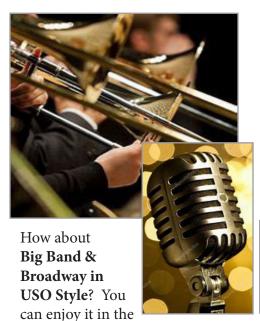


Art-Ventures are Springing Up this Season with the Help of the Arts Fund!

Who is ready to get out and have fun with family and friends while having new experiences? Well here are some options from the exciting new lineup of events in St. Joseph.



Center Court at East Hills Shopping Mall courtesy of the St. Joseph Community Chorus on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. The Chorus is partnering with St. Joseph Big Band and RiverSong for this event. Tickets include dessert and an opportunity to dance as well as hear some of the city's most engaging performers!



The Future's So Bright as the Saint Joseph Symphony collaborates with Missouri Western State University Aria and Concerto winners! This evening of music will include a performance of an exciting symphony by Tchaikovsky! The event will be held at the historic Missouri Theater on Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.



Then it's a little love and a lot of comedy with the <u>Robidoux</u> <u>Resident Theatre</u> production of **Love or Best Offer**. Dating "over 50" gets tricky for Cheryl, a widow, and newly divorced Stan. After failed blind dates, their friends convince them to try online dating. In the process, they confront heartbreak, rejec-

tion and resilience through the online dating site, "Friends, Love or Whatever." It is dinner theater at its finest on April 26 through April 28 at the Ruby Theater.



Next, the <u>Performing Arts Association</u> presents **Neil Diamond, I am...He said**. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Missouri Theater on May 10.

"This is a celebration of a musical icon that is loved and respected," says Matt Vee. "We will perform such favorites as "Cracklin' Rosie," "Song Sung Blue," and "Sweet Caroline," he added.

Two local trumpeters and the St. Joseph Youth Chorale will share the stage too, giving the audience a huge finale! And speaking of the St. Joseph Youth Chorale, catch their spring concert at the Wyatt Park Christian Church at 7:00 p.m. on May 3.

Allied Arts Arts Fund supports the activities of the following agencies:

Allied Arts Council Creative Arts Productions Performing Arts Association
Robidoux Resident Theatre St. Joseph Community Chorus St. Joseph Youth Chorale Saint Joseph Symphony

Your Art-Ventures Await You!



The Allied Arts Council is busy with our spring activities and planning, and we look forward to celebrating our events and programs with you. We are actively requesting support for the annual Arts Fund campaign. I hope you are excited to provide your support to continue the variety of performance arts this fund makes possible along with vital educational opportunities and community outreach.

An additional way to support the Arts Fund is by joining us for the 10th Beer Walk for the Arts on May 11. I encourage you to purchase a set of tickets or more and invite friends to enjoy an afternoon of art in architecture, music, food and craft beers as you explore the Harris-Kemper Historic District.

Our performing agencies have many performances lined up in April and May so be sure to mark these on your calendar and purchase your tickets now. From our youth ensembles, the touring musical groups and our locally produced and cast amateur and professional ensembles, our community is blessed to have the quality and variety of art-ventures available to us.

Additionally, we launched our nominating process for the Mayor's Awards this month and we encourage our readers to reflect on their arts experiences this past year and select from your highlights, a nominee for one of our categories.

I also invite you to join us as we celebrate our retiring Executive Director Teresa Fankhauser on April 30th. That evening we will also celebrate the retirement of our Operations Director Cathy Ketter, so mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Terri Modlin

Member Agencies

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art American Guild of Organists Creative Arts Productions Junior League of St. Joseph Performing Arts Association RiverSong

Robidoux Resident Theatre The Runcie Club

- St. Joseph Community Chorus
- St. Joseph Figure Skating Club
- St. Joseph Historical Society
- St. Joseph Museums, Inc.
- St. Joseph Youth Chorale Saint Joseph Symphony

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About the Allied Arts Council

The Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph, Missouri, exists to "bring arts and people together." The Council takes the lead in St. Joseph in organizing, educating and servicing the local arts community.

Currently 14 arts and cultural agencies are members. As an umbrella organization, the Council assists with scheduling, funding and marketing for all member agencies.

The Council provides educational programs, public art exhibits and summer youth programs, as well as special events.



Teresa Fankhauser, Executive Director



Cathy Ketter, Operations Director



Kathy Reno, Marketing Coordinator



Maya Roumph, Graphic Designer

All the world's a stage,

And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts...
William Shakespeare

Since announcing plans to retire, I've felt like I've been in two worlds—one where I'm looking back on my career in the arts and one where I'm looking forward to new adventures and opportunities to learn and grow.

My path to a life in the arts started at the ripe old age of 3 when I first appeared on the Missouri Theater stage singing and dancing to "I'm a Rooster." From that moment forward, I was passionate about the arts. Blessed to have a family that valued an arts education, I took dance, piano, and vocal lessons. My teachers encouraged and supported my love of the arts. Grade school teachers taught us how to recite and memorize poems, and the music teachers gave us songs that have stayed with us for a lifetime. Oh, Shenandoah (you're humming it right now, aren't you?) In high school, we honed our talents, giving us more opportunities to learn and grow our passion for the arts. College comes next, and we stay the course, still determining where it will lead but knowing the arts must be a part of a life well lived.

After college, I found Robidoux Resident Theatre. I was in the audience for the first performance of Our Town, and I was hooked. My high school French teacher, Mary Brock, was an extraordinary

The Executive Director & the Operations Director say Goodbye as they Retire

teacher although I was not an outstanding student, French is hard! But what I remember most about Mary is how she not only strived to teach the language but also showed us the culture

of the French, inviting some of her students to a Christmas celebration in her home. The dedication she showed to her students still makes me smile today. Mary took that same dedication a few years later to become the first full-time Allied Arts Council Executive Director in 1982. She laid the groundwork for the future of the Allied Arts Council. Under her leadership, Artscape, Artists in the Schools, Arts Fund, and Trails West! * were developed. During this time, I first became involved with the Allied Arts Council by serving on the Arts Fund Cabinet subcommittee. Mary was a taskmaster, training us well and keeping in contact (pre-emails) with phone calls, cajoling, and prodding us to make those calls! I admired Mary and her work to lift the arts in St. Joseph.

I've had many roles with the Allied Arts Council over the years; I volunteered, served on the board as president of RRT, chaired the Chautauqua and Hillside Reenactment Stages, and taught at Artscape and Art for Life. In 2004, Executive Director Wally Bloss resigned to take a new position in Utah, allowing me to apply for the position in 2005. I remember the process clearly; I was excited, scared, and a bit overwhelmed, but I knew I wanted to serve the larger arts community.

It is hard to believe it has been almost 19 years and an incredible ride. I count my board presidents as mentors and friends, and the Council board is an incredible group of people. The board sets policy, and the board members are also volunteers who work with staff to run the programs of the Allied Arts Council. Through their dedication, the Council staff can fulfill the Council's mission. Cathy and I have been reminiscing about all the people we've worked with over the years and their impact on us and the arts community. From teaching artists to Trails West! * steering committee, all have been dedicated volunteers who make the Council hum.

One of my biggest joys has been the people who worked in the office. The staff size has fluctuated over the years depending on programming and budget constraints, but the overall dedication to the job has been constant. We work collaboratively, lifting each other and stepping in to help ease someone's load. We've celebrated birthdays, weddings, and the birth of children and grandchildren. We are a team, a family. We've had some great people working for the Council. Cathy Ketter has been the one constant. She has served with three Executive Directors. She knows the history, what works and what doesn't. My success is thanks to Cathy's mentorship. One cannot know all that one needs to know to do the job you're hired to do. Cathy was the gentle reminder of what was next. We make a good team because we play to each other's strengths and challenge each other to do better and be better. From Cathy, I learned to slow down and take more time, and Cathy learned from me it was ok to make changes, try something new, and take risks. We've had to face some tough challenges over the years. Making painful decisions to shutter programs that were no longer sustainable, but knowing for the health and longevity of the organization it was the right call.

For sixty-one years, the Council has worked to secure a vibrant, creative community, and I'm honored to have been a part of the journey. As I step back, I'm filled with a sense of excitement and anticipation for

the future of our arts community. I'm confident that the Allied Arts Council, with its rich history and dedicated members, will continue to positively impact our community, and I'm thrilled to see what the future brings with new leadership.

Nineteen years is a significant period, but it feels like it was just yesterday that I walked through the door to start my dream job. To all the people who've been a part of this journey, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude. Each one of you has played a crucial role in shaping my career and the success of the Allied Arts Council.

All the world's a stage,

And all the men and women merely players;

They have their exits and their entrances;

And one woman in her time plays many parts....

Thank you for letting me play this part.

Teresa Fankhauser Executive Director 2005 - 2024



In February of 1993 there was an ad in the paper for a part-time position with the Allied Arts Council. Our daughters were then 4 and 8, and I was looking for part-time employment. I interviewed with Executive Director Mary Brock, and learned the newly created position was due to the increased staff workload with the upcoming initial Trails West! * festival. The position was 6-9 hours per week and guaranteed through September 1993. I accepted the position, began March 2, and thirty-one years later, I am retiring as the full-time Operations Director.

What a different world it was thirty-one years ago. I shared a computer with program coordinator Heidi Downer, who would see me coming through the door and say "oh no" as she had to find something else to do. We all made things work, and luckily the Trails West! * festival was successful and my employment continued.

The arts have always been a part of my life. In 1959, my father Gene Drimmel was a founding member and assistant concertmaster of the St. Joseph Symphony. As a little girl, I sat in the audience at the Missouri Theater and waved to him onstage. He felt every home should have a piano, and at age eight I began lessons with Virginia Gench, and my classical training continued through college at Mizzou. In high school I was an accompanist for the school musicals under the direction of Colleen Thom, and choir accompanist under the direction of Byron Myers, Tom Schneider and Marvin Gench, all wonderful and accomplished musicians. I still play, taught both our daughters,

and they are now teaching their children.

This career has been a good fit and has certainly grown through the years. I've had the privilege to work with wonderful people, including three executive directors, Mary Brock, Wally Bloss and Teresa Fankhauser; twenty-seven co-workers: board members: and committee volunteers, all with the mission to bring arts and people together. I worked with the arts education programs, including Artists in the Schools and Artscape. Artscape, the summer arts camp for children and my pride and joy, ran from 1988 to 2019, and I was here for 27 of the 32 years, during which the camp reached over 7,000 children. Artscape was one of the reasons I'm still here, and it wouldn't have succeeded without the Arts Education committee, class instructors, and on site coordinator, who for the last seven years was Darren Verbick. Thank you to all who had a part in making it happen.

I would like to thank the executive directors I've worked with: to Mary Brock for hiring me as I learned much from her and her devotion to the arts; to Wally Bloss for his leadership and continued advocacy; and to Teresa Fankhauser for her forward vision. Teresa and I have been a team for nineteen years, and we work well together as she's broad picture and I'm detail-oriented and behind the scenes. Through the years we've had multiple work teams and have accomplished wonderful things. The arts are strong in St. Joseph, and the Allied Arts Council plays a vital role. I'm proud of all we have accomplished and look

forward to seeing what the future brings for the Council.

Thanks also to my husband Rick and our daughters Carrie & Jackie for being supportive of my career. The girls were Artscape kids, and some of their projects are still displayed in our home. It was fun sharing Trails West! * with our older grandkids (we now have six, ages 2-12). The love of the arts continues from generation to generation, and I know my father would be proud.

Working for a non-profit brings satisfaction and fulfillment, and I've been so fortunate to have had such a long, enjoyable career. Retirement is bittersweet, as the Allied Arts Council and the people I've met and worked with through the years have been a big part of my life. We've all shared life experiences, happy and sad, and have been there for each other, not just as co-workers but as supportive friends. I'm going to miss the day to day contact and camaraderie, but am looking forward to more time with my husband, daughters and grandchildren, long walks with our English Lab, and time to play the piano.

Life is full of twists and turns and roads taken or not, and I'm thankful the road opened to the Allied Arts Council those many years ago.

Cathy Drimmel Ketter

Operations Director

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Thanks to your support, there are Art-Ventures all over St. Joseph! The Arts Fund, which raises funds for seven agencies, kicked off this spring with the goal to raise \$300,000.

During Arts Fund's 41-year history, we have awarded over \$6.5 million to local arts and cultural nonprofits. What the arts organizations do with that investment adds to the culture and livability of St. Joseph and boosts our economy. Over 42,968 adults and 12,496 children attended Arts Fund sponsored events last year, making a \$20 million impact in St. Joseph. Through the arts, we bond with our friends, family and neighbors as we enjoy great entertainment and arts experiences together.

The arts aren't expendable, they are essential. Supporting the Arts Fund means supporting a solid future for the arts in St. Joseph for ourselves and the generations that follow.

To contribute, simply complete the form and mail it to Arts Fund, 118 South 8 Street, St. Joseph, MO, 64501 or to quickly and safely donate online <u>click here</u>.

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Thank you in advance for your kind and generous donation!

Accepting Nominations for the Mayor's Awards for the Arts!

Who Inspires You?

The Allied Arts Council celebrates its vibrant arts community with the thirty-second annual Mayor's Awards for the Arts! The Mayor's Awards for the Arts recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions in the arts in the greater St. Joseph, Missouri area. Show your appreciation for those who do so much for our community by nominating your arts hero!

Nominations are accepted in the following categories:

- Artist of the Year
- Arts Educator of the Year
- Youth Artist
- Organizational Achievement in the Arts
- Individual Leadership
- Outstanding Volunteer

A panel of arts leaders from across the state selects the award recipients.

To nominate an artist, arts organization or arts project, please <u>click here</u>. All nominations must be received in the Allied Arts Council office by June 6, 2024.

The awards are presented during a special ceremony held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Allied Arts Council on July 18, 2024.



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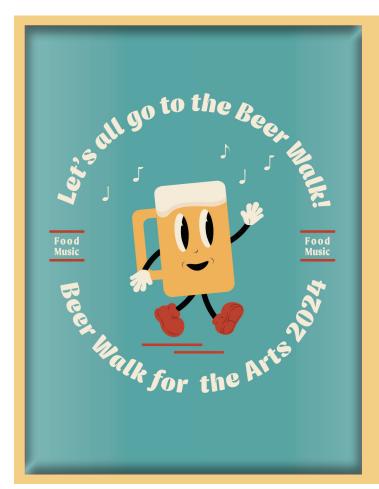
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Beer Walk for the Arts!

Want to spice up your Saturday? Enjoy an afternoon sampling craft beers and local bites while enjoying area musicians, meeting artists and touring six houses in the Harris-Kemper Historic District.

> Saturday, May 11, 2024 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets available at allied-arts-council. ticketleap.com for \$35 each or two for \$50 until April 30. To purchase your tickets click here.

The proceeds benefit the Arts Fund!



The People have Spoken the Sculpture Walk People's Choice Award Goes to....

The votes are in and the Allied Arts Council is proud to announce the winner of the 2023-2024 St. Joseph Sculpture Walk People's Choice Award. Located on the corner of North 7th and Edmond Street, "Motherly Love" caught the eye of local walkers as well as out-of-town guests.

The artist, Gedion Nyanhongo, of Fostoria, Ohio, was born in Zimbabwe, Africa. His father was a sculptor and he grew up loving the process of sculpting. His medium is spring stone and all of his sculptures, whether human, wildlife or abstract/symbolic are meant to spark emotion.

"Many artists create by building – I create by subtracting. The shape of the stone

inspires me and I remove what doesn't belong. For this piece, I wanted to depict the intensity of the love between a mother and a young child," said

Nyanhongo. That bond seems to exist in every culture," he added.

"Motherly Love" is also staying here! Each year, the Allied Arts Council purchases a piece from the Sculpture Walk to donate to the City of St. Joseph and this year, "Motherly Love" is that donation.

It's possible for you to own a sculpture from the 2023-24 Walk for your own garden or business location! To make a purchase, please contact the Allied Arts Council at 816-233-0231, teresa.fankhauser@stjoearts.org.



GIFTS TO THE ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL

Thank you for your support of the Allied Arts Council programs! Your generosity allows us to provide arts education, public art experiences, and to support member agencies.

Gifts to the Allied Arts Council Membership Drive

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In memory of Bill D. West

Given by Cheryl West & family

Our Deepest Thanks to the Schmidt Foundation and Eagle Radio!

This spring, Eagle Communications General Manager Liby Waltemath presented the Allied Arts Council with \$10,000 in grant funds for the marketing of such projects as the Sculpture Walk, Beer Walk for the Arts and Artists in the Schools.

The Schmidt Foundation, which is a part of Eagle Communications, has a mission to improve the communities in which Eagle operates.

The Schmidt Foundation was formed by Robert (Bob) Schmidt in 1990. Bob was known for his "Forward Ever" outlook and his wife Pat's interest was in community projects. They were determined to contribute to the success and well-being of the communities they served. They believed the rising tide lifts all boats - if you give back to your community, it begins a chain reaction of good and creates a place where everyone can grow and thrive. This belief led to the formation of the Robert E. and Patricia A. Schmidt Foundation, now known simply as The Schmidt Foundation. Over the years, The Schmidt Foundation has built a brighter future for many in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. With the "Forward Ever" attitude, the Board of Trustees work to continue Bob & Pat's vision of improving the quality of life in our communities.

"We are excited and want to thank the Schmidt Foundation and Eagle Communications for their support," said Allied Arts Council Executive Director Teresa Fankhauser. "As with all non-profits, our budget for marketing is limited, and this grant allows us to promote the arts to a much greater degree."



Explore the Downtown St. Joseph Sculpture Walk 2024-25

First Walk on June 12, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Walkers will meet at the corner of 4th and Felix at 6:30 p.m.

Remember you can stroll through historic downtown St. Joseph with your friends, children, grandchilden, partner or spouse throughout the year and enjoy the sculptures. Discover the unique shops and restaurants you will only find in our community along the way.

For a Sculpture Walk brochure <u>click here</u> or drop by the Allied Arts office,118 South 8th Street. You can also pick them up at the Convention and Visitors Bureau or at one of four ballot boxes in Downtown St. Joseph.

Don't forget to vote for the 2024-2025 People's Choice Award!













April

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Alice...Dreaming of Wonderland Performing Arts Association Missouri Theater 717 Edmond St. 7:00 p.m. https://performingarts-saintjoseph.org/

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Big Band & Broadway USO Style St. Joseph Community Chorus with Kathleen Holeman & the St. Joseph Big Band & RiverSong Center Court in East Hills Shopping Center 7:30 p.m. https://www.stjoechorus.org

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Opening Reception
Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
Regional Revelations: A Private
Collection Showcase (April 20 July 14)
& the Annual Undergraduate
Exhibition (April 20 - June 9)
2818 Frederick Avenue
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

www.albrecht-kemper.org

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St. Joseph Symphony & MWSU The Future's So Bright featuring vocalist Sara Poet and trombonist David Welter

What's Happening in the Arts

Missouri Theater 717 Edmond St. 7 p.m.

www.saintjosephsymphony.org

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After Hours
Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
2818 Frederick Avenue
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
www.albrecht-kemper.org

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Evil Woman - The American ELO Performing Arts Association Missouri Theater 717 Edmond St. 7:30 p.m. https://performingarts-saintjo-seph.org/

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Love...or Best Offer
Robidoux Resident Theater
Ruby Theater
615 South 10th Street
https://rrtstjoe.org/

May

Spring Concert
St. Joseph Youth Chorale
Wyatt Park Christian Church
2623 Mitchell Avenue
7:00 p.m.
https://www.sjycsings.org/

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Beer Walk for the Arts
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Starting: Whiskey Mansion Inn
1723 Francis Street
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
https://stjoearts.org/wp/beer-walk-for-the-arts/

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After Hours
Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
2818 Frederick Avenue
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
www.albrecht-kemper.org

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AKMA - Art Fair Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art 2818 Frederick Avenue 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. www.albrecht-kemper.org

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2024-2025 Sculpture Walk Reception and First Walk Allied Arts Council Corner of 4th and Felix 5:00 p.m. - Reception 6:30 p.m. - Guided First Walk https://stjoearts.org

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Opening Reception
Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
Small Wonders
2818 Frederick Avenue
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
www.albrecht-kemper.org

14 - 22 Juneteenth 2024 St. Joseph Museum https://www.stjosephmuseum. org/juneteenth

And there's more...

Ongoing Arts & Culture Opportunities

Allied Arts Council St. Joseph Sculpture Walk https://stjoearts.org/wp/ sculpture-walk

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art Art Classes/Art Camp http://albrecht-kemper.org/ classes/

MWSU Exhibitions and Recitals https://www.missouriwestern.edu/sfa/events/month/

St. Joseph Museum
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www.stjosephmuseum.org



