

Dear Friends of Heartland Gallery,

We thank those of you who made the effort to stop in during the month of May, when at times the weather was not very cooperative. Summer is now in full swing already with Urbana's "**Market at the Square**" on Saturday mornings and outdoor tables and chairs lining the Main Street and alleyways. Perhaps a visit to downtown Urbana will be all that you need to cheer you up on a gloomy day.

URBANA NIGHTS/CHERRY JAM

Friday evenings have been designated "**Urbana Nights**" for the summer as many of the downtown businesses have agreed to remain open until 8pm for evening shoppers. We hope that this will encourage people to drop in either before or after getting dinner and drinks on Friday evenings. This is in conjunction with the "**Cherry Jam**" events sponsored by the Urbana Business Association and The Urbana Free Library. Cherry Jam events are scheduled weekly throughout the summer on Fridays beginning at 4pm and feature free live music concerts in Cherry Alley, next to the library, or inside the library in the event of rain. We encourage you all to come to as many of these events as possible. We hope that together we can make our downtown the thriving business community it deserves to be. Heartland Gallery will have its own special events on some of these Fridays, including musical guests and visits with local artists. We will also be featuring sales, drawings for prizes, and free refreshments to entice you even further. Last Friday, one of our customers won a free Jameson Irish Whiskey cap. Tomorrow, we will be giving away your choice of a Guinness sign or a Celtic puzzle, and a Celtic bookmark. These would make great Father's Day gifts. Please join us tomorrow and every Friday this summer for these community-wide events.

FIRST FRIDAY at ANDERSONVILLE GALLERIA

Tomorrow evening **June 3 (7-10pm)** is the monthly First Friday at the **Andersonville Galleria (5247 N. Clark St., Chicago)**. Please stop by and enjoy a glass of wine if you are in the Chicago area. For those who are not, don't forget to check out this exciting indoor marketplace in the heart of one of Chicago's best neighborhoods. Please mention it to your friends and relatives who live in the Chicagoland area. Heartland Gallery has a booth located on the second floor. This is "the" place for fine art and crafts, imported fair-trade items and locally-produced foods, featuring more than 90 different businesses housed under one roof.

"TITANIC" TEA

Sylvia Sullivan will host a tea this coming **Sunday, June 5 (2-4pm)** at her Victorian B&B, **Sylvia's Irish Inn, 312 W. Green St., Urbana**. The theme of the tea will be "The Titanic" as we recently passed the 100th anniversary of the Titanic's launch from Belfast. To honor the memory of the brave passengers and crew, there will be music and storytelling by Robin Kearton and Tom Faux of Urbana, and food reminiscent of that which was served on the ship. Some seats still remain, but you must call Sylvia at 217-384-4800 immediately to make a reservation.

HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN CONCERT

The Hot Club of Cowtown returns to Urbana for a performance on **Sunday, June 12 (7pm)** at the **Independent Media Center (IMC)**, 212 S. Broadway in downtown Urbana (in the old post office building). The concert will be presented by the **C-U Folk and Roots Festival** group. Heartland Gallery is selling advance tickets for \$12. They will be \$15 at the door. For more info, please see www.folkandroots.org.

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 19 is Father's Day this year. We have many handcrafted items that would appeal to men of all ages, so please don't forget to check us out for all the men on your list. Gift certificates are also available and gift wrapping is always free at Heartland Gallery. Mention this newsletter and get **20% off one item of your choice during the week before Father's Day (June 15-18)**.

NEW ITEMS

We received shipments this past month from various artists and vendors both here and abroad. We've added one new artisan vendor, **Island Turf Crafts**, from Co. Tyrone in Northern Ireland. This small family-run company produces handcrafted gift items made from Irish bog turf. Among the items in our collection are crosses, clocks, photo frames, ornaments and pendant jewellery on cords.

We also received colorful new raku ceramic animals by **Raymond Kinghan** of **Forms of Life** in Dublin, new glass items from **Jerpoint Glass** in Kilkenny, and new handcast metal pieces from **Wild Goose Studio** in Kinsale, Co. Cork. In addition, we have new marble jewellery from **Sue Bowden** of **All That Glisters**, in Co. Kilkenny, new sterling silver and enamel jewellery from **Sheila Fleet**, of the Orkney Islands off the north coast of Scotland, and new sterling silver chain-maille jewelry from local designer **Heather LaFoon**, of Champaign.

FYI: UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars as Heartland Gallery will have many events later on this year, including an **August 18** concert with world renowned **Celtic harpist/spoken word artist Patrick Ball** from California and a **September 11 Piper's Hut** concert with **Scottish folk singer/songwriter Jim Malcolm**. Both have entertained us in the gallery before and we look forward to hosting them again. Also, the **C-U Folk and Roots Festival** is scheduled for **November 4-5** this year, and we will be a sponsoring venue. Please help get the word out this time to all your friends and acquaintances. More detailed info will be available in future newsletters.

Thanks again for your continued patronage. *Slainte Maith! (Good health, Cheers)*