

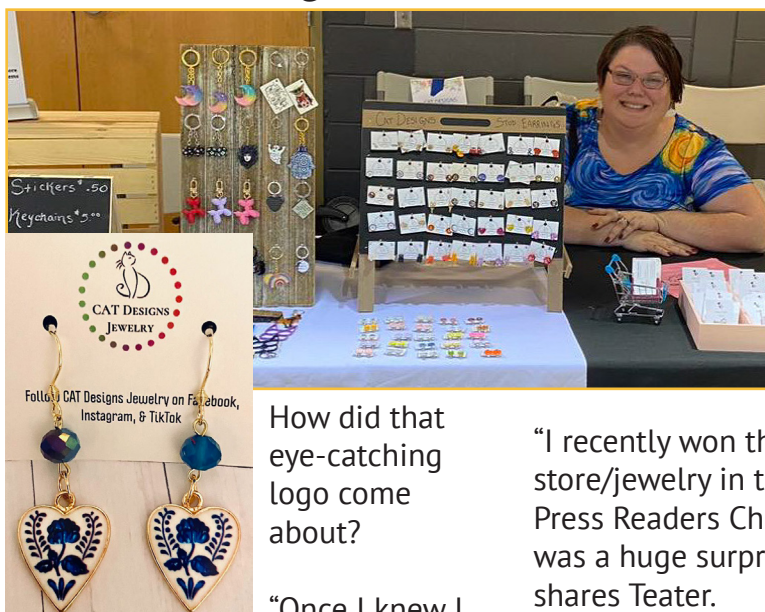


Catching Up with CAT Designs Artist Chelsea Teater

If you are out and about in the St. Joseph area, chances are you have seen Chelsea Teater in an event booth, or you have seen her creations in stores. So, how did art become a career for her?

"I grew up around art and artsy ideals. My father, Patrick Clark, was a high school art teacher for 40 years. We always had access to art supplies and ideas at home. My Dad is the type of person who taught us how to fix and mend the things we owned. It was my Dad who, unintentionally, taught me how to make/mend jewelry. His little lessons stayed with me," said Teater.

"After almost 10 years in social services, my health took a dip and I had to rethink my career choice. I began painting to pass the time and suddenly they were selling. Not a lot, but enough that I began to wonder if I had stumbled onto a new career. Daniel Johnson, then the Director of the Robidoux Row Museum, asked me if I would be interested in selling some of my art pieces in the Museum gift shop. I asked if I could make a few jewelry pieces too and it turned out that jewelry was my biggest seller. Local store owners began to carry my creations also and it all sprang from there."



How did that eye-catching logo come about?

"Once I knew I was going to be in shops I needed a name. I found a picture of a cat that I loved and my initials are CAT (Chelsea A. Teater) and as I design jewelry, CAT Designs Jewelry came into being," explains Teater. "A great piece of jewelry can make any person feel beautiful, so I strive to keep my pieces affordable and accessible to all," she adds.

In addition to jewelry, she still paints.

"When I am lost for good jewelry making ideas I paint. When I have painters' block I create jewelry. And when I was stumped on both fronts I started making miniatures. I've always loved miniature items and that love just kind of grew, so now I teach

classes on how to make them."

Currently CAT Designs Jewelry and More is online, at events and in a few stores.

"I recently won the best jewelry store/jewelry in the 2023 News Press Readers Choice Award. That was a huge surprise and honor," shares Teater.

"I would love to see CAT Designs grow into a brick and mortar store where I can help other small business vendors get started. If we invest in each other and give a little help to those pursuing a dream, beautiful things happen. I am also looking at having my Dad's art for sale, now that he's retired, at events. I want people to see the talent that inspired me when I was little," said Teater.

Follow CAT Designs on Facebook @ CATDesignsCustomJewelry.



Bracelets & Necklaces
Earrings
Fairy Jars
Keychains
Metal Bookmarks
Miniature Bookshelves
Paintings
Sun Catchers

Letter from the President



I have been enjoying some travels lately, including areas that are perfect for day trips or weekend getaways. Whenever I travel, I love to take advantage of art opportunities, sometimes public art, musical performances, galleries, and other productions. I love to see new interpretations or creative presentations, which expands my own experiences and plants ideas to bring back home. But these opportunities also allow me to reflect on what we do have at home and to realize how blessed we are to have the variety and advanced level of arts opportunities in the St. Joseph area. As an owner of property and businesses downtown, I have loved the annual reveal of our Sculpture Walk which is installed throughout our downtown and supported by our local community and those who choose downtown as their destination for dining, entertainment and shopping. Our Allied Arts Council just celebrated the opening of our 10th walk. We are so appreciative of our pas-

sionate Sculpture Walk sponsors and those who support our annual Arts Fund.

As we enjoy this summer break which is also a break for many of our member agencies, they are releasing their plans to bring us amazing programming when we gather together again. Now is the perfect time to reserve your season tickets and book your calendar with these performances. Additionally, this summer, several youth performances are planned as the culmination of camps and other development opportunities sponsored by these same organizations. And music in the downtown square is available once or even more times during the weekends.

This month, we take time to celebrate our local art, artists and leaders as we partner with our mayor to present our Mayor's Awards for the Arts. I hope you are able to join us on July 27th as we gather as a community to recognize our successes and 60-years of working together to support and promote our local arts. I look forward to seeing you soon!

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

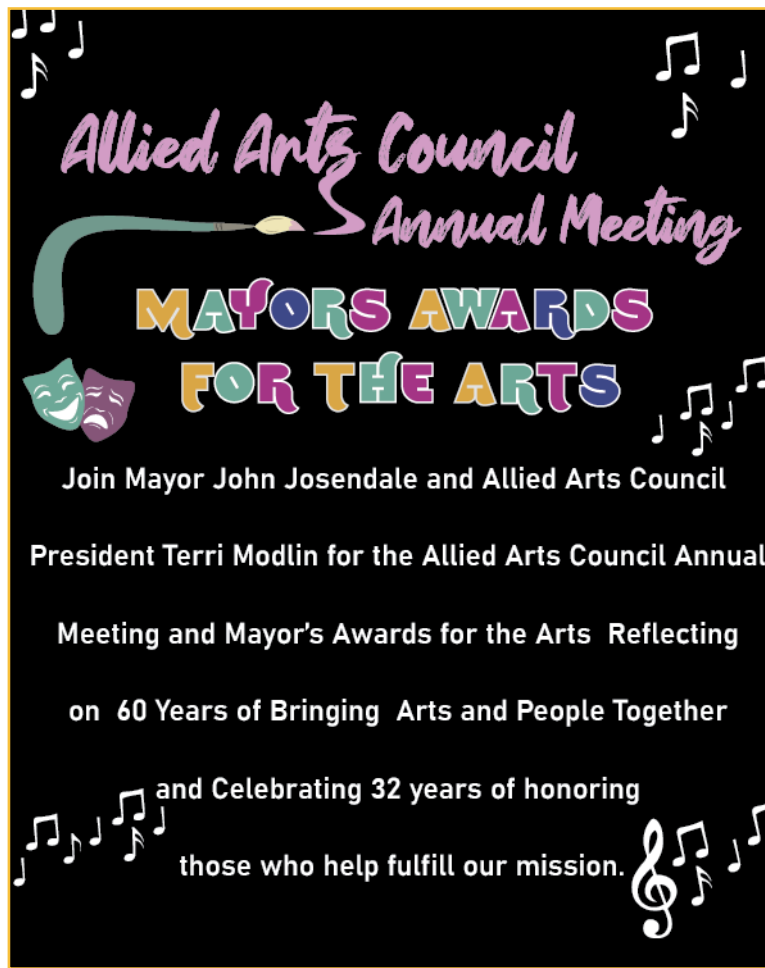
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5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:15 p.m. Dinner

Reserve Entree

Chicken Bruschetta or Grilled Salmon

Cost per person - \$50

Reservation Deadline is July 21

[Reserve online](#)

**By phone at 816-233-0231 or by
e mail: cathy.ketter@stjoearts.org**

2023 Mayor's Awards for the Arts Nominees

Artist of the Year:

- Kathleen Holeman
- Staff Party

Arts Educator of the Year:

- Janell Becerra
- Bob Long

Youth Artist:

- Skylar King
- Calvin Kress
- Corban Springs
- Lyric Williams-McGuire

Organizational Achievement in the Arts

- Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
- St. Joseph Arts Academy
- St. Joseph Downtown Association

Individual Leadership:

- Patrick Dare
- Eric Fuson
- Dr. Cheryl Rasmussen
- Martial Thevenot

Outstanding Volunteer

- Patrick Dare
- Eileen Dyer
- Alison Schieber
- Karl Wellenkoetter

**Annual Meeting Nominative Slate 2023-2024
Allied Arts Council Board of Directors**

**Class of 2024
Maddie McKinley**

**Class of 2026
Janell Becerra
Jamie Blizzard
Annie Corrington
Jan Costanzo
Devon Kariker
Sara Markt
Michelle Norman**

**Morton Fund Class of 2029
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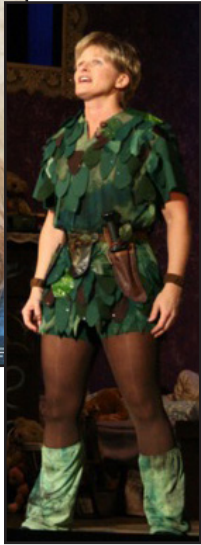
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The Evolution of an Artist by Carol Myers



Carol Myers



Carol, in her favorite role, Peter Pan.

My adventure with acting took off when my friend Tad Hopkins suggested I try out for a play at the Missouri Theater called *Our Town* with Robidoux Resident Theatre directed by Mike Pittman. After being cast as Emily, I quickly learned from Tad, Mike and other cast members about staying true to the text, teamwork, getting off book quickly and performing for the audience not yourself; sort of life lessons, but theatre style. I learned that I loved this thing called acting!

Previously I'd performed here and there. I was in a 5th grade drama about Betsy Ross, a little something in our middle school talent show, show choir, all-school musicals and I was the emcee for the Senior Revue. Finally, the lead in my high school musical, *The Sound of Music*. Performing for the public on the big stage of the Missouri Theater was the next step.

I went on to do several dramas with RRT until someone suggested I try out for a musical, "since I could sing". There is something about us-

ing your whole body, singing, dancing, and acting that is very grounding, a kinesthetic quality that can be very freeing. My all time favorite role was playing Peter Pan because of the physicality it required. Having gone through a running phase, I likened this feeling to a runner's high. I hope that everyone, with their given talent whether it be gardening, or bowling, or whatever, has the chance to experience that euphoria in a job well done.

Time passed and I married Bemo Myers, my high school sweetheart and a performer in his own right. He introduced me to the New Generation Singers, which continues to be a source of performing. We were blessed with Mia and Joey, our children. Between myself, Bemo, and the Myers family, the kids ended up with the performing gene. Before long we were experiencing the joys of performing together. Mia performs locally with RRT, acting and playing in the pit, while Joey received a musical theater degree and is currently touring with the National Tour of the *Book of Mormon*.

On directing: I have a vivid memory of sitting in the Missouri Theater with another actor waiting for rehearsal to begin and we were talking about how we had no desire whatsoever to be a director. But several years later, Mike Swymeler and Jeff Haney encouraged me to give it a try. Missouri Theater Manager Frank Polleck supported me with the technical aspects and I found that I liked directing! People often ask me which I prefer more,

acting or directing. Acting allows you to dig more deeply into one character



Carol in the role of director.

while directing allows you to leave a fingerprint on every aspect of the show. Both extremely fulfilling to me.

Through the years I've acted in maybe 50 shows and directed some 20 or so. I've won a few awards over the years. They look nice on the shelf and are always appreciated, but the true fulfillment comes with those moments on and off the stage, creating art with your cast and crew, and then giving your audience an hour or two to escape into an alternate reality. It's a win/win experience for everyone.

After teaching for 34 years, I retired and am currently working part time at RRT with Executive Director Sandy Burg and Program Director Lindsay Prawitz, directing and assisting with the youth programs. It's the best of both worlds, teaching our future actors about theater!

I encourage anyone who has ever had even a passing thought of auditioning for a show to go for it. Theatre is more than just acting, singing and dancing. The collaborative effort of creating something much larger than yourself and throwing it out there for the world to see is a natural high you won't soon forget.

David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts Helps Local Arts Organizations



And the 2023-24 Grant Recipients Are!

**Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art -
“AKMA Art Fair”**

**Bluegrass Bettering Our Community -
“Bluegrass Battles Hunger”**

Performing Arts Association - “Celebrating the Music of Neil Diamond”

**Saint Joseph Symphony – “SJS Brass Performance Mustangs Baseball
Game”**

The David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts was established in 1986 to pay tribute to Mr. Morton’s leadership in the St. Joseph arts community. Memorials are accepted at any time and are solicited to commemorate a special event, or simply to promote the arts. The Fund’s Trustees remain committed to providing financial support for at least one event or program annually.



ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL

About the Allied Arts Council

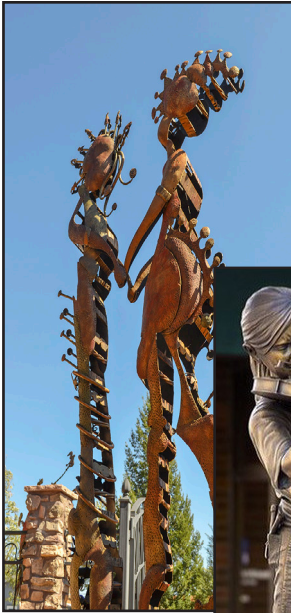
The Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph, Missouri, exists to “bring arts and people together.” The Council takes the lead in St. Joseph in organizing, educating and servicing the local arts community.

Currently 14 arts and cultural agencies are members. As an umbrella agency, 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.



Downtown Sculpture Walk 2023-24 Winners Announced!



Spring marked the arrival of new sculptures in Downtown St. Joseph, Missouri, for the 10th annual Allied Arts Council Sculpture Walk 2023-24! This year's selections celebrate beauty and creative storytelling with surprises around every corner for the viewer to enjoy. The Allied Arts Council, in partnership with the City of St. Joseph and the St. Joseph Downtown Community Improvement District, sponsors this annual public art project.

During the June opening reception for the Sculpture Walk, the 2023-24 winners were announced. First place went to the mixed media sculpture "Embracing Empathy," by Jodie Bliss of Monument, Colorado. Her sculpture is located near the corner of 8th and Francis Street.



Second place went to "Gotta Practice First," a bronze sculpture by Sherri Treeby and Lee Leuning of Aberdeen, South Dakota. Their sculpture is located on the corner of 7th and Felix Street.

Third place was awarded to "Day's Catch," a bronze sculpture by Shohini Ghosh of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Her sculpture is located near the corner of 4th and Felix Street.



Vote to Win in the People's Choice Award!

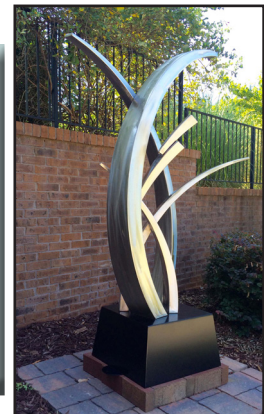


The People's Choice Award voting runs through January 31, 2024 with the winner announced in February. Voters will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win one of two gift baskets filled with goodies provided by Downtown St. Joseph merchants, the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Allied Arts Council member agencies! To vote, pick up a Sculpture Walk brochure at the Allied Arts Council office, 118 S. 8th Street, the St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau, 911 Frederick, or the St. Joseph Visitor's Center, 502 N. Woodbine, in St. Joseph. For questions and more information, contact the Allied Arts Council at 816-233-0231, stop by the office at 118 South 8th Street, or visit www.stjoearts.org.

"Flair" and "Catch of the Day" Donated to the City of St. Joseph by the Allied Arts Council!

The Allied Arts Council has donated "Flair" by Gregory Johnson and "Catch of the Day" by Bobby Peiser, two of the sculptures from the 2022-2023 Sculpture Walk, to the City of St. Joseph.

"Catch of the Day" by Bobby Peiser was donated to the Allied Arts Council by his wife Karen Peiser in loving memory of Bobby Peiser.



*Flair by
Gregory
Johnson*



Creative Arts Productions (CAP) Presents



Creative Arts Productions (CAP) will present their summer musical, Peter Pan, Jr., on July 29 (Saturday) - 7 p.m. and July 30 (Sunday) - 2 p.m. at the Historic Missouri Theater. This production is performed by students (4th - 12th grades) from St. Joseph and surrounding areas. To purchase tickets [click here](#).

Come join us on the mystical island of Neverland with this much-loved classic!



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July 7, 8 and 9, 2023

Missouri Theater | 717 Edmond Street, St Joseph, MO 64501

Experience the beloved musical "The Sound of Music"! Join us on a journey of growth and hope amidst World War II as young Maria Rainer transforms the lives of the Von Trapp family through joy, laughter, and music. With iconic songs like "Edelweiss" and "My Favorite Things," this enchanting production will captivate your heart.

Book your tickets at <https://rrtstjoe.org> for an unforgettable experience!

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Membership & You!

The Allied Arts Council has a mission to bring arts and people together, and we believe the arts have the power to transform, illuminate, educate, inspire and motivate the citizens of St. Joseph. We continually strive to provide quality arts experiences to the community, and we have succeeded for 60 years because of the loyal and generous support from people like you, who believe in what we do. The annual Allied Arts Council membership drive supports the direct programs of the Council, and your donation is a vital component in the continuation of our programs which include:

- Artists in the Schools, which places artists in the classroom virtually or in person
- Sculpture Walk, a visual arts program in partnership with the City of St. Joseph
- Mayor's Awards for the Arts, which recognizes outstanding artistic achievement and contribution

If you agree that the arts enhance our community, please take a moment to donate to the Allied Arts Council Membership Drive as your financial gift will put us one step closer to reaching our goal. Your support is crucial to our mission of bringing arts and people together, and your investment in the Council's programs is an investment in St. Joseph. To contribute, simply complete the form and mail it to Allied Arts Membership, 118 South 8 Street, St. Joseph, MO, 64501 or to quickly and safely donate online [click here](http://www.stjoearts.org/programs_art_for_life.htm).

Membership Drive

Name: _____

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Please accept my membership donation of: \$ _____

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In memory of Patricia Lamar (my mother)
Nancy Lamar Pease

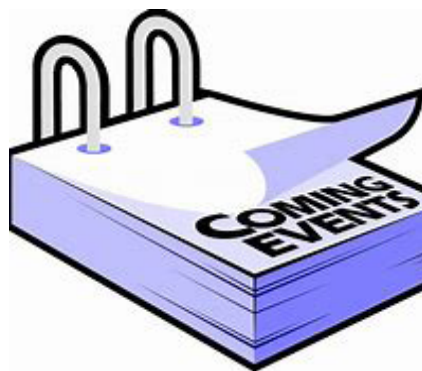
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What's Happening in the Arts



July

7, 8 & 9

The Sound of Music

RRT

Missouri Theater
717 Edmond Street
<https://rrtstjoe.org/>

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French Dinner with 80 Days Cafe
AKMA
2818 Frederick Avenue
5 p.m.
www.albrecht-kemper.org

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Mayor's Awards for the Arts
& Annual Meeting
Allied Arts Council
Benton Club
402 North 7th St.
5:30 p.m. Cocktails
6:15 p.m. Dinner
RSVP Required
<https://stjoearts.org>

29- 30

Peter Pan, Jr.
CAP
Missouri Theater
717 Edmond St.
<https://capstjoemo.org/>

August

12

Princess Tea Party 2023

RRT

Ruby Theatre
615 S. 10th Street
1 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.
RRT
<https://rrtstjoe.org/>

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St. Joe Christian School FINE
ARTS Car Show
St. Joseph Christian School
parking lot
5401 Gene Field Road
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
<https://stjosephchristian.com/>

September

23

Matt Vee & the Killer Vees
Celebrate the Music of Neil Diamond with *I Am, He Said*
Performing Arts Association
Missouri Theater
717 Edmond Street
7:30 p.m.
<https://performingarts-saintjoseph.org/>

September 29 - October 1

Farndale's Murder at Checkmate Manor
RRT
Ruby Theatre
615 S. 10th Street
<https://rrtstjoe.org/>

30

Frank Oden's Cowboy Jamboree
Saint Joseph Symphony
Missouri Theater
717 Edmond Street
7 p.m. - Social Time Afterwards
<https://saintjosephsymphony.org/>

Ongoing Arts and Culture Opportunities

Exhibition - September 17
Women Artists from the Collection, 1800 - 2022

AKMA

2818 Frederick Avenue
www.albrecht-kemper.org

2023-24 Downtown St. Joseph
Sculpture Walk
Allied Arts Council
<https://stjoearts.org/wp/sculpture-walk>

Classes

July 6

Painting Pastels with Jill Tichenor
<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

July 8

Spooky Saturday (Art Class) with Pat Benedict
<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

July 11 - 14

Summer Camp for Ages 6 - 13 yrs.
<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

July 12, August 9 and Sept. 13

Drink & Draw
<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

July 28

Abstract Collage with Robin Vanhoozer
<http://albrecht-kemper.org/>

Calendar of Events Continued

[classes/](#)

August 4

Studio Basics: Paintings for Beginners

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

August 8 - 11

Summer Camp for

Ages 6 - 13 yrs.

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

August 9

Drink & Draw

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

August 23

Watercolor Still Life Painting with Linda Kinder

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

August 22 & 29

Kids Media Mix-Up

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26

Kids Media Mix-Up

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

Sept. 13, 20, & 27

Monster Art Club

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

Sept. 13

Drink & Draw

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

Sept. 21 & 28

Colored Pencil Happy Hour with Wanda Taylor

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

Sept. 22

Classical Drawing with Cody Wheelock

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

Sept. 29

Wire Wrap Jewelry Class with

Karen Wollner

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>



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