

July 2010 Newsletter

Hello Friends of Heartland Gallery,

Summer is upon us and I know many of you are taking much-needed vacations and/or are busy with summer activities, but I want to remind you to fit in a visit to downtown Urbana whenever possible. Lots of events are planned, including the weekly Cherry Alley Wednesday lunchtime concerts outside of the Urbana Free Library. "Ultimate Saturdays" are another opportunity to spend your day here in the downtown, first at Urbana's Market at the Square, then making your way up to Main Street, via a stop in Lincoln Square Village. You can now buy your fresh produce at the Market, stock up on breads and pastries from Mirabelle and Art Mart, have lunch at one of our many fine restaurants, and then continue to shop for everything from shoes, books and women's clothing to art and gifts at any of the shops and galleries scattered along the way.

Heartland Gallery has a few events planned for summer as well, the first of which you won't want to miss.

HOOK & JILL: A Pirate Party will take place this Saturday, July 10th from Noon to 1:30pm at the gallery at 112 W. Main St in downtown Urbana. This event will feature readings from the award-winning new novel "Hook and Jill" by local author Andrea Jones. Andrea graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in Oral Interpretation of Literature and currently resides in suburban Chicago. "Hook and Jill" is a continuation of J.M Barrie's beloved cultural classic "Peter Pan," but it explores adult themes and is written from an adult perspective. Andrea will also discuss her novel, answer questions, and sign copies of the book.

Readings from the book will be interspersed with music by local actor/musicians Jenny Forshey Carpenter and Chris McDonald, accompanied by James Dobbs and Chris McDonald. All of these talented people have performed in local productions with such groups as The Champaign-Urbana Theatre Company, The Celebration Company at The Station Theater, the Opera Department of The Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, and the now defunct Sunshine Dinner Playhouse. The musical entertainment will feature songs from the musical "Peter Pan" as well as "The Pirate King" from "The Pirates of Penzance." Rum cake and punch will be served along with other refreshments. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed in pirate garb. In conjunction with this event, we have just received a shipment from St. Justin in Penzance, Cornwall, with many new pewter gift items and jewelry items in both sterling silver and pewter.

RISING GAEL Concert: Piper's Hut will be sponsoring another concert this month, though this one will NOT be held at Heartland Gallery. The band "Rising Gael", based in Madison, WI, will perform their repertoire of energetic Celtic music (traditional tunes with modern arrangements) along with some step-dancing at the Channing-Murray Foundation at 1209 W. Oregon St. in Urbana on Friday, July 16th at 8pm. The doors will open at 7:15pm. Tickets are \$10 for students/seniors and \$20 for adults. For more info, please see www.pipers-hut.com.

Along with the new pieces from St. Justin this month, we have acquired new framed cast paper designs from **Kevin Dyer** in Marietta, GA and new hand-painted glass roundels from **Winged Heart**, based in Cumbria, England and The Borders region of Scotland. We also received some new jewelry pieces from **Martina Hamilton** of The Cat and the Moon in Sligo, Ireland, **Shanore** in Dublin, Ireland and **Keith Jack** in North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Many of you are already aware that I have a new website (same address as before), and may have noticed that I am still having trouble keeping the info up-to-date and attaching photos from all of my artists/vendors. I am still learning how to use the program, but I can assure you that the info will be current once I have mastered this. As always, thank you for your continued support of Heartland Gallery. Have safe travels and a joyous summer.

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