

# boone county arts council news



October 2019



## *As we bid farewell to another summer*

we welcome autumn with open arms, looking forward to sharing the creative bounty of our inspiring community.

## *Another great Paint on State!*

**Paint on State 2019** was a hot day to paint, but it didn't stop the crowds! We were thrilled to have 1008 squares of art work covering downtown Belvidere, and sold out of squares before 10am. We are so grateful to our sponsors who made this event possible. Ace Hardware provided all of the paint brushes for the event, and the City of Belvidere made the day seamless with all of their preparation and help. Our other sponsors included Bel Rock, Sips and Sprinkles, Boone County Shopper, and Countryside Markets. Midwestern Photography took countless photos of the event which can be seen on Facebook- providing a wonderful boost in community pride as individuals could see their painting and the exciting process shared online.



## *Autumn in Boone County!*

### **Cemetery Walk**

Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3pm



Join BCAC, the Cemetery Association, Ida Public Library and Boone County Museum of History for our second annual Cemetery Walk in Belvidere Cemetery. Local historian and BCAC board member Mike Frederiksen will present information on the proper way to do a headstone rubbing.

Stroll the Cemetery and listen to costumed interpreters recall the lives of some of Belvidere's most interesting historic residents. We welcome participants of all ages to join us for this walk through local history. The Ida Public Library and the Arts Council will be providing materials for headstone rubbings free to those who wish to participate.

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## Letter from the President

It's that time of year when we are moving from the Summer into the Autumn, a favorite time for a lot of folks. Our Newsletter is filled with reports on our summer events and information on what to expect during the fall. We hope you will be able to enjoy the upcoming activities. It is always fun to see you. As the seasons come and go, so do the people who surround us. The BCAC happily welcomes two new board members, Janet Hyland and Karrie Pace. And we, sadly, say goodbye and thank you to board member Bonnie Bartell who has contributed so much time and talent to the arts council.



Thank you, everyone, for your support.

Maria Werchowec

## Illinois Arts Council Agency Grant Award!

The Boone County Arts Council has been notified that the Illinois Arts Council Agency has awarded a grant for \$3,800.00 for FY 2020. This Local Arts Agency General Operating Grant will provide funds that will be used for our programming and public relations.

### Temple Beth-El Art Auction Call for Artists

On November 16, 2019 Temple Beth-El will again hold a juried art auction featuring the art of local artists.

Artists may submit up to four pieces of art to be auctioned.

Media is limited to fine art and fine craft only. The deadline to submit the items to be considered is October 18.

For more information, please contact Barb Berney at 815-543-6520. The event will be held on November 16 from 6-9 PM at Midway Village.



## *...Autumn in Boone County!*

### **Fifth Grade Arts Festival**

Coming on October 22, 23, and 24, is the annual Fifth Grade Arts Festival. Excited students and delighted artists will explore Music, Dance, Puppetry, Theater Improvisation, and Photography. The Arts Council is able to provide this experience to the fifth graders of District 100, Immanuel Lutheran, and Saint James schools through their cooperation and with the support of the following sponsors: Boone County Community Foundation, District 100 Foundation for Excellence in Education, Rockford Area Arts Council, Belvidere IOU Club, Dick and Kathie Curlee. This program is funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council Agency. Thank you all.

*Thank you for a great summer!*

The BCAC would like to thank our sponsors, volunteers, and audiences for supporting this summer's Concerts in the Park.

We want to thank our sponsors: Blackhawk State Bank, Byron Bank, Candlewick Lake Association, Midland States Bank, Poplar Grove State Bank, Savant Capital Management, Swedish American Medical Center/Belvidere, and the Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum. We also appreciate the help of the Belvidere Park District and the Community Building. The programs of the BCAC are funded in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.



*Just a few more highlights from our great summer...*

#### **Summer Reading Program Kick-Off at Ida Public Library**

Saturday, June 1, found Gary Tate, Maria Werchowec-Hernandez, and Sherry Lindquist in the parking lot of the Ida Public Library. Visiting young people to our booth made paper bag puppets and used them with joke books to perform in the puppet stage.

#### **Wings and Wheels Museum Pop-up Exhibit**

Once again the Arts Council accepted the invitation to join the Wings & Wheels Museum at the Poplar Grove Airport's annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, August 18. Sherry Lindquist brought a Pop-up display featuring the Tic-Tac-Tune game for kids (and the young at heart). Almost 700 people attended and much interest was shown in the programs and projects of the Arts Council. Membership information was also dispensed along with sign up for our new e-mail database so many people will get the Newsletter on-line FREE!

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It was with great excitement that the mural committee, under the guidance of committee leader Jay Allen, was able to bring artist Anat Ronan back to Belvidere to create the newest addition to our beautiful community Murals. Runan also joined us for Heritage Days weekend. She completed the mural dedicated to the Belvidere Park District Centennial, 9-19-2019. She also created another 3D drawing, always a popular attraction during the festival.

The dedication of the new mural was originally planned for Sunday September 22, at 427 S. State Street. Combined efforts with the building owner, Juan Silva and his family along with the Belvidere Chamber of Commerce, the celebration was also to include a ribbon cutting for the new business the Blue Tattoo and an opportunity to join the Buchanan Street Stroll. Unfortunately, inclement weather forced the postponement of all events. The new dedication will be held on October 6th.