



SPRING GREEN AREA *Arts* COALITION

Hard to believe **summer** is slipping by so quickly, but it's not over yet! In the next few months, Spring Green Area Arts Coalition events will inspire creativity, **celebrate** local arts and culture, offer opportunities for fellowship and **connection** within our community, and give residents of the River Valley a chance to experience **art** in all its unique forms.

Read ahead to find out what is coming soon. In particular, the **Slow Food Social**—a community favorite—is coming fast upon us, along with new events that will inspire, delight, amaze, and at the same time offer a chance to support the local arts and our community.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next **Flying Carpet Bus Ride**. The actual trip is Sunday, September 26th (but reservations must be made by September 10th). Take a look at the wonderful comments from participants on the Flying Carpet Bus Ride maiden voyage in November. Such a smashing success, we decided to offer a second opportunity for the **magical** journey.

Also take a glimpse back into the recent past to see events the local community has experienced thanks to area artists, you, and your generous support of the Spring Green Area Arts Coalition.

To all the past and present supporters of the arts:

we thank you!

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Summer 2010

Upcoming Events

In addition to all the SG AAC socials and events listed in this newsletter, there are many wonderful events planned for the remainder of summer. Although too many to mention, here are a few highlights (see our website for the complete listing):

August 18, 6pm

Spring Green Slow Food Social: Celebrating Our Cultural Roots, (See article in this issue)
Spring Green Community Church, 151 E. Bossard Street

August 22, 9am-8pm

4PeteSake Benefit: 6th Annual Day in the Park North Park, Spring Green

August 23, 7:30pm

Rural Musicians Forum Concert, Unity Chapel, Cty. I, Spring Green

August 28, 6pm

SGAAC Social: Stripping the Soul Naked: Modern Art and the Human Body, (See article in this issue)
Old White School, 242 N. Lexington Street, Spring Green

August 29, 1-3pm

River Valley Players Audition for "Broadway in Love"
Spring Into Motion, 335 E. Monroe Street, Spring Green

September 5, 2pm **Hymn Sings**, Wyoming Valley Church, 6348 State Hwy 23, Spring Green

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COMMUNITY SOCIALS FEATURE UNIQUE ASPECTS OF ART AND LOCAL CULTURE

The Spring Green Area Arts Coalition sponsors community socials: events where local artists and artisans give us an in-depth look as they share their specific and special passion for art. For attendees, the socials offer a chance to discover and celebrate the history, culture, artists, and performers of our local area.

Community socials span all areas of art, familiar and unique: music, history, movies, beer brewing, watercolors, quilts, poetry, garden walks, dance, photography...the list is as vast as the talents present in our community.

We have two coming up: *Community Potluck: Celebrating Our Cultural Roots* (known as the popular Slow Food Social, now in its fifth year!) and *Stripping the Soul Naked: Modern Art and the Human Body*. Read ahead for details on both of these wonderful events.

Fifth Annual Slow Food Social: Celebrating Our Cultural Roots Wednesday, August 18 at 6 PM



Rebecca Claypool from Yellow Barn Farm in Avoca is one of several local food growers represented at the Spring Green Farmers Market. The Spring Green Area Arts Coalition is celebrating our cultural roots in agriculture by hosting the fifth annual Slow Food Social on Wednesday, August 18.

Attendees will vote (secretly, of course) and awards will be presented in the categories of: **LOCALLY GROWN**, **HOME GROWN**, and **WILD**. Or, if the spotlight doesn't appeal—not everyone aspires to be an *Iron Chef*—share your dish at a non-judging table.

While you sample dish after dish of culinary excellence, catch up with friends, old and new, and enjoy music performed by the Taliesin Scholars.

Those bringing dishes also will be eligible for door prizes provided by local food producers, growers, and area businesses. Donations for the food pantry will be accepted during the event.

Come to celebrate and experience the River Valley's range of culinary expertise combined with the unique and fresh appeal of local produce. *Community Potluck: Celebrating Our Cultural Roots* will happen at the Spring Green Community Church (151 E. Bossard Street) and you don't want to miss it! Table after table filled with local culinary masterpieces made by friends and soon-to-be-friends will at first amaze, then tempt, and finally satisfy every craving for good food—local style!

Bring a dish for others to taste made from locally grown produce, from your home garden, or from something you hunted, gathered or caught in the wild.

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And now, the details: bring dishes for others to taste made with produce that is grown or made within a 30-mile area (locally grown produce by organic farmers, commercial growers, community farms, or home gardens) not mass produced and trucked in. Also, dishes may include food that is hunted, gathered, or caught in the wild. The recipe should serve 10-12. Ready-to-serve dishes may be submitted for judging in these three categories—locally grown, home grown, and wild—or shared at a non-judging table. Blue-ribbon awards will be presented in each competitive category.

Good friends and camaraderie, great local food, excellent music...this event has it all.

Summer Social: *Stripping the Soul Naked: Modern Art and the Human Body* Saturday, August 28 at 6 PM

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. when the Arts Coalition explores modern art at its Summer Social *Stripping the Soul Naked: Modern Art and the Human Body*. This exciting program will take place at the Old White School, 242 N Lexington Street in Spring Green. Ingrid Greenfield, formerly from Spring Green and now with the University of Chicago's Department of Art History will lecture and lead the discussion. The daughter of Spring Green residents Gigi LaBudde and Michael Whaley, Ingrid attended the River Valley Schools through the ninth grade, completing high school at Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan. She received her BA degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2003, and worked at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice, Italy and the Museum of Modern Art in New York before beginning graduate work at the University of Chicago. Currently, Greenfield is a doctoral candidate in Art History.

The talk will address key themes in modern art between 1860 and 1910, providing social and historical contexts for the development of artists who challenged the accepted modes of representing the human body. The focus will be on the paintings of Edouard Manet, who rejected historical subjects in favor of depicting the modern life in Paris, and Pablo Picasso, who drew inspiration from the arts of Africa. Issues of class, gender and race will be highlighted.

The social is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

To get even more out of this fantastic lecture and learning opportunity, see the Flying Carpet Bus Ride, where the mysteries and magic of modern art will be further explored with a close-up and in person opportunity! Ingrid Greenfield will follow up her lecture on Sunday, September 26, when she will lead the art tour at the Chicago Art Institute that showcases the examples discussed in her presentation.

Upcoming Events (continued from page 1)

September 6, 11am-7pm **BeattleFest**, Spring Green General Store, 137 S. Albany Street, Spring Green

September 8, 7-9pm **Mostly Mondays Poetry Society**, Herbs, Spices & More, 7352 Hwy 14, Arena

Beginning September 13, 7-9p.m. **Adult Acting and Audition Techniques**, Spring Green. FMI/to reserve a space in the program contact Cecilia Farran at 608-588-3313 or 608-583-2776.

September 19, 6pm **"The Common Pattern" House Concert Series**, Taliesin Hillside Theatre, Spring Green

September 26, 7am **The Flying Carpet Bus Ride to the Art Institute of Chicago**, FMI/to reserve a space call Pat Scofield at 608-588-2486



Coming Soon: Flying Carpet Bus Ride to Art Institute

Back by popular demand: The Flying Carpet Bus Ride to the Art Institute in Chicago! Mark your calendars for September 26, but the deadline for signing up is September 10.

The Flying Carpet Bus Ride takes River Valley residents to art experiences that cannot come to us! SGAAC celebrates and nurtures our local artists. The Bus Ride allows us to reach out to learn more about the wider world of culture and arts...and bring new found knowledge and sensibilities home to our community!

Ingrid Greenfield, formerly from Spring Green and now with the University of Chicago's Department of Art History will meet us at the Art Institute to walk us through this wonderful museum. She'll talk with a focus on Modern Art as expressed in paintings of the human form, particularly those by Manet and Picasso, artists that challenged the accepted modes of representation. So if you attend *Stripping the Soul Naked: Modern Art and the Human Body*, this trip will heighten your knowledge and appreciation, and be another opportunity to hear Ingrid speak. If you miss the August presentation, here's another chance to join in on a wonderful Modern Art opportunity.



The Modern Art focus is just one facet of this fabulous trip to Chicago—there is also time to enjoy Millennium Park, the Magnificent Mile, Chicago's vast array of restaurants, and of course, shopping! Registration for the Flying Carpet Bus Ride includes the bus ride, admission to the museum and the guided tour, a box breakfast for the ride to Chicago and snacks and beverages for the ride home.

Here are just a few of the overwhelmingly enthusiastic and positive comments from the Flying Carpet Bus Ride last November:

**"I loved everything! The art, the people, the weather, the place and the lovely memories." ■
 "I was well-taken-care-of for the whole time; didn't have to plan anything or drive. And great company." ■ "I loved the guided tour; all the extra time available to see what I wanted; the special touches...and the bus food!" ■ "I didn't have to plan it. Didn't have to drive. Stress free itinerary. Excellent tour. Seriously—a super day."**

So don't miss out! The cost for this fabulous day of cultural experience, learning, and camaraderie is only \$90. Reserve your space (by September 10th) by calling Pat Scofield at 588-2486 or send the fee of \$90 to: SGAAC, P.O. Box 700, Spring Green, WI 53588.



SGAAC Awards \$10,000 to Local Arts Programs

Six local arts programs have been awarded grants totaling \$10,000. The Arts Coalition raised \$5,000 to match a \$5,000 grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board to make these grants possible. To accomplish this, three fund-raising events were held by SGAAC in 2009 and 2010. They were The Flying Carpet Bus Ride—a trip to Chicago to tour the new Modern Wing of the Art Institute in November of last year; *Art Out of the Closet*—a recycled art auction held at the former Red Squared Gallery in January; and *Celebrity Squares* held at the Gard Theater in early March.

Grants were awarded based on the following criteria: Benefit to and involvement of the community, artistic merit, ability of the applicant to successfully complete the project, the potential for the applicant's growth and development, and the ability to provide matching funds. Programs receiving funds this year are:

River Valley Theater Workshops: The grant will pay the salary of APT actors to teach a series of eight acting classes for those 10 years and up. The classes are taking place this summer and fall to develop the performance art skills of young people living in the River Valley.

Mobile Story-Telling Booth: Designed and built by Nathan Stuber, Spring Green artist. The Wisconsin Story Project, in collaboration with Arts Wisconsin, collects stories on a particular topic or event by engaging residents in Wisconsin communities to share their experiences. The traveling booth is central to the process of collecting stories upon which documentary theater is created. An event is planned for Spring Green.

Public Performance and Pre-Concert Discussion by Chicago Chamber Musicians: The Grammy-nominated group will perform a unique concert highlighting a piece created by the contemporary composer, Peter Lieberman, titled "The Coming of Light." The music program is part of Taliesin's Arts and Culture efforts to be a performance destination for first-class talent and to offer cultural experiences for local and visiting audiences.

Rhythm of the River: This one-hour documentary film for public television is produced by Friends of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway and Dave Erickson, Spring Green filmmaker. The film documents the 20th anniversary in 2009 of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway and the efforts to preserve the 92-mile stretch of river between Prairie du Sac and Prairie du Chien. It will be premiered at the Gard Theatre in downtown Spring Green as well as other venues in Madison. National distribution is likely.

The Spring Green Literary Festival Presents: A series of author readings and discussions by nationally acclaimed writers plus a Community Read. The festival is shifting from a once-a-year event to a series of mini-events, allowing for diversification of the audience and venues. Also, the literary festival will sponsor a Community Read in late 2010, when one book is chosen and area residents are invited to read it over a short period of time, culminating in a public event in 2011.

Tea at Taliesin and Frank Lloyd Wright in the Valley and in Japan: An outreach program for senior citizens. This three-part educational and activity program broadens seniors understanding of Frank Lloyd Wright's appreciation of nature which was developed as a child working on his uncles' farms in the Wyoming Valley, and during his time traveling and working in Japan. Frances Nemtin, master gardener and author, will host a group in the Taliesin courtyard gardens, and Taliesin Preservation, Inc. staff will visit area nursing homes with PowerPoint presentations focusing on Wright's early history in the Valley and influences of Japanese art and philosophy on Wright's architecture.

A major gift from M&I Bank plus donations from local businesses and individuals went to support the matching grant. Called the Creative Community Grant Program, its purpose is to stimulate creative and innovative arts programming by local artists and area arts and cultural organizations.



Recap—High School



Student Art Show

The Spring Green Area Arts Coalition was proud to sponsor refreshments at the River Valley High School Annual Spring Exhibit on Sunday, May 23rd. The art on display spanned many different mediums and was truly an inspirational and spectacular example of the incredible talent of the River Valley High School students.

Speaking of Local: Celebrity Squares a Huge Hit!

In March the Arts Coalition held the annual “Celebrity Squares” fundraising event. The Gard Theater rocked with laughter and fun as local celebrities tried to stump game

show participants chosen from the audience. The lively panelists included:

Jonathan Smoots, core actor with APT; Mark Dedrick, owner of The Shed restaurant; Mick Showen, retired River Valley School teacher and adventurer; Sara Rath, local writer and novelist; Matt Snow, band director at River Valley Schools and member of the River Valley Players; Colleen Madden, core actor with APT; Douglas Larson-Sell, pastor Christ Lutheran Church; Carol Burke, owner of ChangeZ Salon in Plain and director of winter concerts for River Valley Players. The audience was promised a mystery guest and wasn’t disappointed when The Hometown Lady appeared. Marty L’Herault, local realtor and actor with River Valley Players, served as Master of Ceremonies; Terry Kerr, president of SGAAC was announcer, and the entire production was written and produced by John C. Christensen.

Thanks go out to the area businesses and organizations that donated prizes, talents, and time to help make this event such a success. The Arts Coalition is deeply grateful for all the support from our community.

Funds raised from Celebrity Squares, now in its fifth year, were matched with funds from the Wisconsin Arts Board.

The Spring Green Area Arts Coalition nourishes the creative spirit and increases the level of support for artists and arts organizations so they may grow and thrive.

The Arts Coalition:

- Grants money to art and cultural programs
- Raises awareness of the economic benefits of a creative economy
- Develops and heightens resources for the arts community
- Showcases various art forms to promote the advancement of area arts and artists
- Encourages greater involvement of the public in the arts

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