

January 2012 Newsletter

Dear Friends of Heartland Gallery,

We welcome in a new year filled with the hope that our economy is on the mend, slowly but surely. We'd first like to thank all of you for making the year 2011 a little brighter by shopping local this holiday season and helping Heartland Gallery to survive an otherwise difficult year. We trust that things are getting better and that people will again be buying gifts throughout the year and treating themselves to occasional purchases of art. We plan to spend some time this month evaluating our business and making educated decisions about what our customers might want and need this coming year. I will be attending my annual Irish crafts trade fair in Dublin later this month, and making a quick stop in Glasgow for another trade fair. If you have ideas for particular items you think I should try to find, please don't hesitate to let me know. We will remain open during the time that I am gone.

GALLERY HOURS

After a whirlwind December, we are now back to our regular hours of 10am to 5pm, Wednesdays through Saturdays. However, you are always welcome to call the gallery and make an appointment for a more convenient time if these hours do not suit your schedule. There are plenty of Monday and Tuesday afternoons when I happen to be there working, and at these times the door will always be open.

JANUARY SALE

For the month of January, all knitwear and fabric items as well as all hanging ornaments are 20% OFF. We still have a fairly good selection of sweaters, scarves, caps, ruanas, socks and handbags. Our ornaments, most of which are suitable year-round, range from those made of glass, wood, pewter and ceramic to tiny sheep made from hand-dyed yarns and Celtic symbols carved from 6000 year old bogland turf.

ANDERSONVILLE LOCATION

My space in the Andersonville Galleria (at 5247 N. Clark St., Chicago) had another successful holiday season and will remain open for business. If you are in the Chicago area, please know that I will do my best to stock the booth twice a month with a variety of items from the Urbana gallery. Regular hours there are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays - 11am to 7pm, Fridays - 11am to 8pm and Sundays - 11am to 6pm. There are lots of new businesses represented in the Galleria, so please check them all out. Call [773-878-8352](tel:773-878-8352) for more info, or visit www.andersonvillegalleria.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

I don't have any special events planned in the gallery for January. This will allow me sufficient time to get reorganized, refreshed and ready for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and The Boneyard Arts Festival. Consequently, I will mention several upcoming events happening in other locations around town that you may be interested in. Please pay close attention to the locations listed.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 (4pm) – “The Boy on the Stairs” a murder mystery and high tea at Sylvia’s Irish Inn, a Victorian B&B located at 312 W. Green St., Urbana (NE corner of Elm and Green). The mystery was written by Urbana brothers Thomas and Galen Nicol, who will be performing along with audience members’ participation. Reservations are required by January 10th and can be made by calling Sylvia at 384-4800. The cost is \$40 per person.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 (7:30pm) – “April Verch” (Canadian fiddler and stepdancer) in concert, presented by C-U Folk & Roots at the IMC (Independent Media Center) at 202 S. Broadway, Urbana. Heartland Gallery is selling tickets for this event. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults or \$12 for students, and will be \$18 at the door on the evening of the concert. Please see www.folkandroots.org or www.aprilverch.com for more info.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 (8pm) – “Bua” in concert, presented by the Piper’s Hut Concert Series, at the IMC, 202 S. Broadway, Urbana. See www.pipers-hut.com for more info.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 (7:30pm) – “Gaelic Storm” in concert at the Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park, Champaign. See www.thevirginia.org for more info.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 (7:30pm) – “Riverdance” at U of I Assembly Hall, Champaign. See www.uofiassemblyhall.com for more info.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 (8pm) – “Laurence Nugent and Patsy O’Brien” in concert, presented by the Piper’s Hut Concert Series at the IMC, 202 S. Broadway, Urbana. See www.pipers-hut.com for more info.

I'd also like to remind you all that **Kalarte Gallery's exhibit of "Folk Art and Crafts of Latin America"** remains on display in Heartland Gallery through Saturday, January 7. Please stop by to see this exhibit if you haven't already done so. Proprietor Bernard Cesarone has an extensive collection of unique pieces from many different countries and his displays change regularly.

Thanks for your patronage. Stay safe and warm this month,