

2008 Exhibit Schedule



January 18 - March 1

Reception: Friday, January 18 (5:30 - 7:30 pm)

"Fact, Fallacy and Illusion Historical African - American Imagery" Quilts by fiber artist, Venus Blue

Venus Blue, a graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, was the recipient of many awards from Chicago arts and cultural institutions. She was also the recipient of national fellowships and grants. She was associated with Urban Gateways, a leading arts education organization. Some of her quilts are on permanent display at the Field Museum's Africa exhibit and also at the City of Chicago Cultural Affairs Department.

March 7 - April 12

Reception: Friday, March 7 (5:30 - 7:30 pm)

Gallery I: Art of Survival, Women, Healing and the Arts

Art making can "improve and enhance the physical, mental and emotional well-being of individuals of all ages." This exhibition explores current work being done in the field of art therapy through the use of exhibits, demonstrations, and workshops. The main exhibit, The Art of Survival, was initiated by Elka Kazmierczak at the Women's Center in Carbondale. It focuses on art as a source of self-knowledge and transformation. It emphasizes that life and human sensitivity fuel art, and art enables people searching for meaning in their lives to find it and ways to express it. Additional artwork from local art therapy programs will be included as well.

Gallery II : Deborah's Personal Survival Story, How Art Helped Her Recover

April 25 - May 10

Reception: Friday, April 25 (5:30 - 7:30 pm)

ArtSmart

An annual exhibit of work from the Peoria Art Guild Studio School students and instructors. Approximately 80 pieces of art will be displayed in all media.

May 16 - June 21

Reception: Friday, May 16 (5:30 - 7:30 pm)

Gallery I : Photo Documentary of Peoria, Past to Present - by Lynn Swigart

Mr. Swigart is a professional photographer who traveled the world for Caterpillar. As an artist, he was invited and participated for many years in the Peoria Art Guild's Fine Art Fair, ranked among the top 1% nationwide. Photographs displayed in this show reveal many secrets of Peoria's history and cover a wide range of subjects. The Peoria Historical Society will collaborate with programming around this exhibition.

Gallery II : New Works by Gerard Erley

Award winning oil painter, Gerard Erley, best known for his classical landscape scenes will be exhibiting his new collection of work.

June 6 & 7

Fine Art Fair at Junction City

The Peoria Art Guild presents this juried fair, showcasing the work of Central Illinois artists, at Junction City Shopping Center.

June 27 - August 2

Reception: Friday, June 27 (5:30 - 7:30 pm)

Undergraduate Student Invitational

A juried exhibition of students currently enrolled in colleges or universities and pursuing art as their major course of study. This is an effort to give visibility to many exceptionally talented, emerging artists.

August 15 - September 6

Reception: Friday, August 15 (5:30 - 7:30 pm)

Mentor Apprentice Program Exhibition

Fifteen selected local High School student's exhibit work they created in the Art Guild's Studio School during the intensive summer program. Many students have received college scholarships after completing this program.

September 26, 27 & 28

Fine Art Fair at the Riverfront

October 10 - November 15

Reception: Friday, October 10 (5:30 - 7:30 pm)

Pet Portraits

An invitational show of artists who specialize in painting pet portraits. There will be several themed workshops and classes offered in various art techniques, for all ages, along with this exhibition. A fun fundraiser is planned in collaboration with community groups and organizations. This show will explore how the relationship between humans and their animals have been artistically expressed over time.

November 21 - December 20

Crimson Door Holiday Show and Sale

Local Color Series Joint Receptions

Featured in the Fleming Conference Room

Dec. - Jan.
Feb. - March
April - May 10
May 16 - June
July
Aug. - Sept.
Oct. - Nov.

Patrick Harness
Erin Robert
Cheryl Dean
Nichole Gronvold-Roller
Jane Ryder
Susan Weinberg
Lori Brooks