

Agenda d'Art

NEWSLETTER OF THE



JUNE 12, 2021
GRAND OPENING EDITION



RIBBON HOLDERS: Far left: Ste. Genevieve County Commissioners, Randy Ruzicka, Karen Stuppy, (Presiding) Garry Nelson - Center: Guild President Carolyn Bach - Far right: City Mayor Paul Hasler.

2021 Guild Officers

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Carolyn Bach

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Juanita Wyman

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Vacant

Historian
Anna Kirchner

June 12th Grand Opening Celebration

It was French Heritage Festival Day and we made history by re-dedicating the French-revival-style old museum building as THE SAINTE GENEVIEVE ART CENTER & ART MUSEUM. Elected officials, guests, Guild members, visitors and even royalty gathered for the occasion. "It's been a long time coming, but the Art Guild now has a home", said Carolyn as she cut the ribbon. Celebrations continued into the evening. This issue is devoted to the dream-come-true culmination of over two years of volunteer effort. A big *Thank You* to all the Guild's volunteers for making this historic day possible.



Marie Antoinette and King Louis XVI added a royal presence ahead of Festival duties - and cooled off.

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Re-Dedication of Building Follows Tradition

The side of the building has a plaque stating it was dedicated in



1935 to commemorate the Bicentennial of the city's founding. However, it was actually opened as our town's museum and library in late 1933, featuring - appropriately for us - an art exhibit by two of the founders of the Sainte

Genevieve Art Colony. The time lag between that first exhibit in 1933 and the dedication in 1935 amounted to 22 months. We have unintentionally followed that precedent. The very first art exhibit by the Guild in this building was prior to renovation in September 2019, and our re-dedication and Grand Opening was repeatedly postponed throughout 2020 - until June 2021 - also 22 months.

Members Bring Art to the Public



Juanita Wyman sets up for a demonstration of pastel in "plein air".



Children were invited to color spinning tops or create a windsock in French traditional theme by Peggy Bay with help from Angie Dalton and Dianne Dickerson. Virginia White demonstrated creating weathered wood with paint, and Vicki Cummings gave a demonstration on basket making.



Appreciation to County Commission

We are very grateful that in August 2019, the County of Ste. Genevieve granted a lease to Sainte Genevieve Art Guild to create an Art Center and Art Museum to bring art to the public. The County made essential repairs to the structure, and the Art Guild, with the help of many volunteers, funds from generous donors and a grant from the Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation, completed the remaining upgrades to create the renovated

building you see today. We sincerely thank the three Ste. Genevieve County Commissioners who allowed us to make this happen; Presiding Commissioner Garry Nelson and Commissioners Joe Gettinger and Randy Bahr. And we appreciate the ongoing support of the Commission, including commissioners Nelson, Karen Stuppy and Randy Ruzicka. The Mayor of Ste. Genevieve, Paul Hassler, was also recognized.

**"I don't think we could have found a better use for that building."
Presiding Ste. Genevieve County Commissioner Garry Nelson 6/10/20**

Members Welcome Guests



At left, State Representative Dale Wright is greeted by E. Dean Burns and his wife.

At right, Al Keiser engages in an art history discussion with Guild Historian Anna Kirchner.

Appreciation was also conveyed to the French Heritage Festival committee for sharing their special day with us, along with some of their dignitaries and guests who came in to see the "new" museum.



Members Made Grand Opening Grand



Janice Raiteri, Carolyn Bach (eating), Iris Vincent, Juanita Wyman, Vicki Cummings, Peggy Bay and Virginia White (far right with her sister) all went “above and beyond” the call of duty to make the Grand Opening day truly grand by creating a beautiful exhibit, setting up tents and a popcorn machine, and making sure visitors enjoyed cool drinks and a well-presented reception table. And “Thanks” to several more who brought food.

Appreciation to Members and Donors

“While Guild members are certainly very talented artists, they’re also great volunteers with many other skills. Any time we needed something, people came forward, whether it be a sign, carpentry, HVAC, painting trim and walls, or even people willing to get down on their knees and scrub floors and put tile in. I just can’t say enough about this group. Collectively, they logged thousands of hours getting this building ready.

And we couldn’t have done it without funds from generous donors that provided the necessary materials. A grant from the Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation paid for the track lighting,” said Carolyn in her ribbon-cutting remarks. On the back page of this issue is a list of names of the many, many people who provided funds, labor, items needed and support. Thank you all.

“This would never have happened without Carolyn’s leadership.”
Juanita Wyman, VP

Gift to Carolyn



Audubon’s gift certificate from the Guild. Thanks!

Over 250 Visitors on Grand Opening Day



THANK YOU for making this building renovation possible...

with donations of funds or items needed:

The County of Ste. Genevieve
Arts Council of Southeast Mo.
Audubon's Grill and Bar
Carolyn Bach
Peggy Bay
Linda Buis
Dave Carter
Victoria Cummings
Dianne Dickerson
Dee AnnDuCote
Pat Ferguson
Vada and Ben Galvan
Vernetta Heil & John Orem
Victoria Heil
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Kevin Ord
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with donations of labor:

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Stacy Griffith
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Kevin Ord
Janice and Charles Raiteri
Jean Rissover and Denise
Jean Shattuck
Breanna Trent and Nate
Iris Vincent
Virginia and Mike White
Juanita Wyman and Dave

and with support:

Ste Genevieve County Commissioners
City of Ste. Genevieve
Sandra Cabot, Mo. Dept. Economic Development
Sainte Genevieve Museum Learning Center
French Heritage Festival Committee

This list is also posted inside the door of the Sainte Genevieve Art Center & Art Museum.

Music at the Reception...

Be a Supporter:

The Sainte Genevieve Art Guild needs the support of those who appreciate the important role art plays in the vitality of the community.

Donations are tax-deductible under IRS 501(c)3 provisions.

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Fri-Sat-Sun
11am - 3pm

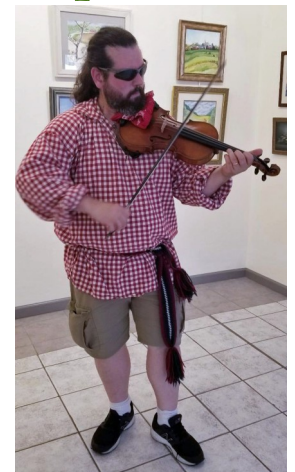
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GUILD MEETINGS

6:15-8pm
Second Tuesdays

(masks no longer required)



Chris Griffith (w/uncle Dave) and Dennis Stroughmatt played acoustic guitar and creole fiddle respectively.