

Raintree Arts Council

Bringing Art to Life

ON STAGE

Be a Part of History!

The Raintree Arts Council and the Changelings Theatre Company are excited to announce the re-birth of the Anita Ludwig Theatre in the Apple Shed.

You can be in on this exciting time in the history of the arts for Pike County.

The theatre was established in the late 1970s and has been the haunt of area Arts throughout the decades. We need your help to move into the 21st Century! Our equipment is past retirement age and we need you to help the next generation. New equipment and a fresh coat of paint is needed!

TO THIS END, HERE'S A FUNDRAISER:

- Theatre Garage sale and musical spectacle. If you love the thrill of the hunt, join us as we clean out the theatre and offer all kinds of treasures for your shopping delight! Pianos, organs, chairs, fur coats, feather boas, an odd codpiece or two! Members of the Changelings Theatre group to entertain you as you shop. Coming summer '23! Watch for the date. Call 817-300-9796 for info.

- **Theatre Grand Re-opening!** Our annual variety show and Theatre Grand re-opening is on Saturday, November 25 @ 7 p.m. Please, come enjoy the show and check out our new face! Call 817-300-9796 for info.

The future of a thriving community theatre in Pike County is in our hands. Join in and help us move into the 21st Century.

Donations are welcome, and as a non-profit organization, we can provide tax receipts. We also need volunteers to help with renovations, so bring your mad carpentry skills and be a part of the future!

Thank you! Mary Lang Fournier, Director, Changelings Theatre Company

Performing Arts actors and musicians in action at Raintree Events



COMING EVENTS

- *Louisiana's Bluegrass Pickers Festival*

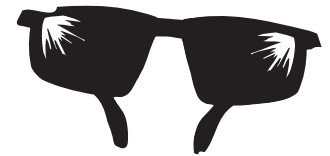
May 13, 2023

RAC Sponsors the 'Fiddle Contest'

- *'Missouri State Chili Cook-Off'* June 10, 2023

Clarksville River Front Park

AN ENCORE FOR ENCORE!



On Saturday night, April 1st, eleven talented local performers wowed over 150 fans at the 1950s Sock Hop. RAC's annual ENCORE featured over a dozen "swell" acts as well as a hula hoop and "Twist" contest. Attendees hooped on stage and "Twisted" in the aisles. A fabulous catered meal by Vicky Keely accentuated the night, and a silent auction benefitted RAC and the Apple Shed.

Watch for news on the 2024 ENCORE.

WE'LL BE COOKIN'!

The Missouri State Chili Cookoff simmers all day on June 10th, 2023 at Clarksville's Riverfront Park.

Bring your appetite and love for music by Jerry Epperson and the Group. They'll be playing all of the fun dance and listening music to accompany lotsa cold beverages and hot chili.

This is a qualifying event for the World Champion Cookoff in Myrtle Beach SC. Look up the International Chili Society rules and become a follower of a great organization that supports non-profit organizations like the Raintree Arts Council.

Check-in at 11:00 AM and enjoy the day. Support and enjoy the vendors and bring your friends!

Become a sponsor and be on the back of the T-shirts!

Call Linda for information at 573-754-0335.



Do I smell chili?!

RAINTREE NOW ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

For your convenience, Raintree Arts Council has added the ability to accept electronic payments via Venmo and PayPal. We are happy to share this with our patrons so you can utilize this option if you wish instead of mailing a check. Payment for dues, donations, performance tickets, and rentals of the Apple Shed are examples. When making electronic payments, please be sure to indicate for what the payment is being made.

PLEASE NOTE: Many RAC performances request that reservations be made in advance by phoning a number. This still needs to be done but payment may be made electronically.

Paying by Venmo is our preference as it does not charge RAC a Service Fee. Please go to Venmo and enter @RaintreeArtsCouncil-Raintree.

To make payment via PayPal, which charges RAC a small service fee, go to PayPal and enter administrator@raintreeartscouncil.org. Thanks!

2023 Art Scholarships Awarded

Each year the Raintree Arts Council awards the Jamie McIlroy Memorial Scholarship in visual, music, and literary arts. Jamie McIlroy was a Clarksville artist and a founding member of the Raintree Arts Club.

Raintree began with an art show at the four-way corner at Clarksville which featured Jamie, Bill Blakey, a Clarksville artist, Pat Kerns, a Bowling Green artist, now a Hannibal artist, and Jerry Epperson, Clarksville artist and now a world-famous musician. The group became official in 1973 with an art show at the Bowling Green Library during the sesquicentennial. In 1979, members of the Raintree Arts Guild reached out to the community and Missouri Arts Council and helped create the Raintree Arts Council (RAC).

This year the Jamie McIlroy \$500 art supply award went to Louisiana High School senior Jordan Haynes. Jordan is the daughter of Jessie Stark and Justin Haynes. Jordan has been accepted to several Art Institutes.

Our second award is \$100 to Julia Murray. It is the "For Art's Sake" award which was established and funded by Jon Moran, a Louisiana artist and long-time Arts Council volunteer and past RAC President, to encourage students with a passion for the arts.

Julia Murray has received many awards in instrumental music performances. Julia is the daughter of Joe and Michelle Murray. Julia plans to attend the University of Missouri and major in music.

Our third scholarship is a Literary Scholarship awarded to Gabriel Maier, a Bowling Green High School student, who plans to attend Hannibal-LaGrange College and major in English. Gabriel is the son of Paul and Angela Maier.

Raintree is proud to present a visual arts award, a music award, and a literary award. Raintree Arts Council is a non-profit organization made up of an all-volunteer board. RAC serves Pike and Lincoln counties and is always seeking support from area residents and businesses whether as a volunteer, or attend our events.

- SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY - BLUEGRASS PICKERS FESTIVAL 5/13/23

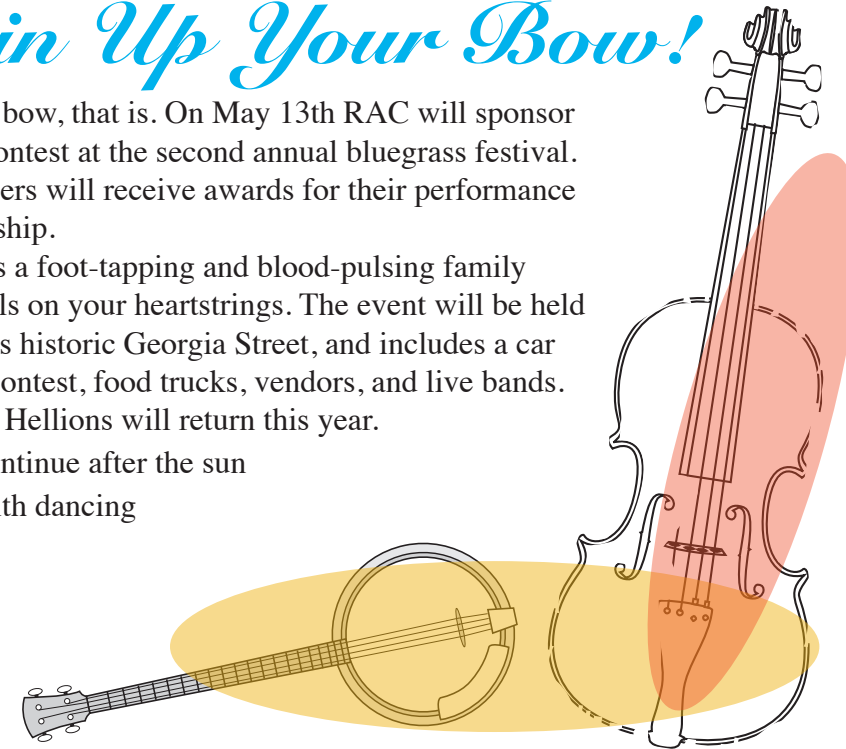
Rosin Up Your Bow!

Your fiddling bow, that is. On May 13th RAC will sponsor the fiddling contest at the second annual bluegrass festival. The best fiddlers will receive awards for their performance and musicianship.

This is a foot-tapping and blood-pulsing family event that pulls on your heartstrings. The event will be held on Louisiana's historic Georgia Street, and includes a car show, fiddle contest, food trucks, vendors, and live bands.

Royal Hellions will return this year.

Music will continue after the sun goes down with dancing in the streets!



From the Desk of the President

In February 2023 the Raintree Arts Council, with assistance from the Buffalo Township United Fund Grant brought Imaginary Theatre Company to Louisiana Elementary School.

Students and staff were treated to a delightful performance of James and the Giant Peach. The performance generated lots of excitement and thoughtful engagement between the students and cast.

One student said, "This was better than good. It was greater than great!" Another student gave the performance "Ten Thumbs Up!" This enthusiasm from local students came at the right time as our board is beginning to turn our efforts to improve our own theatre in The Apple Shed.

Raintree Arts Council's theatre group, The Changelings, has delighted audiences with many performances over the years and it is time to make some much-needed upgrades to our lighting and sound systems.

Our goal is new equipment. These improvements will allow the talented performers to shine even brighter and continue to dazzle audiences for many years to come!

Be on the lookout for opportunities to contribute and support our theatre renovations. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ashley Branstetter, President

Looking for a fun location for a wedding or event? Try the Apple Shed! It's Affordable!

Weddings. A few dates are available to book your wedding for 2023. Contact Ashtyn at 573-560-2244

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PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY
Payment can now be made by electronic payments via Venmo and PayPal, or by check. Thanks to all of you who have paid your membership. Our *annual due date is now December 31st of the year*, that way it will be easy to include on your taxes, if you do so.

Membership Renewal This Month!! - Don't Forget the Arts

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