

NEWSLETTER



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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 customer to enhance and enrich the world around us.

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Addison Hometown Heroes

Meet our four Addison Hometown Heroes whose achievements were celebrated for the Warhol 2023 Pop Art Challenge.

Our first Hometown Hero is an American pair skater **Alexia Paige Knierem** (*top left in the photo*). She is the 2022 World champion, the 2023 World silver medalist, a 2022 Olympic silver medalist in the figure skating team event, the 2022 Grand Prix Final silver medalist, a two-time U.S. National champion (2021, 2023), and a three-time Grand Prix gold medal winner. In 2018, she became an Olympic bronze medalist in figure skating team events, a two-time Four Continents medalist (2016 silver, 2014 bronze), a three-time Grand Prix medalist (1 silver, 2 bronze), and a three-time U.S. National champion (2015, 2018, 2020).

Our next Hometown Hero is **Don Figarelli** (*top right*), "The Don of Sports." He is currently the producer and host of the Addison Sports Special show on AddisonTV. He keeps active by competing in the Six County Senior

Olympics at the age of 89.

Don Jessen (*bottom left*) is our third Hometown Hero. He has been a resident of Addison since 1963 and has participated in these organizations: the Jaycees, Addison Police Fire Merit Review Board, the Community Council, Illinois Association of Park Districts, National Association of Parks, and the Addison Parks and Recreation Foundation.

Maria Reyes (*bottom right*) is our fourth Hometown Hero. At a young age, both of Maria's parents left their country in search of the American Dream. She grew up in poverty, in a home with alcoholism and domestic violence. She didn't have a true role model in her life, but there were so many people in her school and community that believed in her. As a child, Maria knew she wanted to be a police officer. She has always wanted to serve, protect, and give people a voice. With so many challenges at a young age, Maria's American Dream came true. She served as a police officer for more than 24 years.

Thank you, our Hometown Heroes, -- you are truly an inspiration!



Jeanne Garrett



Artwork pieces from the artist's "Healing Series"

"Lines & Healing Circles"

The Addison Center for the Arts proudly presented "Lines and Healing Circles", a solo art exhibition by an accomplished photographer **Jeanne Garrett**. This captivating exhibition showcased an extraordinary collection of mixed-media, semi-abstract works that push the boundaries of traditional photographic technique.

Garrett's deep connection to the landscape and environment has been a consistent theme in her work, which has been displayed in museums and

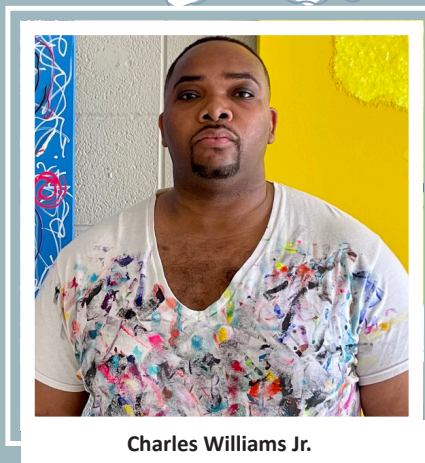
galleries across the United States. With her latest mixed media art project, the artist ventures into the realm of abstract art, exploring the human condition through symbolism and technique.

"Lines and Healing Circles" challenges the conventions of photography, blurring the line between the captured image and artistic transformation. Jeanne Garrett's abstract creations invite viewers on a visual journey that sparks contemplation and evokes deep emotions.

"Boop-Oop-a-Doop"

The Addison Center for the Arts proudly presented an exhibition by artist **Charles Williams Jr.**, entitled "Boop-Oop-a-Doop": A Visual Voice of the African American Diaspora.

Charles Williams Jr. is a self-taught artist from Woodridge, IL who has been painting for over ten years. He is an award-winning member of the Naperville Art League and the Elmhurst Artists' Guild. He's influenced by abstract, urban, pop, modern, contemporary, and street art. He uses vibrant colors infused with geometric shapes and abstract line work that represents



Charles Williams Jr.

"the energy of life." He incorporates a variety of mixed media like acrylic, pen, marker, oil pastel, chalk pastel, glitter, coffee beans, and molding paste. This exhibition, "Boop-Oop-a-Doop", was Williams'

homage to African descendants' culture, history, fashion, resources, and overall beauty and style.

*"We are delighted to host Charles Williams Jr.'s first solo show," said **Julie Mars**, Director of Communications at Addison Center for the Arts. "He adds a joyous African American perspective to the pop art movement pioneered by Andy Warhol and others. We are excited to offer Williams' work as an introduction to the cultural happenings surrounding Warhol 2023 at the Cleve Carney Museum of Art this year."*



Charles Williams Jr.'s beautiful artwork pieces

Melina Scotte's Exhibit

The Addison Center for the Arts celebrated Art DuPage month, by presenting a gorgeous painting exhibition by **Melina Scotte**.

Melina was born and raised in Argentina. She began her painting journey at the age of 12, experimenting with different techniques. Scotte, who now resides in Elmhurst, is a renowned mixed-media artist, who finds her inspiration in people, bright colors, and details. She uses various materials to create her art, such as knife painting, brushes, watercolors, acrylics, oils, and pastels to name a few. In addition to the exquisite paintings that we have on display, she has created many public murals for businesses and organizations. Melina also teaches children's art classes.

Her work features images of expressive figures, suffused with lavish pattern. The exhibit displays the artist's intent to allow viewers to see something from their own perspective and to be able to transmit beauty and imagination through each piece.

"I believe that society expresses change in relation to what is around us, and what surrounds us affects what we become. If people surround themselves with beauty and harmony, we as a society will be more inclined to be kind to one another. I am always looking to inspire people to be creative and to look for those things that feed the soul."

The exhibit is on display through October 28.



Melina Scotte



"Believing Only in What Your Eyes Can See"

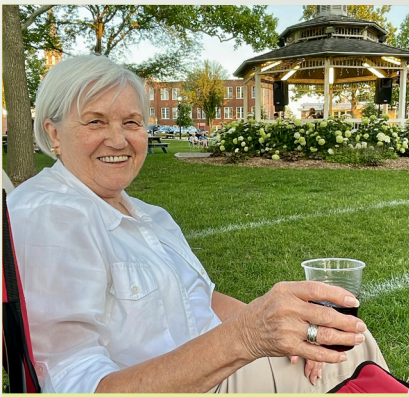


"Blue Hope"



Melina Scotte's gorgeous prints display for sale

Summer Concerts



ACA's Board Member, Evelyn Berleman



Concert's guests, having a great time



Capriccioso String Quartet

Thanks to all of the bands and everyone who came to enjoy their performances with us during our 2023 Summer Concerts at the Gazebo. We had great weather every week, great music, and great community! We'll see you next year. Meet us under the trees at Friendship Park!

The Addison Center for the Arts acknowledges support from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.



Salt Creek Ballet

The Salt Creek Ballet gave a lovely performance of Swan Lake for Addison grades 3 through 5 students. They learned that the moves in ballet evolved from fencing moves in the court of Louis the 14th of France.

all of the work you all did to get the students to the ballet. A very special thanks to **Annette Leiber** of the Addison Center for the Arts for coordinating the entire program.

In the photos: Salt Creek Ballet dancers



Thanks to the Salt Creek Ballet, ATHS staff, theater faculty, and students, the volunteers, and board members of the Addison Center for the Arts, and everyone from ASD#4 for



Shriners' Parade

ACA extends a BIG Thank You to Ed Napleton's Arlington Heights Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram! They generously loaned us this sweet, SWEET 2024 Jeep Rubicon for this year's Addison Shriners' Parade!

Roseanne Benson, Summer Ramirez, and Susan & Ed Cargill cruised in style in this sporty, high-powered beast.



Left to right: Summer Ramirez (in the vehicle), Roseanne Benson, Susan Cargill, and Ed Cargill



"Addison Uncorked"

"Addison Uncorked" was an elegant wine and craft beer tasting party, organized by the Women's Club of Addison, the Addison Historical Society, and the Addison Center for the Arts.

Visitors enjoyed the wine, beer, food, and company on the grounds of the Addison History Museum. Thanks to our sponsors Green State Credit Union, Sal's Beverage Depot, August Hill Winery, Pyramid Pizza, Church Street Brewery. Also thanks to the Addison Historical Society, The Village of Addison, and the Addison Women's Club for making the party such an elegant success.

Top: a beautiful and tasty beverage selection
Bottom: visitors and musicians, enjoying the party



September Swap/Sale

Thanks to everyone who donated art supplies for our Art Supplies Swap/Sale. The sale was on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 1 to 4 pm. There were many, many great items for artists and crafters to buy to add to their arsenal of familiar art tools. Art instructor **Margaret Bucholz** who teaches private art lessons and at the Addison Park District got great deals on materials for her students. Everything was so inexpensive no one felt bad about just getting something to experiment with. All proceeds from the sale went to the Addison Center for the Arts.

After the sale, the high school art teachers and students and the ASD#4 art teachers were offered a chance to take whatever they



wanted. **Maria Ramon**, the art teacher at Addison Trail High School, commented on Facebook, *"Thank you!! My AP art students have been using their new supplies all week!"*

ACA's **Julie Mars** says, *"I was blown away when Carrie Zatarski from Army Trail Elementary School came to pick up most of what was left af-*

ter the high school students came through. She picked up supplies to share with the entire school district. I was very surprised that we wouldn't have very much left to donate to SCARCE."

Upon discussing the successful distribution of the preowned art supplies at the ACA's September board of directors meeting, it was decided that this is a beneficial community program that should occur every September. Artists and crafters can feel good about freeing up storage space in their studios, by shedding items they don't need. They can be proud that those donations will find their way into the hands of artists, students, and teachers who need them.

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our two ACA scholarship winners for Class of 2023!

The winner of the Bruce Peterson Memorial Scholarship is **Leilani Nevado**! Leilani is going on to study at Loyola University where she will major in Biology and minor in Art! We look forward to seeing some awesome science illustrations from Ms. Nevado in the near future.

Ms. Nevado earned our admiration with her art portfolio featuring outstanding still lifes rendered in charcoal and mixed media. Leilani achieved straight A's while carrying an impressive class load. She has a very bright future ahead of her!

The winner of the ACA's Dick Gulbrandsen Scholarship is **Lea Staller**. Lea will be going on to study at Cornell University where she will major in mechanical engineering and minoring in performing and media arts.

Lea has had a stellar career in AT theater productions starring in Chicago, the Addams Family, Too Much



Left to right: Leilani Nevado and Lea Staller.

Light Makes the Baby Go Blind, Harvey, Trap, ANONYMOUS, and Rock of Ages. She also starred in several productions of Science and Arts Academy.

Lea has acted professionally for the TV program, Act of Faith. In addition to her acting pursuits, she is the ranked #1 for the Class of 2023.

W E L C O M E

New Faces at the Addison Center for the Arts



Kate Diosdado

Meet **Kate Diosdado!** She is our new Arts Administrator. Kate has a background in teaching and graphic design. She used to be an ACA's volunteer graphic designer. At her leisure, Kate likes spending time with her family, traveling, and taking photos of the places she visits.



Roseanne Benson

Please welcome our new Treasurer -- **Roseanne Benson!** Roseanne comes to us with a solid background in finance and many years of experience in this field. We are excited that she has joined us. Roseanne will be a great addition to our team. Welcome aboard!

Remembering Sandra Cotosman



Addison Center for the Arts mourns the passing of one our most beloved patrons, **Sandra Cotosman**. Sandra passed away over the summer. We send loving condolences her friends and family. Sandra was a passionate advocate for the arts in our community.

GRATITUDE

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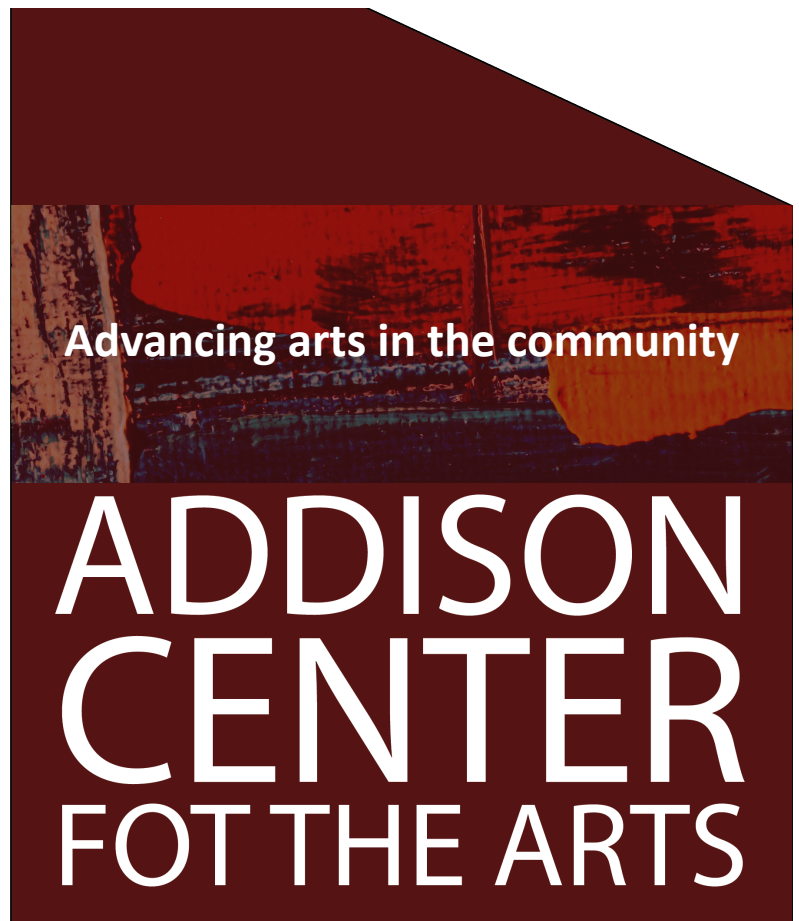
MEMBERSHIP

We are thrilled to have you!

Thank you to all who 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.

Want to join or renew? You can download the membership form to renew on our website at www.addisoncenterforthearts.com/membership.

If you or someone you know would like a conventional membership, 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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