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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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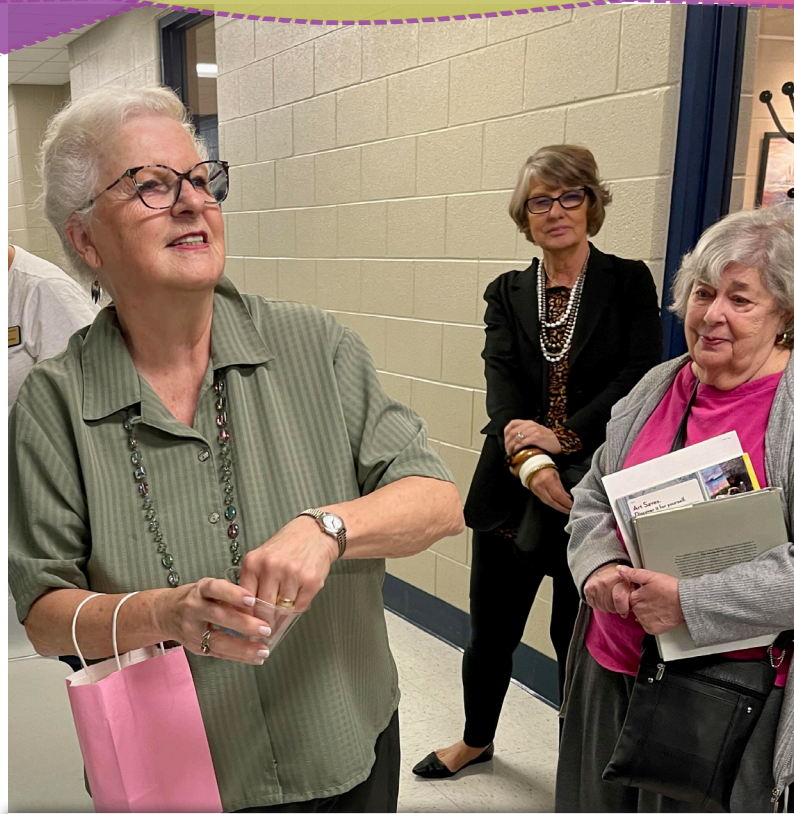
THE ADDISON ART GUILD FALL MEMBERS' SHOW

The Addison Center for the Arts presented the Addison Art Guild Fall Members' Show on display November 9 – December 9, 2023. The artist reception was on Thursday, November 9 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM, when *the Best of Show* and other prizes were awarded. There were refreshments and a critique by the judge. The reception was free and open to the public.

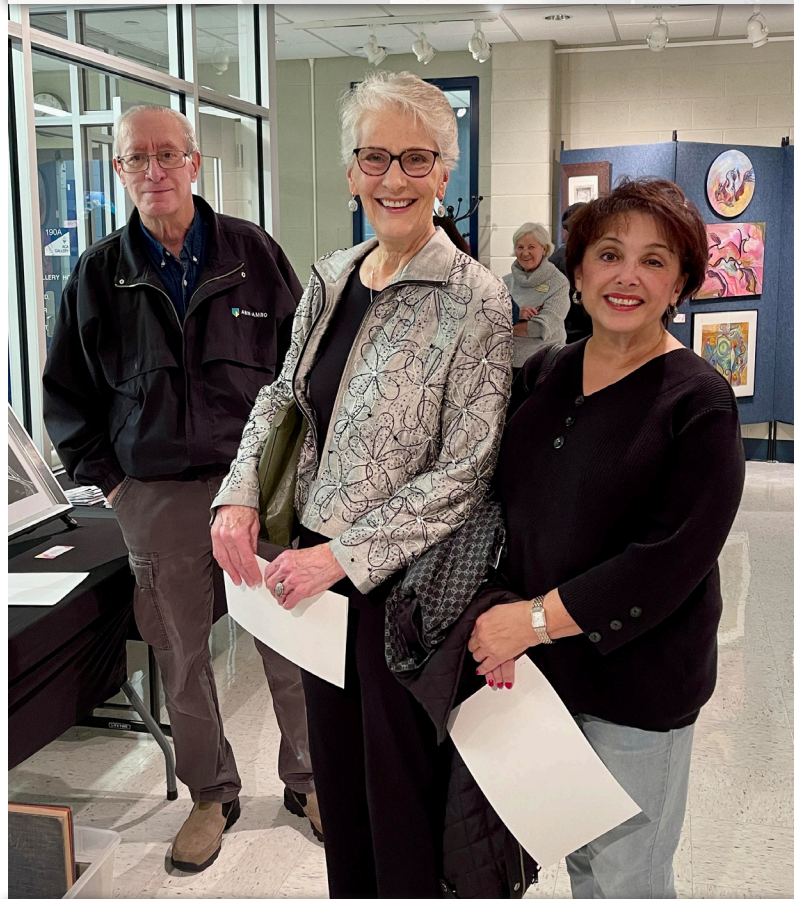
This year's distinguished judge was **Lynne Kornecki** (pictured on page 3), the publisher of *ArtBeat*, a web magazine devoted to regional art and artists. You can get on the *ArtBeat* email newsletter online at foxvalleyartbeat.com.

The exhibit consisted of artwork from member artists, representing a wide range of art mediums – oils, pastels, acrylics, colored pencil, mixed media, watercolor, and bead mosaic on acrylic convex mirror. "Our members work in a wide variety of styles and themes that should resonate with nearly everybody," commented AAG founder and president emeritus, **Annette Leiber**.

The Addison Art Guild welcomes new members, visitors and supporters of the visual arts to join. The AAG meets on the second Thursday of the month from September through May at 7:00 PM. The meeting includes a lecture or demonstration by a professional artist.



L-R: ACA's Vice President **Susan Cargill**, artists **Debra Vaccaro** and **Ann O'Brien** are enjoying the reception.



L-R: artists **Vernon Jadrich**, **Carol Severson**, and **Vera Zaccariello** are posing for a photo.

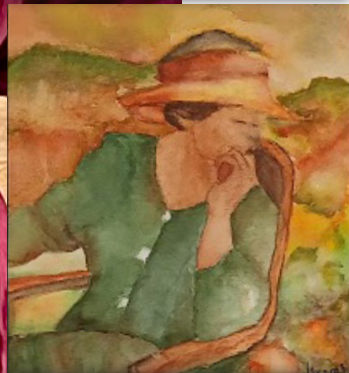


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

- 1st Place -- **Taiwo Owoniyi**
- 2nd Place -- **Vera Zaccariello**
- Best of Show -- **Vera Zaccariello**
- Honorable Mention -- **Vernon Jadrich**
- Honorable Mention -- **Lisa Lucaccioni**
- Honorable Mention -- **Carol Severson**
- Honorable Mention -- **Lyn Tietz**



"Cloudy in Chicago"
by **Taiwo Owoniyi**



"New Beginning Beckons"
by **Vera Zaccariello**



"Romancing the Dance"
by **Vera Zaccariello**



"Adrienne"
by **Vernon Jadrich**



"The Owl"
by **Lisa Lucaccioni**



"Light the Way"
by **Carol Severson**



"Little Kitten"
by **Lyn Tietz**



Joseph Hladik

JOSEPH HLADIK'S "THERE & BACK (AND BACK AGAIN)"

The Addison Center for the Arts was excited to announce "There and Back (and Back Again)," a solo exhibition, featuring the mixed media works of **Joseph Hladik**. The exhibition ran from January 10 through February 17 and included a public artist reception on January 13.

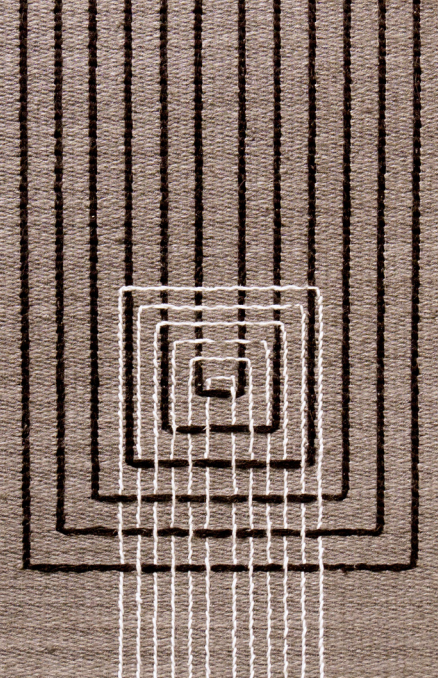
Joseph Hladik is known for blending various mediums and styles into evocative art. Trained at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, he has showcased his work in numerous solo and group exhibitions, merging traditional techniques with modern concepts.

"We are thrilled to host Joseph Hladik's solo exhibition at the Addison Center for the Arts," said Communications Director **Julie Mars**. *"His work exudes a young, tactile, and lighthearted charisma, drawing viewers into a nostalgic reverie."*

Hladik's solo show, "There and Back (and Back Again)," invited art enthusiasts on an evocative trip down Memory Lane, weaving mementos and emotionally charged ephemera into his sculptures.

"As an artist and storyteller, I explore connections between identity, memories, and shared experiences. Nostalgia anchors my work, encouraging nuanced perceptions of the past. I aim to create art that is both familiar and unexpected, challenging our understanding of self," said Hladik.

The exhibition featured a captivating collection, exploring the intricate relationship between time, memory, and physical objects. Using familiar materials and playful compositions, Hladik invited viewers to reflect on their own experiences and consider nostalgia's role in shaping identity.



“Woven Line Study”



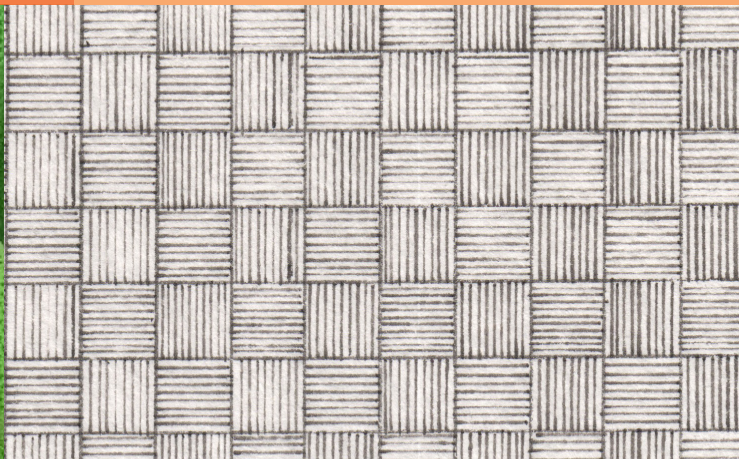
“Duo” (the green one)



“Morph (Trini / Aisha)”



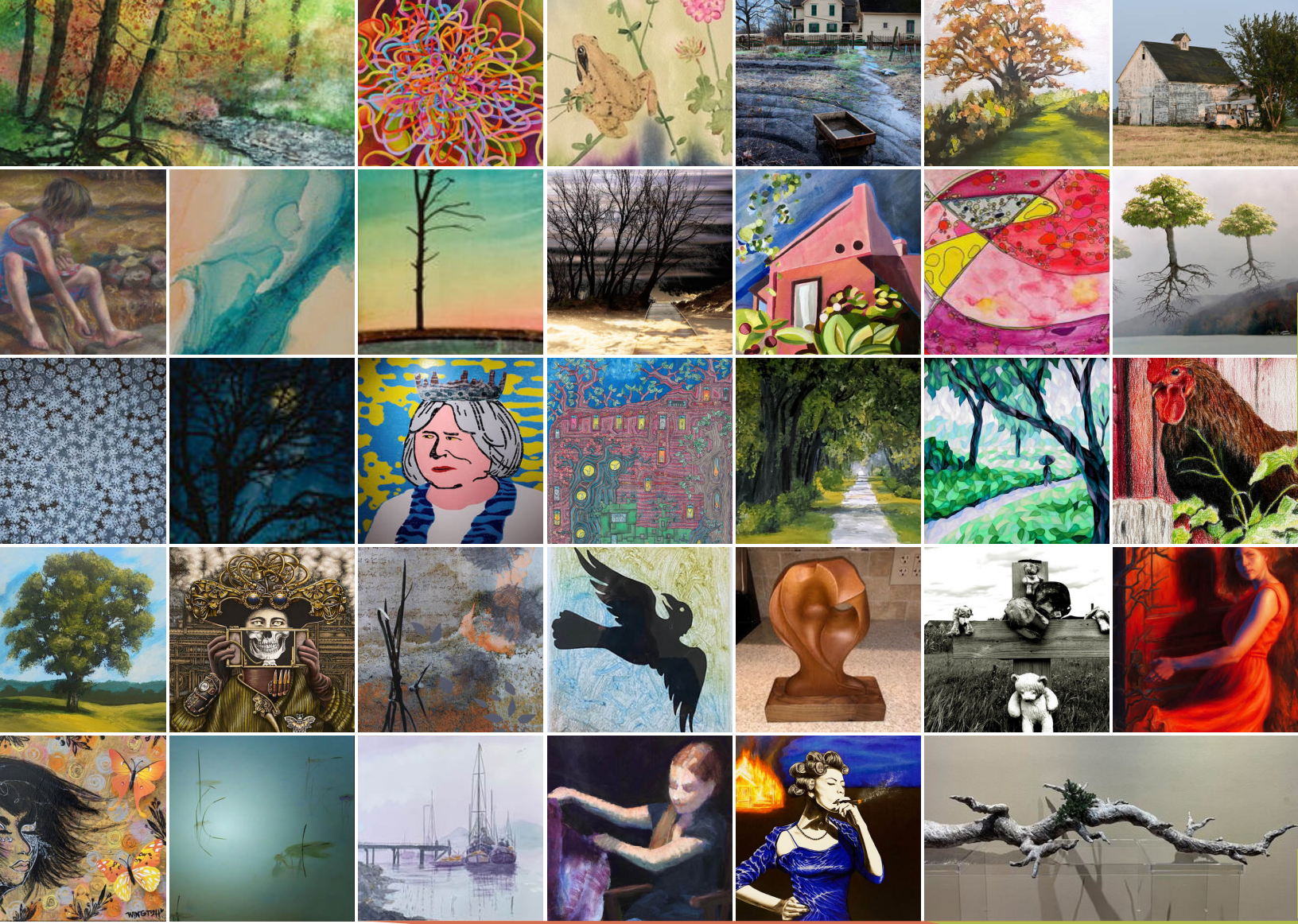
“Vik Nik Nick”



“Over-Under” (square)



Artist’s family and friends enjoyed the reception.



“EXPRESSIONS: ART & VERSE”

The Addison Center for the Arts was pleased to announce a Call for Artists for our fourth collaboration between Illinois artists and the Illinois State Poetry Society. In February, the ACA hosted the Expressions: Art & Verse program in which ISPS poets recited ekphrastic poems they’ve written about pieces of art. It is always an enriching melding of two art forms — poetry and visual art.

The art exhibit opened Friday, February 23, 2024. Participating artists displayed original artworks that inspired a poem by an ISPS

poet. ISPS poets juried the prospective artists by choosing their favorite from the candidates’ entry images.

On Saturday, February 24, 2024, the Addison Center for the Arts hosted the Expressions: Art & Verse Reception. During this event the public was invited to enjoy the art exhibit in the gallery and then attended the poetry recital by members of the ISPS in the adjacent studio theater.

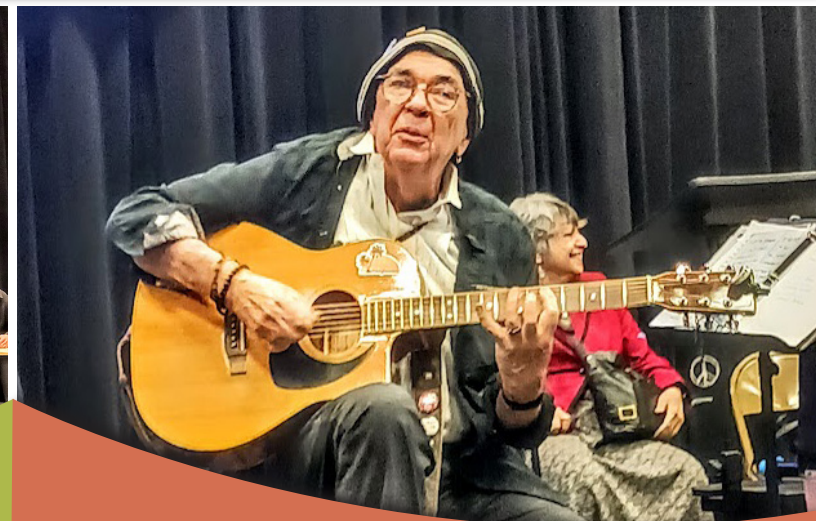
**“Expressions: Art & Verse” exhibition
will continue through March 23.**



“Expressions” artists, poets, and gallery visitors are exploring the show.



Lennart Lundh is reciting M.E. Hope’s poem, inspired by the art of Julie Mars.



“Aging Rockstar”, Joe Eddy Brown, is performing for the audience.



The members of the Illinois State Poetry Society are posing for a photo.

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CHARITY BALL



The Addison Center for the Arts was excited to take part in the annual Mayor's Community Charity Ball. We had a lovely time! Thanks to the Mayor and everyone who came to support Addison's charitable and non-profit organizations.

We also would like to express sincere gratitude to our auction donors for their generous donations: **Peterson Estate, The Morton Arboretum, Drury Lane Theatre, Paramount Theatre, The McAninch Arts Center, Mark Turk, Susan Cargill, Evelyn Berleman, Roseanne Benson, Julie Mars, and Jan Krzeminski.**



L-R: ACA's President **Mark Turk**, **Lisa Cuzzone**, volunteer **Ed Cargill**, and **Denise Tarabori Turk**.



Volunteers at Mayor's Ball.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Addison Center for the arts is looking for gallery docents.

- Are you passionate about art?
- Do you enjoy meeting new people?
- Are you available one day a month during our gallery hours (Wednesday - Saturday, 1-4PM)?

If yes, we would love to hear from you! Contact **Jan Krzeminski** at janleekrz@gmail.com or call (630)248-0195.

Help us advance the arts in Addison!



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITY



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In Memorium

The Addison Center for the Arts mourns the passing of one of our dedicated volunteers, **Barbara Szalajka**. We extend our condolences to Barbara's family and friends, especially her sister Marilyn Baggetto.



GRATITUDE

Volunteers

- Margherita Bernardi-Trahan
- Tania Blanco
- Ed Cargill
- Susan Cargill
- June Feil
- Jan Krzeminski
- Mitzi Martin
- Carol Severson
- Vera Zaccariello

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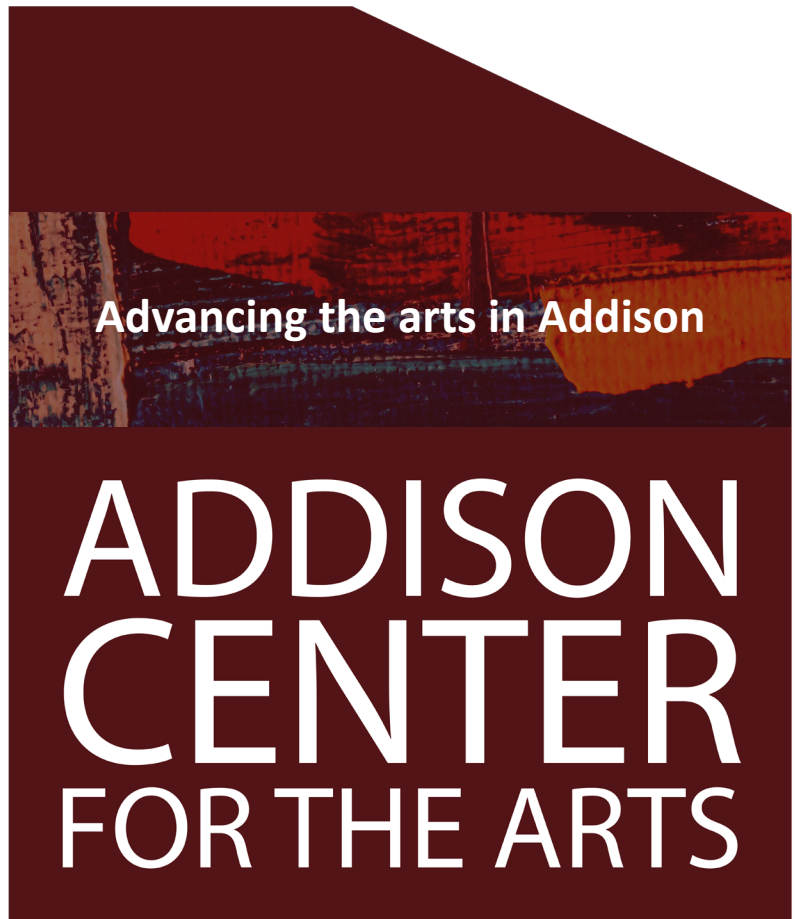
MEMBERSHIP

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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