

ARTS/ALIVE

Art News from West Plains Council on the Arts

Gallery At the Center Exhibits: Mar. 21-29 Art Around Town Exhibit. Meet the Artists Mar. 26

Apr. 15– May 20 West Plains Photography Club Exhibit. Meet the Artists April 22, 2-4 PM

May 22-31 Mental Health Awareness Exhibit—artwork from all ages Meet the Artists May 26, 4-5:30 PM

Lunch with Art—May 8—traditional artist to preview Ozark Heritage Festival

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Christos House Benefit Art Sale Online—April — to support Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival scheduled for June 2 and 3, 2023



**Saturday, March 11—
5:30-8:00 p.m.
West Plains Civic Center
Exhibit Hall**

WEST PLAINS, Mo. – Craft brewers, area distributors, and restaurants will highlight the annual West Plains BrewFest, set for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2023, in the Arena and Exhibit Hall at the West Plains Civic Center. Doors will open promptly at 5:30.

Tasting glasses, sponsored by Southern Bank, will be available to the first 700 patrons. 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, specialty drinks, coffees, and special food offerings organizers said.

Confirmed are Great Rivers Distributing (sampling Mother's Brewing, Springfield Brewing, Anheuser Busch, Cutwater, Nutrl, O'Fallon Brewing and more), Grellner Sales & Service (sampling Yuengling, Schlafly, Boulevard Brewing, Piney River Brewing, Truly, White Claw, Simply Lemonade, and more), Mothers Brewing, Piney River Brewing and Wages Brewing. Restaurants include Bread Babe & Cookie Dude, Café Whimsy, Colton's Steak House & Grill, Conjure House Coffee, Foodie's Fare. Ruby Tuesday, Sole Café at Grizzly Lofts, and Tribal Cajun. Peace Valley Brewhouse will have homebrew samples.

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, Southern Bank, and the West Plains Daily Quill.

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. Credit card phone-in orders (no added fee) can be made through the Civic Center box office at 417-256-8087. In person ticket purchases can be made at Wages Brewing on Bill Virdon Blvd., or from the West Plains Civic Center box office.

More information about the West Plains BrewFest can be found at <http://www.westplainsarts.org>, or at the event's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WestPlainsBrewfest> E-mail inquiries may be sent to wpartsCouncil1@gmail.com

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, 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, 2023. Forms and instructions are available to download from www.westplainsarts.org



WEST PLAINS, Mo. – The 2023 Old-Time Music, Ozarks Heritage Festival in downtown West Plains, Mo., will be held Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. The annual two-day event in downtown West Plains celebrates Ozarks music and culture.

The Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival is the signature event for West Plains. The 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. Admission to all festival events is free.

Organizers announce this year's event will feature increased programming of traditional music, lifeways, and arts. Music will begin at noon each day and continue through the end of the headliner performances.

2023 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. Additional support has been provided by Missouri Humanities and Missouri Department of Tourism.

For more information on the festival:
e-mail info@westplainsarts.org
visit the website at <http://www.oldtimemusic.org>

Traditional Artisans, Vendors and Volunteers Sought For 2023 Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival

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. Final approval rests with festival committee members, organizers added. Booth spaces measure minimum of 10x15-feet. Space rental fees this year are \$70 for for-profit vendors, \$35 for non-profit groups, and \$150 for food vendors.

Booth registration forms may be downloaded from the festival website, <http://oldtimemusic.org>. You may also contact the vendor coordinator, Jennifer Dryer - Phone: 417-256-4433 or email info@wpchamber.com

DEMONSTRATORS/ARTISANS – Demonstrators are currently being sought for this year's event, and practitioners of traditional arts are encouraged to apply. Applications are available on the Festival website at http://www.oldtimemusic.org/?page_id=3205 Suggested demonstrator hours would be 10 a.m. -8 p.m. Coordinator - Lauren Campbell ljcampbell9145@gmail.com

Many of the area's material arts and crafts originated for entirely utilitarian reasons and were essential for meeting the basic needs of Ozarks residents in past generations. As a result of changes in the region's economy, especially the increased availability of manufactured goods since the mid-twentieth century, such arts and crafts are no longer practical necessities, but many talented artisans and craftspeople in the Ozarks continue to practice them both as outlets for their creativity and as means of celebrating the region's rich cultural heritage.

VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers come from many different areas of the community, donating their time to assure a successful event, and the festival committee spends many hours over the year preparing for it. Volunteers are needed for the information booths and helping with simple surveys (2-hour shifts); as shuttle drivers around the grounds (4-hour shifts, must be 21 or older); helping with set-up on Thursday evening and Friday morning, or tear-down on Saturday evening.

Those interested in helping in any way should contact volunteer coordinator Stacey Tune Staceyatune@gmail.com, 949-887-4185, email the West Plains Council on the Arts at info@westplainsarts.org, or an online sign-up form is linked on the festival website http://www.oldtimemusic.org/?page_id=1222



West Plains Photography Club Exhibit

West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) will host an exhibition of works by members of the West Plains Photography Club in the Gallery at the Center, West Plains Civic Center from April 15 through May 20, 2023.



Photo courtesy of Dennis Crider

Thirteen area artists will participate to showcase some of their best pieces. This is one exhibit you don't want to miss.

Artists include:

Jason Adolphson
Anna Bolhis
Marc Brannan
Dennis Crider
Bob Cunningham
Rachel Hendricks
Justin Lowe
Samantha McFarland
Ralph Moore
Sally Robinson
Tammy Schulz
Regina Stone
Susan Zallar



Photo courtesy of Bob Cunningham

WPCA will host a Meet the Artist event on Saturday, April 22, from 2-4 p.m., in the Gallery at the Center. All are invited to attend, meet the artists, and discuss the pieces.



ART AT OZSBI

**Photography by Melissa Wharton
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 photographer Melissa Wharton's works will be featured inside OzsBI's first floor through the end of March, 2023. 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 Barbara Robinette
April—June 2023**



Artist Barbara Robinette will exhibit her artwork at OzsBI April 1 through June 30, 2023.

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.



Behavioral Health Center

The West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) and Ozarks Healthcare (OZH) through the Behavioral Healthcare Center have partnered to host a selection of artwork to mark Mental Health Awareness Month.

The exhibit will be displayed in the Gallery at the Center in the West Plains Civic Center May 22-31, 2023. The Gallery, on the mezzanine, is open to the public during regular Civic Center hours.

May is designated Mental Health Awareness Month. This exhibit of works will help celebrate and build awareness. A digital art gallery will follow.

Here are three winners from last year's event for high school youth entitled "It's Okay to Not Be Okay."



WPCA will host a Meet-the-Artists event on Friday, May 26, 2023, 4 – 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend, meet the artists, and discuss the pieces on display.

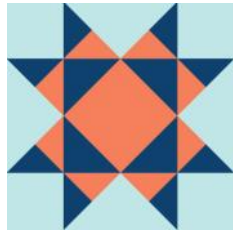
Craft Workshops scheduled Spring 2023

(Full Schedule available at westplainsarts.org)



Mar. 21—Bunny Fence Porch Leaner (6) [Bunny Fence Porch Leaner Workshop](#) | [Facebook](#)

April 11—Missouri Star Barn Quilt – House No.



May 9—Lemon/ Watermelon door hanger

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 2023-2024 fiscal year, planned September 2023 through May 2024.



ONLINE ART SALE TO BENEFIT CHRISTOS HOUSE

Several area artists will provide artwork for an online art show in April during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"Violets" by Janey Hale will be among the items for sale. All proceeds will be donated to Christos House outreach efforts. Be sure to thank the artists for their generosity and support of Christos' mission.

Watch the Christos House Facebook page for the auction link: [\(20+\) Christos House Outreach](#) | [West Plains MO](#) | [Facebook](#)



Christos House Outreach
125 Jefferson Ave.
West Plains, MO 65775
417-256-3408
[Christos House \(christoshousemo.org\)](http://christoshousemo.org)



FOUR AREA ART TEACHERS' ARTWORK TO BE FEATURED AT WEST PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH THRU JUNE 2023

WEST PLAINS, MO - The West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) and West Plains Public Library (WPPL) will partner to bring quarterly art displays to the library. Art teachers from West Plains R-7 schools will be featured March 9 through the end of June 2023. Visitors may view the display at the library during open hours, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

WPPL Director Shawnie Kennedy shares, "We are so excited to have the art teachers of our community displaying their work in the library. Not only are they artists, but they use their talent and love for art to inspire our youth. They are true masters!"

Featured Artists:

Mary-Louise Grisham Nash - West Plains based artist/art teacher, Mary-Louise Grisham Nash has been passionate about art for the majority of her life. She is currently in her 11th year as the West Plains R-7 middle school visual art instructor.

Kathy Grigsby is a retired West Plains R-7 Art Teacher. While enjoying retirement she also teaches part time at South Fork Elementary.

Karen Pitts is currently in her third year of teaching art at West Plains High School and spent thirteen years teaching art at Willow Springs Middle School. She also teaches art at the Harlin Museum in West Plains and is the owner and operator of a painting party business "Treat Your Palette" teaching adult painting.

Audrey Scott is a painter and art educator from West Plains, MO. "I currently have the privilege of teaching art at West Plains High School."

A Meet-the-Artists event will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023, 4 -6 p.m. at the library, 750 W. Broadway, in West Plains. The public is invited to attend, meet the artists, view, and discuss the pieces on display. Partial funding for this exhibit is provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Shawnie Kennedy Shawnie.Kennedy@westplains.gov at the library or WPCA Coordinator Janey Hale at jhale2129@gmail.com.



University/Community Programs

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



LEE COPEN WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP TO BE OFFERED IN JUNE AT THE HARLIN

West Plains Arts Alliance members, the West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) and the Harlin Museum of West Plains (Harlin), will host a watercolor workshop by area artist Lee Copen. The workshop will be held 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2023, in the Hathcock Gallery at the Harlin, 405 Worcester Ave. in West Plains.

WPCA Coordinator Janey Hale says, "Lee Copen is an accomplished watercolor artist and oil painter. Lee is an excellent teacher and able to help the beginner artist learn the medium."

About the Artist: Lee Copen lives and paints on a small farm in Mountain View, Missouri. Whether painting on location or in the studio her light filled paintings reflect her love of nature and the landscape.

"I have always been drawn to the diversity and beauty that landscape has to offer. I love to capture a fleeting moment of beauty and share what I see with others."

Lee Copen studied art at the University of Northern Colorado, graduating with a degree in fine art and an emphasis in graphic design. She worked as a sign painter, art director and graphic artist; eventually starting her own freelance business in Architectural Illustration, which she did for 15 years. In 2002 she became certified in K12 art education and has taught art at Liberty High School for the past 21 years. In addition to teaching, she is a fine artist. She is equally comfortable painting in watercolor or oils, feeling different subjects call for different media and styles. She loves painting both on location and in the studio, each presenting their own unique challenges. She will be teaching a studio watercolor workshop. The workshop is suitable for all learning levels and her hope is that she can teach you to love watercolor as much as she does.

Total cost for the workshop is \$65, and pre-registration is required. Email info@westplainsarts.org or call Paula at 417-293-2325 to sign up. Space is limited for this workshop.

For more information, you may contact WPCA at info@westplainsarts.org, the Harlin Museum at info@harlinmuseum.com, or contact coordinators Janey Hale jhale2129@gmail.com or Vicki Martin v.martin@harlinmuseum.com

Missouri State University
WEST PLAINS
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Mar. 21-29

Art Around Town

Art Around Town

March 21-29 | Reception & Awards March 26, 2:30 p.m.
West Plains Civic Center Mezzanine & Theater
FREE Admission

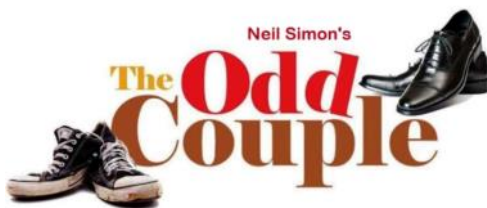


2022 Art Around Town, One of Nine, Karlin Hammers from Lawrence School

Reception and Awards
March 26, 2:30 p.m. Civic
Center Theater



The Avenue Theatre



March 17-26
The Odd Couple
(comedy by Neil Simon)

The Avenue Theatre presents Acting Class II: Scenes and Improv Techniques with instructor Angela Bullard.



Classes will be held on March 18, 25,
April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 1:00 pm
to 4:00 pm.

Email danettehouse@gmail.com or call 417-505-9300 for more information.

www.facebook.com/TheAvenueTheatre/
www.theavenuetheatre.org

WEST PLAINS ARTS SCENE

West Plains Civic Center



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

March 11

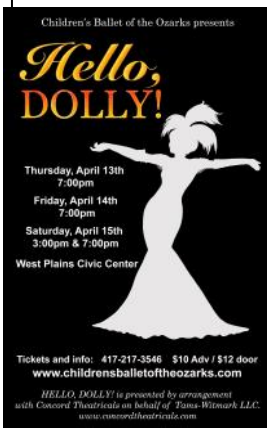


March 18

March 31 & April 1



April 13-15



April 28-30



June 1

June 2 and 3



The Harlin Museum

Upcoming programs:

March 10th – April

2nd:

Feature Artist Show:
Craig Grassle



April 7th -April 30th:

Annual Spring Art Show Competition



May 5th – May 28th:
Annual Photography Show
Competition



June 2nd – September 3rd: *Ozark Heritage Exhibit*
featuring
the L.L.

Broadfoot
Collection

Ozark Heritage Exhibit

with L.L. Broadfoot's Pioneers of the Ozarks Collection

<http://harlinmuseum.com/>

209 W Trish Knight St, West Plains, MO

Watch the Facebook page for new events and activities. [\(7\) The Yellow House | West Plains MO | Facebook](#)

Treat Your Pallett with Karen Pitts

Thursday, March 9, 2023 6 PM

Thursday, April 13, 2023 6 PM



The Yellow House will be the
Storytelling headquarters for the Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage
Festival

ARTS ALLIANCE NEWS

CREATIVE AGING AND ACCESS TOPIC OF TWO MARCH ROUNDTABLES

Continuing programming by the West Plains Council on the Arts (WPCA) to support The Alliance: Arts and Cultural Organizations (Arts Alliance) will feature two discussions on Creative Aging and Access in March. Anyone who wants to learn about these important disciplines is welcome to attend either session. Health care providers, caretakers, educators, those involved with activities for senior citizens, and interested individuals are encouraged to join in the presentations. Both programs will be held at the West Plains Civic Center, 110 St. Louis St., West Plains, MO.

March 17 (12-1 p.m.) – Lunch will be provided – in the Redbud Room. Creative Aging, with a focus on accessibility will be addressed by Virginia Sanders and Michael Donovan of the Missouri Arts Council. Topics will include memory boxes, story circles, dance and singing activities.

Michael Donovan, Executive Director of the Missouri Arts Council, is responsible for developing a strategic and effective organization, and supporting a staff of ten professionals. Donovan has been a professional in the arts for over 40 years, serving on many cultural and community boards including the Mid-America Arts Alliance, and grant panels for the NEA and several states and communities. VSA Arts recognized his commitment to accessibility and artists with disabilities with their Award of Excellence. He received his Masters in Community Arts Management from the University of Illinois, Springfield and a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from the University of Missouri – Kansas City.

March 24 (10 a.m. – noon) – in the Walnut Room. Gary Glazner, founder of “Poetry on Wheels” will share how he came to develop this and other projects. Come for this inspirational presentation on Creative Aging. This promises to be a time for encouraging participation in Creative Aging practices for our area organizations.



Poet Gary Glazner is the founder and Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Poetry Project, (APP). The National Endowment for the Arts listed the APP as a “best practice.” NBC's “Today” show, PBS NewsHour, and NPR's “All Things Considered” have featured segments on Glazner's work. Glazner is the author of *Dementia Arts: Celebrating Creativity in Elder Care*, Health Professionals Press 2014. The APP has provided programming in 36 states and internationally in Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Poland, South Korea, and Turkey.

Please RSVP for either program to info@westplainsarts.org or phone 417-293-2325.

Grant funding for the roundtables is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) as part of their Challenge America: Arts En-



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Harlin Museum

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

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