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Our Mission —The Addison Center for the Arts is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created to be an integral part in advancing the arts within the community. We are committed to providing a home for performing and visual arts and dedicated to creating quality art programs. These programs help foster self-exploration, skill development and aesthetic awareness. We strive to empower the performer, creator, audience and consumer to enhance and enrich the world around us.



Check out our website
AddisonCenterfortheArts.org



Jim Peterik: Guitars, Stories, & Songs

On Thursday, February 10, 2002, Addison Center for the Arts welcomed Grammy Award winning songwriter Jim Peterik of the Ides of March to the Addison Trail Little Theater.

Over the years Jim has collected quite an arsenal of guitars, over 140 of them, and as he put it “they all have a story.” We heard the music and some of the stories that inspired the songs and saw some of Jim’s guitars on stage up close and personal from his private vault!

During the performance, Jim Peterik strummed and reminisced with the sold-out theater audience about his rock 'n' roll career and the cherished guitars that helped him write and perform his hit songs for Survivor, Sammy Hagar, Ides of March, .38 Special, and more. We also learned how Sylvester Stallone personally asked Jim Peterik to write a song for one of the Rocky films.

Four Addison Trail High School students had the opportunity of a lifetime to assist Peterik with the show as roadies and theater sound and light techs. The students reverently shepherded the giant collection of valuable vintage guitars on and off stage.

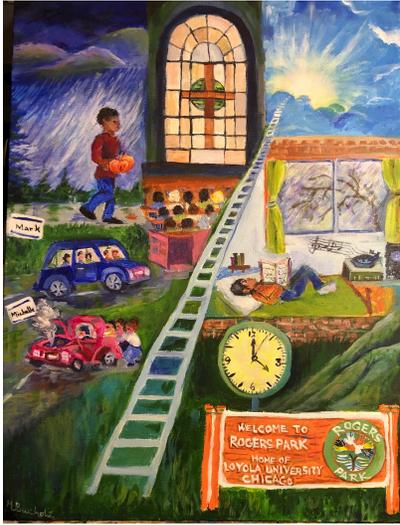
ASD#4 ART SHOW



The ASD#4 exhibit ran from January 26 through February 11, 2022, but you can still see it by visiting our website at the address below!

<http://www.addisoncenterforthearts.org/2022asd4.html>

EXPRESSIONS: ART & VERSE 2022



Art by Margaret Bucholz



Art by Benjamin Calvert III



Art by Jeanne Garrett

The Addison Center for the Arts hosted our second collaboration between visual artists and the Illinois State Poetry Society. Participating artists displayed original artworks inspired by original poems submitted by members of the ISPS. The free public art reception and poetry program was on Saturday, February 19, 2022, from 1 to 4 pm.

Julie Mars, the organizer of the Expressions: Art and Verse 2022, explains, “This exhibition was intended to celebrate the mingling of art forms: in this case, how poetry paints pictures and stimulates our senses. The art of poetry evokes a personal, subjective experience within our minds. In this art and poetry show, the artists have captured their inner experiences of poetry in each of their works of art.”

For those who couldn't attend the exhibit, the images of the artwork and the poems are archived on addisoncenterforthearts.org.

Illinois artists exhibiting in “Expressions: Art and Verse 2022” were Tania Blanco, RocaVaron, Margaret Bucholz, Benjamin F. Calvert III, Susan Cargill, Emily Dormier, Ashley Ehrhardt, Andrea Fox, Jeanne Garrett, Re Kielar, Joan Ladendorf, Annette Perone Leiber, Marlene Vitek, Carly Palmer, Jan Reagan, and Julie Mars.

The Illinois State Poetry Society’s featured members were Mary Beth Bretzlauf, Marie Samuel, M. E. Hope, Idella Pearls Edwards, Linda Wallin, Lennart Lundh, Marie Asner, Maggie Kennedy, Charlotte Digregorio, Carole Croll, Susan T. Moss, Mark Hudson, Gail Denham, Hanh Chau, René Parks, Carole R. Bolinski, Dr. Emory D. Jones, Wilda Morris, Curt Vevang, S. Michael Kozubek, Diane Lotko Baker, Kathy Lohrum Cotton.

“In the early 1970s, ISPS began as a single chapter and became a charter member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies in 1991. Presently, there are seven chapters throughout the state, and all are committed to creating and promoting poetry in all its forms. ISPS appreciates the opportunity to blend art and poetry that results in a collaboration of these artistic forms in order to present a greater expressive whole.” - Susan T. Moss, President of the Illinois State Poetry Society.

ART EXHIBIT



Addison Art Guild Spring Members' Show 2022

On Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 1 to 4 pm, the Addison Art Guild held a reception for their spring exhibition at the Addison Center for the Arts. In addition to food, art, raffle, and conversation, Joe Eddy Brown, the ACA's house rock star, provided music and mojo for the event.

Professional artist and art professor, Gary Schirmer, of COD and NIU awarded ribbons to several of the art works on display:

Best in Show: "Oceanic Panopticon" by Julie Mars

First Places: "Moonlight Magic" by Irma Pocius & "City Unearthed: The Remains of Time" by Annette Perone Leiber

Second Places: "Tree Nymph" by Lisa Lucaccioni & "Monarch on Daisy" by Lyn Tietz

Honorable Mentions: "Mountain View" by Janice Dunteman & "Reflection" by Tania Blanco

The Addison Art Guild meets once a month from September through May. The Guild is a social organization of adults who support each other in enhancing their understanding of art and art-making techniques. The Guild holds two art exhibitions per year in the Fall and Spring. The AAG welcomes new members. If interested in joining, contact Susan Cargill at smcargill@comcast.net

SUMMER CONCERTS

This program is partially funded by the Illinois Arts Council.

**Addison Center
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Tuesdays, 7 to 9 PM
Friendship Park in Addison

**Aaaah...Fresh Air and Music
Free Summer Concert Series at the Gazebo!**

July 5....Reunion Jazz Orchestra (RJO)
July 12....Lake Effect
July 19....Limited Edition Big Band
July 26....Blue Buddha
August 9....FUZE Band
August 16....Felix Pham's Jazz Band

Check the ACA Facebook page or website for updates on safety guidelines as evenings of music approach.

Plan to Join us Every Tuesday Evening at the Gazebo

Put this page on your fridge to remind you who is playing from week to week during the ACA's summer concerts at the gazebo. Returning this year are fan favorites — Reunion Jazz Orchestra, Limited Edition Big Band, Blue Buddha (rock), and Felix Pham's Jazz Band. Lake Effect's rock 'n' roll concert was rained out last year, but they agreed to play for us again on July 12. We are very excited to welcome Latin rock-inspired FUZE Band for the first time.

BENEFIT EXHIBIT

Ukraine Crisis: The World is on the Move



We are pleased to announce our upcoming Ukraine benefit exhibition with activist artist, Jennifer Hereth and Ukrainian-American artist, Tania Blanco called "Ukraine Crisis: The World is on the Move." It is our intention to raise awareness about the suffering of the people of Ukraine and hopefully raise some money for charities working hard to offer some relief.

The painting above is a poignant illustration of the trauma and displacement Ukrainians are suffering. Jennifer Hereth has painted a sweet portrait of her Ukrainian friends' pet cat. Amazingly, the family had named their cat Refugee (in Ukrainian) prior to the invasion. Tragically, the family is currently on the move, displaced from their home and Refugee is being cared for by a neighbor who remains in their embattled city.

Jennifer Hereth painted this portrait as a gift of solace for her friends who were worrying about their dear pet cat. In the painting, Hereth shows Refugee comfortably reclining on a magic carpet woven with the images of brave Ukrainian Cossacks. Kitty floats safely in a starry night sky untouched by human-made troubles and atrocities below.

The painting of Refugee will fly to Ukraine one peaceful day, but you will be able to purchase a print of him. All proceeds of sales of art work and donations during "Ukraine Crisis: The World is on the Move" will go toward the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee. This is the same organization that helped Tania Blanco's family migrate to the US when she was a child.

Everyone is invited to attend the fundraising reception on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 2 to 5 pm. Please save the date to enjoy some art, raise awareness with us, and do some good!



ACA Mourns the Passing of Margaret Loftus

Margaret Loftus will be missed by all of us at the Addison Center for the Arts. We thank her for everything she did to help us bring cultural events to Addison. She served as one of our Board of Directors and helped steer our programming for years. Our condolences to all of her friends and loved ones.

From her obituary:

"Margaret Mary, nee Robinson, Loftus, was born November 1, 1931, in Chicago. In 1958, Margaret and Bud moved their growing family of nine children to Addison, first on Lincoln Avenue and in 1966, they became the first family to move into the new Friars Cove neighborhood. Margaret stayed a teacher at heart and spent countless hours volunteering in groups focused on kids. At the local school she served as a "Picture Lady," sharing famous works of art with students. She was active in the PTA and was a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader. Volunteering and giving back to the community were second nature to Margaret. A few of the groups she volunteered for are DARE, Addison Historical Society, Addison Community Theater, Addison Center for the Arts and St. Philip the Apostle Nostalgia.

Margaret never considered herself too old to learn something new. She took classes in such varied areas as painting, stained glass making, microwave cooking and completed a program to be qualified as a travel agent."

NEW CORPORATE SPONSOR



Education is the core ★ Technology is the tool
★ Success is the result ★

Thanks to Joan Kusnierz President, of **COMPUTER EXPLORERS**, for joining the Addison Center for the Arts as a Corporate Sponsor! Allow us to introduce you to them and their mission:

"In 1984, **COMPUTER EXPLORERS (CE)** was founded on the idea that all children should have access to a quality technology education. Today, CE programs reach students every week throughout the Chicagoland area. Our instructors prepare children for the future at preschools, daycares, schools and community centers. **COMPUTER EXPLORERS** is a recognized expert in children's computer and technology education.

COMPUTER EXPLORERS was created by Educators and is currently taking technology education to new heights. CE reaches children ages three and older. Over the course of time, new elements such as robotics, engineering and digital applications have become incorporated into CE's project-based STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) curriculum.

COMPUTER EXPLORERS offers a dynamic program that allows schools of all stature to take part in quality education. Technology and computers are essential in our lives; both help enhance knowledge, test scores, creativity, problem solving and learning. It has been proven time and time again that technology education increases children's skills and knowledge in other academic areas including math, science, reasoning, language arts, and critical thinking."

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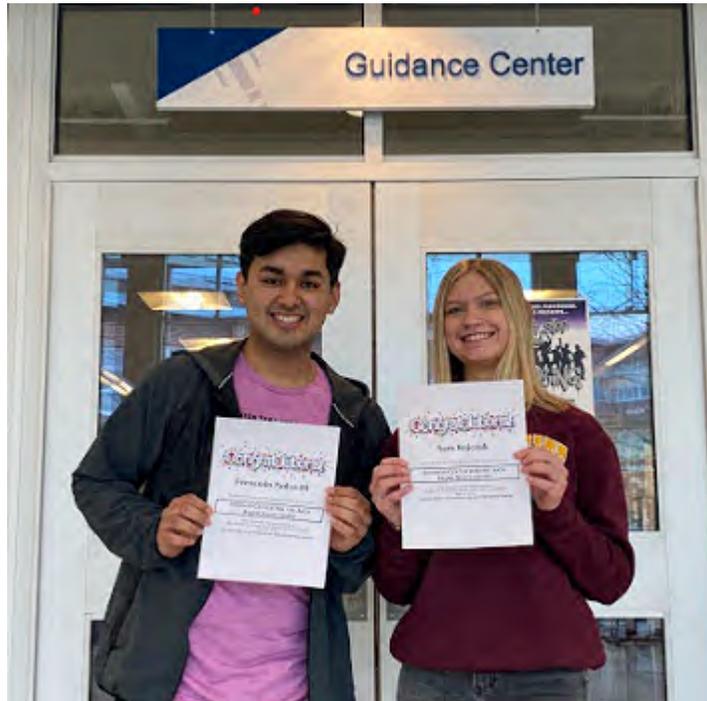
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GRATITUDE

ACA Awards Two \$1500 Scholarships for 2022



On May 19, 2022, the ACA will present \$1500 scholarships to **Fernando Padua** and **Sara Bojczuk**.

Fernando Padua is a stellar AP and honors student. He wrote a moving essay about how music and the arts can unite the community. He has been very active in the drama and music department at AT. He also composes music!

Sara Bojczuk, in addition to being a straight A honors/AP student, received a glowing recommendation from AT Art Department instructor Tim Hockensmith. In the letter, Mr. Hockensmith highlighted her eagerness to volunteer in and out of school. He also described her conscientious nature and how it would take her far.

The ACA is very proud of both of these students and wishes them the best in pursuing their college careers.

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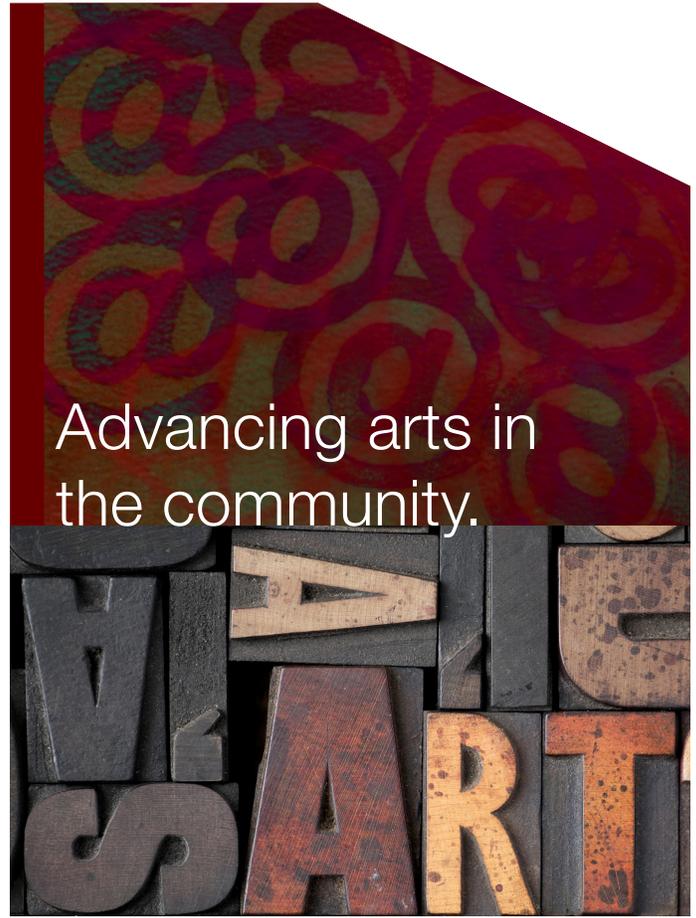
MEMBERSHIP

We are thrilled to have you!

Thank you to all who have already renewed their membership and welcome to all new members! Please ask your family and friends to join in our mission to advance arts in Addison.

Still need to renew? Renewal letters will be sent out soon to remind all current members. You can download the membership form to renew on our website at <http://www.addisoncenterforthearts.com/membership>.

If you or someone you know would like a conventional membership form, we are happy to mail you a copy. Or stop by the gallery and pick one up. Make sure to allow extra time to enjoy the current exhibit.



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