

August 2010 Newsletter

Dear Friends of Heartland Gallery,

Summer is always a more relaxed time for me in the gallery as Champaign-Urbana becomes a bit quieter in general. On a personal level, I have been busy with many out-of-town trips and thus my usual full array of events has been on a bit of a hiatus. With the university fall term soon to begin however, activities will be picking up here very soon so here is a rundown of some of the events scheduled for the coming months.

Saturday, August 14th (Noon-2pm) - Pamela Machala to play at Heartland Gallery

Join us after the Market at the Square for a Second Saturday celebration at Heartland Gallery. We will have live music by Urbana singer/songwriter/pianist Pamela Machala on keyboard. There will be plenty of free refreshments as well as special sales on merchandise, including our half-price table, plus 15 % off on all pottery and 20 % off on all Irish and Scottish knitwear. Enjoy a lovely afternoon in our air-conditioned gallery with mellow music to soothe your soul. Call 217-337-4767 for more info or visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pamela-Machala/96394962041>. Please note that our mini-Welsh festival originally scheduled for this date has been postponed until the weekend of the Folk & Roots Festival.

Friday, August 20th (4pm-2am) – C-U Pride Fest. (in Lincoln Square)

This first annual celebration of our GLBT community will be held inside Lincoln Square Village near 88 Broadway in downtown Urbana. It is sponsored by the UP (Uniting Pride) Center of Urbana, the LGBT Resource Center at the University of Illinois, the Buzz and Fluid Events. Heartland Gallery will not be directly involved in this event because I have yet another out-of-town trip (to Milwaukee Irish Festival) that weekend. However, we are in full support of the event and encourage you to attend.

Friday (5-11pm) & Saturday, August 27th-28th (11am-11pm) – 35th Urbana Sweetcorn Festival

Enjoy free live music while you snack on freshly steamed Illinois sweetcorn and lots of other goodies at this annual festival in downtown Urbana. Heartland Gallery will be open until at least 7pm on Friday evening and our Saturday hours will be 10am – 11pm, so plan to drop in anytime. We will have special sales and drawings for prizes going on inside the gallery as well as a table located outside with upcoming event info and some merchandise displays.

Thursday, September 23rd (6-7:45pm) – Welsh fest with David Llewellyn in Concert – C-U Folk & Roots Festival kick-off

In collaboration with this year's CU Folk & Roots Festival (September 23-25), Heartland Gallery is co-sponsoring this Welsh-born folk singer from Mountain Ash, a coal mining town of 7000 in Glamorgan, South Wales. David Llewellyn moved to the U.S. in 1991 and is currently based in Nashville, TN. An award-winning singer/songwriter and guitarist, he has performed at many venues throughout the world and is widely known in the U.S. folk scene, having played on the main stage at Kerrville, TX. For more information about David, please visit his home page at <http://davidllewellyn.com/index.html>. Welsh refreshments will be served, and many Welsh items will be on display for sale.

Festival passes for the C-U Folk & Roots Fest will be available for only \$15, which is a "huge" bargain, as it will admit you to all festival events free of charge. The cost of attending just one event is \$10. As seating in the gallery is always limited, you are encouraged to come early to obtain a seat. We will be

open on this particular day from 10am through the concert performance. Please call 217-337-4767 for more info.

Friday, September 24 – C-U Folk & Roots Festival (events TBA)

Heartland Gallery will again be a venue on Friday evening for the CU Folk & Roots Festival. Event performers and times are still being worked out, so please check again in my September newsletter for more information about who will be performing and when. Local singer/songwriters and other musicians will be featured, possibly including some Celtic music.

Saturday, September 25 – Welsh Fest, in conjunction with the C-U Folk & Roots Festival

We are planning to have an afternoon Welsh tea with Welsh cakes and other goodies here at Heartland Gallery during the Folk & Roots fest. We will be playing recorded Welsh music and poetry readings recorded of the late Dylan Thomas. Traditional and contemporary Welsh fine craft and gift items will be featured on display, as well as my own photography of Wales (Celticscapes). Look for the Welsh flags under the Heartland Gallery awning. The exact time of this event will be announced in my Sept. newsletter as more of the festival details are unveiled.

In addition to the aforementioned events, several art show openings are planned at Heartland Gallery for the following dates and times, with more info about the events to be included in next month's newsletter.

Saturday, October 2nd (6-8pm) - Chinese cross-stitch by Ming Fen Li

Saturday, November 13th (6-8pm) – Paintings by Sam McCready

(Sam will be flying in to C-U just in time for this opening as well as for a special performance at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on November 16th-17th at 7:30pm. "A Time to Speak" was adapted by McCready from an original Holocaust memoir by the late Helen Lewis, founder of the Belfast Modern Dance Group. It is a solo dramatic performance by his wife Joan McCready, with dance movements projected on a screen that were choreographed by Philip Johnston and Kirstie Simson of the UIUC Dance Department. For more info about this performance, please see <http://krannertcenter.com/performance.aspx?id=2010618939585019822066245>.)

Saturday, November 27th (6-8pm) – Photography by Rick Goldwasser & Paintings by Marty Maehr

Finally, our new fall knitwear will be arriving in September and October. The shipments will include ruanas, sweaters, hats, scarves, and throws. It may be difficult right now to even conceive of the idea that colder weather will be making its way to Champaign-Urbana, but trust me, it will soon be here!

Many thanks for your continued support of the gallery. Stay cool for now.

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