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2006-2007**

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**Report of the
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2007-2008

Nominating Committee

Mary Cornett

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Jurors

Marie Hunter (convener)
City of Columbia,
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Jennie Cummings
Mountain View Council
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Mountain View, MO

Valaree Rutherford
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De Ann Rene Martin

Arts Project

Educational Outreach Committee (SJCC)
Robidoux Resident Theatre *Audience
Building/Educational Campaign*
Saint Joseph Symphony *Instrument
Petting Zoo*

Youth Artist

Caleb Klingseis
Kristin Langemach
Jessica Mularoni

Extraordinary Lifetime

Achievement Award

Ray Alburn (1930-2007)

Mayor's Awards Nominees

**Mayor's Awards for the Arts
Nominees for 2007**

Individual Artist

James L. Fly
Jeff Haney
Evelyn Jordan-Isaacs
Jason Riley

Arts Volunteer

Andrew Bramlage
Enid Lowenberg
Dr. Robert Spurgat

Business or Corporation

St. Joe Petroleum- Fastgas
Convenience Stores
Heartland Foundation

Annual Report 2006/2007

Arts Fund Exceeds Goal

Special points of interest:

- Arts Fund exceeds its goal
- Arts Education progressed
- Major change underway for Trails West!® 2007
- President Kathy Bahner completes first term

Under the direction of chair **Sharon Kosek**, the Arts Fund exceeded its goal of \$185,000, with \$196,078 raised to date. "We set our goal to raise \$185,000. We did that and a little more," Kosek said. "Our volunteers were dedicated and determined to do this. We all believed the community would show its support for the arts and it did."

Several divisions showed significant increases. The cabinet included: **Patt and Sherri Lilly**, Pacesetters; **Allison and Todd Stewart**, Trendsetters/Special Gifts; **Larry Stobbs**, Major Firms/Industrial; **Sharaon Hinderks**, Finance; **Mary Cornett**, Retail; **Patti Eiman**, Services; **Diane Gorcyca**, Higher Education; **Ann Weston**, School District; **Tama Wagner** and **Marcy George**,

Heartland Employees, **Ed and Grace Andres**, doctors; **Bud Salanski**, mental health, **Andy and Sherry Trout**, dentists, **Cathy McKim**, other medical; **Sandy Miller** and **Nancy Reese-Dillon**, Mail; **Mary Robertson**, City Hall, and **Bill McMurray**, County.

Three major events took place during the campaign: a kick-off event at the Missouri Theatre chaired by **Pat Benedict**, providing artistic experiences for over 150 children; a Wine Walk chaired by **Mary Ingersoll**, which raised over \$2,000 and was a huge hit with those attending; and the First Annual Arts Fund Telethon chaired by **Brad Auge** with the assistance of **Jill Jensen**, during which KQ2 donated over two hours of air-time, \$6,000 was raised, and community awareness was

furthered. The Arts Fund provides an average of 20 percent of the annual budgets for the Allied Arts Council, American Guild of Organists, Creative Arts Productions, Midwest Artists Association, Performing Arts Association, Robidoux Resident Theatre, St. Joseph Community Chorus, and the Saint Joseph Symphony.



Volunteer Christina Lund helps a young artist at the Arts Fund kick off

President Kathy Bahner starts forward thinking sessions

The Council has the task of developing a new long range strategic plan that will guide the organization through 2011. To assist in the development of the plan President **Kathy Bahner** held "forward thinking" sessions throughout the year with both the full and elected council. She also reconvened the

Presidents' Roundtable to discuss member agencies issues and needs.

Based on the input received Bahner is excited to delve into the planning process this fall. Her goals include an

- Involved Board, one which is active in reviewing and implementing policies and

- processes;
- Active Board, one that supports the Council's outreach and fundraising efforts; and,
- Evaluative Board, one that implements processes that assure that the AAC is meeting today's needs.

Arts Education Focus



Artscape student shows off her homemade mask.



Students enjoy painting at Artscape

Under the leadership of the Arts Education Committee and with the assistance of Operations Manager **Cathy Ketter**, the Allied Arts Council provides a variety of educational programs, including *Artists in the Schools*, *Artscape*, *artist residencies*, and the regional *Poetry Out Loud* competition. The all-volunteer committee includes **Sharmyn Thompson**, chair, **Rebecca Giles**, **Karen Jensen**, **Carol Matt**, **Barbara Maxwell**, **Doratheia Polsky**, **Rick Rader**, **Linda Riddle**, **Rhonda Rund**, **Mary Helen Stuber**, **Kathy Wessler**, and **Jennifer Zeller**.

Artists in the Schools, begun in 1982-

1983, has grown from 28 sessions its first year to 103 sessions this year. This enrichment program now reaches 6,000-7,000 children, teachers and parents annually, and includes some of the region's best artists, who visited schools and worked in classrooms to provide support across the entire curriculum.

Artscape was held during August on the campus of Missouri Western State University, the program's co-sponsor. This multi-discipline day camp, begun in 1988, offered young people a selection of 13 art classes.

In November, Kennedy Center Partners in Education (Allied Arts Council, Albrecht-Kemper

Museum of Art, Saint Joseph Symphony, and St. Joseph School District) brought Kennedy Center artist **Sean Layne** to St. Joseph for an artist residency entitled *Acting Right: Concentration and Collaboration*.

Poetry Out Loud is a program begun by the National Endowment of the Arts and Poetry Foundation, and in February AAC hosted the first northwest Missouri regional competition which included students from four northwest Missouri high schools.

Submitted by Cathy Ketter, Operations Manager

Visual Arts Success Stories

With the participation of Citizens Bank and Trust and the assistance of the dedicated members of the Visual Arts Committee, the Biennial Award show was held in May for the first time in seven years in honor of the well known and talented St. Joseph artist **Evelyn Jordan-Isaacs**. This prestigious juried show honors the lifetime achievement and dedication to the local arts scene of an area visual artist. Congratulations Evelyn, and kudos to the Visual Arts Committee members **Jim Fly**, **Rick**

and **Terri Rader**, **Rhonda Rund**, **Cheryl Simonis** and Program Coordinator **Tammy Santos** for achieving this important committee goal!

Two *Art for the Health of It* Exhibits were held at Heartland Regional Medical Center during the past year, with over 100 participants (up significantly from last year) exhibiting their works in 5 categories. The Visual Arts Committee introduced a "Best in Show" award in fall 2006, with the first winners of this category being pencil artist **Wanda Taylor** and photographer

Linda Barker.

Upcoming plans for the committee include two *Art for the Health of It* Exhibits (Fall 2007 and Spring 2008), the introduction of at least two additional exhibits at Heartland Health (December 2007 and Summer, 2008), and the *Art for Business' Sake* exhibit (Fall 2008), which will include the winners from several past *Art for the Health of It* Shows.

Submitted by Tammy Santos, Program Coordinator



Biennial Award Winner Evelyn Jordan Isaacs

Council implements major change for Trails West!® 2007

After two years of debating the pros and cons of charging an admission fee the Council unanimously approved a resolution allowing the Trails West!® steering committee to set an admission fee beginning with the 2007 festival.

While Trails West!® has received consistent, continued support from the City of St. Joseph, Buchanan County, the Missouri Arts Council and our corporate donors, revenue generated by the festival itself from vendor

proceeds, souvenir sales and button sales has steadily declined due to inclement weather.

Rising costs and decreased revenue prompted the 2005 Steering Committee to suggest the Council investigate the possibility of requiring the purchase of a button for admission into the festival.

Following the 2006 festival, it became clear that a free festival was no longer possible. The 2007 Trails West!® chairs and past chairs

met for several months to discuss options and solicit community feedback. The committee reviewed methods used by other arts festivals including charging a fee for evening entertainment, downsizing the festival to eliminate the main stage; and finally, discontinuing the festival all together.

Charging admission was the only option that was logistically possible, allowed for a wide range of performance arts, and assured the financial stability of the festi-

val for years to come. Community support for the decision has been overwhelmingly supportive.

Allied Arts Council President **Kathy Bahner** said, "We believe it's an important step for the future of the festival and the right thing to do to remain fiscally responsible and still provide quality entertainment for the community." Co-Chairs **Tim** and **Leanne Davis** have been hard at work with staff and committee chairs developing new strategies and procedures to ensure the festival runs smoothly.

Trails West!® will be held August 17, 18, and 19 at Civic Center Park. Festival guests will need to buy a Trails West!® button for \$5 in advance or \$7 at the gate for admission. Children 12 and under will be admitted free of charge. The buttons include coupons good for discounts at local merchants through December 31, 2007.

Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph, Mo., Inc.
2007 Annual Meeting
 Thursday, June 21, 2007
 Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art

Program

Terrace Dining Room
Reception and Cash Bar
 6:00 p.m.

Dinner

6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Mary Boder Theatre
 7:30 p.m.

Convene Annual Meeting	Kathy Bahner, President
Welcome	Kathy Bahner
Executive Director's Remarks	Teresa Fankhauser
Financial Report	Ron Olinger, Treasurer
Recognition of Retiring Board Members	Kathy Bahner, President
Report of the Nominating Committee	Merry Burtner, Chair
Election: New Board Members, Nominating Committee	
Annual Meeting Adjournment	

Convene June Board of Directors Meeting	Kathy Bahner, President
Election of Officers	
Budget Approval	
Other Business	
Adjournment of Board of Directors Meeting	

Mayor's Awards for the Arts

Ken Shearin, Mayor



Future drummer at the Percussion Playground Trails West!® 2006