

## October Newsletter

Dear Friend of Heartland Gallery,

September was filled with lots of exciting events, from the C-U Folk & Roots Festival to the opening of a new exhibition. Thank you to those who made it out to one or more of these events. The concert with folksinger/songwriter David Llewellyn certainly met all of my expectations and I suspect that you enjoyed it too. We had a good crowd for the 4th Anniversary Welsh Fest and everyone enjoyed the Welsh cakes provided by *Sylvia's Irish Inn*.

My big news this month is that as of yesterday, I now have two locations open for your shopping pleasure. I recently decided to open up a small space in Chicago's prestigious community of Andersonville. I am currently sharing a space in the **ANDERSONVILLE GALLERIA at 5247 N. Clark St.** [www.andersonvillegalleria.com](http://www.andersonvillegalleria.com) with another Irish-themed business called *Nuada*. If you happen to be living in or visiting the Chicago area, please don't hesitate to make a trip to this very special neighborhood and check out our space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Galleria. Once inside the Galleria, take the stairs at the front of the building on the right-hand side to the second level and look for the *Heartland Gallery* and *Nuada* signs immediately to your right. There are plenty of great restaurants in the area as well as other galleries and specialty shops, so plan to spend a full day there if you go. I am very excited to have this opportunity to reach out to a new market with my fine art and crafts from the Celtic lands. I have many paintings and other items displayed there and I will be continually monitoring the space to see which items need to be replenished. As I already have a trip to Ireland and Wales planned for early November, I hope to be bringing back many more new items soon.

Please check out the following list of upcoming events and the new items we received this past month.

**"MING FENG LI: Miao Minority Cross-stitch"** continues through the end of the month. If you didn't make it to our opening reception for this show, be sure to stop in and see the large colorful detailed cross-stitch pieces hanging on our back wall. Ming is from Guizhou, China and is a member of the Miao Minority, one of China's more than 50 registered minority groups. The Miao people are known for their elaborate needlework and fabric art. Ming has over 30 years of experience in the decorative arts. All of her pieces are for sale.

Kalarte Gallery (inside Heartland Gallery) has a current exhibition entitled **"FOLK ART AND CRAFTS OF INDIA"** which includes paintings, lost wax sculptures, palm leaf etchings, wood carvings, terracotta statues, textiles and more. The show continues through November 13th. Also on display are many small "Day of the Dead" figures to coincide with the Mexican festival celebrations which occur on or near November 2.

Our **SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DANCE WORKSHOPS** continue on Sunday, November 7 with an afternoon workshop for children ages 4-12 from 3 – 4:30pm and a later workshop for adults ages 13 and up from 5 – 6:30pm. Teacher Ariana Dymerski is a Certified Associate Highland Dance Teacher recognized by the British Association of Teachers of Dance and a Premier Highland Dancer recognized by the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing. If interested in

either workshop, please call the gallery (217)337-4767 for more info. The final workshops of the season are scheduled for Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**THE IRISH LANDSCAPE: Paintings by Sam McCready** opens on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and runs through December. An opening reception for the artist will be held on **November 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm**. Sam is an actor, director, writer and painter from Belfast, N. Ireland. He is currently touring with "A Time to Speak", a multi-media dramatic presentation he adapted from a Holocaust memoir by the late Helen Lewis. The production will be performed in the Studio Theatre of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus on November 15-16, with Sam's wife Joan as the solo performer. Sam studied art at Stranmillis College in Belfast, a constituent college of Queen's University, and also at the Belfast College of Art. He recently had a sellout exhibition of his paintings in Baltimore and is now working on a solo exhibition in Ireland. We are delighted to host an exhibition of Sam's work in conjunction with his production at Krannert. Please join us in welcoming Sam and Joan to Urbana.

**NATURAL COLOR: Photography by Rick Goldwasser & Paintings by Marty Maehr** opens on Saturday, November 27 with an artist reception on November 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. Rick and Marty both grew up in Urbana, attended Urbana schools, and played tennis for Urbana High School. They are currently both full-time professional tennis coaches and part-time artists, Rick in Flagstaff, AR and Marty in Ann Arbor, MI. This show has been in the planning stages for quite a long time, due to the difficulty of coordinating the very busy schedules of two people who live out of state. While Marty has had his work in Heartland Gallery over the last couple of years with one solo show and one group show, I am looking forward to the chance to show his strikingly colorful paintings alongside the hauntingly beautiful Southwestern photography of his longtime friend, Rick. Please join us for this very unique exhibition.

#### NEW GIFT ITEMS

We have just received a shipment of **Sea Gems Celtic Lands collection of pillboxes**. They are both functional and attractive and are made from nickel-plated steel with enamelled Celtic designs. There are two sizes with removable inserts. We also have **new soaps** (Heather & Moss, Wild Irish Rose and Sweet Lavender) and colognes from **Fragrances of Ireland (Inis for women and Patrick for men)**. Finally, there are still plenty of Welsh cakes available for purchase from our recent Welsh fest. These were made by the **Infamous Welsh Cookie Company** in Alma, MI and originally sold here for \$5.50 per dozen. They are now reduced to \$3.50 per dozen and are available in 8 different flavors. Come in and stock up while they are still fresh.

Looking forward to your next visit,

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