

# boone county arts council news



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## Puppetry is Focus of the Fifth Year of the Fifth Grade Arts Festival



On October 20, 21, and 22, 2015 the Community Building was buzzing with fifth graders from Caledonia, Lincoln, Meehan, Perry, Seth Whitman Elementary, Washington Academy, Immanuel Lutheran and St. James Catholic school students.

Musician Mark Dvorak kicked off each day with the History of American Music by singing folk songs, playing different instruments and inviting the audience to participate.

Several artists provided small group classes focusing on the theme of Puppetry. Gary Tate taught the technique of using puppets by demonstrating several different kinds of puppets performing on a stage. Then students used hand puppets to practice.



Connie Kuntz and Meghan Baylor had the students produce “playettes” with dialogue that they could use to perform with puppets. Norm Knott fostered his “Recycle Reuse” lesson by having the students make puppets out of brown paper lunch bags.

Our hope was that when the students left the Festival they would use the puppets they made and the skills they developed to perform for other classes or groups. The Perry School students took that idea and produced their weekly Video Newscast with puppets.

The BHS Band entertained during lunch and director, Dan Foster, let the students try out the trash can drums.



Kit Scheidenhelm and Dee Santorini returned for a third year to show wheel thrown pottery, a form of art that students wouldn’t be exposed to in school. Mrs. Santorini had them help her make a pot in each class which they then initialed. She took them and fired them and presented them to the classes before Christmas. What a wonderful memento of the day.

The Arts Council is already planning the 2016 Festival and have reserved the Community Building for Oct. 18, 19, and 20. There’s something for the fourth graders to look forward to.



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## Letter From The President

The Holidays are over and strains of Auld Lang Syne have welcomed the new year. We may be snowbound and the Groundhog may predict 6 more weeks of winter but the Board is busy behind the scenes planning the activities for the coming season. Note the Coming Events on the next page.

A priority this year will be murals as we approach the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1997 Walldog Event which produced the murals that earned Belvidere the Governor's designation "City of Murals". Keep your eyes peeled downtown.



Won't you join us and *Share the Vision?* Support the arts through membership.

If you are not already a member of the Boone County Arts Council, we would appreciate your support. Member categories are as follows:

Individual .....	\$10
Family .....	\$25
Friend of the Arts .....	\$50
Sponsor .....	\$100
Patron .....	\$250
Sustaining .....	\$500
Other .....	

Mail to BCAC @ P. O. Box 311, Belvidere, IL 61008.

We also have individual programs that you can support instead of or in addition to membership. Three of those programs in need of support are the 5th Grade Arts Festival, Paint on State and the Concerts in the Park. Any amount would be appreciated. We are also in need of volunteers to assist with our programs. If you can assist with any program, please contact Sherry Lindquist thought the Boone County Arts Council @ 815-544-6242.

We have printed the front and back covers of this edition in color so you can enjoy the pictures of the 5th grade arts festival in color in the newsletter instead of having to go to the website to see them in color.

## Coming Events . . .

1/20 – 1/23/16: Weather permitting (Let it Snow!) the annual **Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition** will be held in Sinnissippi Park. Alternate dates are 1/27 – 1/30. Belvidere North High School's advisor, Edith Obenchain, will field a team made up of Kat Ollmann, Annessa Hint, Nick Dorn and Caleb Sandquist. They will be creating "I Only Have Eyes For You." Drive or walk through and place your vote for People's Choice.

2/5/16: From 9 AM until 3 PM the Arts Council booth will be open at **BOCO**. Again this year we will feature student art from the high school art students. Stop by to vote for your favorite piece. A \$25 People's Choice Award will be given to the student who gets the most votes.

2/29/16: 2016 gives us an extra day. What better way to spend the time than meeting with fellow art enthusiasts? See the invitation on the back of the Newsletter and join us on "Leap Day".

5/2 – 5/6/16: The county wide **Student Art Show** will feature pieces from grades K through 12 displayed in the lobby of Belvidere North High School. You are cordially invited to a Reception on Monday, May 2, from 3 to 5 PM. First and second place ribbons will be awarded to the best pieces in each grade. Since teachers select 5 pieces for display, each student selected gets an Award Certificate. The Heidi Benzel "Best of Show Award" in the high school division will be given from a Memorial Fund started by Lorene Benzel in memory of her daughter who was a promising art student and a 1971 graduate of Belvidere High School. Come see what talented young people are in the community.

### 2016 Concerts in the Park

The dates of the concerts are as follows:

June 5	Baltic Mill Stage - 6:30 PM
June 12	Baltic Mill Stage - 6:30 PM
June 19	Baltic Mill Stage - 6:30 PM
June 26	Heritage Days - 7:00 PM
July 3	Baltic Mill Stage - 6:30 PM
July 10	Baltic Mill Stage - 6:30 PM
July 17	Candlewick Lake Pavilion - 6:30 PM

### Paint on State

Mark your calendars for Paint on State on Saturday June 25th, 2016! The popular event which made it's debut last summer during Belvidere's Heritage Days will be back again, with even more squares for people to paint. People can purchase a bag of painting supplies and create their masterpiece on State Street. For more information visit us online at [facebook.com/paintonstate](https://www.facebook.com/paintonstate). Volunteers needed!

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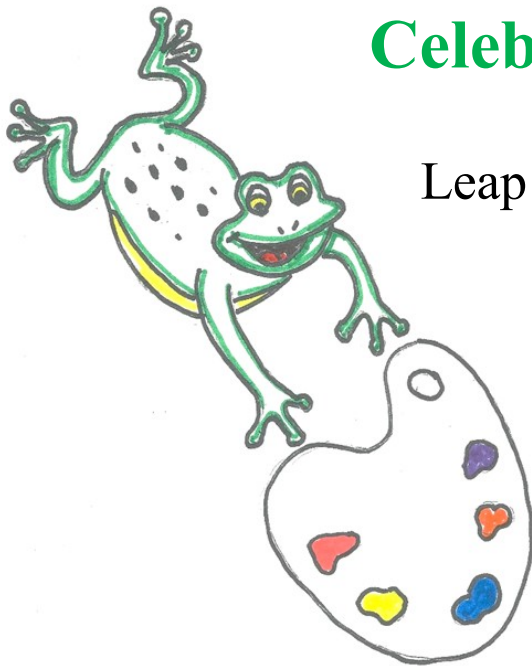
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### The Murals of Belvidere

Find out more about the murals in Belvidere: why is Belvidere called the City of Murals, what is a mural, who painted them and why. The Keenage Center will host a program for the Center for Learning in Retirement (CLR) on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. The presenter will be BCAC's Jan July. Registration and \$10 fee through the CLR is required. Call (815) 921-3931 for more information and a class schedule.

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## Celebrate Leap Day!

Leap over to the **Brick Café & Gallery**  
615 S. State St., Belvidere

Join us  
on **Leap Day, February 29**  
from 5-7pm

**Boone County Arts Council**

Enjoy light refreshments,  
scintillating conversation and  
express your creativity!