

## ***Dear Friends of Heartland Gallery,***

I hope that you are enjoying your summer despite the extreme heat. We are fortunate here to have air conditioning as well as wonderful art to look at all day long, so I'm not complaining. This past month, I was busy being a first-time vendor at an Irish festival in Arlington Heights, northwest of Chicago. Now I am gearing up for the many events that will be taking place right here at the gallery and throughout downtown Urbana. Please join us for some or all of these upcoming events or drop in anytime to see what is new at the gallery.

### **URBANA NIGHTS/CHERRY JAM (4-8pm, Fridays through August)**

If you haven't yet been out to one of our Friday "**Urbana Nights**", it's about time you did. We are staying open every Friday throughout the summer until 8pm. Many other businesses in the downtown, including some in Lincoln Square, are also staying open for some or all of these festive evenings. We hope that this will encourage people to drop in either before or after getting dinner and drinks on Friday evenings. We are doing the Urbana Nights in conjunction with the "**Cherry Jam**" concert events sponsored by the **Urbana Business Association** and **The Urbana Free Library** and scheduled weekly throughout the summer on Fridays beginning at 4pm. Let's all strive to make our downtown the thriving business community it deserves to be. Heartland Gallery will be featuring sales, prize drawings, and free refreshments on Friday evenings to entice you even further. Please join us this Friday as we continue this community-wide weekly event.

### **FRIDAY, AUG. 5 (7-10pm) - FIRST FRIDAY at ANDERSONVILLE GALLERIA**

The next monthly First Friday at the **Andersonville Galleria (5247 N. Clark St., Chicago)** will be on Friday, August 5. 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. Heartland Gallery has a booth located on the second floor.

### **SATURDAY, AUG. 6 (6-9pm) - ART OPENING/BOOK SIGNING for JIM GALLAGHER**

Please join us for an art opening and book signing for a new graphic novel entitled "**The Adventures of Jason and the New Argonauts.**" This mythological odyssey was conceived, written, illustrated and produced by local artist Jim Gallagher of Champaign. His original watercolor paintings represent each of the 12 characters in the book. The project has been in the conception stage for thirty years and in the making for the last five. Jim works as a graphic designer with Precision Graphics in Champaign. He most recently studied watercolor with Professor Emeritus **Don Lake** at Parkland College. Jim collaborated on this project with his longtime friend **Tim Stiles**, who inked all of Jim's drawings for the book. All of the framed original paintings (16x20), as well

as smaller prints of them (9x12) will be available for sale, in addition to signed copies of the book which retail for \$12. For more info on this elaborate undertaking, please visit Jim's website at [www.dodeka12.com](http://www.dodeka12.com).

## **SATURDAY, AUG. 13 (8pm) - "STONES IN HIS POCKETS"**

### **Performance**

We are fortunate to be able to host a single performance of this Irish tragicomedy in the gallery. The play, written by Marie Jones in 1996, is set in a rural town in County Kerry that is overrun by a Hollywood film crew. It will be performed by two brothers from Urbana, **Thomas and Galen Nicol**, who will portray 15 different characters, both male and female. It was recently staged at the Sleepy Creek Vineyards winery and art gallery south of Oakwood, IL during the month of June. Reservations are required for this performance due to limited seating. The cost of the performance will be \$12 per person, and it is recommended for audience members aged 18+. We will have some refreshments available. Please call the gallery at [217-337-4767](tel:217-337-4767) to make a reservation or for further information about the production.

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 (7:30 – 9:30pm) PATRICK BALL Celtic Harp Concert**

World-rekowned Celtic harpist and spoken word artist **Patrick Ball** will be returning to Heartland Gallery for a concert of music and ancient stories of wit and enchantment on August 18<sup>th</sup> before he heads up to Milwaukee for Irish Fest weekend. If you have never been to one of Patrick's performances, you won't want to miss this event. He "not only brings new life to two cherished old traditions, but blends them in concert to create a richly theatrical and hauntingly beautiful performance." Call [217-337-4767](tel:217-337-4767) to reserve seats for the concert. Admission will be \$15 if purchased in advance (or \$20 at the door) for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Doors will open at 7pm.

## **FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUGUST 25-26 - SWEETCORN FESTIVAL**

The 36th Annual Urbana Sweetcorn Festival presented by **The Urbana Business Association**, with multiple sponsors and hundreds of volunteers, is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 25-26. Heartland Gallery will be open extended hours and will have a booth on the street just outside the gallery. The festival hours are 5-11pm on Friday and 11am-11pm on Saturday. Admission is free as always. The festival will be located on Race, Vine, Broadway and Main Streets in downtown Urbana. The highlight of the festival of course is the sweetcorn, but DO be sure to stop in and visit your local downtown businesses while you are in the neighborhood.

## **ART EXHIBIT at THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY**

Heartland Gallery currently has an exhibit in the gallery space at The Urbana Free Library, 210 W. Green St., Urbana. The exhibit is scheduled to be up until mid-August. There are seven works by seven different artists including

**Shoshanna Bauer** of Champaign, **Wanda Coady** of Paxton, **Sharon Davie-Barrett** of Rantoul, **Anabel Langrish** of West Cork, Ireland, **Hilary Nunan** of Co. Cork, Ireland, **Andrea Shields** of Champaign (courtesy of **Kalarte Gallery**), and **Norman Stiff** of Elyria, Ontario, CA. Please remember to view this exhibit on your next visit to the library. All works are for sale and can be purchased through Heartland Gallery.

## **NEW ITEMS**

During the past month, we received new linen caps from **Hanna Hats** in Co. Donegal and new glass from **Jerpoint Glass** in Co. Kilkenny. We also have two new gouache paintings by local artist **Ann McDowell**.

## **MORE UPCOMING EVENTS at Heartland Gallery (**

additional info to be posted in the next newsletter):

**Sunday, September 11 - JIM MALCOLM**, Scottish folk singer/songwriter will perform a concert presented by **The Piper's Hut Concert Series** ([www.pipers-hut.com](http://www.pipers-hut.com)).

**Sunday, October 9 – DONAL MAGUIRE**, Irish traditional singer and musician will perform a concert presented by **The Piper's Hut Concert Series** ([www.pipers-hut.com](http://www.pipers-hut.com))

**Friday-Saturday, November 4 - 5 - C-U FOLK and ROOTS FESTIVAL** ([www.folkandroots.org](http://www.folkandroots.org)). We will again be a sponsoring venue for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual festival. . More detailed info about who will be performing at Heartland Gallery this year will be available in future newsletters.

**Tuesday, November 15 – LAURA MacKENZIE**, will perform a concert presented by **The Piper's Hut Concert Series** ([www.pipers-hut.com](http://www.pipers-hut.com)).

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

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