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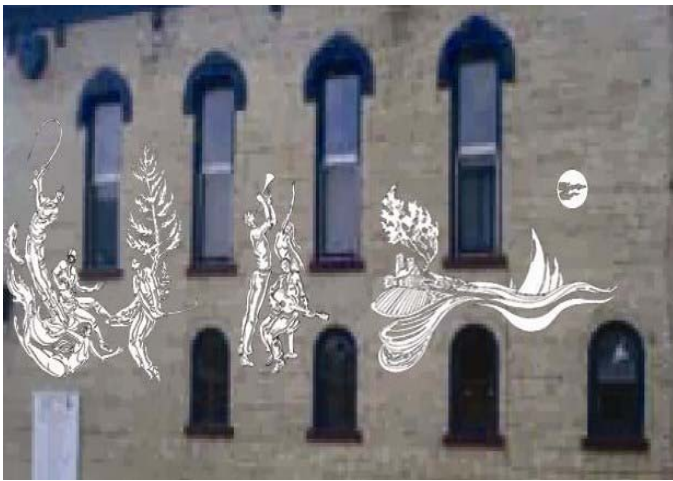
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What Goes Here?



This Goes Here!



By the end of April, residents of Montague and the entire White Lake area will have one more public art piece to be proud of, thanks to recent grants received by the Arts Council of White Lake. In June 2010, the ACWL was gifted with \$8,000 from the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, in honor of the Frauenthal Center's 80th anniversary. Additional funds were awarded from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Rural Arts Program, providing the ACWL with twice the money and making this wall art possible.

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A Piano Extravaganza

"Eight Hands on Four Pianos and More"
Returns to Montague
by Donalee Knowlton

Two magical evenings with master West Michigan pianists performing classical, patriotic, pop, even favorite movie scores on magnificent grand pianos will once again be presented at the Montague High School Center for the Arts on Friday, April 29 from 7:30-9:30 pm and on Saturday, April 30 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Created by conductor/composer/arranger Walt Matzke, the FREE premiere performances will feature such selections as Rimsky-Korsakov's *Flight of the Bumblebee*, Khachaturian's *Sabre Dance*, music of *Star Wars*, a *Queen* medley, and other new arrangements along with unique entertainment to delight audience members of all ages. A free-will offering will be taken. Proceeds from this concert will benefit the Arts Council of White Lake and the White Lake Community Fund.

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Notes from the Chair by Dave Cotter

As I write this the blizzard is on its way and I'll be faced with the dilemma of where to put the new snow when I can't get what we already have over the banks in the driveway. The easiest way to deal with that problem is to ignore it and think happier thoughts.

That brings me to the Arts Council, its immediate past and the anticipation of a great year ahead. In Phil VanderPol's last message he documented the many successes of 2010 including the Piano Extravaganza, the Music Festival, the Sailboat/Trees sculpture in Covell Park and much more. All of these were great additions to the White Lake area and we anticipate even more in 2011. We look forward to new public art on the outside wall of White River Gallery and bike racks on our sidewalks, another great Summer Concert series, expanded music performances and lessons, many educational opportunities through the Nuveen Center and, of course, the beautiful fine art offered at White River Gallery. These are just some of the things we know will happen, but we anticipate much more. The White Lake area is truly becoming an art destination.

Please join us in this journey by participating, contributing, joining and enjoying the many offerings.

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Robert Barnum, art professor at Ferris State University, is busy creating the large art piece seen above to be installed on the Dowling Street wall of the White River Gallery, at the Ferry Street intersection. The Ework will be made of aluminum and will depict scenes dear to the hearts of local residents. There will be white pines and sailboats, figures representing football, golfing, fishing, a thriving farm, a range of artists, and of course, water.

The commission was issued to Barnum after an extensive call for art in the West Michigan area. The ACWL committee in charge felt that Barnum's work was the most sensitive to the area, reflecting local interests and pastimes. Keep watch as images of our area 'grow' on the wall.

A Piano Extravaganza

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A "Meet the Performers Reception" will be held after the evening concerts at the Book Nook & Java Shop for \$15, with limited seating. Tickets for the reception and admission to the concert will be available March 14 at the Book Nook & Java Shop in Montague, MI (231-894-5333) and through tickets@4-pianos.com. For more information, visit our website: www.4-pianos.com.

A Piano Extravaganza™ would like to thank our corporate sponsors: West Michigan Piano, Westfield Organ, Master Tag and the White Lake Beacon.

Gallery Corner

by Nancy Reagh Johnson

White River Gallery is re-opening March 1 for the Change of Seasons Juried Exhibition. The show, juried by Erin Hoffman, runs from March 1 thru April 3, 2011. A reception with awards presentation will be held on March 5 from 1-3 p.m.

Display of Gallery member work will begin April 5, with regular hours of Tuesday thru Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4:00 p.m. We welcome volunteers to help in the gallery on a daily basis with training by Marilyn Ryan and scheduling done by Becky Todd. Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet new people and work in a serene and pleasant environment.

New WRG officers for 2011 are Nancy Johnson-Director, Sheila Passenier-Secretary, and Linda Guinon-Treasurer.

We are also excited to welcome new artist members Elsie Elshof who creates jewelry and Steven Doley who works in photography.

Sheila Passenier, pastel artist, will be featured artist in May and Dick Thompson will be displaying his oil pieces in June. Stop at the Gallery and check out these fine artist's work.

Thank you to Peter Johnson and Bill Randall for guiding us thru 2010. I look forward to an exciting and profitable year as the 2011 director of White River Gallery. I have already had great help from the many members and friends of the ACWL community, and look forward to working and growing together.

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White Night on White Lake Returns for the Fifth Time

by Alice Gamble

Presented once every two years, this summer solstice celebration and wine tasting fundraiser, *White Night on White Lake*, will take place on **Friday, June 24 from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.** at Montague's **Masonic Lodge**. *White Night on White Lake* is the most important fundraiser for the ACWL, and your attendance and involvement will help the Arts Council fulfill its mission of encouraging, facilitating, and enriching the cultural and creative environment for all in the White Lake community.

Throughout our 25 year history, YOU have always been the reason the ACWL is so successful at bringing art, music, theatre, and scholarship opportunities to White Lake. We hope you'll continue your support by serving on a White Night committee, sponsoring a wine, and/or attending. Tickets for the event will give you the opportunity to sample exceptional wines, partake in light hors d'oeuvres, and socialize with friends and acquaintances, all while supporting a valuable cause.

Tickets will be available mid-May for \$35 and can be purchased at the ACWL office at 8695 Ferry Street. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteering, please call the ACWL office at 231-893-2524. Mark your calendars now for the 2011 social event of the season. Remember to bring your friends; they'll love it too!

For The First Time Ever, Wine Tasting Will Have an "Event Sponsor".

In memory of her late husband, Gerry, Ellie Krause has made a particularly significant donation and will become our White Night's first-ever Event Sponsor. We intend to have an Event Sponsor for each succeeding wine tasting and are delighted that Ellie will be our first.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Ron and Nan Bruskotter

Welcome to all new and returning ACWL members for 2011. We are looking forward to yet another successful year. This is an active organization. It is often difficult to keep up with all that is happening. This newsletter is one way to communicate with our membership. It is published quarterly. Articles about the three branches- Nuveen Center, White River Gallery, Music and Performing Arts, as well as fund raising activities are highlighted.

Another good way to keep informed is to visit our internet website at www.artscouncilofwhitelake.org to see a current calendar of events. Periodically we send out e-mail notifications to our members. Be sure we have your e-mail address so you are included.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, it is not too late. Complete the form in this newsletter and send it in with your payment. In order to save space in the newsletter, we will only publish a complete membership roster in the last newsletter of this year. We will continue to identify our business members in each newsletter because we hope you will recognize them and support these local businesses. Anyone with questions about membership or to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please call the ACWL office at (231) 893-2524.

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On the Strength of our Endowment Fund and Legacy Circle

by Susan Newhof

Several years ago, Dave Pickard proposed that the Arts Council board take what seemed like a giant and risky leap at the time – to create an endowment fund. And then raise funds to build it.

Creating an endowment takes faith and vision. The nature of such a fund is that the parent organization – in this case the Arts Council – gets to spend only about 5% of it annually. The rest remains invested and grows through interest and additional donations. So how on earth, we wondered, could we consider building a fund that would sit nearly untouched from year to year? And what if donors gave to the endowment fund instead of to the general fund, leaving us with too little in the budget to pay bills?

Thank goodness, Dave's proposal prevailed. With a glance back at the organization's first two decades and big steps toward the next two, the Arts Council began to morph from a fledgling organization existing year to year, to a substantial supporter of the arts with paid staff, multiple branches and a purposeful future.

Today, our endowment fund stands at about \$35,000 and is housed with the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. Dave recently handed the Endowment Chair reins to Judy Stojak - a great choice. Judy chaired the Arts Council for three years and is a recipient of the Cathy Seggie Award. She is also associate vice president for investments and a financial advisor with Raymond James in Muskegon.

Leaving a Legacy

The next step toward financial security was to create a Legacy Circle to honor those who have designated the Arts Council as a beneficiary in their will or trust. Those who notify the Arts Council that they have done so are automatic members. Marilyn and Tim Ryan and Jack and Laura Schultz recently joined this visionary team. As of this writing there are 19 Legacy Circle members. WOW!

This year, the Endowment Fund will grow. That 5% allocation will be larger. And the Legacy Circle will increase as others designate "planned gifts" to the Arts Council. This year, the Arts Council will be a little more financially secure.

Thank you, Dave and Judy, and thank you to all of you who are part of the growth, part of the strength, part of the Arts Council's bright future.

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Scholarship and Grant Winners

by Laura Schultz

Yes, your membership does make a difference!!

The Arts Council of White Lake continued the celebration of their 25th year by awarding scholarships and grants totaling \$1160 in December.

Two times a year (May 1st and December 1st) the Arts Council considers requests to fund student scholarships and grants for educational and community events supporting the arts. Along with free concerts, a gallery and a multitude of classes, these monetary gifts impact many in our community and represent the philosophy of the ACWL

December, 2010 winners are:

Community Grant

White Lake Chorale \$100

Scholarships:

Justin Auten \$100
Evelyn Mackey \$120
Kennedy McCrary \$100
Nicolas Verbanic \$175
Emma Walsh \$100

(The amounts vary based on the individual applications)

Education:

Lori Augustin (Ealy & Shoreline Schools) \$300
Emma Greenwood (NBC Middle School) \$165

Dear Arts Council of White Lake,
Thank you for the \$100 scholarship to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. I had a wonderful learning experience; Blue Lake has been a benefit to my music career. I'm grateful for your support over the last three years.

Sincerely,
Tracy Lawrence



Pictured Above: Tracy Lawrence-Trombonist, Summer 2010 Scholarship Recipient . Tracy has been able to go on tour with the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp International Orchestra in 2009 and will be touring with them again in 2011.



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Notes from the Nuveen

by Erin Charles

Scrumdiddlyumptious... what other word could describe the Nuveen's exciting spring line-up? With a world-renowned sculptor, an award-winning Michigan photographer, classes from your favorite instructors and a sweet, chocolatey theatrical treat, you won't want to miss what's in store!

First of all, I'm delighted to announce that students in the Nuveen Theatre Workshop will be performing the musical *Willy Wonka Jr.*, a slightly abridged version of the classic favorite. Mark your calendars for one of three performances at the Howmet Playhouse, June 16-18. Auditions for students Grades 4-12 will be held in April. Call for details!

Another not-to-be-missed opportunity is a series of three photography classes by Paul Petersen. You'll move from the basics to an intermediate understanding of photography with the professional who captured *Dawn at Lake of the Clouds*, the 2010 Pure Michigan photo contest winner.

Other exciting classes include clay sculpture with Peter "The Potter" Johnson, a watercolor workshop with Pat Miller and a multi-generational class where you can create a frame-worthy family tree with your kids or grandkids. Can't decide? Try your hand at six different art forms during Adult Art Camp—four straight evenings of creativity and inspiration with artist Cara O'Brien.

Finally, don't miss our April exhibit, *The Sculpture of Ruben Llano*. Ruben lives nearby but his masterful works in wood, clay, and stone are in high de-

mand around the world. Students age seven and up have the once in a lifetime opportunity to study at the Nuveen with this master sculptor. Ruben will reveal his secrets for creating Relief Sculpture--realistic figures that appear to be leaping out of a background of wood or clay. Sign them up early... space is limited!



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PROLOGUE To Down Memory Lane

by Mary Krueger &
Mitzi Luttrull

The following information, gleaned from the Muskegon Chronicle and White Lake Beacon newspapers and Friends of the Arts scrapbook, covers 1976-1984.

The Arts Council of White Lake (ACWL) was the “brainchild” of Harriet Berman. When a community advisory group recommended that Blue Lake purchase a block in Whitehall which was used as the Community School, funds were needed. Harriet pledged to raise \$1,000 per year to pay for the mortgage on the Augustin House, which was part of the block.

“I called a group of my friends and about 40 of us met at the Howmet Playhouse with Fritz Stansell (president of Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp),” Mrs. Berman said. “When we decided we could make Christmas ornaments and sell them, Fritz thought I’d lost my mind and said we couldn’t make a dime.”

This did not stop Harriet Berman!

Under her leadership a committee was formed called White Lake Friends of the Arts. Its purpose was to raise money to benefit the White Lake Center for the Arts, a division of Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

To raise the money needed to support the Blue Lake Community School of the Arts, the members of the White Lake Friends of the Arts made quality hand-made Christmas ornaments which they sold in the Lewis House. It was called *A Touch of Christmas*.

Harriet and her White Lake Friends pulled in a cool \$3,000 from their sale of 650 Christmas ornaments and a raffle. When Stansell was reminded of this money raising incident later he laughed about having been proven wrong

Founding members of the White Lake Friends of the Arts were Harriet Berman, Barb Jacobus, Helen Bartlett, Edna Blomdahl and Grace Hoy. Others who were part of this original group are Margaret Hunt, Grace Duncan, Marge Conrad, Issy Crane, Peg Olds, Jeanette O’Connell, Evie Roberts, Nan O’Connell, Dottie Butterfield, Nancy Chaldu, Dru-cilla Moorehouse, and Carol Urquhart.

Harriet and the White Lake Friends of the Arts were the early pioneers who had the vision to contribute their time and effort to begin the mission that is continued by what now is the Arts Council of White Lake (ACWL). Their mission statement was the same then as it is today—To encourage, initiate, facilitate and enrich a cultural and creative environment throughout the White Lake Community.



Music & Performing Arts

by Sondra Cross

Plans are underway for our second annual White Lake Chamber Music Festival, August 7 – 14, 2011. Alongside approximately 25 events will be a workshop component drawing musicians nationally and internationally to the White Lake area. Host homes will be needed for performers and workshop attendees. If you are interested in hosting or in volunteering for the areas of hospitality, promotion, or fundraising, please e-mail Sondra at sondralwc@aol.com or call 231-329-3056.

Students from area high schools performed for family and friends on Tuesday, January 25, in preparation for the 2011 District Solo & Ensemble Festival. This preparatory recital, held at Ferry Memorial Church in Montague, gave student musicians an opportunity to compete for monetary awards while preparing them for their judged performance later that week.



Justin Auten-Alto
Saxophone
Senior at Reeths-Puffer
High School

Three students were chosen for \$100 scholarship awards, based on their outstanding performances. Those winners are Justin Auten and Shelby Rake, seniors at Reeths-Puffer, and Luke Kang, a senior at Mona Shores.

Generous community individuals have contributed to a general music scholarship fund, enabling students to further their music education. Also awarded was the Charlie Misner Scholarship, in memory of a founding member of the White Lake Chamber Music Society.



Shelby Rake- Flute
Senior at Reeths-Puffer
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Change of Seasons Juried Exhibition

Nuveen Center & White River Gallery
March 1– April 3

HarborLight Movie Night

Close Encounters of the Third Kind

Howmet Playhouse
March 3, 6:45 p.m.-9 p.m.

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March 15-May 10

HarborLight Movie Night

Guess Who is Coming to Dinner

Howmet Playhouse
April 7, 6:45 p.m.-9 p.m.

The Sculpture of Reuben Llano

Nuveen Center
April 14-May 26
April 14, 5-7 p.m. Artist Reception

Piano Extravaganza

Montague High School Center for the Arts
April 29 & 30, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

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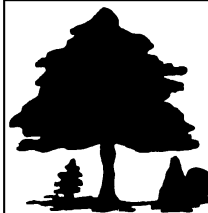
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Change of Seasons Juried Exhibition

The eleventh annual Change of Seasons juried exhibition at White River Gallery and the Nuveen Community Center for the Arts runs March 1 through April 3. The opening reception is 1-3 p.m. March 5, with awards presentation and a juror’s statement at 1:30 p.m.

The spring show begins with a blast of invitations to area school districts and to adult artists around the state, promising a diversity of entries for your viewing pleasure and for purchase. Typically, more than 100 adult entries are juried into the show, and youth entries reveal surprisingly mature works by dozens of developing artists.

Thanks to the generous support of regional sponsors, cash prizes are awarded in several categories.

This year’s juror is Muskegon Community College art instructor Erin Hoffman. Hoffman holds a Masters of Fine Arts degree from the University of Georgia. She has taught college courses in Art Appreciation, Drawing II, Color and Composition, and Beginning Intaglio. Her own work, primarily woodcuts, drawings and oil paintings, has been in over 60 exhibitions nationwide.

Lift your spirits in March with visits to the Gallery and the Nuveen. We promise a show of fresh artistic expression.



“Lily Reflections” by Abby Keessee
2010 Second Place 6th-8th Grade Division



“Playfull Panda” by Noelle Seward
2010 First Place 3rd-5th Grade Division



“Parrott” by Alex Baker
2010 ACWL Award, 3rd Grade