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RAINTREE ARTS COUNCIL

July/August 2016

Cornet Chop Suey Jazz Concert *New Date - August 27, 6:00p.m.*

Cornet Chop Suey Jazz Concert will be earlier than usual this year, so mark your calendars for Saturday, August 27th, 7:00 p.m. Our favorite local jazz musician, Jerry Epperson and his bandmates, Brian Caserly on vocals and trumpet, Tom Tucker on cornet, Brett Stamps on trombone, Bill Murphy on piano, Jay Hungerford on bass and John Gillick on drums will take their jazz fans to their "happy place", offering up an evening of exciting traditional jazz, swing, blues, and big production numbers. **Food and drinks will be available through the evening.**

Saturday August 27, 2016. Apple Shed in Clarksville MO. Concert at 7:00p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets Adults - \$15.00, Students under 18 yrs.- \$5.00



Mayor Taylor • November 19, Apple Shed, Clarksville MO

By popular request we have invited the St. Louis musical trio 'Mayor Taylor' back to the Apple Shed in Clarksville to perform on Saturday evening November 19th at 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Join us in welcoming back 'Mayor Taylor' to the stage; Lydia Ruffin on guitar and ukulele, Charlie Pfeffer on guitar and mandolin, & Mike Tiefenbrun on bass and guitar. Known for their rich harmonies, they craft a moody, memorable sound, playing familiar folk and gospel songs, swing/jazz tunes, as well as traditional ballads, and spirituals. Lydia's voice is strong and haunting when a ballad is offered up, and an occasional acapella spiritual by the trio gives chills. You may have missed last year's performance, don't miss them this time around! Tickets at the door, \$15.00 and Students \$5.00. Refreshments available all evening. Link to their work: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfQyyatWCjM&feature=share> Financial assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

CORNET CHOP SUEY SCHOOL CONCERTS

Jazz performed with an educational focus happens to be something the CCS band members love to do and this year, on Wednesday September 14, they will be performing for two Lincoln County school districts, Elsberry and Winfield. All grades are invited, it's up to the individual schools as to which grades will be available for the performances. CCS does a lively, informative concert, with emphasis on jazz styles, history, their instruments, and their very own musical synergy.

Golden Hills of Louisiana Missouri Plein Air Event

Set your date for **Saturday SEPTEMBER 10, 2016** for the Golden Hills of Louisiana Plein Air event in Louisiana Missouri's picturesque rivertown. Visit online at www.goldenhillspleinair.com. for complete details. Also visit GHLMPA on Facebook. The Golden Hills Plein Air Event is hosted by the Golden Hills of Louisiana Missouri Plein Air committee and is associated with the Raintree Arts Council.

It's Been Busy Year! Did You Miss Music & Art?

Last **September** the Cornet Chop Suey jazz band did informative performances at two local school districts, Troy and Bowling Green. The number of students in attendance was over 900! They present their traditional jazz, swing, New Orleans style, and the blues to the students with intent and humor in which to engage them in a style of music the student audience may not be familiar with. The following weekend at the annual Cornet Chop Suey jazz concert in the Apple Shed, the fans numbered well over 150. It sure was a lively evening!

In **October**, the St. Louis Metro Theater performed their play, "Talkin' Trash", at Silex Elementary and Elsberry Clarence Cannon Schools, where 525 students assembled and learned about diversity in friendships and neighborhoods.

Our 41st Annual Art Exhibit and Judged Competition in October was a success. Special thanks to all artists involved! Also during Applefest, a Poetry Slam where both poets, Brent Engel and Bill Maxwell, brought strong creativity to the event.

In **November**, a musical trio from St. Louis, 'Mayor Taylor', enchanted us with harmonies, traditional ballads, folk, jazz/swing songs.

We had freezing weather that January afternoon of the Winter Blues Sweet Cure Concert featuring Jerry

Epperson and Pat Joyce, sadly it was cancelled.

In **February**, Paul Mesner Puppets with puppeteer Michael Horner performed at Clopton School for the elementary grades. The show highlighted the ways new friends learn to get along through cooperation while using their imaginations.

In **March**, the Encore Musical Review, where "Love" was the theme had a full house at the Masonic Temple, it was a fun evening. Thanks to all who chose items from the silent auction - your support means a lot to us!

In **April**, Benjamin Cordes and his King Benny band played blues and country rock. Thanks to LA's exchange student Giovanni Verde for getting everyone up to dance!

In **May**, we had two concerts at the Apple Shed. Bill Forness & One More Round performed an amazing Johnny Cash Tribute and the audience loved it!

Out of Eureka, MO, the band River Rats performed their folk, gypsy, blues music, with amazing instrumentation. Maggie Grossi's fiddle and her beautiful voice captured the evening.

More wonderful events are planned for the coming year and we hope you can come and experience them with us!

Calendar Of Events - Arts in Action -

Aug. 27 Sat. "Cornet Chop Suey"
Jazz Concert

Sept. 14 Wed. "Cornet Chop Suey"
In-School Educational Program

Oct. 8 & 9 Sat./Sun. 42nd Annual Art
Exhibit and Judged Competition

Oct. 4 Wed. Storyteller Bobby Norfolk
Nov. 19 Sat. "Mayor Taylor" Concert

Desks of the Co-Presidents

Let us begin by thanking our past president Cindy Logan for her endless hours, talent and dedication for Raintree Arts Council. We will strive to do our best for Raintree. This time, you get two for the price of one! Raintree Arts Council could not exist without the hard work of our entire board and the patrons who support us.

The dog days of summer are here. The chili cook-off

was hot, hot, hot in many ways, especially the weather. Many enjoyed the tasty chili and music in spite of the weather. Hats off to Linda Blakey and all the volunteers who helped make this event happen.

Check out our next events listed in this newsletter and mark your calendars. We hope to see you there! Keep the arts alive in Pike and Lincoln Counties!!!!

Warm Regards

Judi Bruce & Debra Ingram

From The Director's Desk

As our Project Year has come to an end we like to review how the performances, art exhibits, and school programs were received by our community. RAC can't emphasize enough how much we need your input as to what type of programs and events you would like to see and attend in our community. We invite you to write, email, Facebook message, tweet, or stop us when you see us we are sincerely interested!

Those of you who have attended the art events and concerts, and those students who have had the opportunity to be at the school presentations, we thank you for your participation and support. We also thank the Missouri Arts Council, Arts & Education Council, Monsanto Rural Community Arts Education, the Calumet and Buffalo Township United Fund, and the many local businesses for their support in helping us bring the arts to Pike and Lincoln Counties.

I've learned from many of the musicians who have played at the Apple Shed that the acoustics there are nearly perfect. It's a hard thing to come by around here, but good to know our old building is giving back in somewhat elusive ways. Many have come to love it for it's spirit of the past, and I hope we all can continue to have good experiences there. Keep a look-out for events to come! It was an exciting year for me, because of all the events we brought to the community. I especially like when I hear from any of you about how pleased you were to be part of it. A special thanks to our community volunteers for helping when needed, for their kindness and care it means quite a lot to everyone!

Most sincerely,
Laurel Norton, Executive Director

Welcome New Board Members

Angela DeCook

Originally from Iowa, now residing in Louisiana, Missouri... "My career has been in social services as a counselor, advocate and, mostly, in HR. I have interests in writing, gardening and history, among others. My husband and myself both love art and enjoy attending performances of various kinds".

Pamela Brown

Pam is a member of Pike County Tourism Commission, Louisiana Visitors' Bureau, Louisiana Garden Club, and Coffeemates. Pam is a retired office manager, worked for the Missouri Department of Conservation for 21 years in Jefferson City, MO and as office manager for an architectural firm in Washington DC. While in Oregon served as Chairman of the Salem Assistance League, Operation School Bell and did merchandising for St. Mary's.

Helen Crew

Helen and her husband own and operate Cozy C Campground. Helen was born and raised on a farm that was located where the Cozy C is today. Helen has a graduate degree from Iowa State University. Helen is active in the First Christian Church in Louisiana. She has been a spinning instructor at the YMCA. Helen has been married for 50 years and has 5 children and 7 grandchildren.

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS MONTH

Thanks to all of you who have paid your membership. We are seeking to standardize our renewal date so everyone will easily know when to renew. 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. For those of you who may have recently renewed, we will leave it up to you if you would like to give a little extra. Of course, the Arts can always use your help.

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