

Service to the Arts Awards for 2009

The Medina County Arts Council Board of Trustees is happy to announce the recipients of the 2009 Awards for Service to the Arts. The recipients will be honored at our Awards Dinner and Annual Meeting in February.

This year's Individual Award recipient is **Donna Bica** for her work in directing *A Walk with Spirits of the Past* in Medina since its beginning; her work with Medina Show Biz Company as an active member, trustee and president; and for related theatre activities.

The Organizational Award goes to **Stage Left Theatre Company** for their work since 2004 in presenting *Shakespeare on the Square* and other theatre projects such as the Drake Center productions of shows such as *Cabaret* and *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*.

Medina native and resident **Ricky Williams**, a professional artist, will be honored with a special Award of Recognition for Service to the Arts for his work in guiding and designing art work for the major membership campaign that established The Medina County Arts Council. Ricky conducted the contest for our logo design, and the poster we give to many award recipients was his creation. He also helped in soliciting funding to pay for the mailing of campaign materials.

The awards will be presented as we celebrate the Council's 27th anniversary at our Awards Dinner and Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. The event will be held at The Oaks Lodge in Chippewa Lake, beginning with a social hour and cash bar at

6:30 p.m. followed by dinner, entertainment, a short business meeting and the presentation of the awards.

During the meeting, **Dan Hostetler**, Arts Council President, will recognize retiring trustees and give a report on 2009 activities and plans for the future. Treasurer **Julie Boyle** will present the year's financial report, and new trustees will be elected. The dinner is open to the public as well as Arts Council members. Advance reservations are required and are due by February 3. Reservations are \$25 per person. Call 330-723-4611 by January 28 to have a reservation form mailed to you.



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Sharon Borrer welcomes Shirley Brown and Pam Miller to November's Ohio Watercolor Show at Medina Library. (Photo by Russ Huston)

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Welcome New Members

We'd like to extend a "welcome" to new members who joined in 2009 and a "thank you" to businesses who contributed gifts and money to support our programs in 2009.

New Members

A-1 World Truck Towing & Recovery Inc.

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Medina Chorus

Medina County Art League

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Medina Show Biz Company

Miss Molley's Tea Room

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Western Reserve Bank

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Chorus Looking for Singers !!

The Medina Chorus will begin rehearsals for its Spring Concert on Monday, February 1 and on Mondays thereafter from 7 to 9 pm at the UCC Church, 217 E. Liberty, Medina. Signups will be 1/2 hour prior to the start of rehearsals through Monday, February 22.

The Spring Concert is scheduled for Saturday, May 1 at 7 pm at the Medina High School Performing Arts Center Middle Stage in Medina.

The cost for music is \$40 per person, \$65 for a couple and a maximum of \$80 for a family. No auditions are necessary. If you have any questions, please contact **David Shepley** (330-225-8335) or **Kurt Sauer** (330-225-0049). For additional information, visit www.medinachorus.com.

Justin Johnston Selected as Medina Country 2009 Idol Contest Winner



Congratulations and best wishes to the winner of the 2009 Medina County Idol Contest. Three finalists from the contest performed in Act I of our 2009 Spotlight Showcase last November - **Kasey Kyner**, a Highland High School student; **Justin Johnston**, a Medina High School graduate; and **Nick Miller**.

During intermission the audience voted and selected Justin Johnston as the 2009 Medina County Idol. Justin's award was a check for \$100. This was the second time that Justin's competed

in the contest. He was also a finalist in 2007 when he was a student at Medina High School and a frequent soloist in school programs. He hopes to attend college in the future.

Brunswick ACT To Present *The Sunshine Boys*

Brunswick Alumni Community Theatre will present Neil Simon's *The Sunshine Boys* on April 9, 10, 16, and 17 at Skyview Lodge, 336 Pearl Road in Brunswick. The show will be directed by **Tom Treichel**.

This will be a dinner theatre presentation and the \$35 ticket price includes prime rib or chicken cordon bleu, parsley potatoes, vegetable, dessert and coffee or tea. Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. with curtain for the show at 8 pm.

The popular comedy tells the story of Al and Willie, who, as "*Lewis and Clark*", were top-billed vaudevillians for over forty years. Now they aren't even speaking. When CBS requests them for a "*History of Comedy*" retrospective, a grudging reunion brings the two back together, along with a flood of memories, miseries and laughs.

Tickets will be available online at www.brunswickACT.org or by phone at 330-558-1228. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Medina County Arts Calendar

January

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

JANUARY 29 AND 30

Benefit Fundraiser

Swing Era Musical/Comedy Revue

Jump, Jive, and Wail

Stage Left Theatre Company

Broadway Hall, Medina. 8 pm.

Call 330-635-8670 for information.

February

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

World Tour of Music

University of Akron Steel Drum Band

Presented by Main Street Medina

Broadway Hall, 144 N. Broadway,

Medina. 8 pm.

Call 330-952-0910 for information.

FEBRUARY 6-26

Medina County Art League presents:

The Aquarius Exhibition

Medina Library

210 S. Broadway, Medina

On view during regular library hours.

Medina County Art League's 6th annual Aquarius Exhibition Opens February 6

The Medina County Art League's 6th Annual *Aquarius Exhibition* will open with a reception on Saturday, February 6, from 1- 3 pm at the Medina Library on South Broadway Street in Medina. The exhibition will be free and open to the public during regular library hours until February 26.

This art show features the work of Medina County Art League



FRIDAY - MONDAY

FEBRUARY 12 - 15

Ice Festival

Presented by Main Street Medina and

Elegant Ice

Public Square, Medina

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Boar's Head Festival

Ye Olde Murder Mystery

Buckeye Community Theatre

Show and Dinner

Coppertop at Cherokee Hills

Call 330-725-7530 for information.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Medina County Arts Council

Awards Dinner and Annual Meeting

6:30 pm social hour. 7 pm dinner.

Reservations required.

Call 330-723-4611 by January 28.

March

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY

MARCH 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27

The musical *Big River*

by the Medina Show Biz Company

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm

Sundays at 2 pm

Broadway Hall, 144 N. Broadway,

Medina

Tickets at 330-722-5776

April

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

World Tour of Music

The Prayer Warriors

Presented by Main Street Medina

Broadway Hall, 144 N. Broadway,

Medina. 8 pm.

Call 330-952-0910 for information.

FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS,

APRIL 9, 10, 16, 17

The Sunshine Boys

Presented by Brunswick ACT

Skyview Lodge

336 Pearl Road, Brunswick

Dinner theatre. Reservations required.

Call 330-558-1228.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Medina Community Band Concert

Medina High School

Middle Stage Auditorium. 7:30 pm.

Call 330-725-8198 for information.

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members and includes all mediums – drawings, paintings, photography and mixed media, as well as 3 dimensional works in wood, pottery and metal. Some of the works will be available for purchase from the artists after the show.

Art League member **Deanna Clucas** is Co-Chair of this year's show.

This will be the second year the Medina Library has hosted the Aquarius Exhibition.



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Awards Dinner and Annual Meeting Reservations Due by February 3

Awards and Dinner Committee members, **Jim Gilder** and **Judith Parish**, cordially invite the public to join the members and trustees of the Medina County Arts Council at its annual meeting and event honoring the recipients of the 2009 Awards for Service to the Arts.

The event will be held at the Oaks Lodge in Chippewa Lake on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 pm. There will be a cash bar, and dinner will be served at 7 pm. The dinner will be followed by the introduction of the 2009 winners of the Service to the Arts Awards and a program of musical entertainment. President **Dan Hostetler**

will conduct a brief business meeting to elect new trustees. Retiring trustees to be recognized at the meeting include **Roger Smalley** and **Marlene Jividen** who have each completed two terms on the Board.

Guests are welcome to attend the festivities, but they must make advance reservations. Call 330-723-4611 by January 28 to request a reservation form which will be mailed to you. Reservations are due by February 3. Cost is \$25 per person.

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Reminder: Grant Applications Due for 2010-2011

Applications for next year's 2010-2011 grants must be filed by February 28, 2010. Application forms and guidelines are available at www.medinacountyartscouncil.org.

All grants will be reviewed in March by a committee of trustees and voted on by the Board later in the spring. Those submitting applications will be notified by May 15 if they have received a grant. The requesting nonprofit organization must have 501(c) status. Profits from any event or special project of the requesting organization must be used to promote the arts.