

Creativity  
Unlimited  
Arts Council

# Membership Newsletter

## Appreciation reception a big success



Social events covered in old newspapers often said: A good time was had by all.

That phrase aptly fits the Thank You Valentine's Party on Feb. 7 at the Espresso Shoppe in downtown North Platte. The event was a special thank you to those who contributed to the renovation of the 1913 Post Office building that will become a Cultural Arts Center.

Live entertainment was provided by Blue Swing, a gypsy-jazz trio with musicians Luke Raby, Brandon Raby and Ronnie Weigel.

## Herb Market set May 3 and 4

The herbs to be sold at the 2008 Herb Market are growing well, along with a crop of clever ideas on other items to sell at the annual fundraiser.

Sessions to work on sale items are scheduled this month. All CUAC members are welcome to join in the fun of creating items such as bath salts, bath tea, bath tonic, driftwood, lava rocks, sand castings.

At the Herb Market, Beth Turner will sell her yard art with part of the proceeds going to CUAC. Walden-books will once again partner with CUAC to provide gardening and art books.

Members are invited to creative sessions on April 15, April 22 and April 29, on Tuesdays at the Platte River Mall from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come join the fun and get to know the board and other members.

Two Adirondack lawn chairs, one by Artist Patsy Smith and the other by Artist Kay Cooper, will be given away during a drawing at the Herb Fair. Donations from the drawings will be used for CUAC activities.

## Membership Event

### Lunch and Artist Program set May 30

Plans are in the works for Nebraska Humanities Speaker Evelyn Heller to provide a program for CUAC members and patrons at noon on May 30 at St. Pat's High School gym. CUAC board members and volunteers will present a light lunch.

Heller, a professor at Doane College, will talk about Artist Hildreth Meirer, who painted numerous tile displays at the State Capitol Building. Heller will also speak on May 29 at NP Library.

Make plans now to attend this program set up especially for CUAC members.

## March High School Art Show

The minutes of the September 4, 2007 meeting indicate that the Board voted to authorize participation in the March art show. Wava Best is working with Kathy Lewis, art instructor at NPHS, on the exhibition and reception.

## 1913 Building Option Extended

The option to purchase the 1913 Post Office building has been extended to Dec. 31, 2008. This delay is necessary to allow enough time to complete environmental inspection and any possible clean-up issues. A volunteer clean up day is being considered once CUAC is assured that all hazardous possibilities have been eliminated from the building.

## CUAC to co-sponsor Rail Fest Art Show

CUAC will once again co-sponsor the Rail Fest Art Show, now in its second year. First National Bank will also co-sponsor the event which will be at Platte River Mall.

## Summer Children's Art Festival

For three busy days this summer, no child in North Platte should be heard whining: "There's NOTHING to do." A myriad of activities is planned for children during the Children's Art Festival from June 24-26 in North Platte. Board Member Jackie Proctor, chair of the event, says the festival's theme is Cultural Explosion.

Activities being planned include:

- Drumming – making drums and drum circle
- Playhouse participation
- Story telling
- Puppetry
- Symbolism/hieroglyphics/petroglyphs – carve into homemade clay
- Tile painting
- Culinary Arts activity
- Chinese dragon boat festival
- Dance

Several locations will be utilized for the festival, including Platte River Mall, NP Community Playhouse, NP Children's Museum and the Boys & Girls Club

## CUAC supports Community Drumming\_Circles project

CUAC has given its support to a Community Drumming Circle project being headed up by CUAC member Ann Milton.

"This project supports our mission of providing opportunities for creative self-expression," said Rose Mary Buhrman, CUAC president.

Drumming circles and classes to make drums are being held at various NP locations. The project involves the schools, senior programs and all ages between.

## Tile project needs volunteers

### *No talent needed to be a helper*

More volunteers are needed to help at public art painting April 19, and school paintings April 17 (2pm-3pm) at Osgood School and April 18 (10:45-11:45) at Hall School. If you'd like to learn how to assist others with their tile painting, attend one of the tile painting sessions in April. Wava Best, Patsy Smith and Sharon Skinner will give you hands-on instruction on how you can assist in this project.

So far, 980 tiles have been painted. That's enough for 21/2 obelisks which will be constructed later this year.

## April Tile Painting Schedule

Location: The Platte River Mall - Main entrance

- Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 to 5:00 PM
- Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 to 5:00 PM