

Dear Friend of Heartland Gallery,

It's difficult to believe, but we are nearing our five-year anniversary already and we have some fun events planned including a little party to celebrate this milestone. We hope that you can join us for some of these. As always, we encourage you to visit us whenever you are in need of a gift for any occasion. A small work of original art or a one-of-a-kind handcrafted item makes the most unique gift and will always be appreciated by the recipient. For your convenience, we offer gift boxes and free gift-wrapping at all times. Gift certificates are also available in any amount you choose.

Please take note of the following upcoming events:

Ongoing through Saturday, September 10 – “The Adventures of Jason and the New Argonauts”

This solo exhibition will be up through Saturday, September 10 and features a new graphic novel by Champaign artist, Jim Gallagher, along with original watercolors of the twelve main characters. Taken from Greek mythology, each one is associated with a sign of the zodiac. Gallagher is a graphic designer with Precision Graphics in Champaign. He spent a major part of the last five years devoting his free time to the development of this project, with the help of longtime friend Tim Stiles, who inked all of Gallagher's drawings for the book. Copies of the book are available for \$12. Original watercolors and giclee prints are also available for sale, and will be marked 20% off beginning with the Urbana Sweetcorn Festival.

Friday (5-11pm) & Saturday (11-11pm), August 26-27 – 36th Annual Urbana Sweetcorn Festival

Join in the fun during this downtown festival where Heartland Gallery will have a special tent set up on the street in front of the gallery. Be sure to stop over and say “hello” as we will have Jim Gallagher's graphic novel and other items for sale outside. Then come on in and take a peek at his colorful paintings, as well the works of many other local artists and our extensive collection of Irish art and fine crafts from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall and Brittany. We will be open until 11pm on both nights, serving an assortment of cookies, iced tea and water for your refreshment. The festival features Illinois- grown sweet-corn and other tasty treats, as well as several stages of live music, merchandise vendors, arts and crafts, a car show, and more. Also, get your "passport" from the Urbana Business Association or one of the many downtown businesses, and visit as many of the participating shops as you can to try and win some wonderful prizes. Come to Heartland Gallery to get your passport booklet stamped.

Friday, September 2 (7-10pm) – “First Friday” at Andersonville Galleria, 5347 N. Clark St., Chicago

Another First Friday at the Galleria, featuring free wine to help you relax as you shop in this unique atmosphere with 90+ shops selling their art and crafts, designer clothing, fair trade items and delicious locally made food products all under one roof. Heartland Gallery is just one of the many businesses you'll find in this space, and might I add that there are plenty of good restaurants, bars and cafes and shops in the immediate vicinity to keep you occupied for quite a while. Call the Galleria at [773-878-8570](tel:773-878-8570) for more info.

Friday, September 9 (6-9pm) – Second Friday – “Urbana Nights” in Downtown Urbana

Now that the summer is over, we are continuing our late evening “Urbana Nights” shopping events on the Second Fridays of each month. Many downtown businesses will participate by having special events on these nights. For the September Second Friday, Heartland Gallery will feature live music (TBA), free refreshments and a drawing for a music CD of your choice. Please check my web calendar at www.heartland-gallery.com or my Facebook page for further info next week.

Sunday, September 11 (8-10:30pm) – Jim Malcolm Concert

We are delighted to be hosting another Piper's Hut Concert Series event, this time with renowned Scottish folksinger/songwriter Jim Malcolm. Many of you will remember Jim's last concert in the gallery a couple of years ago, where he captivated us with his highly theatrical performance, including a special visit from the late "Rabbie" Burns. Jim has an extraordinary voice and was the former lead singer of the famed Scottish band "Old Blind Dogs" for eight years before going solo. He has toured extensively throughout the world with his guitar and harmonicas. Admission to the concert will be \$20 (\$10 for students/seniors). Reservations are strongly encouraged as seating is very limited. Doors will open at 7pm. For more info, please see www.pipers-hut.com or www.jimmalcolm.com.

Sunday, October 9 (8-10pm) – Donal Maguire Concert

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Friday, October 14 (6-9pm) – Second Friday "Urbana Nights" - "5th Anniversary Party

More details will be announced in the next newsletter, or you can check out our web calendar or Facebook page for updates.

And finally, as we look towards autumn, I leave you with my favorite of all traditional Irish blessings:

"May you have warm words on a cool evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door."

Jan Chandler
Heartland Gallery