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# ADDISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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**Our mission:** The Addison Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization created to advance the arts. The ACA is an integral part of life in Addison and its surrounding communities. We are committed to providing a home for performing and visual arts. We are dedicated to creating quality art programs in order to provide self-exploration, skill development and aesthetic awareness. We strive to empower the creator, performer, audience and consumer to enhance and enrich the world around us.

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE ACA?

### Thank you, DuPage Foundation, for your generosity

The DuPage Foundation recently awarded the ACA with a grant for \$3,700 to work in the area of Arts and Culture. This is the fourth year the ACA has been awarded a grant for "Arts Alive:



From left: Denise Gierach, trustee and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the DCF; Supriya Jasuja, DCF grant committee member; Annette Leiber, ACA president emeritus; Sara Ricci, past ACA president; Susan Cargill, current ACA president

An After School Program," which is held at Indian Trail Junior High School for students in grades 6-8. Students have the opportunity to attend after school sessions with professional artists in music, theater and visual arts. The importance of this program is to provide students with workshops beyond their academic studies in the safe environment of the school. The ACA works with the administration and staff from the school to assure the program will be beneficial to the students wishing to participate. The

ACA believe arts education fosters critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and appreciation of other cultures, as well as helps students develop skills that can be used throughout life. Mentors offer their expertise while working with students, many of whom would not otherwise have the exposure to certain disciplines due to the course of their academic studies.

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*Music is what feelings  
sound like.*

*~ Author Unknown*

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## Happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday to the Addison Art Guild

The Village of Addison has supported community arts organizations for many years. The Addison Art Guild is one of those organizations. The AAG was incorporated in 1976 by Annette Leiber, Don Leiber, Roger Herrington, Robert Vand Ordstrand and Marjorie Heist. It was formed for the purpose of furnishing the community of Addison and the surrounding area with an institution that would advance the development of the fine arts as an integral part of community life.



*Margaret Buchholz, AAG president*

For the past 40 years, this group, comprised of not only artists, but also of patrons and art enthusiasts, has been meeting on the second Thursday of the month from September until May at the Village Hall. Each meeting welcomes an artist, who demonstrates his or her craft or instructs or speaks about the form of art that he or she does. There are refreshments, and members and guests can socialize.

The AAG offers workshops to the public, and it conducts juried members'

exhibits in the fall and spring. This past fall, the AAG held its Members' Show in the ACA gallery. This spring, you can find the AAG exhibiting in the rotunda of the Village Hall.

Because the AAG and its members have supported the ACA throughout years of fundraising, including attending all of our events, we have included the AAG on our website. Should anyone want to be an AAG member, information can be found by clicking on "Addison Art Guild" in the "Arts in Addison" dropdown menu on our website. There you can find all you want to know about this organization. Happy 40<sup>th</sup>, AAG!



*Sandy Ott conducts a raffle to raise funds for the AAG.*



*Artist Val Fischer gives a demonstration.*

## Check us out on the web

We are excited to announce that we are continually updating and improving our website! Check it out at [www.AddisonCenterForTheArts.com](http://www.AddisonCenterForTheArts.com). Be sure to also find us on [Facebook](#) and [ArtsDuPage](#). Leave us comments to let us know what you think.

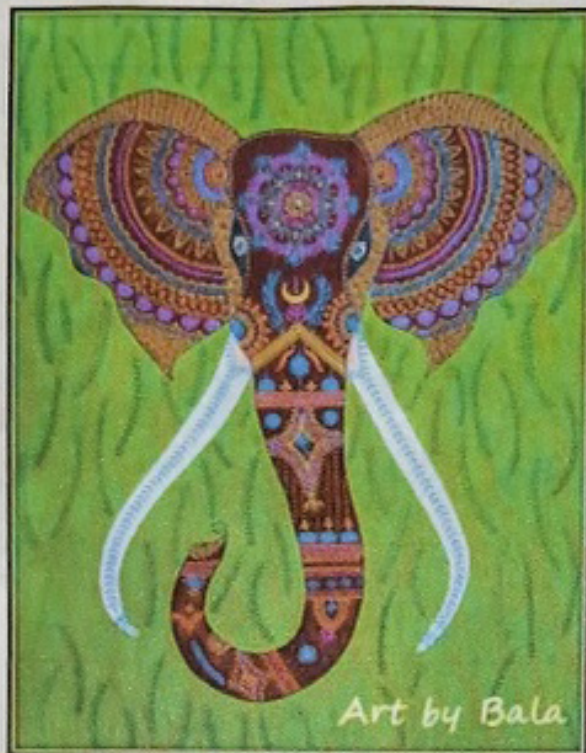
*Do it big, do it right  
and do it with style.*

*~ Fried Astaire*

## CURRENT EVENTS

### "Dots and Lines" by Bala Thiagarajan

"Dots and Lines" is an exhibit of Bala Thiagarajan's abstract paintings and mandalas. *Mandala* is a Sanskrit word that means circle. It symbolizes the universe and the cosmos. It is a visual representation used as a focus point for the practice of meditation.



Mandalas are ancient, sacred symbols of wholeness and are used for facilitating personal growth, healing, grounding and transformation. The intense repetition of pattern captures the attention of the viewer. All of Bala's paintings are created intuitively, painted freehand. "I add a mirror in the center of my mandala paintings, as they are about centering oneself and regaining a balance," explains the artist. "They also allow the audience to be a part of the artwork themselves." Bala's mandala paintings greet viewers with a sense of familiarity, with repetitive patterns reminding them of henna art, simultaneously creating an excitement to explore more of the texture and geometry. This vibrant and colorful exhibit will be at the ACA February 15 - March 17, with an artist reception on Saturday, February 18,

from 6-9 p.m. Private tours are by appointment. Meet the artist now by checking out her interview on YouTube! See it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdif-6wNwik&feature=youtu.be>. You can also visit her website here: <http://www.artbybala.com/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### "Compilations" by Witold Sliwinski | March 22 - April 21, 2017

Coming to Addison is Witold Sliwinski, Polish artist and sculptor. He will be exhibiting his glass sculptures and art March 22 - April 21, 2017 in the ACA gallery.



*Tom and Hunter from the Glasso Group represent Witold here in the United States. They brought two glass sculptures created by the artist to the ACA.*

*We know the Arts are  
the archives of our  
human history, the  
wind of invention and  
the heartbeat of  
humanity.*

*~ Natasha Tsakos*

## PAST EVENTS

### High Tea in the ACA Gallery

The ACA is most happy when it is partnering up with other organizations to bring the arts to the community. In April 2016, the Women's Club of Addison presented its annual fundraiser,



*Chris Pudelek begins High Tea with, clockwise, Diane Cozzi, Geri Rogus, Virjean Tangas and Sabrina Swanson.*

which offers fabulous baskets filled with different items to be raffled off. Alice Smith, an avid member of the Addison Historical Society, donated a lovely and unique experience—High Tea in the ACA gallery!

The winner of the raffle, Diane Cozzi, was able to invite three friends to High Tea, which was held in the

middle of the ACA gallery, surrounded by beautiful artwork from the exhibit "Then and Now," in which Addison Trail High School alumni artists exhibited their art from high school, as well as their current art, which they have made as professionals in the field.

Alice prepared the teas and goodies, both sweet and savory, while Chris Pudelek, president of the Addison Historical Commission, volunteered to serve the tea in very High Tea fashion. Susan Cargill, president of the ACA, welcomed the group and gave each guest a goodie bag, provided by Alice Smith, along with a gift from the ACA—a free year of ACA membership. Irene Boutzarelos, Executive Director of the ACA and retired art teacher, conducted a tour of the exhibit and gave the guests some insights regarding the art that surrounded them.

It was a lovely experience not only for Diane Cozzi and her guests—Virjean Tongas, Sabrina Swanson and Geri Rogus—but also for the ACA. To take part in such an event, helping to bring joy and fun to people and sharing the gallery and exhibit in a collaborative way, was wonderful.



*Left: Alice Smith is busy in the kitchen preparing the tea sandwiches.*

*Middle: Chris Pudelek is ready to serve the tea.*

*Right: Susan Cargill and Chris Pudelek prepare the table before the guests' arrival.*

*Without music, life  
would be a mistake.*

*~ Friedrich Nietzsche*

## "Young at Art" Reception

The "Young at Art" reception on January 18, 2017, was a huge success! Parents,



grandparents, school administrators and ACA members



packed the gallery to view the exhibit. All were amazed at what talent

can come out of such young artists! This exhibit was a collaborative effort of all of the elementary schools in District 4. The works were done by students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. This event was hosted by the ACA in appreciation for the longstanding relationship it has with District 4 schools. The Indian Trail Jazz Band (pictured above) joined in the festivities, wowing the crowds with live music and impressive instrumental solos.

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

This year, funding for the Addison Center for the Arts was provided by the following organizations. Grants for funding were completed through the combined efforts of Annette Leiber, president emeritus, and Sara Ricci, board member. The ACA is grateful for the continuous support that has been bestowed on it. These organizations make possible Arts Alive, the Lyric Opera, Concerts in the Park, the Salt Creek Ballet and all else that the ACA provides the community with its quality art programs.

- Addison School District #4
- Addison VFW
- DuPage Foundation
- DuPage School District #88
- Illinois Arts Council Agency
- McMaster Carr Supply Company
- Village of Addison



All ACA events and exhibits are partially funded by the Illinois Art Council Agency.



## A big "thank you" to a new ACA sponsor

Elio Bartolotta, owner of Elio Pizza on Fire and Elio Cafe, agreed to sponsor the ACA for the 2016 Mayor's Ball in Addison! This event is an all-community charitable fundraiser benefitting most organizations and groups in Addison. The ACA has participated and benefitted so much from this annual event, hosted by the village for the community. Bartolotta was so generous as to donate toward electronic bidding in our name, and we are appreciative of his support! If you have not gone to Elio Pizzeria, you really need to go! Bartolotta also recently opened Elio Cafe at Farmwood Plaza in Addison. There you can get Italian crepes and tasty treats, both sweet and savory!



## VOLUNTEERING

*I really believe there  
are things nobody  
would see if I didn't  
photograph them.*

*~ Diane Arbus*

### A very special "thank you" to the ACA's friends and docents

Welcome to our two new ACA volunteers, Carl Cordo and Tania Blanco (pictured below, left and right, respectively)! The ACA would be lost without our volunteers, who donate so much of their time. Most put in time as docents for our exhibits, but since January 2017, they have also been busy at work preparing a little ACA "gift" made from recycled posters and postcards as well as sending membership information. The list of volunteers keeps getting longer. Please join us! We are at 22, and we are growing!

### Thanks to:

- Alice Smith
  - Barbara Szalajka
  - Bruce Peterson
  - Carl Cordo
  - Carol Hendricks
  - Ed Cargill
  - Evelyn Berleman
  - Jan Krzeminski (Gallery Docents)
  - Joyce Cordo
  - June Feil
  - Karen Pedersen
- Kathy McDermott
  - LaVerne Tedeski
  - Leah Tait
  - Margaret Loftus (Membership)
  - Marian R. Dahldorf
  - Marilyn Baggetto
  - Marilyn Pfeifer
  - Mary Girard
  - Sandy Cotosman
  - Susan Cargill
  - Tania Blanco



### Would you like to join our efforts?

Are you able to:

- Volunteer a few hours each month to help in the gallery?
- Serve on a committee?
- Assist with publicity?
- Assist once a month with gallery installations?

Want to help? Call the office at [630-458-4500](tel:630-458-4500) or send an email to [info@addisoncenterforthearts.com](mailto:info@addisoncenterforthearts.com).



*LaVerne Tedeski speaks with a visiting art class during the Addison Art Guild's Members' Show.*

# JOIN US!

## 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 the ACA. The more the merrier! Still need to renew? Renewal letters will be sent out to remind all current members. You can download the 2017-2018 membership form to renew your membership on our website at

<http://www.addisoncenterforthearts.com/membership.html>.

If you or someone you know would like a conventional membership form, we are happy to mail you a copy. Or, you can stop by the ACA gallery and pick one up. Make sure to allow extra time to peruse the current exhibit! Call the office at [630-458-4500](tel:630-458-4500) or email Susan Cargill at [info@addisoncenterforthearts.com](mailto:info@addisoncenterforthearts.com).

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### GALLERY HOURS:

Wednesday-Saturday: 1-4 p.m.

Group tours can be arranged during these or other hours by calling the office at [630-458-4500](tel:630-458-4500) or emailing [info@addisoncenterforthearts.com](mailto:info@addisoncenterforthearts.com).

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