

Spotlight Showcase Set for November 18

Our Seventh Annual *Spotlight Showcase* fundraiser is set for Friday, November 18, 2011, and will again bring delightful performances by featured and experienced Medina County performing artists to Broadway Hall and the Haddad stage. Our talented Medina County neighbors will contribute their talent to help raise funds for the Arts Council's grant program and projects. Your jobs, all of you who are Arts Council members and all of you we know as "Friends of the Arts," will be helping to sell tickets and generate contributions to the event so our grant program grows as needed by our growing communities. The grant program supports both county arts organizations and special arts projects in our communities, and has averaged between \$3,000 and \$4,000 each year.

The November 18 program will feature dancing, vocalists, instrumental groups, and other entertainment. Once again we will move our directing team around the county with **Allen White** of Brunswick as Director this year. Allen follows **Linda Ingram** of Seville who was director the past two years; **Donna Bica** of Medina who directed in 2006 - 2008; and **Betty Havel** of

Homerville who was the director of our very first show.

White has been involved in community theatre in the Northeast Ohio area for over 30 years, and directing shows for 15 years. He's performed in semi-professional productions at Cain Park, JCC at Tri-C (Eastern Campus) and The Beck Center as well as community productions in Brunswick, Medina, Parma Heights, North Ridgeville, Bay Village and elsewhere. As a performer his favorite roles were as Harold Hill in *The Music Man* and as Thomas Jefferson in *1776*. As a director he's brought blockbusters and little-known shows to the stage, his most recent

production being *City of Angels* with the Hudson Players in 2010. Allen has also spent time on the Board of Directors for the Brunswick ACT and North Ridgeville Olde Towne Hall theatre companies.

The 2011 show's Steering Committee includes, **Dan Hostetler**, **Allen White**, **Linda Ingram**, and **Nancy**

Sprowls. **Carl Becks** is in charge of ticket sales. Other business and support committees are being organized by the MCAC board's Program Committee.

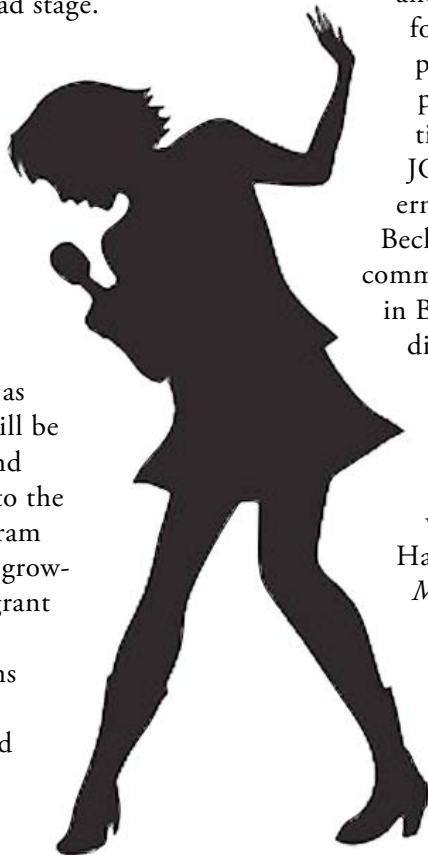
The "Showcase" will feature 18 or more different acts, and will be held again on the Delorre and Lily Jean Haddad Stage in Broadway Hall in the County Administration Building at 144 N. Broadway in Medina. Watch your newspapers and our web site for updated information about the performers and entertainment planned.

Tickets will be available by mail with the form in this issue. Tickets are \$14.00 for adults and \$7.00 for ages 12 and under. Be sure to get your tickets early. Seating is limited.

Additional information about the production is available on our Blog at MedinaArtBuzz.blogspot.com

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President's Letter

Dear Friends of the Arts,

Here we are already into the fall and Medina County has had many great productions, concerts, arts classes, art shows and other arts programs. If you have missed some of them you have missed some great programs.

One way to keep up with events is to check out our MCAC Art's blog at MedinaArtBuzz.blogspot.com. We keep it as up-to-date as possible with all the information we receive from arts groups across Medina County.

The MCAC produces two big "productions" each year. The first is *Arts Week* which was a great success in July. We had programs on the Medina Square, in Brunswick at the Rec Center, at Millstream Park in Valley City, and we worked with the Spencer Parks Committee with programs. We would like to add programs in Wadsworth and other Medina County communities. To do this we need your help, if you are interested in expanding *Arts Week* into your community, please contact **Nancy Sprowls** at 330-725-6443.

The second yearly project of the MCAC is *Spotlight Showcase*. This is the major fund raiser of the organization which allows us to do our grant programs for local arts organizations. This year's *Spotlight Showcase* will be held on November 18th in Broadway Hall Auditorium. If you are interested in assisting as a volunteer, contact Nancy. If you are not able to help, please keep the date open and plan to attend with family and friends. It is a great evening of local entertainment.

Look for our 2011/2012 Arts calendar to be out later in the fall by e-mail. This will keep you abreast of many of the future dates for Medina County Arts programs.

Dan Hostetler
MCAC President

Two 2011 Grants Help Fund Arts Week

An "Arts Access Grant" from The Ohio Arts Council has once again helped support the 20 programs and concerts in this past summer's *Arts Week* celebration. This is the third year that a grant has been received for our *Arts Week* programming which ran this year from July 11 through July 15, 2011, in Medina, Brunswick, Firestone Park in Spencer, and Millstream Park in Liverpool Township. A \$1000 grant from the Medina County Community Fund of the Akron Community Foundation was also received for the support of the activities.

The Arts Week Committee was chaired by **Jim Gilder**, and included **Barbara McGreer**, **Lee Beuther**, **Judith Parish**, and **Nancy Sprowls**. **Michele Cotner**, representing Brunswick Art Works, also worked with the committee. All the programs were free to the public and use of the parks was provided in cooperation with local park committees and governments.

Arts Week, supported and promoted for over 20 years by The Medina County Arts Council, traditionally has focused on being a lead-up to Sunday's Art-in-the-Park, the well-known event sponsored by The Medina County Art League.

Local Artist Awarded Gold Medal

The Medina County Arts Council is pleased to announce that member and trustee, **Cynthia Allman**, has been awarded the Gold Medal in the Ohio Watercolor Society's 34th Annual Exhibition.

Ms. Allman is a resident of Medina and a graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. She is a signature member of the Ohio Watercolor Society, a member of Brunswick Art Works and a founding member of the Plein Air Painters of the Western Reserve.

There were 236 entries with 65 being selected for the exhibition by Mel Stabin of New Jersey. The Juror of Awards was Frank Webb of Pennsylvania. Both are internationally known teachers, authors and award-winning watercolorists.

An exhibition of the paintings, including all award entries, is at the Zanesville Museum of Art until November 25, 2011.

Other Medina County artists included in the exhibition are **Frederick Graff**, winner of the Win Dodrill Memorial Award, **George Harth** and **Carol Stevens** of Medina, and **David Cordas** of Wadsworth.

Artist Directory

Coming Soon! The Medina County Arts Council is working on developing an online Artist Directory, providing the community with a resource to seek out needed artists - vocalists, painters, art teachers, actors, musicians, artistic services and more. A free listing with the artist's name, discipline and contact information will be available to artists living or working in Medina County. Members of MCAC will be eligible for a more complete listing including artist's bio, statement, samples of work, etc. Please direct inquiries to MedinaArtBuzz@gmail.com



Cindy Allman's award winning watercolor: *Driven*

Reserve Tickets Today!

Spotlight Showcase

Friday, November 18
Curtain time: 8 p.m.
Broadway Hall in Medina

Make your check payable to:
Medina County Arts Council

Mail to:
Medina County Arts Council
P.O. Box 532 Medina, OH 44258
Deadline for mail-in reservations: Nov. 3

Please fill out this form and mail it with your check.

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone (very important):		

	Price	Qty.	Amount
Adults	\$14		
Kids (12 & under)	\$7		
Total amount enclosed			

Drawn to Art Classes

Four exciting art classes for children were sponsored by the Medina County Arts Council in 2011.

In a partnership with the Medina County Park District, a mixed-media class taught by **Sue Delac** and a photography class with **Bill Beuther** were held at the Wolf Creek Environmental Center in Sharon Township. The children in grades 3 -6 learned about the environment while creating frogs and toads in clay and then placing them in their habitat designed with watercolors and tempera paint. The photography class students learned about composition, light and focus and then took their cameras out on the grounds of the Environmental Center to capture the beauty of the space. The students' photos were then displayed in the lobby for all to admire.

Summer found the class at the Medina Library in a partnership with the Medina County District Library for **Jim Gill's** popular class on cartooning. Children's Room of the library had a display of the clever cartoons from the students.

New for 2012: "Creating a Graphic Novel" for middle school students. Please watch our blog for ALL art class announcements: www.MedinaArtBuzz.blogspot.com.

Arts Council's Blog

Have you checked out the Medina County Arts Council's new blog of arts events? Go to www.MedinaArtBuzz.blogspot.com for an up-to-date listing of arts events – the who, when and where of all that is exciting in the arts in Medina County. Advertise your event by e-mailing the information to medinaartbuzz@gmail.com and it's free!

Celebrating National Arts and Humanities Month, October 2011

The month of October is annually recognized across the nation as National Arts and Humanities Month. The Medina County Arts Council and its members and member organizations join thousands of artists, arts organizations, businesses, and communities across America, in celebrating and planning delightful arts events, not only for this month, but for the year to come. To join in the celebration, check the events described in this newsletter, on our website, on the links to many arts organizations on our website, on our MedinaArtBuzz.blogspot.com, on local web calendars and in local newspapers, and then check with your local library for a list of arts related activities. Please join the Arts Council in honoring the efforts of artists, historians, teachers, and all the cultural groups working to make the arts and humanities a part of everyone's life here in Medina County. Everyone benefits from the creative and cultural value of the arts and humanities.



The Howlin' Cats played at Firestone Park on September 14



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Accepting Grant Applications

As part of the Arts Council's mission to enhance the arts in Medina County, the Council provides grants to assist and support existing groups in the county. Grant applications for the 2012-13 season will be accepted from December 1, 2011 to February 28, 2012. All grant applications will be reviewed in March and April. Applicants will be informed of a decision no later than May 30, 2012. Grant checks will be distributed not more than two months prior to start of the project/activities. Guidelines and forms for the applications can be found on our website under the "grants" tab.

Medina County Arts Council Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

The Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner of the Medina County Arts Council will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. At that time, Service to the Arts Awards for 2011 will be presented. Awards are given to an individual and to a business or organization. A one page letter of nomination for recipients should be mailed c/o Nancy Sprowls, Executive Director, The Medina County Arts Council, P.O. Box 532, Medina, OH 44258. The nomination letter must be received by November 5, 2011. The committee will accept written nominations for the awards from members of the Council.

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