We are a community that creates and innovates. We are vibrant, hardworking, educational and generational. We are your next-door neighbors, your family. We are your bankers, letter carriers, grocers, and cashiers.

We are the arts.

“The arts are vital to St. Joseph. They add to the quality of life and ongoing education of all of our residents. They help us attract businesses, college students, and new residents to St. Joseph. They are also vital to our families and help us raise well-rounded children who have been exposed to a world even larger than St. Joseph,” said Mallory Murray, Director of Public Relations and Marketing, Missouri Western State University.

Every donation to the Arts Fund, no matter how big or how small, impacts our arts community. A $5 donation gives children the opportunity to have their first symphonic experience. A $100 donation helps keep arts workshops and camp costs down so that more are able to attend.

As the only fund exclusively for the arts in St. Joseph, the Arts Fund provides a unique opportunity to support a wide range of arts programs and activities. This year’s funded agencies, Allied Arts Council, Creative Arts Productions, Performing Arts Association, RiverSong, St. Joseph Community Chorus, and Saint Joseph Symphony need your help in raising $202,500.

“The arts are good for every community,” said Chris Price, Hy-Vee Perishables Manager. “If children realize the importance of art and creativity from a young age, they can grow up to be more confident, more creative and definitely more mature. As an adult, it is our duty to keep the arts alive for future generations to enjoy and to enjoy ourselves.”

“St. Joseph’s growing arts scene has made a substantial difference in the quality of life in our region, and it’s something that differentiates our community,” said Murray.

There are many ways to support the Arts Fund. Complete the pledge card on the back of this newsletter or the pledge card you receive in the mail, donate online at www.stjoearts.org, or simply call the Council’s office at 816-233-0231 to make a pledge or for questions.

We are community. WE ARE THE ARTS.

Donate today! www.stjoearts.org
About the Allied Arts Council

The Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph, Missouri “to bring arts and people together.” Founded in 1963, the Council is one of the oldest in the State of Missouri and is acknowledged statewide as an arts leader. In 1990, the City of St. Joseph designated the Allied Arts Council as the City’s official community arts agency. Operating with a staff of four and a volunteer base approaching 2,000, the Council takes the lead in our community in organizing, fundraising, advocating, educating, and servicing the local arts community.

Organizational membership in the Council is open to nonprofit agencies who provide arts related activities. Currently fifteen arts and cultural agencies are members. As an umbrella agency, the Council assists with scheduling, funding, and marketing for all member agencies. The Council is also working with the City of St. Joseph to increase marketing for the major performing arts center in the city, the Missouri Theater.

Meet Your 2015 Arts Fund Chairs

The Allied Arts Council proudly announces Rich and Barb Crumley as the chairs of the 2015 Arts Fund campaign. The Crumleys are very involved with many aspects in our community. “I like to keep busy and therefore it always involves Rich,” said Barb Crumley.


The entire Crumley family truly believes in the arts. “Our son David was involved at Central High School in drama and art. Our daughter Angela loved art, music and creating items for gifts. Our family has been involved for years with the New Generation Singers. Rich was active in the Pony Expressmen Barbershop Chorus for many years. Our son David and his friends also joined, and his son Ben joined when it transitioned to Voices of America. It became a family event,” said Barb.

The arts in our community are very important to the Crumleys. “We appreciate what St. Joseph offers in the way of arts and we want it to continue. We love working with people who are excited about the arts and want it to continue being strong,” said Barb.

“Everyone we contacted said yes to being a part of this campaign.

We Are the Arts. We support the Arts. We love the arts. We are the Arts Fund.

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After two successful years of selling out the Beer Walk the Council asks you to Save the Date for the 3rd Annual Beer Walk for the Arts on April 25 from 2-5 p.m.

This year the Beer Walk begins at Downtown Abbey in the historical Museum Hill neighborhood. “Beer Walk for the Arts brings a variety of people together to enjoy sampling craft beer, tasting hometown cuisine, listening to live local music artists, and viewing historic homes. The lively and engaging atmosphere draws you in,” said co-chair Tisha Hicks.

This year’s committee includes co-chairs Amy Jackson and Tisha Hicks, and committee members John Jackson, Kristin Hamilton, Josh Hamilton, Kevin Hicks, and Hilary Newey.

The Beer Walk for the Arts benefits the Arts Fund, which provides financial support to 6 local arts agencies. “I’m looking forward to this fun event! Last year was a successful and positive experience. The best part is knowing our efforts help support our local arts community,” said Hicks.

Details are still being finalized for this year’s event, so to stay up to date on the Beer Walk, follow us on Facebook or Twitter, visit us at stjoearts.org, or call 816-233-0231.
Currently
St. Joseph Sculpture Walk
Visit downtown with the warmer weather to catch a few more glimpses of this year’s sculptures!
Downtown St. Joseph
816-233-0231
Free
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Trivia Night at the Museum
Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
Albrecht-kemper.org
Show off your smarts as you answer questions about art, history, sports, pop culture and more in this team-trivia challenge.
6:15 p.m., AKMA
816-233-7003
$20/person
2-12
Urinetown: The Musical
Missouri Western State University
One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, Urinetown is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold.
April 2, 3, 4, 10 & 11: 7:30 p.m.
April 12: 2 p.m.
Potter Hall Theater, MWSU
816-271-4452
$8-14
2 Sounds of the Season, MWSU Vocalists in the FPC Sanctuary Choir
First Thursday Noontime Concert Series
12:10 p.m., First Presbyterian Church
$3 suggested donation
3 MWSU First Saturday Paint Out
Missouri Valley Impressionist Brent & Sveens hosts an MVIS paint out during First Saturday events in downtown St. Joseph.
9-4 p.m., meet at Felix Street Square (7th & Francis)
816-885-7230
Free
4-19
MWSU Art Department Senior Exhibition
The second of two exhibitions featuring the artwork by graduating seniors in animation, art education, graphic design, and studio art in the MWSU Department of Art.
Mon.-Fri. 8:30-4:30, Potter Hall, MWSU
816-27-4282
Free
9 Tolson Jazz Quartet
Missouri Western is excited to host the Tolson Jazz Quartet 7:30-9 p.m., Kemper Recital Hall, MWSU
Free
10-12
A Streetcar Named Desire
Robidoux Resident Theatre
Rtstjoe.org
Tennessee Williams’s classic play begins with Blanche DuBois’s arrival in New Orleans to stay with her sister and brother-in-law. The play finds images and rhythms that are still part of the way we think, feel and move.
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m., Missouri Theatre
816-232-1778
$10-30
11
MWSU Spring Concert
Bryce Vine and Ludacris (3x Grammy Award Winner)
7 p.m., Civic Arena
816-271-4200
12
Celebrated Choruses from Musical Theater and the Cinema
St. Joseph Community Chorus
Capstjoemo.org
The Chorus and the Chamber Chorus will present celebrated choruses from musical theater and the cinema. Selections from Les Miserables, The Mission, Breakfast at Tiffany’s, The Wizard of Oz, Cars and Wicked and others will be performed.
3 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church
816-364-7466
$5-14
13
MWSU Spring Jazz Concert
7:30 p.m., Potter Hall Theater, MWSU
21 MWSU University Concert Band and Chorale Ensembles Concert
7:30 p.m., Potter Hall Theater
Free
23 Arts & Carafes - A Fun Evening of Paint and Wine
Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
Grab your friends, and set aside the evening as you come and enjoy appetizers and sweets, along with your favorite beverages. Chat with your friends as you paint your very own masterpiece, all included with cost of entry.
5:30-7:30 p.m., AKMA
816-233-7003
$25-35
25 Beer Walk for the Arts
Allied Arts Council
Stjoarts.org
Allied Arts Council’s 3rd Annual Beer Walk for the Arts - This event allows you to peek inside beautiful Historic St. Joseph homes, taste craft beers, and enjoy live music.
816-233-0231
25 American Inspiration
Saint Joseph Symphony
Featuring Kim and Reggie Harris and Benton, Central & Lafayette High School Choirs. Haislork: Three Spirituals for Orchestra; Gershwin: Porgy and Bess Suite; King and Reggie Harris: Welcome Table: A Mass of Spirituals
7:30 p.m., Missouri Theater
816-233-7701
$10-43, with dinner
25 Mother’s Day at the Mansion
Museum Hill Neighborhood Association
“Mother’s Day at the Mansion” is a festive lunch served with hosts in turn of the century costumes. Carryage rides & a self-guided tour booklet of the blocks are included.
11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Wyeth Tottle Mansion
816-262-9853
$30-50
25 Breaking Up Is Hard To Do
Robidoux Resident Theatre
Sondheim on Sondheim
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m., Robidoux Landing Playhouse
816-232-1778
$145, with dinner
11 Parties on the Parkway
5-8 p.m., SW Parkway and 28th Street
816-529-4461
Free
16 Brittany’s Boogie Dance Studio Recitals
Breatheboogie.com
Join Brittany for their 2015 dance recitals.
2 & 7 p.m., Ron Houston Performing Arts Center, NWMSU
660-582-9311
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SAVE THE DATE for Artscape 2015
When: August 3-7, 2015
Where: Potter Hall, MWSU
Ages: Entering 3rd - 10th grade (by fall 2015)
What is Artscape? A five day arts camp operated by the Allied Arts Council in conjunction with MWSU Departments of Music and Art and the Center for Community Arts, designed to give children a hands on, integrative arts experience under the instruction of professional artists and teachers in many disciplines. This is the 28th year for Artscape.
Fees: $95 for full day or $70 for half day, which includes camp t-shirt.
Enroll by July 22, 2015
For registration information: call Cathy Ketter at 816-233-0231, or visit www.stjoearts.org.

Mayor’s Awards for the Arts

The Allied Arts Council celebrates its vibrant arts community with the twenty-third Mayor’s Awards for the Arts, presented by Mayor Bill Falkner and the Allied Arts Council. Established in 1992, the Mayor’s Awards for the Arts recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions in the arts in the greater St. Joseph, Missouri area.

To nominate an artist, arts organization, or arts project please visit the Allied Arts Council website, www.stjoearts.org, or in late April to find a nomination form. All nominations must be received in the Allied Arts Council office by June 19, 2015.

“The Mayor’s Awards for the Arts give the opportunity to do so,” said Teresa Fankhauser.

The selection process includes an awards selection committee that reviews the nominations and selects the award recipients in seven award categories: Artist of the Year, Arts Educator of the Year, Arts Business Project, Youth Artist, Business Support of the Arts, Individual Leadership, and Volunteer of the Year.

The awards are presented during a special ceremony held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Allied Arts Council on July 16, 2015.

Winner of the 2015 Northwest Regional Poetry Out Loud Competition Announced

Three students from Northwest Missouri including Alex Hall, home school, Max Schieber, Bishop LeBlond High School and Alden Wildermood from Lathrop R-II competed in the 2015 Poetry Out Loud Northwest Regional Finals hosted by the Allied Arts Council on February 11, 2015.

Homeschooler Alex Hall from St. Joseph was the regional champion, and the first runner-up was Alden Wildermood from Lathrop R-II. Hall will advance to the state finals March 12, 2015 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Judges Cathy Ketter, Jolene Dempster, David George and Cheryl Wood presided over the competition and evaluated student performance on criteria including physical presence, evidence of understanding, level of difficulty, and accuracy.

Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country. Poetry Out Loud Uses a pyramid structure. Beginning at the school level, winners advance to a regional competition, then to a state competition, and ultimately to the National Finals in Washington, DC.

The competition was presented by the Allied Arts Council in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation, the Missouri Arts Council and Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies.

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- Chris Price, Allied Arts Council 2nd Vice President, Hy-Vee

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Would you like to support the St. Joseph Arts Community?

Donate to the Arts Fund!

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