I always have been passionate about the arts; specifically, the process that goes into a painting, drawing, or even a performance. Last year, I was able to experience this process by interning for the Springfield Area Arts Council. I helped organize and run Arts Council programs. The main three programs I assisted with were Artist on the Plaza, Music at the Market, and Uptown Friday Night. I left the summer of 2018 with marketing and event planning experience, but more importantly I was able to witness and take part in enriching the community through the arts.

I am a recent graduate from Rochester High School. I plan to study business administration and studio art at Southern Illinois University–Edwardsville. I am very fortunate to say that I was re-hired as one of the two summer interns this year. I am able to run the same programs and talk with some of the same artists. I already am looking forward to selling raffle tickets at Uptown Friday Night and smiling as young children dance to the music at the market.

I think one of the main reasons I wanted to work again at the Arts Council was the people. As an intern I am able to interact with store owners, sponsors, musical performers, dancers, and audience members. From each person, I am able to learn new information and gain helpful insight into the world and the arts industry. Overall, that is why I am here: for the knowledge and the process.

To continue, my high school art teacher Troy Rexilius was a huge inspiration to me and constantly encouraged me to pursue art. He is the main reason I fell in love with art and will continue my education in the fall at the University of Illinois-Springfield. After reading my first paragraph, you can assume I will be pursuing an art major with a minor in education. I was inspired by my high school art teacher Troy Rexilius to continue pursuing my passion for art and to make a career of it. My hopes in becoming an art teacher are to inspire new generations and to teach them why art is important.

Now I am here, at the Springfield Area Arts Council, writing this article for its members to get to know me and why it is important to me. I am here for the art and for the people. The events that the Springfield Area Arts Council puts on are such inspiring ones. I will get to see so many new things and meet many new people and form new relationships as well. I am also here for the experience. I know this internship is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that came my way, and I am excited to see what this job brings. I am eager to meet an entire world of new people and learn from them as well. Being a part of The Arts brings. I am eager to meet an entire world of new people and learn from them as well. Being a part of The Arts Council is such an amazing opportunity, and I can’t wait to get started.
City Arts 2019

An Arts Council program that re-grants funding received from the City of Springfield

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT COMPLIANCE

The Springfield Area Arts Council believes that arts organizations have a wonderful opportunity to increase arts audiences by providing “reasonable accommodation” of products, services, and equipment in order to reach out and welcome people who are differently-abled - to make them comfortable as members of our audiences and to provide them with the benefit of the performance or exhibition.

Educational Center for the VISUALLY IMPAIRED - Creation of accessible materials for "What Art Feels Like" exhibit space

RENTAL SUBSIDY

This program is designed to provide area arts organizations with matching grants for rehearsal, performance, or exhibit rental. Eligible applicant organizations must reside in Sangamon or Menard County.

Funds are distributed as a not-for-profit organization with the Illinois Secretary of State, and have been in existence for at least one year prior to application.

Educational Center for the VISUALLY IMPAIRED - "What Art Feels Like" exhibit space

Illinois Symphony Orchestra - Rehearsal and performance space

Junior Varsity Gymnastics - Meeting and event space

Senior Services of Central Illinois - Art classes for senior citizens

ROSEY RICHMOND ARTIST ADVANCEMENT AWARD

Artist Advancement Awards are grants that provide financial assistance to committed visual, performing, literary, and interdisciplinary artists enabling them to advance their work and careers. The program provides grants to artists who pass a competitive screening process for professional development projects. Awards for selected disciplines are granted in alternate years. In 1994, the Awards were re-named the Rosely Richmond Artist Advancement Awards in memory of Rosely Richmond, author, poet, co-founder of Branchchild Writers, and supporter of the arts in Sangamon County.

Tom Irwin - Development and presentation of "Sangamon Songs"

Panelists:

- Sarah Coombe
- Randy Eccles
- Steve Myers
- Adrena Rivais
- Troy Roark (chair)
- Courtney Wick (ex officio)

ARTISAN RESIDENCY

The Springfield Area Arts Council requested proposals from Sangamon and Menard County not-for-profit social service agencies registered with the Secretary of State. These proposals are for the development of artist residency programs and/or staff training programs in the arts. The purpose of the City Arts Residency Program is to provide access to the arts for under-served populations in community settings.

Senior Services of Central Illinois - Art classes for senior citizens

Call for Performers

Springfield Area Arts Council’s signature event is First Night Springfield, a friendly, handicapped-accessible, and affordable celebration of the arts. First Night Springfield would not be possible without its generous donors and talented performers who assist us in carrying on a memorable tradition. This being said, the Arts Council invites performers (musicians, magicians, artists, dancers, jugglers, etcetera) to be part of our New Year’s Eve celebration.

To apply to perform, please submit contact information, a performance sample, and requested stipend for a 45-minute show to the Springfield Area Arts Council at assistent@springfieldartsco.org.

For more information, please call 217-753-3519.

Music at the Market

Takes place every Saturday from May 18 to October 26

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

At the Old Capital Farmer’s Market

On Adams Street, between 3rd and 4th

This event is also family friendly and is a great way to spend your lunch break!

SCHEDULE

MAY

- David Toll, Native American flute
- Arlin and Erin, singer/songwriters

JUNE

- The Dandelion Pickers, folk
- Old Seymour, dulcimer
- Dennis Darling, keyboard
- Idle Oath, bluegrass
- Lila Fitz,ecdlectic

JULY

- Rhodes and Battles, vocals
- Hannah Mobley, ukulele
- WindSolar USA, Inc.
- Uptown Looks Salon
- U.S. Bank
- Sangamon Tower
- Richards & Stehman, LLC
- Development Services Group
- April in Paradise
- The Card*ologist
- The Alamo
- Uptown Garages
- Prairie Archives
- Don & Wanda Tracy
--- Richards & Stehman, LLC
--- RSM US LLP
--- Sangamon Tower
--- Springfield Downtown Parking
--- State House Inn
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