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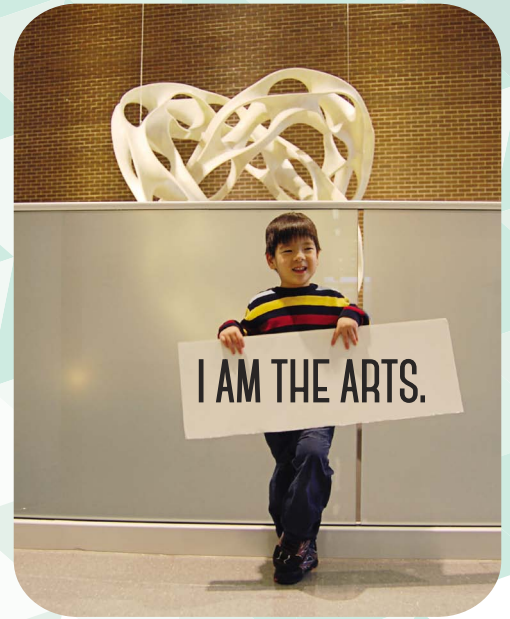
"The arts are vital to St. Joseph. They add to the quality of life and ongoing education of all of our residents. They help us attract businesses, college students, and

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](http://www.stjoearts.org), or simply call the Council's office at 816-233-0231 to make a pledge or for questions.



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# A CHAT WITH YOUR PRESIDENT



out about the many traveling shows that performed at the playhouses.

All of this activity "happened." In 1963 our community came together for "all" arts and the Allied Arts Council was born. We help bring on new arts forms and artists. We are the support group for all arts groups and their activities.

"WE ARE THE ARTS." Who is the we? Well, you and me. St. Joseph has been an "arts" community since its beginning. "THEY" just didn't know it back then. Look around at our older buildings and see the artwork. Read our history and find

"NOW" the other side of the coin. To do what we do – it requires money. Money requires all of us (we) to come together once a year to ask our community for help so that we can continue to support and grow our arts programs.

"WE ARE THE ARTS" has meaning- think about this. We either create art or most of us enjoy arts all year long, every year.

Now is the time to say "YES" when an Arts Fund volunteer asks for your support. We thank you in advance for all of your past support and look forward to serving you for many years to come.

- LARRY STOBBS

"WE ARE THE ARTS"

"WE LOVE THE ARTS"

"WE SUPPORT THE ARTS"

THE ARTS FUND

# 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.

Both Rich and Barb served as the Trails West!® chairs from 2005-2006, with Rich going on to serve as the Allied Arts Council board president from 2008-2010.

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

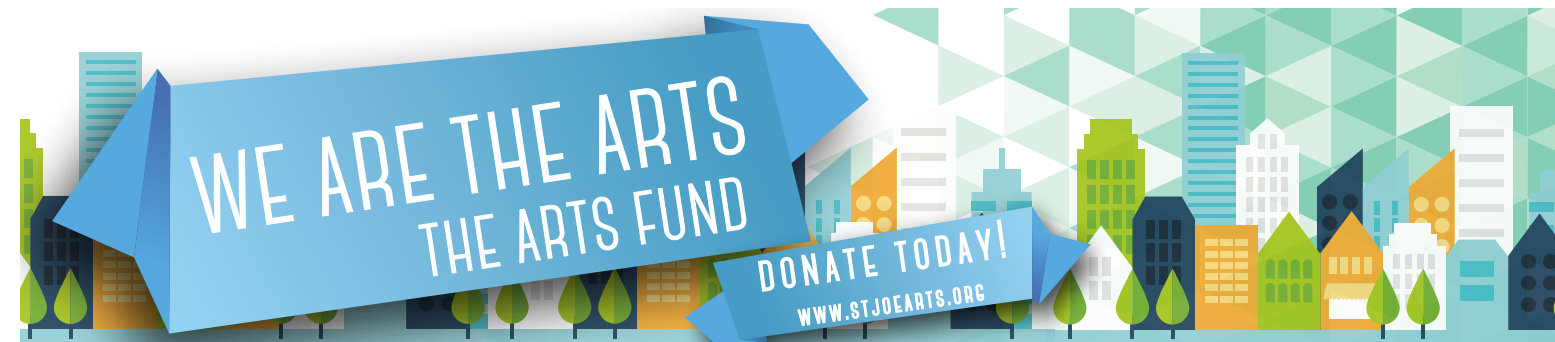
has been involved for years with the New Generation Singers. Rich was active in the Pony Expressmen Barbershop Chorus for many years. Our son David and his friends also joined, and his son Ben joined when it transitioned to Voices of America. It became a family event," said Barb.

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 have a full slate of awesome members on our cabinet. We plan to have fun along this journey and reach our goal of \$202,500," said Barb. ■



## About the Allied Arts Council



The Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph, Missouri exists "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, fund-raising, 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.

The Council provides educational programs, art exhibits, and summer youth arts programs, as well as operating the annual Trails West!® arts festival.

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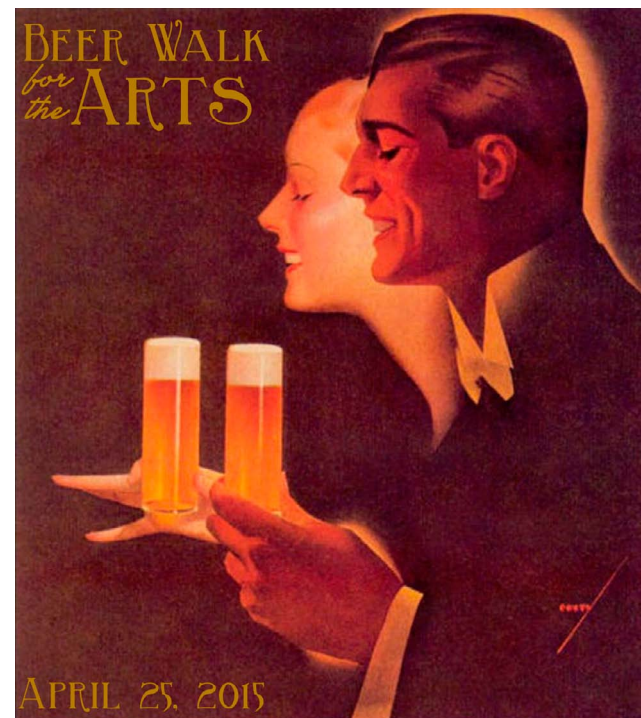
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After two successful years of selling out the Beer Walk the Council asks you to Save the Date for the 3rd Annual Beer Walk for the Arts on April 25 from 2-5 p.m.

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.

# What's Happening

## APRIL

**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  
813-233-0231  
Free

**1**  
**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

**4**  
**MVIS First Saturday Paint Out**  
Missouri Valley Impressionist Brent SeEVERS 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

**8-19**  
**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  
Rrtstjoe.org  
Tennessee William'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. 2p.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**  
Stjoechorus.org  
The Chorus and the Chamber Choir 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  
Free

**16**  
**Deana Martin**  
Performing Arts Association  
Saintjosephperformingarts.org  
Deana Martin is an influential American singer, actor and performer and the very proud daughter of the iconic entertainer Dean Martin. Her show includes video footage of her father as well as members of the Rat Pack.  
7:30 p.m., Missouri Theatre  
816-279-1225  
\$12-42

**17**  
**eXtreme Percussion Show**  
Missouri Western is excited to host their eXtreme Percussion show.  
7:30 p.m., Potter Hall Theater, MWSU  
Free

**19**  
**Symphonic Winds Spring**  
**Concert**  
3 p.m., Potter Hall Theater  
Free

**19**  
**Member's Recital**  
American Guild of Organists  
Stjoearts.org  
The Haunted Organ and other surprises!  
3 p.m., First Lutheran Church

**21**  
**Saint Joseph Symphony Pre-**  
**Concert Talk**  
Saint Joseph Symphony  
Saintjosephsymphony.org  
Music Director Rico McNeela's entertaining and highly informative lectures introduce you to the concert program, helping you to more deeply understand and enjoy the music on the April 25 concert. Paid reservations required by April 17.  
6:30 p.m., Geiger Mansion  
816-233-7701  
\$35/person, dinner included

**21**  
**MWSU University Concert**  
**Band and Chamber**  
**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  
Stjoearts.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. Hjalstork: Three Spirituals for Orchestra; Gershwin: Porgy and Bess Suite; Kim and Reggie Harris: Welcome Table: A Mass of Spirituals  
7:30 p.m., Missouri Theater  
816-233-7701  
\$10-43, students half price

**26**  
**MWSU Department of Music**  
**Choral Spring Fling**  
MWSU's Spring Fling featuring MWSU Concert Chorale and Chamber Singers. Composers featured include: Randall Thompson, Frank Ticheli, Jake Runestad and more!  
7:30 p.m., Potter Hall  
816-271-4428  
Free

**30- May 3**  
**The Tragedy of Carmen**  
**MWSU Opera Workshop**  
"The Tragedy of Carmen," the 80 minute Peter Brook adaptation of Bizet's opera "Carmen," will be presented by national recognized singers and orchestra and will enchant all who attend. Some violence and romantic scenes, R rated.  
Thurs. -Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 3 p.m.  
Restoration Church, 2nd & Francis  
816-271-4420  
\$5-10

## MAY

**1-17**  
**Breaking Up Is Hard To Do**  
Robidoux Resident Theatre  
Set at a Catskills resort in 1960, this is the sweetly comic story of Lois and Marge, two friends from Brooklyn in search of good times and romance over one wild Labor Day weekend.  
Fri. & Sat 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m., Robidoux Landing Playhouse  
816-232-1778  
\$19-35, with dinner

**10**  
**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. Carriage rides & a self-guided tour booklet of the blocks are included.  
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wyeth Tootle Mansion  
816-262-9853  
\$30-50

**14**  
**Parties on the Parkway**  
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce  
Saintjoseph.com  
Come enjoy St. Joseph's unique Parkway system while listening to live, local music and having food and drinks. Network after work bring your kids and have some fun.  
5-8 p.m., SW Parkway and King Hill Drive  
816-232-4461  
Free

**16**  
**Bearcat Boogie Dance Studio**  
**Recitals**  
Bearcatboogie.com  
Join Bearcat Boogie for their 2015 dance recitals.  
2 & 7 p.m., Ron Houston Performing Arts Center, NWMSU  
660-582-9311  
\$8

## June

**5-7**  
**Sondheim on Sondheim**  
Robidoux Resident Theatre  
His Story. His inspiration. His genius. The tapestry of creativity that characterizes Stephen Sondheim remained largely undiscussed, especially by the man himself, until the creation of *Sondheim on Sondheim*.  
Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Sun 2 p.m.  
Robidoux Landing Playhouse  
816-232-1778  
\$19-35, with dinner

**11**  
**Parties on the Parkway**  
5-8 p.m., SW Parkway and 28th Street  
816-232-4461  
Free

**12**  
**Sculpture Walk Opening**  
**Reception**  
Allied Arts Council  
Join the Allied Arts as we unveil the 2015-16 sculptures!  
5 p.m., location TBD  
816-233-0231

**29-July 26**  
**CAP Workshop**  
Creative Arts Productions  
Capstjoemo.org  
Creative Arts Productions holds a musical theater workshop to 50 participates finishing grades 3rd - 12th. It is a month long workshop that ends with a performance at the Historic Missouri Theater.  
816-617-7885

Have an arts event?  
Add it to the Allied Arts  
Council calendar at  
[www.stjoearts.org](http://www.stjoearts.org).



## 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](http://www.stjoearts.org)



## Sculpture Walk People's Choice Winner!

The people have spoken! The Allied Arts Council is proud to announce Tim Norman as the winner of the 2014-15 St. Joseph Sculpture Walk People's Choice Award. Located on 6th St. between Edmond and Felix (across the street from the Ground Round), Norman's sculpture "Heritage" captivated our voters.

It's not too late to own a sculpture from the 2014-15 Walk. For purchasing information please contact the Allied Arts Council at 816-233-0231.

Sculptures will be de-installed during the month of May. Grab a friend or take your family down as the weather gets warmer to enjoy this year's sculptures. Stayed tuned for details on the 2015-16 Sculpture Walk.

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## 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 Willdermood** 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 Willdermood 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



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Poetry Out Loud 2015 contestants pictured above (left to right): Max Schieber, Alden Willdermood, and Alex Hall. ■

## Gifts to the Allied Arts Council

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## 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 recognizes individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions in the arts in the greater St. Joseph, Missouri area.

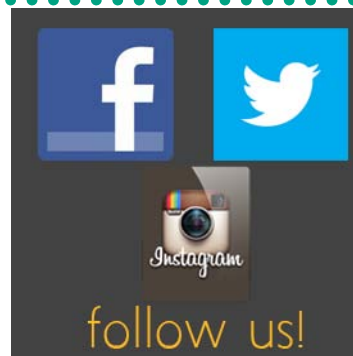
To nominate an artist, arts organization, or arts project please visit the Allied Arts Council website, [www.stjoearts.org](http://www.stjoearts.org) in late April to find a nomination form. All nominations must be received

in the Allied Arts Council office by June 19, 2015.

"The Allied Arts Council wants to honor people and organizations who make a difference in the arts. The Mayor's Awards for the Arts gives 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.



## Social?

Want to be in the know of what's going on with the Council and local arts activities? Join our e-mail alerts in the upper right hand corner at [www.stjoearts.org](http://www.stjoearts.org).

Also follow the Council on Facebook at "Allied Arts Council" and on Twitter at @AACARTS



"I am the arts because of my children. I understand the importance of having arts in a child's life, and I want to make sure my kids can experience it to the fullest."  
 - **Chris Price, Allied Arts Council 2nd Vice President, Hy-Vee**

"I am the arts because it is a unifying voice in an otherwise divisive world."  
 - **Trudie Diaz-Farmer, Allied Arts Council board member Triumph Foods LLC**





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