



at the **Carnegie Center for the Arts**

What's Happening.....

Team Carnegie has been very busy welcoming students for Fourth Grade Days of Artistic Awareness. In they come about 9:00, eager and willing to sing and dance with Georgia Kline, act with Serena Scobey, paint with Kim Glessner, and create fuzzy critters with Kathy Bingaman until it's time to board the bus for home. Some are already familiar with the Carnegie through Summer Full of Art, but for others, it's their first visit. Our goal is to awaken a spark that might grow into a real passion for art in one of its many forms.

Mr. Joel Moore brought twenty of his choral students to present their solo selections as a warm-up for competition. They played to a packed house giving them a feel for an audience. Proceeds from the concert were earmarked for choral music scholarships.

The Merling Trio came ready to share selections from Hadyn, Shostakovich, and Piazzolla. We don't often hear the tango tempo in classical compositions. Since the day of the performance was inclement, to say the least, the audience was small. But, chamber music was originally performed to small, intimate groups, so the Merling Trio was really in their element.

If you haven't made plans to see and hear Kennedy's Kitchen, that popular Irish band, it's not too late. Irish music, Irish food, and perhaps even green beer will be on tap Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 at the Riviera. The Riviera and the Carnegie have joined again to bring you a couple of hours of pure enjoyment. Advance tickets are available for \$5 by calling the Carnegie 273-8882 or the Riviera 278-8068. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$10. Either way, **get in the mood for St. Patrick's Day with Kennedy's Kitchen.**

The Spring Fling will open on Sunday, March 8 from 2:00 until 4:00 and continues until April 11. Each gallery offers something different, so it promises to be a visual treat!

Organized by Mr. Fred Grunert, Constantine art teacher, the St. Joseph County high school art teachers will select student artwork in a variety of mediums, to exhibit in the Monroe Museum. In the past, this show has been amazing in the variety of mediums and the sheer talent among our local students.

In the Mezzanine gallery, Joe Mockbee will exhibit a collection of his paintings. Mr. Mockbee tells an interesting story about his entry into art expression that can be accessed from our website, www.trcarnegie.com

A Century of American Art 1829-1929 will be on display in the Wong and Armstrong galleries. The exhibit is organized by Paul Millikan, Director and Curator of Collections and Richard Listenberger, Designer and Curator of Exhibits, [In Praise of America](#), educational exhibits for museums and colleges. This exhibit is artwork from the collection of Paul and Patricia DeHaan. This extraordinary collection represents two successive generations of the Smith family of Philadelphia. While the collection is stunning, equally of interest is the story of the talented Smiths: Russell, Mary Priscilla, Xanthus, and Mary Russell.

And what else?

The Carnegie Board of Directors has announced new members: Dr. Ben Smith, Ms. Donna Rathert, Mr. Ray Bendure, and Mr. Barry Visel. We welcome these new members and look forward to working with them. Ten very qualified individuals expressed interest in joining the board which was gratifying to the sitting members as well as the staff. Director Donna Grubbs is enthusiastic about the influx of new ideas.

Along with new members, the Board also selected a new president, Dr. Vic Eichler. Mrs. Lori Templin, the outgoing president, had done a yoeman's job as president and Vic added that Lori's year as president was a "Class Act." He will have excellent support from veteran board members, Lori Templin, Char Chase, Sharon Bippus, Julie Howe, Peggy Ruggles, Lola Gross, Marcia Blackman, Pam Thompson, Jim Allen, Gary Armstrong, Larry Clark, Michael Northrop, and Paul Schubert.

Lastly, be on the look-out toward the end of April for Summer Full of Art brochures. As always, the summer teachers will have a bag full of ideas and new projects for the students. If you are interested in the summer arts program, but have questions about the program in the past, stop in to the Carnegie and pick up a brochure from last year.

We look forward to seeing you at one, or all, of the upcoming events. Or make your own event...stop in just to say hi! to everyone here...we'd love to see you. Check out our website, www.trcarnegie.com for in depth information about the artists and performers.

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