

boone county arts council news



August 2018

Thanks for a Great Summer in the Park!

The Boone County Arts Council recently completed the 27th season of summer concerts. This year we again had 8 concerts scheduled at four different venues. The Baltic Mill stage was supposed to host five concerts but two had to be moved to our rain site at the Community Building. This past June was one of our region's wettest. We truly appreciate the cooperation of the Community Building Complex Committee of Boone County for serving as our rain site. The staff always makes the transfer of the concerts a very smooth one. We thank the Park District for their cooperation with us on the concerts. We held three concerts at the Baltic Mill instead of the usual five. We also want to thank the Boone County Fair Association for the use of the Entertainment Building for the Heritage Days concert before the fireworks, Candlewick Lake for the beautiful location by the lake and the Poplar Grove Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum for the great location near the museum.

We could not have a concert series without the financial help of our wonderful sponsors:

Blackhawk State Bank, Byron Bank, Candlewick Lake Association, The Law Office of Rene Hernandez, Midland States Bank, Poplar Grove State Bank, SAVANT Capital Management, Swedish American Medical Center/Belvidere, and the Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum.

We also want to thank the concert patrons for coming to the concerts and giving donations for the BCAC programs during the intermission of the concerts.

Very soon we will begin working on the 2019 Concert Series - our 28th!



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Letter from the President

We have been happily busy. So far this summer the Boone County Arts Council events have met with great success. Many, many people of all ages have enjoyed the Concert in the Park season, Paint on State and the creation of the Frank Lloyd Wright Mural. We are now looking forward to our participation at the "Illinois Bicentennial Celebration" on August 19th at the Poplar Grove Wings and Wheels Museum. Our mural fundraiser and dedication, An Evening Celebrating the 111th Year of Frank Lloyd Wright, on September 7th is meant to delight all who attend, please do. October 23rd, 24th and 25th are dates for the always fun for everyone 5th Grade Arts Festival.

The success of these events would not be possible without the help of the volunteers from our membership and community. We appreciate all your help, thank you. Our thanks, also, to retiring board members Tamara Burnett and Mike LaScola for their service and ideas. And welcome to our new board member Michael Frederiksen.

Grab a beverage, take your favorite seat, relax and enjoy the "boone county arts council news".

~ Maria Werchowec

IDA Public Library 2018 Summer Reading Program "One Summer, One Story"

The Ida Public Library invited the Arts Council to collaborate with them on the Summer Reading Program. The goal of the program was to bring the community together reading one book and sharing experiences that related to that selection. Since 2018 is Illinois' Bicentennial year and because of the rich Hispanic heritage in our area the chosen book was The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros. In keeping with that theme, the Arts Council booked a Tex-Mex concert and provided an opportunity for the Library to advertise their reading program during that concert. During the Summer Reading Program's kick-off event on June 2nd, the Arts Council had the opportunity to show off our summer programs for children and adults with hand-outs to the parents. Gary Tate brought some of his puppets and communicated through them while Sherry Lindquist and Jean Twynning played the game Tic Tac Tune with children that visited the booth. Every player was a winner and received a little prize. And collaboration is always a winner bringing people with different interests together, promoting cooperation and enlarging the community.



Fifth Grade Arts Festival

Last spring before school dismissed for the summer the committee met to start planning for the 2018 Fifth Grade Arts Festival which will be held on October 23, 24 and 25. All District 100 Elementary plus St. James Catholic and Immanuel Lutheran schools have reserved the dates on their calendars for the annual field trip.

This year the popular Dance, Junk Art, and Theater sessions will be offered and Photography will be added. All artists have given verbal commitments and will receive contracts soon. Belvidere High School and Belvidere North High School Bands will provide lunch time entertainment and advertisement for middle school band as an elective.

The program is fully funded thanks to generous sponsors:

The Boone County Community Foundation
Midland States Bank
Rockford Area Arts Council
The IOU Club
Don Banks
John & Cindy Maville in Memory of Arnold & Dorothy Maville

After school starts the committee will begin meeting to pull it all together.





Paint on State

During the annual Belvidere Heritage Days event, we held our 4th annual Paint on State community art event. Over 900 squares of art covered State Street, and the city of Belvidere kept the streets blocked off all evening long for people to walk and enjoy the art. Additionally, Anat Ronan painted a 3D design in front of the fire station that families enjoyed.

With the help of many volunteers, we filled the paint cups and packed bags once a week for the month before the event. Thanks to everyone who gave their time to help! This event is made possible thanks to our sponsors, the City of Belvidere, Ace Hardware, Boone County Shopper, Countryside Markets, Mid-western Photography, and Locust Street Press. We also are grateful to the Belvidere Park District for allowing us to use their storage facility to complete all of the preparations for the event.



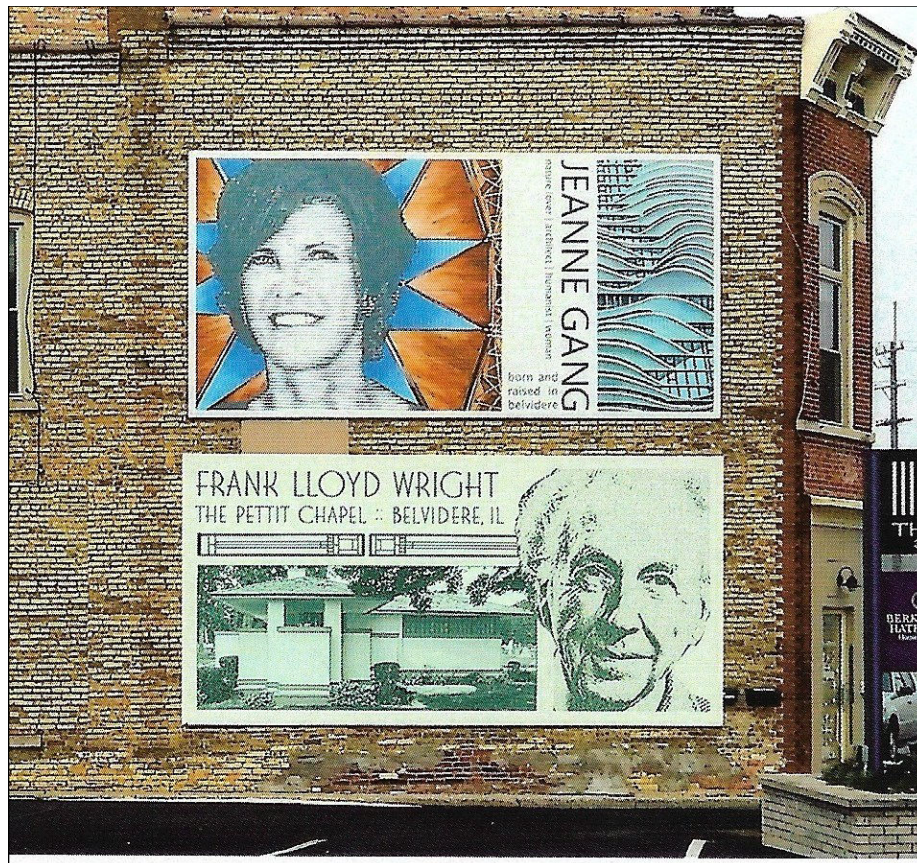
A sampling of the great artwork that covered State Street during Paint on State

Pettit Chapel mural addition during Heritage Days

One of Belvidere's most historic attractions is Frank Lloyd Wright's 'Pettit Chapel' in Belvidere Cemetery. During the week of Heritage Days that rare Wright structure was honored on State Street with a new 200 square foot mural. Painted by Houston artist, Anat Ronen, the newest addition to Belvidere's Public Art mural collection was placed under the Jeanne Gang mural (also painted by Ronen) at 319 N. State St.

We cannot thank our art patrons, members and supporters enough for their financial contributions to make this happen. Please take pride in the beautiful downtown your donations have contributed to - and be proud of your foresight and understanding of the benefits of Public Art. In fact, many of the same donors step forward year after year - and we'd like to add to that list of Public Art patrons so their burden isn't heavy.

Public Art results in increased foot traffic. It serves as a landmark for buildings or neighborhoods. It restores or inspires civic pride through commemorative history - or fanciful artistry. There is no admission fee. It is a 'place' that focuses effort on maintaining or improving that area. The members of the Boone County Arts Council can be assured of our continued 'good stewardship' with our Arts offerings and projects for the public.





AN EVENING CELEBRATING THE 111th YEAR OF

Frank Lloyd Wright

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE DEDICATION OF THE PETTIT CHAPEL MURAL

SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 | BOONE COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY 4-8P.M. | MURAL DEDICATION AT 5:45 P.M. | HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES TO FOLLOW AT 6P.M.

FRANK'S CASH BAR + HANDCRAFTED COCKTAILS + LIVE ENTERTAINMENT + SHUTTLED TOURS OF PETTIT CHAPEL

CHANCE TO WIN PRIVATE DINNER FOR TEN AT THE PETTIT CHAPEL

\$30 per person | Tickets available

online at WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BOONECOUNTYARTS
in person at BOONE COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY
by phone (815)988-5568

shuttles depart from the museum at
4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00

live performances at 5 & 7 by
Timothy Tiller

student art show

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE MURAL FUND OF THE BOONE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

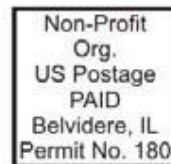
Millennium Mural original "For Sale"

On October 12, 2014, the BCAC re-dedicated the Millennium Mural at State St. and Lincoln Ave. When it was installed it was actually a photographed and digitally printed image of a smaller painting put on aluminum composite panels. The artist worked on an original unstretched canvas oil painting that measures 3'-3" x 13'-5". (Image size 3'-0" x 13'-1") and the resulting photo was printed on a longer-lasting vinyl material - and laminated - so we can continue resurrecting the image for a lesser cost. Got a large space for this incredible art? Well, it's for sale!! See it for yourself on display at our Sept. 7th fundraiser at the Boone County Museum of History!!

Contact the BCAC to make an offer on this historic and beautiful representation of Belvidere. All monies go to the BCAC Mural Project.

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Illinois Bicentennial Celebration at the Poplar Grove Vintage
Wings and Wheels Museum

Find the Arts Council this year at the Poplar Grove Vintage Wings and
Wheels Museum during the 46th annual Poplar Grove Airport Fly-in
Breakfast, Sunday August 19th

Come out for breakfast at the airport (7—11:30) and then enjoy a
celebration of Illinois history presented by regional museums and
organizations (9— 2:00) at the museum.

(for your convenience there will be a tractor shuttle moving between the
airport and museum, no admission for the history event)

We will be celebrating Illinois unique history in the arts along with fellow
local organization Community Art Cart. Join us in the creation of a large
scale collaborative community artwork.