

**Dear Friends of Heartland Gallery,**

It's been said that "April showers bring May flowers" and I sincerely hope this rings true for 2011. I'm looking forward to sunny days ahead. May is going to be a very busy month for many of you, with Mother's Day and graduation ceremonies. Please don't forget that we have lots of unique gifts for such occasions. Feel free to join us for one or more of the many upcoming events that are planned. As usual, please note the locations for each event as I try to include some that are not at Heartland Gallery but in which I have some involvement. I strongly encourage you to consider attending them.

**WATERCOLORS BY SHOSHANNA BAUER** - If you haven't yet seen Shoshanna's beautiful watercolors on our back wall, please do stop by soon. We are extending this exhibit for another couple of weeks, due to the recent uncooperative weather. There are still plenty of art cards for sale at \$3.50 each. Small 4x6 framed prints are \$10 and original framed watercolors range from \$325 (16x20) to \$1200 (32 x 40).

In addition, we will keep the Irish pottery, glass and ceramic art on display on the front tables for another couple of weeks as well. These one-of-a-kind pieces are expertly crafted by **Louise Browne (Co. Galway), Thomas Diem (Co. Meath), Michele Hannan (Dublin), Terence McSweeney (Killarney), Ray Power (Kilkenny) and Colm de Ris (Dublin).**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30 (10am – 5pm) - CHRISTIE CLINIC ILLINOIS MARATHON "Race Day"**

Get in on the excitement of this 3rd annual race by cheering us on from the sidelines. I am sorry that we will not be opening up early as originally planned, but we will be open during our normal business hours of 10am to 5pm. (It seems most of the businesses on Main St. will not be opening up early this year as it is difficult for people to get to Main St. during the early hours of the race when the street is closed to traffic.) John and I will be walking the half marathon for our third year in a row. If you choose to stop in during the morning or early afternoon, Gina will be more than happy to help you. We will return to the gallery shortly after finishing the race. Please join us then from 2-4pm for some light refreshments and get 20% off your entire purchase during this time if you guess our finish time within 15 minutes. Hint: The Internet may be of some help!

**TUESDAY, MAY 3 (8 - 10pm) – PIPER'S HUT CONCERT - SARAH MCQUAID**

This concert will be at the Independent Media Center (IMC) in the old Urbana Post Office building at 202 S. Broadway (one block south of Main St.). Renowned for her warm and engaging stage presence, Sarah McQuaid is a versatile performer. In addition to her original songs, she interprets traditional Irish and Appalachian folk songs, Elizabethan ballads, 1930s jazz numbers, covers and lively guitar instrumentals. Her earthy voice is matched by her distinctive, eloquent guitar style. Admission is \$20 (\$10 for students and seniors). For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.pipers-hut.com](http://www.pipers-hut.com).

**FRIDAY, MAY 6 (7 - 8:30pm) - KLEZMER MUSIC AT HEARTLAND GALLERY**

Local klezmer band *Don't Ask* will perform a concert at Heartland Gallery. Admission is \$5.00. *Don't Ask* plays klezmer music in the spirit of early Eastern Europe's village string bands that accompanied dancing at weddings and other "simchas," festive family

and holiday events. The tunes and harmonies are joyful yet haunting, alternating in style from lively and raucous to gentle and melancholy. Members of the band are Frances Harris on violin, Michael Shapiro on guitar, Chris Reyman on accordion, and Mike Meadows on bass. They come to klezmer music from eclectic musical backgrounds. Harris is a longtime attendee at the Yiddish arts folk program, KlezKamp, where she learned klezmer fiddle style. Shapiro is versed in a variety of traditions, from old-time Americana to Irish, and is currently a member of the popular St. Louis-based string band Chicory. Reyman is completing a doctorate of musical arts in jazz piano performance at the University of Illinois and can be spotted around the C-U area playing everything from traditional jazz to tango. Meadows is a talented singer-songwriter whose songs feature quirky plays on words that leave audiences smiling. Admission is \$5. Doors will open at 6:15. Please call [217-337-4767](tel:217-337-4767) to RSVP and for more info. All are welcome, including children.

### **FRIDAY, MAY 6 (7-10pm) - FIRST FRIDAY AT ANDERSONVILLE GALLERIA (Chicago)**

If you are in or near the Chicago area, please drop in for this monthly event in the Andersonville Galleria at 5247 N. Clark St. in Chicago's busy Andersonville neighborhood. Heartland Gallery has a booth on the 2nd floor, selling many of the items currently found in our Urbana location. There are 90+ shops and galleries all under one roof in an eclectic and exciting neighborhood with great public transportation. Wine will be served for this event. Though I cannot be present due to the concert in Urbana, there will be plenty of people on hand to help you shop. Please see [www.andersonvillegalleria.com](http://www.andersonvillegalleria.com) for more info about the Galleria.

### **SUNDAY, MAY 8 - MOTHER'S DAY**

Mention this newsletter and get 20% off your purchases at either gallery when you come in anytime during the week before Mother's Day, from Wednesday, May 4 to Saturday, May 7.

### **TUESDAY, MAY 10 (8 - 10pm) - PIPER'S HUT CONCERT - PAUL MCKENNA BAND**

This concert will be at the Independent Media Center (IMC) in the old Urbana Post Office building at 202 S. Broadway (one block south of Main St.). Combining their love for traditional and folk music as well as original songs and tunes the Paul McKenna Band have been playing to audiences throughout the UK since 2006. With a contemporary approach to songs, although not straying too far from their roots, their arrangements are both fresh and innovative. Their exciting sound is created through outstanding vocals, driving guitar and bouzouki, intense fiddle playing, a warm pairing of flute and whistles and dynamic bodhran and percussion. Admission is \$20 (\$10 for students and seniors). For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.pipers-hut.com](http://www.pipers-hut.com).

### **NEW ARTISTS IN THE GALLERY THIS MONTH**

We have two new artists from Ireland represented in the gallery: photographer **Catherine Dunne of Malahide, Co. Dublin** with blank art cards featuring stunning photos of Ireland and **Alan Kenny of Dublin** with colorful fine art giclee prints featuring Irish musical themes and lovers placed in contemporary Irish landscapes.

We also received shipments of new knitwear items from **Bill Baber in Edinburgh, Scotland**, and new jewelry from **St. Justin in Penzance, Cornwall**, as well as new Irish lace bookmarks and coasters by **Grange Crafts in Co. Cork, Ireland**. As a result of my latest trip to the Irish/Celtic trade fair in NJ, we also have many new items on order, marked for delivery over the next few months.

**FYI: Upcoming Heartland Gallery events later this year include:**

**August 18 - PATRICK BALL Concert (Celtic harpist/spoken word artist)**

**September 11 (Daytime) - COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS (C4A)-**

**"Musical Melting Pot" Celebration of Music and Dance**

**September 11 (Evening) - JIM MALCOLM Concert (Scottish folk singer/songwriter) Piper's Hut Concert Series event**

**November 4-5 - C-U Folk and Roots Festival**

*Thanks again for your continued patronage. May the month of May be a merry one for you. Slainte!*

*Jan Chandler*

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