

# Lemont Center for the Arts

## ART AND CULTURE COMMISSION OF LEMONT



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NEWSLETTER

### *A&CC Celebrates Illinois Arts Month with Music and Poetry*

The Art and Culture Commission celebrated Illinois Arts Month in October with a number of exciting events at the Lemont Center for the Arts (LCA), including an outstanding performance by the Kingswood Academy Musical Theater group, and a delightful poetry reading by members of the Illinois State Poetry Society. There was also a reception that marked both the first anniversary of the LCA, and its second annual juried exhibit. It was a very busy month indeed!

#### *First, There Was Music . . .*

With only a week's notice to prepare, 22 Kingswood Academy Musical Theater performers grabbed their old material from previous shows, devoted more time to perfecting their current repertoire from *School House Rock Live!*, and provided about 50 people with a fun-filled evening of toe-tapping tunes to entertain young and old alike. Their energetic and well-orchestrated musical revue truly dazzled the audience, as was apparent from the number of people singing along to familiar songs like *76 Trombones* from *Music Man*; *Candy Man* from *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*; and a medley of tunes from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century through the 1990s,

including *You're a Grand Old Flag* and *Give My Regards to Broadway*.

Becky McNulty, Director of the Kingswood Academy Musical Theater group, and her Vocal Coach, Janet Podczerwinski, Kingswood Academy's choir director, are both known to be demanding, yet loving, serious, but fun. They adhere to a tight, productive rehearsal schedule carefully planned to bring out the very best singing and dancing in the young performers. Not only do their efforts pay off in spades in terms of quality and positive audience feedback, but they also nurture the actors' obvious love of performing.

McNulty's choreography background, coupled with Podczerwinski's musical expertise, produce musically infectious shows that please.



Pictured here: Kingswood Academy Musical Theater performers singing two numbers from *Music Man*: *Iowa Stubborn* and *Rock Island*



The Kingswood Academy Musical Theater will perform *School House Rock Live!* on

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. For tickets, or information about the theater program in general, contact Becky McNulty at: [cbmcnulty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbmcnulty@sbcglobal.net). For information about Kingswood Academy, visit [kingswoodacademy.org](http://kingswoodacademy.org) on the internet.

... *And Then Came Poetry* ...

The Lemont community also had the distinct pleasure to hear poetry read by members of the Illinois State Poetry Society, the state chapter of the national organization of poets. Before a standing-room-only crowd, various poets, including those from Lemont and Joliet, delighted listeners with their unique verse and rhyme that brought rounds of applause from the audience.

The poetry reading was organized by Michael Galati, a retired Lemont High School English teacher and winner of the 2009 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award, presented to a local volunteer for outstanding efforts on behalf of the humanities in the community.

The Illinois State Poetry Society meets every other month at the Lisle Public Library. For more information, visit the ISPS website at: [www.illinoispoets.org](http://www.illinoispoets.org).

The Art & Culture Commission plans to continue hosting various performing arts and literary events, and stresses that the Kingswood musical performance and the ISPS poetry reading mark the start of a long "oral tradition" at the LCA. Stay tuned for more ...

**Joke: What do you call an American drawing?**

(answers on the next page)

## ART & CULTURE COMMISSION



The Lemont Center for the Arts will host its **Second Annual Holiday Artists Bazaar November 11th- December 23rd**. This is a great opportunity for shoppers to find exquisite and unique gifts.

**Extended hours for Holiday shopping!  
November 11- December 23**

**Friday ~ noon-8 p.m.  
Saturday ~ 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday ~ noon-5 p.m.**

*With a Special Thursday,  
December 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 6 – 8 p.m.  
In conjunction with Déjà vu Rack  
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Nov. 11-Dec. 23**

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**WHERE IS IT?**

The Lemont Center for the Arts will be closed  
December 24-January 5  
Regular hours will resume on January 6  
Friday ~ noon-4 p.m.  
Saturday ~ 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sunday ~ noon-4p.m.

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Valid for classes Jan. ~ Feb. ~ March of 2012

**Lemont Loves the Arts is here!** This year's theme is "My Dream Is..." This is a community arts program sponsored by all of the K-8 schools in Lemont. The program gives students an opportunity to express their creativity based on a theme. Entries are judged on the interpretation of the theme, originality, creativity and artistic merit. A Community Open House will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Ss. Cyril and Methodius School, 607 Sobieski Street, Lemont.

The winning artwork will be on display at the **Lemont Center for the Arts**, January 6 through February 26. Please stop in to see great art by talented Lemont elementary, middle school and junior high students.

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*

-Eleanor Roosevelt

**The Lemont Center for the Arts** is in need of volunteers to staff the gallery. This is a non-stressful opportunity to become involved in your community. If you are 18 years of age or older, please consider giving a few hours a week to the LCA. All that is required is some spare time, a friendly disposition to greet visitors, and an interest in the artistic environment of Lemont. Please contact Mona Parry 708-301-7496.

Answers - Joke: A Yankee Doodle!  
Where Is It? Stephen Street Bridge over the I&M Canal

*The Commissioners of the Art & Culture Commission are: Mona Parry, Chair & Visual Arts; Sue M. Bruce, Secretary & Treasurer; Emily J.B. Christian, Business Liaison; Barbara Tishuk, Newsletter; and Eric Hawrysz, Performing Arts. The Village Liaison to the A&CC is Ron Stapleton, Village Trustee.*

***The Art and Culture Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lemont Center for the Arts.***

Meetings are open to the public.

## LCA Class Survey

**We are here for you, the community!** Please take the time to complete the following survey regarding classes at the center. You may send the completed survey electronically to [lemontcenterarts@gmail.com](mailto:lemontcenterarts@gmail.com) or by snail mail or by hand to the Center, 1243 State Street, Suite 101, Lemont, Illinois 60439.

**Have you or a family member ever participated in a class at the center?**  YES  NO  
**If you answered YES**, thank you for your support! We hope to see you again in future classes. Your answers to the survey below can help us create future classes suited to your interests. **If you answered NO**, please continue with the survey below.

**Have you ever had an interest in a class but you didn't end up enrolling? Why?**

**Do you have any suggestions for future class topics?**

**What frequency of class meetings interests you? Check all that apply.**

One-day workshop  Weekly for 3 or 4 weeks  Weekly for 6 or 8 weeks

**What time of day would you like to see classes offered?**

Morning  Afternoon  Evenings  Weekends

**What length of time per class meeting appeals to you? Check all that apply.**

45minutes – 1 hour  1 – 2 hours  2-3 hours  3 hours or more

**What age group applies to you or family members who would be interested in taking a class?**

Children 5-9  Children 9-12  Teen 13-16  Young Adult 16+  Adult 18+

**What cost are you willing to budget for a one-hour small group art class taught by a local professional artist?**

\$10  \$20  \$30  \$40

**What cost are you willing to budget for a 4 week small group art class taught by a local professional artist that meets for an hour and a half each session?**

\$50  \$60  \$70  \$80

**Which do you prefer regarding supplies for a class?**

- Instructor supplies art materials for a fee  
 Students receive a list of materials they need to purchase for the class  
 No preference

**Thank you for taking the time to give us your valuable feedback. We hope to see you at the Center for classes in the future!**