



## LivArt: May 2024 Edition

(Greater Livingston County Arts Council Newsletter)

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### **Upcoming Shows:**

**May – Senior Show**  
**June – Tim Kowalczyk**  
**July – Brittney Krischel & Fern Heath**  
**August – Karen Compton**  
**September -- Rick Decorie**  
**October -- Halloween Group Show**  
**w/Illinois State Poetry Society**  
**Pontiac Chapter (theme to come later**  
**November -- John Sanford**  
**December -- Christmas**

## **THANK YOU!!!**

Thanks to the following for their help with the 2024 Swinging Bridges Arts Festival:

City of Pontiac  
DA202 GuestHaus -Alive Again  
Illinois Prairie Community Foundation  
Pontiac Public Library  
Master Gardeners  
The Art Station

Thanks to the Catherine V. Yost Trust for their donation of \$5000! Their support is very much appreciated!

## **DOWNTOWN HUDDLE**

The Huddle meets on the third Wednesday of every month and Misty Bell would like to see each participants that are coming now to bring 5 guests and then they bring 5 guests and so on. There are four committees: Design Panel, Organization Panel, Economic Vitality Panel and Promotions Panel. Misty would like to see these panels working towards the goal of keeping downtown alive.

There will be a Farmer's Market information meeting at the Eagle on March 7 at 7pm for anyone interested.

Upcoming events include a Taste of Pontiac & all things local held on Cruise night June 15 from 5-7.

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## UPCOMING GALLERY SHOWS FOR 2024

(More information to come on shows scheduled after month of May.)

### MAY

Rick Decorie will be showing his work at Tall Grass Arts Association's new exhibit, [WATER WORLD](#).  
Exhibit Dates are MAY 18 - JUNE 21, 2024.

Tall Grass Arts Association, 367 Artists Walk, Park Forest, IL 60466  
www.tallgrassarts.org 708 748 3377  
Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 11am - 4pm each day.



### JUNE

The June show will feature the work of Tim Kowalczyk, an award-winning ceramic artist from Minonk, Illinois, who specializes in making pottery that looks like the real thing! Just "Google" Tim to learn more about him and his work. The opening for Tim's show is June 1st.

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**CONGRATULATIONS CONNIE!!**

Connie Kostelc has a short story published in this month's "Quill and Parchment" online magazine. The literary magazine is known for publishing poems but sometimes publishes other items. If you are interested in reading the short story go to : "Quill and Parchment Magazine," then tap on "new monthly issue," scroll down about half way through the poems and tap on "Coming Storm" by Constance Kostelc.

**GLCAC Board meeting- May 14, 2024- 4:30pm**

Present- Nancy, Pam, Darlene, Juli, Brenda, Brittney (via phone) Absent- Lisa

Minutes from last meeting were approved. Pam gave the treasurers report. We received a \$600 grant and a \$5000 grant from the Yost trust. Pam proposed paying the insurance for the center in one payment in September saving \$200. Motion approved. She reported a balance of \$6015.56.

Old Business☐

1. Juli will contact Helping Hands about having a volunteer day there.
2. Show Sponsorship- This will be turned over to the Gallery committee for their approval or disapproval.
3. Swinging Bridges- More participation is needed from the membership.
4. Summer art camp- Juli and Kathy are working on it. Brittney suggested contacting the High School about having the students volunteer for their graduation volunteer hours.
5. Taste of Pontiac- June 15th . We will be open until 7. We will donate a \$30 gift certificate for the raffle.
6. VIP in Pontiac- Pam is getting stickers for the giveaway.
7. Spring Retreat- June 8 at Nancy's farm, 9-3pm. BYOB and a chair. There will be activities and lunch. This retreat will be for members and significant others. No kids this time.
8. Student Scholarship- only students from Flanagan applied thanks to Brittney. The form and information need to be sent out earlier in the year. The checks will continue to be sent to the colleges.
9. Chicago trip/ future outings- suggestions for new trips are needed

New business=

1. Car show dates- 3 rd Saturdays, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17and September 21. We will try to have workers stay open until 7:00. A small make and take was proposed. The education committee should handle the make and take.

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- 2. Wind farm donation- Pattern Energy Heritage Prairie Alliance based in Texas has offer to donate money to us. Dan F will contact Kelley Electric to get estimates for new gallery lighting.
- 3. Small car replacement- the small outdoor cars are going to be replaced. The city is thinking of doing shoes instead of cars. Liz wants us to spearhead the project.
- 4. Kidsnick- Juli had somewhat committed to helping. There are a lot of kids and we need volunteers. We will take a project and stop when we run out.

The next meeting will be June 18th at 4:30.

Juli Fraher, Secretary

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## PHOTO GALLERY OF EVENTS

### Kyle Fajardo – March Show



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**Dave Herzog and his marionettes entertained children and adults alike at the Swinging Bridges Arts Festival. Thanks to the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation for making the show possible this year!**



**“Old Coots” giving out advice at the Swinging Bridges Art Festival**

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**FUN CREATIVITY HAPPENING AT THE SWINGING BRIDGES ART FESTIVAL**



**Our May show, "Echoes of Experience," featuring area senior citizen art, opened April 27th and closes May 30. Thanks to the Chief Pontiac Chapter of the DAR for sponsoring the show.**

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**MORE ECHOES OF EXPERIENCE PHOTOS**



**Left: Pam Beeson pictured with her artwork at the McLean County Arts Center  
Right: Juli gets a glass jewelry making lesson from Jude Gonzalez**