 2022. 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.

### Artwork of Karen Pitts April—June 2022



Artist Karen Pitts will exhibit her artwork at OzSBI April 1 through June 30, 2022.

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.

## ART SHOW AND SALE AT CHRISTOS HOUSE



Seven area artists will provide artwork for an art show and sale on April 7, 2022, 6-8 PM.

"Redbuds" by Joyce Stewart will be among the items for sale. The event will be held

in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Christos House outreach efforts.

### Participating Artists:

Laura Bales  
Lee Copen  
Janey Hale  
Michael McClure  
Rhonda Richter  
Joyce Stewart  
Cindy Temple

West Plains Council on the Arts board members include Leigh Adams, Lauren Campbell, Terri Combs, Janey Hale, Kerri Jones, Crockett Oaks, Suzannah Pace, Kathleen Morrissey, and Allison Skinner

Arts Administrator— Paula Speraneo

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/westplainsarts>

Email: [info@westplainsarts.org](mailto:info@westplainsarts.org)

## WEST PLAINS ARTS SCENE



University/Community Programs

## Missouri State University- West Plains University/Community Programs

Mar. 4 Eimear Arkins



Mar. 25 Folklore Festival



Apr. 29 MSU Beartones Concert



## The Harlin Museum

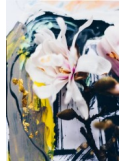
<http://harlinmuseum.com/>

## Upcoming programs:

February 18th – March  
13th: Harlin Museum's 2022 High  
School Art Show Competition/  
Young Artist Showcase

March 18th – April 3rd: Feature Artist Show with  
Angela Bullard

April 8th – May 1st: Harlin Museum's  
2022 Spring Art Show Competition



May 6th – May 29th: Harlin  
Museum's 2022 Photography Show Competition



June 3rd – June 26th: Ozark Heritage  
Exhibit featuring the L.L. Broadfoot  
Collection

505 Worcester Ave., West Plains

417-256-7801

[www.harlinmuseum.com/](http://www.harlinmuseum.com/)

## NEW HOURS!!

Now Open - Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday 12 noon - 4p.m.

## The Avenue Theatre

The Avenue Theatre  
PresentsTHE PLAY  
THAT  
STARTED  
IT ALL!OPENING  
MARCH 11,  
2022

## PERFORMANCES

March 11, 12, 15, 17, 18 & 19 @ 7 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Matinees: March 13 & 20 @ 3 p.m.  
Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

[www.facebook.com/TheAvenueTheatre/](http://www.facebook.com/TheAvenueTheatre/)  
[www.theavenuetheatre.org](http://www.theavenuetheatre.org)



## West Plains Civic Center

March 3-4 MO Homebuilders Assoc. Presents  
the Home and Garden Show

March 12 Irish dancing in the theater 1pm

March 19 Cystic Fibrosis with Joe Nichols per-  
forming



April 1-2 Bulls, Broncs and Bands



April 22-24 Oz Con

[www.civiccenter.net](http://www.civiccenter.net)