

ENTERTAINMENT DIGEST

Gallery Seeks Entries For 'Art In Bloom'

Oneten Fine Art Inc. of Yankton invites floral artists to participate in the inaugural "Art in Bloom" event set for Aug. 12-14. This free event will highlight the talents of local floral designers and garden enthusiasts who are challenged to create arrangements inspired by the many local works of art in the Oneten Art Inc. gallery collection.

The deadline for submission of entries is Saturday, Aug. 7. Oneten Gallery will advertise the event and host a public reception Friday, Aug. 13, featuring the floral designers and artists. Contact Jennifer at Oneten Fine Art Inc. at (605) 664-0110 or Wanda at (712) 281-1686 for additional information and to sign up.

Hay Country Jamboree Saturday At Gayville

GAYVILLE — Gayville Hall presents "The Hay Country Jamboree," its monthly two-hour musical variety show, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, in Gayville.

Guest performers include the rising, young singer-songwriter Jami Lynn of Vermillion, cowboy poet Ed Nesselhuf of Burbank, and piano player Terry Brooks of Sioux City.

They join Jamboree stars John and Susan McNeill and Daniel Kilbride in a fast-paced show of old-time popular tunes, country, bluegrass, and humor, according to proprietor Doug Sharples.

The McNeills, of Springfield, have been the alcohol-and-smoke-free venue's country music hosts since 2001. Kilbride, of Sioux Falls, came on board in 2006 and plays traditional bluegrass. Gayville Hall is located at 502 Washington Street in Gayville. For ticket prices and other information, call 605-267-2859.

YHS Band Kick-Off Night Set For Monday

The Yankton High School Band Boosters will sponsor the annual YHS Band Kick-Off Night for all members of the 2010 band program at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, in the YHS Commons.

Colorguard as well as all band members and their families are invited to attend. Dinner will be provided. All aspects of the school year will be discussed.

For more information, contact Ted Powell, band director, at 665-2073 or tpowell@ysd.k12.sd.us.

Yankton Area Writer's Club Meets Aug. 9

The Yankton Area Writer's Club meeting will be held at the Yankton Community Library at 7 p.m. on Aug. 9.

From published authors to hobbyists, from pro to amateur, the Yankton Area Writer's Club is comprised of people in Yankton, South Dakota, and the surrounding area, who have a passion for writing and a desire to help aspiring writers by offering readings, critiques, conferences and monthly lessons.

For more information, contact Nancy Burk at yankton.area.writers.club@gmail.com or 605-664-6582.

Yankton Social Singles Dance Aug. 14

The Yankton Area Social Singles will host a singles dance on Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Yankton VFW, 209 Cedar Street, Yankton. The band JK's Country will provide music from 8 p.m.-midnight.

There will be specialty and mixer dances throughout the evening. All area singles and non-singles are welcome.

Fundraiser For Peacock Family Aug. 15

JEFFERSON — A fundraiser for Elaine and Paul Peacock will be held at 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at St. Peter's Community Hall in Jefferson.

Elaine Peacock was diagnosed just before Christmas with Stage 2 Breast Cancer through the Free Mammogram Program at June E. Nylen Cancer Center. Elaine is without health insurance. The Peacocks are financially overwhelmed with the cost of her treatment. She has had surgery, and had 4 1/2 months of chemotherapy treatments; and, is now taking daily radiation treatments.

Elaine Peacock will be inducted into the South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame in October.

The benefit will include a pie and ice cream social (free will donation); live entertainment featuring Ervin Pickhinke ("The Singing Farmer"), Wayne Longtin Sr., the Kooi Family, Jacob Sample, Wanda Jilderda and Tom "Elvis" Mallally. A live auction and book sale will be held followed by square dancing hosted by the Siouxland Federation of Square Dancers.

If you would like to donate items for the auction or donate used books and VCR tapes, or want more information, contact Keri Hebrink at 712-204-2805 (elainepeacockbenefit@live.com), Linda Donnelly at 605-356-2853, or Elaine Roelman at 605-624-8291 (dlroetman@msn.com). An "Elaine Peacock Benefit Fund" has also been set up at Bank 360, 117 W Main PO Box 220, Elk Point, SD 57025.

Yankton Children's Choir to Hold Auditions

The Yankton Children's Choir will hold season auditions at 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at the United Church of Christ in Yankton.

The choir features singers from grades 3-8, with unchanged voices, performing a wide variety of two- and three-part music. Rehearsals are held each Monday night and on the last Saturday morning of each month.

Performance venues are varied and will include 3 local concerts as well as appearances which have in the past included SkyForce and Mount Marty College basketball games and holiday programs at the State Capitol in Pierre as well as others.

The choir is dedicated not only to improving a child's musical ability but also to fostering personal and social skills which help set a good basis for a successful life. Past choir members readily acknowledge that their lives have been enhanced by their Children's Choir experiences.

For further information, call or e-mail Executive Director Teresa Szakats at (605) 857-0706 or tszakats@southeast.joblink.org.

Vocal Group To Perform At Dakota Theatre

The vocal group Girlfriend will perform in concert at the Dakota Theatre in downtown Yankton Friday, Aug. 20.

The Sioux City-based trio includes "Coco" Walters, Barb Johnson and Jill Miller. Band members include Sam Irish, Ray Guntren, Charles Sanders, and Steve Peterson. They do a variety of music ranging from the Andrew and McGuire Sisters' classics like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Sincerely," to old and new country and rock and roll classics.

The concert is sponsored by the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company.

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ART FORMS

'First Fridays' Set To Kick Off Tonight

BY PAM MEYLOR
Yankton Area Arts

Tonight the Yankton art community is officially kicking off a monthly event designed to promote art called "First Fridays." Three local art galleries will be hosting an open house from 5-7 p.m. on the first Friday each month. All the exhibits are open to the public and free of charge. We are excited to have two of the downtown businesses, the Pantry and LilyCrest, jump on board and keep their doors open tonight as well.

As luck would have it, this evening the Lewis and Clark Theater Co. is performing "My Fair Lady" at the Dakota Theatre at 7:30 p.m. — the perfect way to end your First Friday!

Downtown at the Art House Gallery, the works of Lacey Lee Weaver will be on display. Lacey has worked as a professional artist exhibiting her work at art shows throughout the region as well as at Rug & Relic in Sioux Falls. While working as a freelance artist, Lacey has been commissioned for several private pieces — including a five-



COURTESY PHOTO

"Wonderland" by Jake Kidney is one of the artworks currently on display at the G.A.R. Hall Gallery in Yankton. It will be available for viewing during the "First Friday" event tonight, featuring several local art galleries and participating businesses.

piece medical series for Avera Westkota Memorial Medical Center in Wessington Springs. Lacey has been recognized for her unique style and contempo-

rary work, being featured in Sioux Falls Woman Magazine and several area newspaper stories. She currently has paintings on display at the South Dakota State

University art exhibition and in the University of South Dakota private art collection.

Just one block west, OneTen Art Gallery will feature two artists, potter Dan Bartos and glass artist Steve Kaczmarek. Originally from Alaska, Dan Bartos has been worked with clay for more than 30 years and has taught art to both high school and college students. The exhibit includes a beautiful display of Bartos' pottery and the artist will be on hand at the gallery to discuss his work.

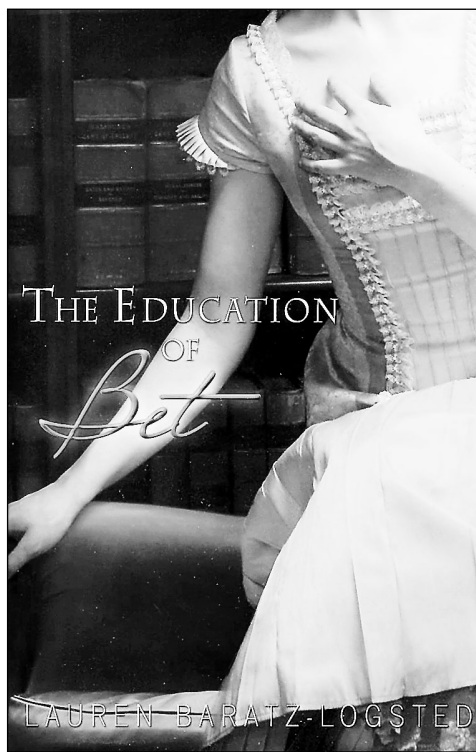
Glass Artist Steve Kaczmarek is a self-taught artist who specializes in dichroic stained glass. Kaczmarek focuses on geometry and abstract designs. "I have greatly reduced making complicated designs previously, to seeing strength in simplicity," he says of his work. I personally love colored glass and fell in love with Steve's work when I visited OneTen last month — and would encourage others who enjoy stained glass to check it out this evening.

The third gallery on tonight's

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THE BOOK SHELF

'Bet' Offers Unique Back-To School Tale



"The Education of Bet," by Lauren Baratz-Logsted, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, 2010. 192 pages.

BY PAT HANSEN

It's almost time for school to start. What would you do to get out of going to school? Or flip that question on its head. What would you do to be able to GO to school?

That is Bet's dilemma. A 16-year-old woman who is the daughter of a lowly maid does not attend school in 1800s England. When she was 4 years old, her mother had died of typhoid. So had the master and mistress of the house, leaving their young son, Will, behind. The master's uncle, Paul Gardner, took her in along with Will. If not for Paul Gardner she would have spent her life in a workhouse.

Bet's life with Mr. Gardner is comfortable. She keeps him company and amuses him by reading to him, using her skill in imitating the characters' voices to amuse him. But she's not family, yet neither is she a servant. She's just somewhere in-between. And she desperately wants to attend school.

Will Gardner, on the other hand, doesn't care one bit about school. He's been expelled from the fourth school, this time for setting the headmaster's house on fire. No, Will doesn't

want to sit in boring classes. He dreams of joining the military.

Bet sees a way to make both their dreams come true. She will take Will's place at the next school to which he is sent, allowing Will to join the military. They will tell Paul Gardner that she must make her way in the world now and has taken a position of companion to an elderly lady.

Bet and Will spend the summer transforming her into a boy. She learns to walk with a manly swagger and use her voice-skills to sound like a boy. They have school clothes tailored to make her look un-girlish. Before long the day comes to say goodbye to Mr. Gardner; Will and Bet each set out to pursue their dreams.

Boarding school is an eye-opener for Bet. As you can imagine, Bet runs into problems hiding the fact that she's a girl. And never did she imagine that she would be the object of being tossed around in a blanket or of being treated by a couple of bullies. She also never imagined that she would be so attracted to her roommate ...

This book for 14- to 17-year-olds is a lively story of unlikely circumstances, which is precisely what makes it so entertaining. Spend a couple hours with it and you may have a whole new attitude toward school.

Festival Of Books Set For Brookings Next Month

BROOKINGS — The eighth annual South Dakota Festival of Books will be held in Sioux Falls on Sept. 24-26.

The 2010 South Dakota Festival of Books already boasts more than 62 presenters. Headlining the event will be *New York Times* Bestseller Dave Eggers ("Where the Wild Things Are," "A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius," "What Is the What, Zettoun?").

Other presenters include National Book Award Winner Peter Dexter ("Deadwood," "Paris Trout," "Spooners"), American Girl series author Jacqueline Dembar Greene ("Rebecca Mystery: Secrets At Camp Nokomis"), cultural critic Marilyn Johnson ("This Book Is Overdue"), the bestselling historian Hampton Sides ("Ghost Soldiers," "Blood & Thunder"), 2010 Prairie Bud Award winner Peter Brown ("The Fabulous Bouncing Chowder," "Children Make Terrible Pets"), NPR's foreign correspondent Deborah Amos, novelist and former BBC host Frank Delaney ("Ireland"), Little House on the Prairie star Alison Arnglim ("Confessions of a Prairie Bitch"), Jimmy Santiago Baca ("A Glass of Water"), former *Washington Post* book critic Michael Dirda ("Book by Book"), former *Sports Illustrated* executive editor Rob Fleder ("The Football Book") and many others.

Tickets for a selection of special events will go on sale in early August. Stay tuned to www.sdbookfestival.com or call the South Dakota Humanities Council at 605-688-6113 for more information.

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Back to School Night
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August 18th

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As a parent of a student at the Gayville-Volin School, you have the right to know the professional qualification of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

Whether DOE has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subject he or she teaches.

Whether DOE has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.

The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.

Whether any teacher's aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please call your child's principal at 267-4476.