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RAINTREE ARTS COUNCIL SERVING PIKE & LINCOLN COUNTIES

May/June 2022

2022 'Show-Me' CHILI CONTEST, TASTINGS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Remember the Chili cookoff is coming. June 11th at Clarksville, Mo. Riverfront Park.

There will be plenty of music and entertainment starting at 10 am. Our own Ricky and Patrick will start the morning with music and this year Local Jerry Epperson and the Original Chili Band will be playing from noonish to whenever. Come taste Red, Green, Homestyle and Salsa variations during the day. Each cook is trying to make their way to The World Cookoff.

If you want to COOK, sign up on the ICS website - chilicookoff.com at Mo. State Chili Cookoff. We want as many to cook as possible. Total prize money is \$1500.00!



All donations and money supports the Raintree Arts Council and its programs. Call Linda 573-754-0335 if you have questions or want to set up a booth. Booth cost is \$60.00 for the day. Set up in the park at 7:30 am on the 11th.

JUNE 11 - RIVERFRONT PARK

GET READY TO HEAR SOME GOOD 'OLE COUNTRY MUSIC!!

JULY 9, 2022 AT 7 P.M.

BOWLING GREEN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Debra Ingram will once again be bringing her musical stylings to the stage at the Bowling Green High School Auditorium on Saturday, July 9.

This performance will feature music by those legendary women of country music – of course Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, Tammy Wynette, and Dolly Parton.

As the years go by, there are other names of women who have left a mark or are leaving a mark that are also being added to that list. So there will be a little bit of music for everyone to enjoy – at least if you are a country music fan!

Tickets will be \$10 at the door. It may be hot out in July, but it will be nice in the air-conditioned auditorium – so come and have a good time!

HAPPENING IN '22

• 'Show-Me' Chili Cookoff – June 11, 2022, culinary arts fundraiser

• Debbie Ingram Concert on July 9, 2022 - 7:00pm

• "The Changelings", RAC's Theater Group, upcoming performance (free / reduced rates for youth)

• Shakespeare in the Park offering "Comedy of Errors" in Sept. 9, 10, 11, 17 and 18, 2022

• Cornet Chop Suey Jazz Performance Sept 24, 2022

• 48th Annual Art Exhibit and Judged Competition October 8 & 9, 2022

• Christmas with Donna December 4, 2022



Raintree Theatre News – The Changelings present

'Shakespeare in the Park'



Show dates are September 9, 10, 11 & 17, 18

Please call 817-300-9796 for details.

P.S. Save these weekends for a reboot of our wildly popular, Shakespeare al Fresco (in the outdoors) series in Clarksville. This year we're staging *"A Comedy of Errors"*, a hilarious case of mistaken identity and mayhem! Stay tuned for more details.

Looking to strut your stuff on (or off) stage? Call 817-300-9796 and ask Mary how you can get involved. All ages and talents are invited.

In the Great Outdoors!

**2022 Scholarship Awards
to be presented in May.**

Raintree Arts Council will be awarding scholarship awards in the fine arts areas for Pike or Lincoln counties in May. Awards are provided to the winners at their respective year-end school awards ceremonies. Raintree is proud of its long history of offering resources to young persons seeking a career in the Arts.

Helping Out Raintree's Home – The Apple Shed

The Apple Shed was in full swing during Eagle Days. This year it plans to be a busy place and with many weddings in the unique setting at the Shed.

We always welcome your support. Please send any donations to keep the Shed in great shape. There are always repairs to be done.

The kitchen floor needs help now. The small freezer and a refrigerator are about to croak. **HELP!!**

Call Linda at 573-754-0335, or send checks to R.A.C., P. O. Box 251, Clarksville, MO 63336. Designate your choice of help for the Shed or any of the programs. Thank you in advance.



Music, Food and FUN for all who attended!

Before the Encore

Performers at Raintree Arts Council's annual Encore dinner and show April 9 at The Apple Shed in Clarksville pause during rehearsals.

More than 140 people attended the fundraiser. Raintree will use proceeds for community arts programs. The organization is a non-profit multi-disciplinary group that receives partial financial assistance from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency, and the Buffalo Township United Fund.

This year's theme was *"The Roaring Twenties."* The ensemble performed an opening medley that

included "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover," "Tootsie," "Side by Side" and "Happy Days Are Here Again."

Tunes from the 1920s featured individually or as a duo during the show were "Ain't Misbehavin'" "All of Me," "Putting on the Ritz," "More Than You Know," "I Wanna Be Loved By You," "St. Louis Blues," "What'll I Do?" "Sweet Georgia Brown" and "Second Hand Rose."



Pictured, from left, are Nick Riggio, Judi Bruce, Beverly Cogar, Donna Grote, Debbie Ingram, Christy Cracchiolo and Tommy Wallace.

From the Desk of the President

*Art is the only way to run away without leaving home**. I recently read this quote and immediately thought of The Raintree Arts Council.

I feel this quote perfectly captures our mission to provide opportunities for cultural enrichment through participation, education, and outreach in Pike and Lincoln Counties. We fulfill this mission by offering a variety of events that we hope will spark interest and bring the arts alive in our community.

Our programs offer the opportunity to be whisked away for a few hours and chances to revisit those memories for a lifetime.

Another way we foster the arts at home is by offering scholarships to students in Pike and Lincoln Counties. We hope that by offering scholarships to students who are interested in pursuing art beyond high school, we can support our local students to inspire others away from home.

We love being a small part of their journey as they share their talents and begin their future either near or far.

We invite you to come run away with us without ever leaving home!

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 still available to book your wedding for 2022-2023. Contact Ashtyn at 573-560-2244

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Thanks to all of you who have paid your member-
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THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE ARTS

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