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REVIVING AN OLD LOVE

MAKING SPACE FOR ART IN THE FORMER WARREN BUILDING

by Barbara Stodola

Many are the buildings that take on new identities — here and now — in the era of rehab. Old warehouses become new restaurants and train stations become art galleries. But seldom does it happen that a page of history opens to such a delicious foretelling as we have in Michigan City with the Warren Building.

Within a year or two, the six-story building in the 700 block of Franklin Street that once housed Dr. Warren's medical practice and other offices will become Uptown Artist Lofts, the home/studios of more than 40 working artists. This adaptation could hardly be more appropriate since the Warren Building 90 years ago was the home of the city's first fine-arts school, a fact you might not know unless you have recently been



The Warren Building today in the 700 block of Franklin Street.

reading Gladys Nicewarner's "Michigan City, Indiana: The Life of a Town."

As Nicewarner (1908-2002), an Elston Junior High School history teacher, has told us: "The Michigan City School of Fine Arts opened in the Warren Building under Sara Sherman Maxon, with the assistance of Mrs. Harold Spaulding (Catherine Barker), in 1922. Classes in voice, violin, piano, drama and art were organized."

Right on the heels of my discovery came the announcement of a major fundraiser for Uptown Artist Lofts, scheduled for May 8. Co-sponsored by 10 community organizations and corporations, the event will be held in Blue Chip Casino's ballroom.

Tim Bietry, Michigan City Preservation and Education Foundation chair-

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man, said private philanthropic dollars — approximately \$500,000 — will be necessary to complete the project.

“Proceeds will fund construction of the first-floor retail and commercial spaces,” Bietry said.

Tax credits recently granted by Indiana, he continued, “cannot be used for anything other than the live/work spaces. We need to have all funding in place by the time of the closing: November or December of this year.”

Uptown Artist Lofts, which has had art aficionados and Uptown Arts District boosters on the edge of their seats for the past three years, is a \$13.7 million project expected to revive commercial activity in Michigan City’s downtown area. It will be built and operated by Artspace, the nation’s leading developer of artist live/work spaces, now boasting 33 such projects in 21 cities, 10 of them completed in the three years since Michigan City began its negotiations. Recent completions include one in Elgin, Ill., and another in Waukegan, Ill., but Michigan City will have the first Artspace in Indiana.



The Elgin (Ill.) Artspace Lofts.

The developers cited the Warren Building’s concrete construction, high ceilings and large windows as “very good in terms of the physical qualities most artists tend to regard as important,” an observation made earlier by Carolyn Saxton, Lubeznik Center for the Arts executive director, whom Bietry cred-

ited with initiating this endeavor.

Market surveys indicated a need: 129 artists responded. Of that number, 40 percent already live in Michigan City. The other 60 percent would con-



Shannon Joern (left) and Sarah White of Artspace provided floor plans and other details of the future Uptown Artist Lofts during a recent reception.

sider relocating. At a recent reception, Artspace’s Shannon Joern said RSVPs were received from 70 prospective applicants, and more than that number attended.

Posters displayed at the reception showed drawings by the selected architectural firm, South Bend’s KilArchitecture + Planning. There will be one-bedroom, two-bedroom and efficiency units and, Joern said, rental rates will be posted “pretty soon.” The first floor is to be divided into art galleries and other commercial spaces.

Architect Gregory Kil said his firm recently completed several rehabilitation and restorations, including the Chapin Mansion in Niles, Mich., and the Aquatorium in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. They also served as historical consultants to Fanning-Howey’s work on Michigan City’s Barker Mansion.

Competition for state funding was fierce, but when finally approved on its third attempt, the project elicited the comment from Emily Duncan, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority spokeswoman, that “a lot of local attention” has been paid to this project. Over a



The 2013 grand opening for the Karcher Artspace Lofts in downtown Waukegan, Ill.

10-year-period, it will receive approximately \$10 million in tax credits.

The Michigan City Redevelopment Commission has been spearheading the project, along with Michigan City Preservation and Education Foundation, the non-profit group formed to accept grants. Mayor Ron Meer and former Mayor Chuck Oberlie both serve on the board, along with other professionals.

City Planner Craig Phillips, expressing the celebratory mood at City Hall, said redevelopment of Michigan City's North End is "central to the city's plans for the future." First Ward Councilman Richard Murphy, describing himself as "a cheerleader for Michigan City," pointed to the number of new businesses opening this year.



The historic Warren Building.

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What do the "expireds" tell us about the marketplace?

I have started to study the number of listings that do not sell by the end of the listing contract (when the listing agent and the seller part company). Real Estate agents call these "expireds". My theory is that comparing the solds to expireds gives me insight into how likely a house was to have sold in that period as well as an indication of how well the houses were priced. I maintain that the difference between solds and expireds can always be reduced to price.

In my study of the first quarter of several years I have found the number of expireds in Harbor Country "HC" were roughly the same as the number of listings that sold. So when you listed in HC you had about a 50/50 chance that your listing would sell while you were working with that agent. The biggest difference was in 2010, when there were 2.4 times more expireds than solds. It was the worst first quarter in the past ten years for HC.

But in Indiana Lakefront "IL" the number of expireds varied from 1.23 more expireds than solds to over 4 times more expireds than solds (2012). In IL there was no first quarter in which the expireds were fewer than the solds.

So in IL you were always more likely not to sell than to sell when you listed. To me this means that there were a great many sellers (agents?) overpricing their properties. Sellers in IL should take note. Price matters.

If you want the data and my full Newsletter that supports these conclusions as well as my definitions of Harbor Country and Indiana Lakefront email dan@dancoffey.com

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Prospective Uptown Artist Lofts tenant Sharon De Vries, a weaver, considers whether a one-bedroom unit will be large enough for her loom and other materials during a recent reception about Artspace. She now rents a two-bedroom apartment and separate studio space in Michigan City.

an Art Department of the Woman's Study Club, a continuum of art appreciation dating clear back to Catherine Barker (1896-1970).

And today, we have Southern Shore Art Association with 150 artist members and Arnold Besse and his Prince Gallery right across the street from the

"Michigan City is the next big opportunity on the lake," he said. "It's already happening."

And then, there are the rest of us, following along the path of history. Before there was a Lubeznik Center for the Arts, there was a John G. Blank Center for the Arts and before that the Old Library Art Center. Before there was a Lakefront Art Festival, the Michigan City Art League — founded in 1932 — hung paintings for sale on clotheslines in Washington Park.

Even earlier, there was

future Uptown Artist Lofts ... and still more art galleries to the north and the south of it.

And every month on First Friday, the rest of us parade up and down Franklin Street, communing with artists and keeping watchful eyes on the old Warren Building and Michigan City's future.

If You Go

"An Evening with Artspace," a community fundraiser to support the creation of the Uptown Artist Lofts, is from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Blue Chip Casino Stardust Event Center.

Heavy appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. Tickets are \$25, with all proceeds supporting Uptown Artist Lofts capital projects. Tickets are available at: <https://reg.kimbria.com/artspace> and are fully tax-deductible.

The 10 co-sponsoring entities are: Blue Chip Casino; Artspace; Lubeznik Center for the Arts; Michigan City Urban Enterprise Association; Northern Indiana Public Service Co.; Visit Michigan City La Porte; Michigan City NOW; ahseel media limited; Unity Foundation of La Porte County; and Michigan City Public Art Committee.

Unity Foundation Creates Fund to Support Uptown Artist Lofts

by Andrew Tallackson

When Unity Foundation of La Porte County re-evaluated its overall vision a few years back, it was agreed the time was now to rewrite its mission statement.

Aiming to "strengthen La Porte County now and forever," Unity Foundation officials decided one course of action is to be a catalyst for social and economic vitality.

That's why Unity Foundation has embraced ArtSpace, creating what's called a non-permanent project fund, where anyone can financially contribute to the group's Uptown Artist Lofts planned for the former Warren Building.

"This is going to attract creative people who will be innovative, and innovation



Unity Foundation President Maggi Spartz (left) and Vice President Sandy Gleim appear with architectural renderings by Kil Architecture + Planning of the proposed Uptown Artist Lofts.

is what's going to help this city thrive," Unity Foundation President Maggi Spartz said.

"We certainly are not the leader in this project, but we want to support it any way we can."

Since its inception in 1992, Unity Foundation has generated nearly \$26 million in assets and bestowed \$11.7 million in grants. It has more than 270 component funds and has leveraged \$13.5 million from The Lilly Endowment alone.

Artspace, Unity Foundation Vice President Sandy Gleim says, is a chance for the community to embrace a project with unlimited potential.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for artists from a variety of genres to be in a community of creativity," she said, "and the Uptown Arts District is really going to benefit from this with increased vibrancy."

Visit <http://uflc.net> to contribute to Artspace through Unity Foundation of La Porte County.



A view of the Warren Building in 1954.



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“Art in Good Taste”

“Art in Good Taste: An Exhibition of Food as Subject” marks the latest Southern Shore Art Association’s multimedia exhibit, which debuts from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 2, as part of the Uptown Arts District First Friday Art Walk.

“Whether a painting of a field of waving wheat, a cluster of ripe cherries, a bountiful vegetable garden, pastries on a silver tray, a tomato soup can or a metal sculpture of an ear of corn food as subject

is enduring and appealing,” Susan Block, exhibit curator and chair, said in a press release.

A “Bon Appetit” drawing of gift certificates for dining in area restaurants is planned during the opening reception. The exhibit runs through Sunday, June 1. Hours at the gallery, 724 Franklin St., are noon to 5 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Visit www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com for more information.



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First Friday Art Walk

The Uptown Arts District First Friday Art Walk is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 2.

Participating businesses and attractions are:

- Old Lighthouse Museum, 1 Washington Park. Photography by Jan Hoeppner.
- Joy of Flowers, 613 Franklin St. Michiana artist Idene Goldman will showcase handcrafted greeting cards.
- Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. J.W. Baz will host a poetry slam. Interested poets should prepare three original pieces, each no longer than three minutes, and register by contacting Janet Bloch at (219) 874-4900 or jbloch@lubeznikcenter.org
- Indiana Pickers, 613 Franklin St., and Beach Bum Jewels, 621 Franklin St. The featured guest is Janet Moore Schrader ("The Sand Pirate"), a professional sand sculptor who lives along Lake Michigan. She's also an avid beach glass and crinoid collector who creates artwork with her treasures, and gives lectures on crinoids and the Lake Michigan environment.
- Urban Soles Inc., 624 Franklin St. Amanda Joyner of Chef Bizzaro Millinery will display her latest pieces and have small items for sale.
- Darling, 418 Franklin St. In-house artist Julie Biehl will display her collection.
- Walnut Ink Projects, 607 Franklin St. Printmaking demonstrations are planned, along with displays by Holly Greenberg, Lora Fosberg, Nichole Sheaffer and Chris Grohs.
- First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. "Quilts and Their Stories" features more than 30 quilts: some antique, some new, some by Marlene Woodfield.
- Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. An opening reception for "Art in Good Taste: An Exhibition of Food as Subject."

- Luxe Boutique, 904 Franklin St. Woodcarver Dick Reel will demonstrate how he carves bowls and various wood items using techniques from pioneer days. He also will have several items on display.
- Cabos Ice Cream Shop & Cafe, 731 Washington St. Featured is local artist Sarah Wojosinski creates mosaic frames, tables and windows using broken glass of different colors and textures.
- The Framing Station, 912 Franklin St., which is celebrating 30 years in framing and arts.
- A Dove's Tale, 829 Franklin St., which has revamped its space.
- The Closet by Franklin Vintage, 1011 Franklin St. Owner Julia Nielsen highlights vintage finds, local artisan goods and vintage-inspired artwork. Entertainment includes:
- Maxine's Restaurant, 521 Franklin St. A live swing jazz trio featuring Pete Castronova performs from 8 to 11 p.m.
- Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St. First Friday Open Stage with featured artist Peter Nye. Performer signup is at 7:30 p.m., with performances at 8 p.m. The cost is \$2 for performers and \$3 for audience members.

Also during First Friday, Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery, 525 Broadway, will present local artists Dawn Diamantopolous, John Habela and Michelle Wiser from 5 to 7 p.m.

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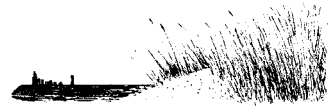
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With "A Season at the Movies: Sci-Fi, Action & Adventure," the orchestra will feature several guests.

To cover James Bond enthusiasts, 2010 Hoosier Star winner Nanda Danitscheck will sing "Skyfall." She frequently appears with the orchestra, performs with the group Nickel Dime and acts in various theatrical productions. Also, Chorus Director Becky Osborn has assembled the Illumination Chorus to sing in various capacities.



Members of the Illumination Chorus will perform with La Porte County Symphony Orchestra during the concert.

Conductor Phillip Bauman has chosen selections from "Star Trek" and "The X-Files," a tribute to John Williams with "Star Wars," "Jaws," "Superman," "Harry Potter," "Indiana Jones," "Jurassic Park" and "E.T." Other popular scores include "Fantastic 4," "Independence Day," "The Mummy Returns,"

"Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace" and "Pirates of the Caribbean."

A featured activity of the program includes determining who wins the opportunity to conduct the orchestra as it performs "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Potential candidates are nominated through a \$25 donation until May 2. Online voting begins a week before the concert. The general public may place votes by online donations as well at www.lcso.net. Those who attend the concert may vote on these individuals by donating to the symphony in boxes located throughout the auditorium. The person that generates the largest amount of donations to the LCSO conduct the orchestra during the show.

A cash bar and light snacks will be sold during the concert. Reserved table seating costs \$30 per person. Sponsorships are available for premium seating. Balcony tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors 65 and older and free for students with ID.

Balcony tickets are available at: L R Clothier, 1611 Lincolnway, La Porte; Roxy Music, 1012 Lincolnway, La Porte; La Porte Civic Auditorium Office, 1001 Ridge St., La Porte; La Porte Savings Bank, Main Office, 710 Indiana Ave., La Porte; Visit Michigan City La Porte Convention & Visitors Bureau, Marquette Mall; and Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., Michigan City.

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Renovating, and Celebrating, a Dream

by M.D. Cunningham

The Social and Learning Institute started almost 40 years ago with a simple, pure thought: "Wouldn't it be wonderful if a facility existed to teach people with developmental disabilities?"

Now, the institute is celebrating a \$225,000 addition that's being celebrated with a building dedication on Sunday, May 4. The renovation, co-founder Jim Guerrucci said, is the result of countless sacrifices and contributions to make it happen.



The Social and Learning Institute building before renovation began.

Like many great innovations, the dream, first known as the "Adult Activities Class," found unlikely shelter. Five students, friends, family and professional volunteers met in a two-car garage to teach social, health and survival skills

It quickly became apparent, however, that the humble collective needed a more professional space. Through a volunteer connection, the group forged a partnership with First Presbyterian Church, which provided room for growth.



The Social and Learning Institute co-founders James Guerrucci and Marguerite Gardner.

"We didn't know if we were going to make it or not," said Guerrucci, who founded the institute along with Marguerite Gardner.

For the next 30 years, and on a shoestring budget, the group did, even saving funds for the future.

"The dream just kept continuing," Guerrucci said,



The Social and Learning Institute building after the renovation project.

"and growing."

Through fundraising, grants and donations, the group, which incorporated in 2007 with assistance from the late State Sen. Anita Bowser, who gave the group its current name, saw its dream of expansion again become a reality.

The new home was discovered at 207 E. Garfield St., where Guerrucci saw a vacant building that once housed a preschool called Tiny World. The owners sympathized with the institute's vision and mission, dropping the price of the "roughly" 2,500 square-foot building to a reasonable amount.

"Everything had to be replaced," Guerrucci said. "We cleaned it up the best we could."

Flash forward to today.

With a new "green" renovation designed by architect Roger Potratz of dh2w Inc., who volunteered his services, the facility, which serves 28 students today, has doubled in size.

"We're very happy. We're very proud," Guerrucci said of the renovation, which he described as a "living memorial" to the group's vision.

If You Go

The Social and Learning Institute will have a building dedication at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4. The event will include music by South Bend Symphony String Quintet and Michigan City Chamber Music Festival musicians, including Nic Orbovich and Zofia Glashauser.



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"The Green Plays"

Metamorphis Traveling Theatre will present "The Green Plays" at 3 p.m. EDT Sundays, May 4 and 18, at Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich.

In "A Different Drummer," teens on a field trip are mysteriously transported to Walden Pond, where they meet Henry David Thoreau and Louisa May Alcott. The cast includes Jeanoma Babcock, Dana Chartier, Don Peiffer and Doug Moon as Henry David Thoreau and Helen Williams as Louisa May Alcott.



The Metamorphis Traveling Theatre cast of "The Green Plays."

"The Assisi Rest Home Follies" features comedy and music as rest-home residents put on a show to bring awareness to endangered animals. The cast includes Babcock, Chartier, Moon, Peiffer, Williams, Janet Lustick on piano and Kim Riley as Nurse Angela.

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The topic of the May 10 workshop is "Writing the 10 Minute Play." Participants learn the fundamentals of playwriting in the interactive session from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT. That time includes a brown bag lunch break. Actual playwriting assignments will be given to help the beginner or veteran playwright prepare a script for the playwriting competition, which is May 16 through July 1.



May 17 is a "10 Minute Play Practical Workshop," which will guide participants through the practical steps of playwriting, resulting in a finished first draft of a play by the end of the session. It runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT. That time includes a brown bag lunch break. Those enrolling in the second workshop must have completed either the 2013 or 2014 beginner's workshop.

The cost of each workshop is \$35 for Berrien Artist Guild members or \$50 for non-members. Each workshop is limited to 12 participants.

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Community Fund Grants

Non-profit groups again can apply through Unity Foundation of La Porte County for Community Fund Grants totaling more than \$100,000.

The grants are open to all nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations located in, or serving, La Porte County residents. Eligible projects and programs fall into numerous categories, including, but not limited to, arts and culture, health, human services, environment, education and projects that strengthen La Porte County. Last year, the foundation awarded nearly \$107,000 in grants for 54 projects.

The submission deadline is 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 20. Community Fund grants come from the earnings on unrestricted endowed funds established by families, individuals and with help from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. Former La Porte County residents John P. and Anne H. Daley, Ernest and Mildred Delco, John A. and Dorothy Sieb Carstens, Charles T. and Pauline J. Dye, Ruth W. Pollingue and Philip A. Sprague left a memorial legacy to start the Community Funds.

The applications for grants of up to \$3,000 each are available at <http://ufc.net/grants/how-to-apply/>

Call (219) 879-0327 or email unity@ufc.net for more information.

New Buffalo ARTigras Art Fair

Artist applications are being accepted for the Third Annual New Buffalo ARTigras Art Fair, which is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29.

The festival includes 40 booths. Artists working in all fine-art mediums — paintings, sculpture, glass, photography, drawings, jewelry, fiber, wood, ceramics, mixed media and furniture — are encouraged to apply. Working-demonstration exhibits are welcome.

ARTigras! is held in downtown New Buffalo, just blocks from Lake Michigan. Exhibit spaces will be under a tent along East Merchant Street for \$25. New this year, local galleries will be included in an art tour map throughout Harbor Country.

Visit www.newbuffalo.org to download the application and policies. All applications must be received before midnight Saturday, May 10. Artists will be notified of their status by Wednesday, May 15.

Email Cathi Rogers at evenvents@newbuffalo.org for more information.

La Porte County Library

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When I was a child, the only exposure I had to farming was traveling to a local Christmas tree farm each winter, heading out to the field and cutting down my family's tree. There was that, and getting annoyed as I headed down the road with my dad and not hitting the speed limit because some guy with a combine was taking up the entire road at a blistering 20 miles per hour ... in a 55 mile per hour zone.

I grew up in a city of 12,000 people, surrounded for miles and miles by farmland. There were a lot of cool things to do in my little town, but agriculture wasn't included in that. Farming, when I grew up, was a serious business. And of course, it still is.

I learned that the hard way as a middle-school student when I spent two boiling hot and torturous summers riding on a tractor through cornfields, suffering corn rash across my entire body from hours of popping "tassels" off the top of corn stalks to keep them from cross pollinating.

To me, agriculture was a job ... and a hard one, at that.

So when I got to pick my first apple off a tree, it was an eye-opening experience.

Back then, in the '80s, the "U-pick" phenomenon was not a tourism device. It was an opportunity for people to stock their pantries and fridges with the freshest of fruits and vegetables; a darn sight better, I remember my grandpa saying, than buying it at the store.

It was fresh, and it just tasted better, so much

so, that as I walked through the field with him, I'd sometimes pick an apple off the tree and eat it right there in the field. It was pretty cool for a kid whose overarching thoughts on agriculture at the time were driven by what, I considered back then, to be a serious violation of child labor laws.

But as I continued to be exposed to the local ability to pick my own apples, I realized it went far beyond just Granny Smiths and Braeburns. I could pick blueberries, raspberries and strawberries. And when I got them home, my grandma would turn them into pies.

And if you look at me, you can tell I enjoy the occasional pie.

Even as I learned the allure of smelling the sweetness of berries in the warm summer air, I still didn't get it. I didn't think of agriculture as anything more than a fun way to spend a few hours, out in the fields. The Amish I saw each and every day, walking back to their sprawling homes with bushels of apples on their shoulders, was nothing more to me than a way of life.

So when I got older, got married, had a son and began a career in the tourism industry, I realized that what we now call "agri-tourism" is really an amazing draw, and a revenue producer, too. Just in La Porte County alone, we see millions coming into the community each year from the excitement others see in walking through the field and filling their buckets with blueberries and strawberries. Or hopping on a wooden wagon being pulled behind a tractor, and heading out to the fields to fill their pantries with enough berries to make a year's worth of jams and jellies.

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

- **"Stewardship Day — Kicking Out the Invasives"** from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 3, at Pinhook Bog.

Help improve the watershed (buffer zone) around Pinhook Bog. Work will be in the upland area, not in the bog. Resource managers will guide volunteers. Wear comfortable clothes. Work gloves and equipment will be provided. The bog is off North Wozniak Road in Michigan City.

- **"Spring Wildflowers – Ephemeral Bloomers"** from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and meet at the Bailly/Chellberg parking lot.

Visitors explore the 10,000-year-old glacial moraine and its diversity of spring wildflowers. Be prepared for possible muddy conditions.

The parking lot is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter.

- **"Indiana Dunes, Science and YOU!"** at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 3, in the Visitor Center Auditorium.

Learn about research being conducted within the National Lakeshore by talking with scientists and joining them in the field. Featured scientists from Indiana University, the U.S. Geological Survey, Valparaiso University and the National Lakeshore will discuss their research, with topics ranging from the impacts of climate change on the endangered Karner blue butterfly and restoration and research on Mount Baldy and coastal dune systems

- **The free Junior Ranger Program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center and Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Children 6-12 learn about the lakeshore while enjoying self-guided activities. A variety of Junior Ranger programs exist, from a short Beachcombers Activity Page to an extensive Junior Rangers Booklet. Complete a program and earn a prize. Stop by the Visitor Center or Douglas Center to pick up a free program booklet.

- **"Park in Focus" from 1 to 3 p.m. every Saturday through Dec. 27 at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Park staff will host special programs focusing on park resources, hot topics in research, new environmental films or guest speakers.

- **"Kid's Rule" from 1 to 3 p.m. every Sunday through Dec. 28 at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

Join a ranger in the Visitor Center's activity room for stories and activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is on Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

MCAS Exhibit at Lubeznik Center

The Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., will have an opening reception for artwork by Michigan City Area Schools elementary students from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, in the NIPSCO Education Studios.

The display of art and fine crafts includes 2-D and 3-D pieces by kindergartners through fifth-graders. Created in the MCAS art rooms, a variety of mediums, including paint, clay, chalk, pastels and paper, are represented at each grade level.

Visit www.lubeznikcenter.org or call (219) 874-4900 for more information.

Local Lore Series

La Porte County Public Library will continue its free monthly "Local Lore" series with "The Fox Family" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz will discuss the importance of the Fox family in La Porte, which is associated with sites such as Fox Woolen Mills, La Porte Civic Auditorium and Fox Park.

Contact Mary Hedge at (219) 362-6156 or mhedge@laportelibrary.org for more information.

Twin Cities Organ Concert Series

Twin Cities Organ Concert Series will present the program "Grand Music" at 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 4, at First United Methodist Church, 2950 Lakeview Ave., St. Joseph, Mich.

The concert will feature conductor Philip Peter, organist Sarah Miller and the TCOCS Singers and Orchestra performing works by Richard Strauss and Mozart.

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Unity Foundation of La Porte County will participate in the nationwide Give Local America 2014 campaign Tuesday, May 6.

From midnight to 11:59 p.m. that day, the Top 3 Unity funds that raise the most money will split \$4,500. Participating funds will vie for \$5,500 in additional prizes, with all funds eligible for national grant prizes.

Give Day will be live and online at www.LPCountyGiveDay.org so everyone can participate.

More than 45 local partners will join Unity in benefiting from the online donations. Nationally, 82 foundations will participate in the Give Day, celebrating the centennial of the first community foundation in Cleveland.

In addition to supporting agency partners, Give Local America donors may contribute to specific Unity project funds, such as the purchase and development of two acres of Pine Lake frontage so it can become a park.

Residents can spread the word about Give Local America by "liking" Unity Foundation of La Porte County on facebook and connecting to Give Local America and the foundation on twitter at #givelocalamerica.

In addition to online donations, checks may be brought to the Unity office, 115 E. Fourth St., by 4 p.m. May 6. Contact Unity Foundation at (219) 879-0327 for more information.

Free Drawing Class

The Duneland Resale will sponsor a free drawing class from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, May 9, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Gloria Rector will instruct students on the basics of drawing. All materials will be provided.

The non-profit Duneland Resale has partnered with the center many times during the last few years, offering free artistic opportunities.

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Tri-County Art Exhibit

La Lumiere School and Chesterton's middle and high schools are among the participants in the juried Tri-County Junior/Senior High School Art Exhibit.

South Shore Arts is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the event, which runs through May 25. An opening reception is from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster.

The exhibit was open to schools in NW Indiana, as well as south suburban Cook County in Illinois.

The exhibit features a range of media, including drawings, paintings, ceramics, photography, fiber arts, animation and sculpture. Trophies are awarded for the best overall school display in the junior- and senior-high school levels. More than \$5,000 in prizes will be awarded, including the Donald H. Berwanger Scholarship Award for a graduating high school senior attending an accredited college or university to study fine art.

The juror is Randall James Clark, owner of r j clark studio/gallery in New Carlisle. He has worked as an artist and educator for more than 40 years, most recently at IU-South Bend as gallery director. He will choose the recipients of awards such as Best in Show, First in Media and Awards of Distinction.

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Members of Michiana Clowns Awarded at Convention

Seventeen members of Michiana Clowns attended this year's World Clown Association convention in Northbrook, Ill.

That included 14 adults and three Junior Joeys (clowns 16 and younger). The group also sponsored a Junior Joey to the convention in Lebanon, Ind.

The four Junior Joeys and a Junior guest from Valparaiso joined with other Juniors in special activities and classes for their age group. Michiana Clown Junior Joeys who participated were: Hannah Moler, 12; Daniel Moler, 8; and Chris Moler, 6. All were from Merrillville.'

Earl "Orky" and Lonna "Chips" Temkin, Michigan City, were instructors for a Junior's session on magic and balloon sculpture. They presented each Junior with prediction coins and a magic card deck.



Mick "Mickey" Spudic, Merrillville, took first place in the Classic Whiteface division.

Local clown performers excelled in a number of competitions. Mick "Mickey" Spudic, Merrillville, was the first-place winner in the Classic Whiteface division. He was the favorite over a perennial master in the category with expensive custom wardrobes. Spudic designed and made his own outfit.

Sandra "Tilly" Seymour, La


Porte, won first place in Face Painting, while her balloon sculptures captured second place in that contest. Irene "SlugbugZ" Spudic, Merrillville, won second place in the Character Clown category and Lynette "Nettie Belle" McDonald, Michigan City,



Lynette "Nettie Belle" McDonald, Michigan City, took third place in the Character Clown category.

took third place.

Andrew "Nito" Moler, Merrillville, played straight man for the headline performer, Granma Clown from the Big Apple Circus in New York. Two Michiana Clowns members who attended, Earl Temkin and Janet "Jelly Bean" Tucker, are past World Clown Association presidents.

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NPS Spring Prescribed Fires

The National Park Service is planning six prescribed fires this spring at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

Fire is used for long-term restoration efforts. Approximately 1,350 acres will be burned this spring.

The Dune Ridge Trail prescribed fire is set at East State Park Road and Lake Front Drive. These 262 acres will help create a buffer to lower the threat of wildfire on the west side of Beverly Shores. On the town's east side, 186 acres will be burned between Montana Avenue and Central Beach. Also in the east part of the park, a 190-acre area will be burned to improve plant and animal habitats at Furnessville Road and U.S. 12.

On the west side of Dune Acres, 347 acres in the Cowles Dune area — between Mineral Springs Road, Dune Acres and the NIPSCO Bailly Generating Station — will be burned. Also, 125 acres on the east side of Ogden Dunes, within the area of the Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, are to be burned. This will reduce the threat of wildfires on the community by reducing available fuels on NPS and Ogden Dunes lands.

In Gary, 347 acres in Miller Woods are slated to be burned. This area is west of the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education. Burning here is meant to improve wetland habitat and restoration of the oak-savanna prairie.

The prescribed fire program is conducted by trained and experienced NPS fire personnel. Park staff will do everything possible to limit smoke in the area by monitoring wind and atmospheric conditions prior to ignitions. However, smoke drifting in and around park lands and roadways is possible.

Clear management goals and objectives have been established for each burn unit. A designated set of conditions must exist, including ideal air temperature, wind speed and direction and relative humidity. Weather conditions will be monitored throughout the duration of the burn to ensure the fire is completed safely.

More information is available at www.nps.gov/indu

Coolspring Library Focus of Meeting

La Porte County Public Library will have a community meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 1, at its Coolspring branch, 7089 W. County 400 North, to discuss building and service improvements there.

Attendees can offer input and feedback on the library's emerging direction and, according to a press release, help the library remain relevant, responsive and reflective of the community's needs.

Community meetings have been held on the same issues for the library's Union Mills, Fish Lake, Kingsford Heights and Rolling Prairie locations.



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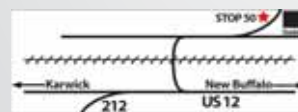
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Michigan City Public Library

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• **Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 3.**

Certified yoga instructor Lauralee Sikorski emphasizes deep breathing and releasing stress. Wear comfortable clothing and come on an empty stomach. Take a mat because extras are limited. Also, a Mother's Day class is at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 11.

• **Documentary: "Inequality for All" at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3.**

The documentary follows former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich as he tries to raise awareness of the country's widening economic gap. Rated PG, the program is part of a community outreach collaboration.

• **Ah Tu: A Musical Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4.**

Hear traditional and contemporary music with Celtic and world influences. The group will be joined by special guests Book Six.

• **Monday Musicale Celebrates National Music Week at 6 p.m. Monday, May 5.**

The public is invited to help the group celebrate National Music Week with performances by members. Contact Ange Benz at (219) 874-3754 for more information or if interested in participating.

• **The five-hour AARP Driver's Smart Driver Course at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 6.**

The refresher course reveals the effects of aging on driving and how to adjust driver reactions. Participants may earn an insurance rate discount — check with your insurance company — by taking the course designed for drivers 55 and older. The fee is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Take your AARP card. Call (219) 873-3049 to register.

• **Angels Among Us at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 8.**

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

• **Friday Night at the Movies, Disney's "Robin Hood,"** at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, in the Children's Department at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

The movie is rated G. No registration is necessary. Copies of the movie are available for check-out at Thomas Library and Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

• **Sunday Matinee, "American Hustle,"** at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

The showing is free.

• **Knitting Together from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in the Brown Mansion parlor at Thomas Library.**

The free program is open to people who crochet or do needlework. Attendees also will view the exhibit "Needlework through the Ages," which runs through May 25.

• **Lego Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, in the Children's Department at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave.**

Attendance is free, but registration is necessary by calling (219) 926-7696. Children 6 and older are welcome to sign up in the Children's Department. During the club meeting, children receive a bucket of Legos to create whatever they like.

• **The Bits and Bytes series, "Introduction to the Internet,"** from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 15, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.

The class will teach users how to easily find information on the Internet, demonstrate different browsers and how to customize a browser. Different websites, including search engines, social networking, cloud storage and cloud computing, as well as email and messaging tools, will be explored.

The class is free, but registration is required because computer stations are limited. Visit the Serials/Automation Department, call (219) 926-7696, Ext. 25, or visit www.wpl.lib.in.us. Click on the Bits and Bytes link.

1st Annual Juried Art Exhibition

The Art Barn School of Art, 695 N. County Road 400 East, Valparaiso, will hold its 21st Annual Juried Art Exhibition on May 3 through June 25.

The opening ceremony is at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, with awards presented at 8 p.m. More than \$4,000 in awards have been pledged to bestow on artists.

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Master Gardener Recognition Meeting

La Porte County Master Gardeners held its annual recognition meeting Thursday, April 3, at Red Mill County Park.

Master Gardeners were recognized for their volunteer work and participation in education activities. The Golden Trowel, which honors the person who volunteered the most hours in 2013, went to Jan Manik, Chesterton, who volunteered 271 hours as an intern.

Six interns from the 2013 Master Gardener class were recognized: Tina DeWitt, Kingsbury; Debbie Moore, Donna Panozzo and Johanna Zangrilli, all of La Porte; Mary Davis, Michigan City; and Jeffrey Michaels, Union Mills.

Ten Master Gardeners were certified after completing at least 35 hours of volunteer service, including: Manik; Lloyd Anderson, Pamela Coker and Susan Kieffer, all of La Porte; Rima Binder, Long Beach; Carl Drzewiecki, Mary Rooney, Stephen Zolvinski, all of Michigan City; Leslinda Leon, Mishawaka; and Jennifer Kuzdas, Rolling Prairie.

Three people were designated Advanced Master Gardeners after completing at least 60 hours of volunteer service and attending a minimum 45 hours of gardening education activities: Manik; Ann Fletcher, La Porte; and Stacy McGinnis, Grovertown.

Five people achieved the Bronze Master Gardener level, having donated at least 200 volunteer hours and attended a minimum of 60 hours of classes. They included: Corie Elliott, Beverly Shores; Jan Manik, Chesterton; Connie Shei, La Porte; Tina Sonderby, Long Beach; and Dennis Amm, Michigan City.

One gardener, Laurelle Miskowicz, La Porte, achieved the Silver Master Gardener level, having donated at least 500 volunteer hours and attended a minimum of 75 hours of gardening classes.

Marcy Dailey, Rolling Prairie, achieved Gold Master Gardener status, having donated at least 1,000 hours of volunteer time and attended a minimum of 100 hours of gardening education. Dailey was in the 1996 Master Gardener Class, the first held in La Porte County.

Contact the La Porte County Extension office at (219) 324-9407 or visit www.hort.purdue.edu/mg/ for more information.

Spring Pancake Breakfast

The Springfield Township Volunteer Fire Department, 7111 N. County Road 300 West, Michigan City, will host its annual spring pancake breakfast and bake sale from 7 to 11 a.m. Sunday, May 4.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice and milk. Baked goods will be sold.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and free for children 6 and younger.

Genesius Guild Accepting Proposals

The Genesius Guild of Hammond is accepting show proposals for its 2014-2015 season.

Submissions for plays and musicals will be accepted through Sunday, May 11. Previous theater/director experience is preferred, but not necessary.

Skills sought include: theatrical experience; choreography (musicals only); music/orchestration (musicals only); set building and design; sound and lighting design; and budgeting. Directors should have reliable transportation, telephone and computer access.

A guild season has up to four productions a year. Traditionally, these include:

- A musical in mid-winter (February).
- A play, preferably a drama, in early spring (April/May).
- A family production, preferably a musical, in mid-summer (July).
- A play, preferably a comedy, in early fall (September/October).

Potential directors should note the calendar lists an approximation of each time slot and is subject to change based on the availability of the performance space, the director and/or availability of the rights to present the show.

Submissions may be completed at <http://tiny.cc/GenesiusShowSubmissions>. Additional information is available by contacting form manager Matthew Byerly at enigma_46383@yahoo.com. Submissions also may be made by email to genesius_guild@writeme.com with the subject line "Show Submission," or they can be sent to The First United Methodist Church of Hammond, Attention Genesius Guild, 6635 Hohman Ave., Hammond, IN, 46324. Potential directors are invited to walk through the space with a board member from the theater. Contact Larry Hinken at hinkenact@aol.com to make arrangements.



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MQT Summa Cum Laude Students

Marquette Catholic High School has revealed members of the Class of 2014 who have earned *summa cum laude* — the highest distinction — status.

These students have maintained a cumulative grade-point average of 4.0 and above after seven semesters. The students are:

- Allison Day Back.
- Taylor Rose Bowen.
- George William Connelly V.
- John Patrick Disser.
- Stephanie Espar.
- Colleen Michelle Falk.
- Samantha Fanson.
- William Gotsch.
- Anna Grabovac.
- Danielle Szymkowski.
- Madison Leahy White.
- Madeline Ann Wood.

Cast Sought for "Passing Strange"

Imaginary Doors Entertainment and Festival Players Guild intends to stage the innovative musical "Passing Strange."

The production features seven black men and women with strong singing voices who can handle everything from pop and gospel to ballads and rock. It also calls for a band — lead and rhythm guitar, bass, keyboards and drums — whose members can be of any race.

The story follows a young bohemian who charts a course for "the real" through sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. The performances will be in May 2015, but because the process of assembling a cast and band, and getting everything ready for the stage, will take time, Imaginary Doors and Festival Players Guild are asking any interested young black performers — late teens to early 30s — to contact the show's director at brant@imaginarydoors.com

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Critique Night at CAC

Local painter Mark VanderVenne will host Critique Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Guests are welcome, with no prior registration required. All ability levels and artistic styles are invited. While VanderVenne is a painter, he can advise artists in other mediums.

Guests may sit and listen; however, participation will be encouraged. Artists can take a piece at any stage, from conception to the final version. It will be a safe and friendly environment; however, it will be a critique offering advice and insight into the effectiveness of the work or artistic concept.

Critique Night is held the first Wednesday of each month. Call (219) 926-4711 or visit www.chesterton-art.com for more information.

Beach Garden Club

Beach Garden Club members gathered Thursday, April 24, at the Long Beach Community Center to kick off and honor 80 years of the club founded in 1933 by Mrs. George Holt.

Danielle Ray, a Northwest Indiana Beekeepers Association member, led the program "Not Your Grandfather's Beekeeping." Discussion centered on the world of bees, bee keeping, bee behavior, monthly bee responsibilities, bees as weather predictors and bee troubles in the form of diseases.

The club learned how important bees are to the success of plants and gardens. Spring, Ray said, brings the dandelion, which is the first nectar plant of the season for bees. She suggested members give the dandelions a few days to live to help out bees before pulling them from yards.

Also highlighted was the fact that bees depend on plants grown from heirloom seeds and native plants to produce honey. The website northwestbeekeeper-sassociation.com was recommended.

In keeping with the theme of the day, Bev Johnson and Pat Latchford prepared treats incorporating honey. Bev Bruesch warned members of the invasive Tree of Heaven, which is making itself comfortable in the beach areas.

The Beach Garden Club provides members opportunities to discuss plant cultures, landscaping of homes and the beach area's beautification, along with preserving the area's native wildlife and the integrity of the environment.

Box Car Buffet Celebrity Banquet

The New Buffalo Railroad Museum will hold its third annual Box Car Buffet Celebrity Banquet at 7 p.m. EDT Thursday, May 8, at Skip's Restaurant, 16710 Lakeshore Road, New Buffalo.

Reservations are due by May 1 for the event that features local celebrities as waiters who compete with each other to raise tip money for the museum. This year's roster includes: Jan Adamec, Mary Dunbar, Chuck Garasic, Rob Gow, Ric Heath, Coach Randy Mast and Coach Kelly Weidenmiller. Dee Dee Duhn again will serve as celebrity host.

A prime rib buffet dinner, silent auction and live entertainment are planned.

Tickets are \$25 for the prime rib buffet, \$12 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and younger. Previous events have sold out, so early paid reservations are recommended at new-buffalo-railroad-museum.org/annual-box-car-buffet/

Checks can be made payable to New Buffalo Railroad Museum and dropped off with Museum Treasurer Sherri Kerhoulas at Kerhoulas Insurance, 627 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo. Contact President Katha Kissman at (202) 669-4423 for more information.



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Indiana Ballet Theatre Classes

Indiana Ballet Theatre will have registration for summer classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Merrillville studio, 8888 Louisiana St.

Registration for the DeMotte studio, 202 Fifth Ave. N.E., is from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

The non-profit IBT offers a variety of classes June 16 through July 12 for all ages, starting at 3 years old. Immediately after the summer session is IBT's two-week summer ballet intensive, which still has spots available.

Visit ibtnw.org or call (219) 755-4444 for more information.

Mother's Day Luncheon

Polish Women's Alliance, Group 132, will have a Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 10, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1104 Knights of Columbus Drive, East Chicago, Ind. (across from the South Shore station).

Doors open at noon, with lunch at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$17.50 for children 5-11. Raffle proceeds benefit the Group 132 Scholarship Fund. Reservations are due by May 5 by calling Delphine Huneycutt at (219) 398-9069.

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First Friday Film Series

Freida Lee Mock's Oscar-winning documentary "Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision" will be shown at 7 p.m. EDT Friday, May 2, at The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich.

The showing is the final entry in the First Friday Film series before taking a summer hiatus. The suggested \$5 donation will be collected at the door.



Maya Lin

The 1994 film, shown as part of Krasl Art Center's 2014 Sculpture Biennial Exhibits at The Box Factory, documents the life and work of American artist Maya Lin, whose best-known work is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. It was one of the most bitterly disputed public monuments in American history. Only 21

when her design was chosen in 1981, Lin has never shied away from controversy. Her starkly simple slash of polished black granite inscribed with the 57,661 names of those who died in Vietnam was viciously attacked as "dishonorable," "a scar" and "a black hole," but Lin remained committed to her vision and the memorial was built as planned.

Since then, Lin has completed a succession of monuments and sculptures that confront vital American social issues.

Visit www.boxfactoryforthearts.org for additional information.

Farm to Table for Education

New Buffalo High School junior Jay Cook will present "Farm to Table for Education," a fundraiser for him to again be a People to People student ambassador, on Thursday, May 15, at Spire Farm to Fork Cuisine, 299 W. Johnson Road, La Porte.

Cook's goal is to raise the entire tuition — \$7,259 — for the program, which was founded by Dwight Eisenhower in 1956 so students from across the globe could learn and explore the cultures and history of other countries and continents. It also was designed to bring peace through educational travel.

Appetizers and cocktails for "Farm to Table for Education" are at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. (both Central time). A silent auction also is part of the event. The cost is \$95 per person.

Reservations are required, with 100 being the maximum seating. They can be made by calling Spire at (219) 575-7272. Donations also can be made at www.youcaring.com/Help-Jay-Make-the-Pay

An article about Cook appeared in the Feb. 20 Beacher.

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"Gardens, Rivers & Lakes" Series

Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart, will present the series "Gardens, Rivers & Lakes: The American Landscape of Leisure" every Thursday through July 13.

All programs are from 12:20 to 1 p.m. EDT. The schedule is:

- **May 1 — Mark VanderVenne, Porter.**
The traditional landscape painter is inspired by lakefront dunes and surrounding woodlands.
 - **May 8 — Susie Russell, Milford, Ind.**
Russell's work takes a traditional approach to architectural elements placed in the landscape.
 - **May 22 — Kristin Hosbein, St. Joseph, Mich.**
Hosbein paints with oils, acrylic and encaustics. Her landscapes feature the "ala prima," or wet-on-wet technique painted in plein air.
 - **May 29 — Laurie Schirmer Carpenter, Valparaiso.**
Carpenter paints the landscape, and especially the skies, in her vision of the Midwest.
 - **June 5 — Daniel Slattery, South Bend.**
The watercolorist and former Northern Indiana Artists president creates realistic landscapes.
 - **June 12 — Cathy McCormick, Granger.**
The pastel artist's works can range across seasons of the year.
 - **July 10 — Dawn Barrier, South Bend.**
The young painter is drawn to dunes and fields, as well as urban views of the St. Joe River.
- Visit www.MidwestMuseum.US or call (574) 293 6660 for more information.

Watercolor Portraits Workshop

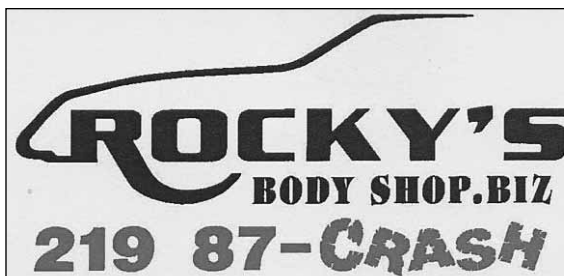
West Virginia-artist Laurie Goldstein-Warren will lead a two-day watercolor-portraits workshop Saturday and Sunday, May 10 and 11, at The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich.

Goldstein-Warren will demonstrate a simplified approach to watercolor portraits using the same five tube colors. No portrait-drawing skill is required; however, a basic knowledge of watercolors is helpful. The same method also works for still life, landscapes and abstracts.

Goldstein-Warren will provide short demonstrations throughout the day, with plenty of painting time for participants. Each day ends with a group exhibition and discussion of the day's work.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT, with a one-hour lunch break. Arrangements for lunch are at the participant's discretion. The cost is \$150. A materials' list will be provided with pre-paid registration.

Registration is available with PayPal at www.boxfactoryforthearts.org or with credit card by calling the box office during normal gallery hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT Monday through Saturday. Space is limited to 20 participants.



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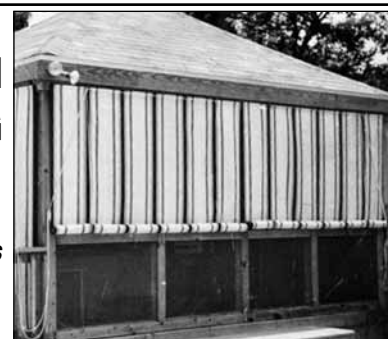
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Jeans Day Benefit



Joy Elementary School students recently donated proceeds from a monthly "jeans day" benefit to Michiana Humane Society. Pictured are (from left) Joy student representatives A.J. Brandon and Mazen Mroueh presenting a \$391 check to Humane Society Executive Director Johanna Humbert.

Six Week Photography Workshop

Firefly photo with David Knight will present two six-week photography workshops starting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6 and 7, at The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich.

The beginners' workshop will meet Tuesdays and the intermediate workshop on Wednesdays.

In the beginning workshop, participants learn how to use their cameras. The intermediate workshop will show participants how to get the most out of their cameras. Participants will need a digital camera and the accompanying manual if available.

The fee for each workshop is \$150, or \$135 for Berrien Artist Guild members. Prepaid registration is available online with PayPal at www.boxfactory-forthearts.org/artcalendar.html# or by credit card at (269) 983-3688.

Tryon Farm Trail

The Third Annual Tryon Farm Trail 5/10/50K is Saturday, May 17.

This year's event will benefit the Tryon Farm Institute, which manages the land on which Tryon Farm Trail rests.

The course is a 10K loop through native prairie grassland, beechwoods and dunes. About 60 percent of the course is on a wooded single track that follows the existing deer path. The remainder heads through a protected native prairie grassland. At one point, the course heads across a sod-roofed modern house built into the landscape.

The trail also includes a few small water crossings. Two aide stations will be available so participants stay hydrated.

The start/finish line will feature music, local food and craft beers, along with free treats. Free overnight camping is available for 50K Ultrarunners.

Register by May 1 to be guaranteed a shirt. All runners who complete the course receive the hand-crafted finisher's medal.

Packet pickup is from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 16, at the Tryon Farm barn. The race day schedule (all times are Central) is:

- 7 a.m. — Packet pickup and registration.
- 8 a.m. — 50K starts.
- 9 a.m. — Kids race starts.
- 10 a.m. — 5/10K starts.

Tryon Farm is located at 1400 Tryon Road, Michigan City. Visit <http://ultrasignup.com/> to register.

Country Club Has New GM

Pottawattomie Country Club, 1900 Springland Ave., announced Rick Dewling is its new general manager.

Dewling will oversee the club's operations. He recently worked two years at Arcadia Bluffs (Mich.) Golf Course.

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Sarett Nature Center

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• **Train to become a Butterfly House docent at 10 a.m. EDT Friday, May 2.**

Registration is required.

• **Learn how to make medicinal herbal preparations at 2 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 3.**

Classroom information will be combined with hands-on field practice. The cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required. Participants receive a list of required materials after registering.

• **Travel with the center to Dowagiac Woods for a Trillium Foray at 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 4.**

The cost is \$10.

• **The Adult Education Series focuses on area amphibians and reptiles at 2:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, May 7.**

The cost is \$5.

Call (269) 927-4832 to register for all programs.

Tuesday Night Jewelry Classes

Mara Wible will teach a variety of Tuesday night jewelry classes in May at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The schedule is:

- May 6 — Beaded Flower Bracelet Class.
- May 13 — Pear Pendant Class.
- May 20 — Round & Round Cuff Bracelet Class.

All classes are at 5:15 and 7 p.m. The cost per class is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. No previous experience is required, and all supplies are included.

Call (219) 926-4711 or visit www.chestertonart.com to register or for more information.

Black Ash Basket Making Experience

The Pokagon Fund and New Buffalo Arts Council again have united to present a tribute to indigenous heritage.

The free Black Ash Basket Making Experience highlights Native American culture and history while creating baskets using traditional techniques.

Art instructor Randy Veldman (New Buffalo High School), Amy Skaggs (River Valley High School) and the NBAC have organized three sessions taught by a group of instructors, including basket artist and Pokagon tribal member Jennie Brown. She has been making Black Ash baskets for 30 years, and one of her pieces is in the Smithsonian Museum.

Baskets will be completed in one session. All classes are from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. EDT. The schedule is:

- Monday, May 5, in the art room at River Valley High School, 15480 Three Oaks Road.
- Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6-7, in the art room at New Buffalo High School, 1112 E. Clay St.

Registration priority goes to those unable to attend last year's class. Size is limited, and registration is required by contacting Randy Veldman at rveldman@nbas.org or (269) 469-6054.

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On May 1, 1786, "The Marriage of Figaro," an opera by Mozart, premiered in Vienna.

On May 1, 1847, the cornerstone was laid for Washington's world-famous Smithsonian Institute.

On May 1, 1867, thousands marched through Chicago's streets in support of the state's new law requiring an eight-hour work day.

On May 1, 1873, United States post offices began selling the first penny postcards.

On May 1, 1884, construction began in Chicago on the first "skyscraper." It was a ten-story structure (on the corner of La Salle and Adams Streets) built by New York's Home Insurance Company.

On May 1, 1893, President Grover Cleveland opened the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

On May 1, 1941, Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" opened in New York.

On May 1, 1951, Minnie Minoso made his White Sox debut as the first black player for the South Siders.

On May 2, 1863, during the Civil War's "Battle of Chancellorsville," Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was shot and killed by his own soldiers when they mistook him for a Union scout.

On May 2, 1917, in a baseball game in Chicago, pitchers Jim "Hippo" Vaughn of the Chicago Cubs, and Fred Toney of the Cincinnati Reds, each pitched nine no-hit innings. The Reds scored a run in the top of the tenth inning, winning 1 to 0. Toney held the Cubs hitless in the bottom of the tenth.

On May 2, 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

On May 3, 1937, Margaret Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize for her Civil War novel, "Gone With The Wind."

On May 3, 1987, Sen. Gary Hart's dream of receiving the Democratic presidential nomination ended when The Miami Herald published a report that a young woman, later identified as model Donna Rice, spent the weekend with him in his Washington townhouse.

On May 3, 1997, world chess champion Garry Kasparov won the first game of his much-anticipated rematch with IBM's Deep Blue computer (however, Kasparov ended up losing the six-game match).

On May 4, 1855, "Women's Hospital," the first hospital designated exclusively for women, opened in New York City.

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On May 5, 1494, during his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus sighted Jamaica.

On May 5, 1893, panic hit the New York Stock Exchange; by year's end, the country was in the throes of a severe depression.

On May 5, 1904, pitcher Cy Young hurled the American League's first perfect game as the Boston Red Sox defeated the Philadelphia Athletics 3-0.

On May 5, 1925, John Scopes, while a teacher in the public school system of Dayton, TN, was arrested for teaching the theory of evolution.

On May 5, 1955, "Damn Yankees" opened on Broadway.

On May 5, 1961, Alan Shepherd became the first American in space. He made a brief suborbital flight in a capsule launched from Cape Canaveral, FL.

On May 5, 2004, Pablo Picasso's "Boy with a Pipe" sold for \$104 million at Sotheby's in New York, breaking the record for an auctioned painting.

On May 5, 2005, Tony Blair won a historic third term as Britain's prime minister, but his Labor Party suffered a sharply reduced parliamentary majority.

On May 6, 1840, the world's first postage stamp, "The Penny Black," was introduced in England.

On May 6, 1915, Herman "Babe" Ruth, pitching for the Boston Red Sox, hit his first major league home run.

On May 6, 1937, while attempting a landing in Lakehurst, NJ, the hydrogen-filled German dirigible *Hindenburg* exploded, killing 35 of the 97 people on board, and a Navy crewman on the ground.

On May 6, 1954, during a track meet in Oxford, England, Roger Bannister — a British medical student — broke the "unbreakable" four-minute mile. His time was 3:59.4.

On May 6, 1981, Yale architecture student Maya Lin was named winner of a competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

On May 6, 2004, an estimated 51.1 million people tuned in for the final first-run episode of "Friends" on NBC.

On May 6, 2006, Lillian Gertrud Asplund, the last American survivor of the sinking of the *Titanic*, died in Shrewsbury, MA; she was 99.

On May 7, 1915, nearly 1,200 lives were lost when the British liner *Lusitania*, after being hit by a German torpedo, sank off the Irish coast.

On May 7, 1989, Mayor Richard M. Daley and Gov. James Thompson helped break ground for the new Comiskey Park.

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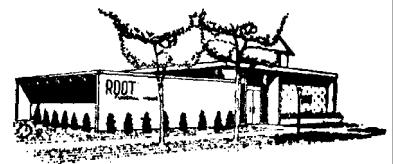
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Activities to Explore

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May 1 — Opening reception, artwork by Michigan City Area Schools elementary students, 5-7 p.m., NIPSCO Education Studios at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org, (219) 874-4900.

May 1 — “Wine and Wire” by Beach Bum Jewels and Shady Creek Winery, 6:30 p.m., Shady Creek Winery, 2030 Tryon Road, Michigan City. Includes beach glass jewelry wire wrapping class. Cost: \$40. Info/registration: beachbumjewels@comcast.net

May 2 — Uptown Arts District First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., downtown Michigan City (11th Street north to the lake).

May 2 — Opening reception, “Art in Good Taste: An Exhibition of Food as Subject, 5-8 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Info: www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com

May 2 — Friday Night at the Movies, Disney’s “Robin Hood,” 6:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library Children’s Department, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

May 2 — “Joni Mitchell’s Blue: A Celebration,” 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$20. Reservations: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

May 2-5 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “The Lunch Box,” about a middle-class housewife trying to bring excitement back to her marriage. Rated PG. In Hindi with English subtitles. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* “Le Weekend,” starring Jim Broadbent and Lindsay Duncan as a long-married couple who revisit Paris for the first time since their honeymoon. Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri. and 3:15 and 9 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

May 3 — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets, through October. Second Saturdays, (chef’s demonstrations, special market activities, food truck, artists, music), 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 3 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

May 3 — Free Gentle Flow Yoga, 12:15 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 3 — Documentary: “Inequality for All,” 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 3 — Building dedication, 3 p.m., The Social and Learning Institute, 207 E. Garfield St., Michigan City.

May 3 — 16th annual Sousa Tribute Concert, 1 p.m., Valparaiso University Chapel of the Resurrection. Tickets/info: valpo.edu/music, (219) 464-5162

May 3 — Opening ceremony, 21st Annual Juried Art Exhibition, 7 p.m., The Art Barn School of Art

695 N. County Road 400 East, Valparaiso. Info: (219) 462-9009, artbarnin@aol.com

May 3 — Meet-the-artists reception for Jodi, Allison and Chelsea Nix, 1:30 p.m., The Village Gallery at Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso. Exhibit runs through June 19. Info: (219) 465-1591.

May 4 — Ah Tu: A Musical Concert, 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 4 — Annual spring pancake breakfast and bake sale, 7-11 a.m., Springfield Township Volunteer Fire Department, 7111 N. County Road 300 West, Michigan City. Tickets: \$7/adults, \$3/children 6-12, free/children 6 and younger.

May 4 — Sunday Matinee, "American Hustle," 1:30 p.m., Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

May 5 — Monday Musicale Celebrates National Music Week, 6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Contact if interested in performing: 874-3754.

May 6 — "Local Lore: The Fox Family," 6:30 p.m. La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Info: (219) 362-6156.

May 6 — Special Open Mic with host Andrew Salgado, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Free. Email Sandra@acorntheater.com to reserve slot.

May 7 — Critique Night with Mark VanderVine, 7:30 p.m., Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: (219) 926-4711, www.chesterton-art.com

May 8 — Angels Among Us, 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 10-11 — Monday Musicale/Footlight Players performances commemorating end of National Music Week, Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 8 p.m. Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Reservations: (219) 874-4035

Wednesdays — Al-Anon meetings, 7-8 p.m., Long Beach Old School Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Info: (219) 716-2690.

Farther Afield:

May 2 — First Friday Film Series, Freida Lee Mock's Oscar-winning documentary "Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision," 7 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Cost: \$5 donation at door. Info: www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

May 3 — Singer/songwriter Susan Harrison, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$8/students and seniors, free/children 12 and younger. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

May 4 — Opening reception, South Shore Arts Tri-County Junior/Senior High School Art Exhibit, 1-3 p.m., The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster. Info: www.southshoreartsonline.org



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At 1:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, Ken Kirton of the Michigan Nature Association will lead a guided walk at Trillium Ravine. At 1:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 4, visitors can walk with a naturalist along Fernwood's trails.

Guests also can wander Fernwood or hop on the Trillium Trolley to Trillium Ravine from noon to 5 p.m. EDT Saturday and Sunday. For a small fee, the trolley will shuttle visitors between Fernwood and Trillium Ravine throughout the afternoon.

Also during the weekend, trilliums and other wildflowers will be sold in Fernwood's plant shop. Fernwood's photography club will offer wildflower photo tips.

Call (269) 695-6491 or visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org for more information.

Sousa Tribute Concert

Valparaiso University will present the 16th annual Sousa Tribute Concert in honor of legendary composer John Philip Sousa at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 3, in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

The concert features guest narrator John Philip Sousa IV, great-grandson and last living namesake of Sousa, who will provide historical commentary during the performance.

The event commemorates the 100th anniversary of Sousa's fourth and final performance at Valparaiso's Memorial Opera House. The lineup includes the Valparaiso University Chamber Concert Band, Luce Concert Band and the Community/University Concert Band, in addition to the Valparaiso High School Concert Band.

Visit valpo.edu/music or call (219) 464-5162 for tickets and additional information.

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"A Night at the Opera"

Monday Musicale and Footlight Players will unite to present a black-tie optional event to commemorate the end of National Music Week.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11, at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

Music director and accompanist Lee Meyer has lined up an opera program featuring 15 different composers. Some selections will be in the original languages — Italian, French, German, Russian — and some in English. Composers include Bizet, Boito, Borodin, Cilea, Donizetti, Leoncavallo, Mascagni, Mozart, Offenbach, Puccini, Tchaikovsky, Verdi and Wagner. Selections will include choruses, duets, trios and individual arias.

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For Sale: 109 Felton St., Michigan City, IN. Move in furnished week-ender home with updated features near Lake Michigan (fewer than 2/10 of a mile from historic Washington Park and Zoo). 3 BR/1BA, kitchen, dining room, loft overlooking living room with wood-planked cathedral ceiling, fenced-in landscaped yard with raised patio and a garage built recently. About an hour's drive from DT Chicago, Chicago train service nearby.
Price: \$163,400. **Enquire at (708) 798-4096 after 6 p.m.**

Open House: 1 bedroom loft at Tryon Farm, 8 Tryon Farm Lane, Michigan City.
Saturday and Sunday 1-4 PM. \$199,000. **Contact: 708-975-1125.**

PNC Girls Softball Camp

Purdue University-North Central's softball team and coaches will host a softball camp for girls May 10 at the softball field north of the Westville campus.

Two sessions will be offered: the first from 9 a.m. to noon for girls in third through fifth grades and the second from 1 to 4 p.m. for girls in sixth through eighth grades.

Participants receive instruction in pitching, catching, fielding, hitting and base running. Bats and balls will be supplied, but players should take their own helmet, bat and glove, and wear running shoes and appropriate attire. Participants also should take bottled water and money to buy other refreshments from the concession stand.

Registration costs \$40. Those who do so by May 3 receive a T-shirt. Forms are available at local elementary and middle schools or can be downloaded at <http://www.pncathletics.com/article/575.php>

Email PNC softball player Kaycie Pyle at pylek@pnc.edu for more information.

Success by 6 Award



Kris Pate, United Way executive director, presented the Success by 6 Service to Children Award to Bonnie Blastick, who accepted the honor on behalf of her daughter, Kim Klein. The award includes a \$250 contribution to Dunebrook Inc. Klein joined Dunebrook's staff a year ago to head up the Westville Little School project, a collaborative effort with Purdue University-North Central and Westville Public Schools. During its first year, Westville Little School has helped 25 4-year-olds develop kindergarten readiness skills through pre-school classes. The award was presented April 2 during the Vision Council Community Conversation breakfast at Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa.

"No Fear" Ladies Golf Clinics

Briar Leaf Golf Club again will offer its "No Fear" ladies group golf clinics.

Subjects include: fundamentals of the swing, short game, how to get started playing golf, etiquette and rules of the game and how to purchase equipment. The sessions, conducted by Briar Leaf PGA Professional Jay Williams, run from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Class size is limited to ensure proper student/teacher ratio, so early reservations are suggested.

Clinic dates are:

- First session – May 6, 7 and 8.
- Second session — May 13, 14 and 15.

Call 326-1992 for costs, to register or for more information.

Also planned are Eyeline Golf Putting Clinics. Williams and Assistant Professional Ty Lilley are two of only three Eyeline Golf Certified Instructors in Indiana. They will focus on how to putt better using the four putting elements. Their program uses drills, games and training tools.

The sessions are:

- Session 1 — 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 5.
- Session 2 — 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, May 20 and 27.

Space is limited to ensure proper student/teacher ratio, so early reservations are strongly suggested. Call (219) 326-1992 or email briarleaf@comcast.net for costs or to register.



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Five Came Back by Mark Harris
(hardcover non-fiction, \$29.95 online and in bookstores)

This is one part of American history you didn't read about in high school: the story of Hollywood's role in World War II.

Five years of intense research by Mark Harris has produced this unbelievable volume of how the war changed Hollywood, and how five of its finest directors left the relative safety of the States for Europe and the Pacific to help win the war in the only way they knew how: the magic of film. If you are a history buff, and have friends who are, this book will give you enough information for round-table discussions for weeks to come.

Let me explain.

In the late 1930s, all America had eyes on the growing threat of war in Europe. Most thought we would stay out of it this time, but by the end of the decade and the invasion of Poland in September 1939 and the invasion of France in May 1940, it was obvious Hitler was on a giant crusade to take over Europe.

Hollywood, meanwhile, was having its own problems with the growing Nazi menace. Film companies didn't want to upset the cart by vilifying anyone: not the Jews, the Nazis, the Fascists nor the Communists. After all, films Hollywood produced didn't just show in America. They were distributed all over Europe.

A nervous Congress, led by Republican Sen. Gerald Nye, eager to keep an isolationist approach, opened hearings in August 1941 complaining that at least 20 recent movies were promoting war, and Hollywood was doing so with encouragement from the government. He made a speech in which he attacked "the foreigners" who ran Hollywood, especially those with "non-Nordic" last names. Who knows how these hearings might have turned out if not for that fateful day — Dec. 7, 1941 — when Pearl Harbor was attacked. The hearings were shut down Dec. 8.

John Ford, Frank Capra, John Huston, William Wyler and George Stevens: five of Hollywood's brightest directors. This amazing book chronicles their careers through the 1930s, and how each one decided to join the war after Pearl Harbor, providing their expertise through movies, training films and propaganda films to show the American public what was going on and what we were fighting for. These efforts also provided the Armed Services with

training films that made sense and took the place of old ones that would put the men to sleep or were downright laughable.

Ford was the first to come forward in 1940 when he organized the Naval Photographic Organization for propaganda purposes. After Germany invaded France that year, his group became part of the Naval Reserve. He also risked life and limb when he filmed the battle for Midway Island, a victory in the Pacific the Americans sorely needed. Huston was sent to Alaska where the Japanese captured the Aleutian Islands of Attu and Kiska, the only ground invasion of U.S. territory during the war.

All five of these men were almost twice as old as the men they filmed and served with during the war, but by all accounts they went willingly and fought the Signal Corps, even the government, to make the films they felt necessary.

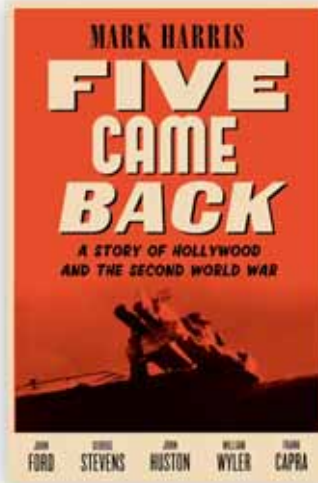
There is so much more to this book, I could not possibly tell you about in this space. Suffice it to say, I was mesmerized by the information on each and every page.

The writing takes you month by month, giving you all the possible information of what was going on in Hollywood, Washington, D.C., and the lives of these five directors. The book also contains a nice selection of black-and-white glossy photos, combining all this into a smoothly written, easily read story of five directors whose faults were not overlooked. Indeed, these stories portrayed them as they were, in all their outstanding moments and their not-so outstanding ones.

Booklist gave **Five Came Back** a starred review and said: "Narrative nonfiction that is as gloriously readable as it is unfailingly informative."

Harris, a frequent contributor to *Entertainment Weekly*, also is known for his *Pictures of a Revolution: Five Movies and the Birth of the New Hollywood*. It was a *New York Times* notable book of the year and was named one of the 10 best nonfiction books of the decade by Salon.

Till next time, happy reading!



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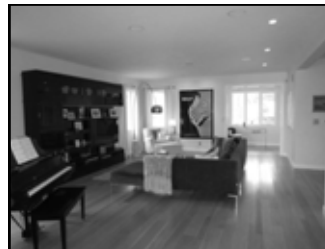
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