

Emerald Empire Art Association!

Benefits of Membership within the Organization:

- Exhibit and sell your art in the Gallery, the Gift Shop, and in area business affiliated with our outreach exhibition program.
- Showcase your bio with images of your work to be displayed in the Gallery's Artist Bio Book and on the Emerald Art Center's Web Site.
- Receive discounts on all Classes and Workshops offered at the Art Center.
- Receive a monthly Newsletter announcing exciting news, messages from the committees, and information on upcoming events.
- Participate in one of the many committees that run and operate the organization.
- Attend the monthly membership meetings and enjoy the fellowship of your peers.
- Meet and Network with area artists and get to know the nationally known artists who visit, exhibit and teach workshops.
- Be a part of the growing Artist Renaissance in downtown Springfield.
- Find ways to make a difference and enrich your own life, while strengthening the arts community.



Message from the President



Great things are happening at Emerald Art Center!

With 50 years of hard work and dedication by many community artists and arts advocates, the Emerald Empire Art Association (EEAA) continues to develop into one of Oregon's finest community art centers serving the entire region. Emerald Art Center is a beautiful facility for exhibiting art and for providing workshops and classes.

The prodigious energy of tireless volunteers, the funding from many public and private supporters, and the goodwill of the community has firmly established the Emerald Art Center as a cornerstone of the arts community.

Together with the Wildish Theater, School District 19's Academy of Arts and Academics program, the Springfield Urban Renewal District, Springfield Museum, the Springfield Library, Friday Farmers' Market, and the determined efforts of numerous downtown Springfield business people, we are helping to begin the restoration of Springfield downtown.

I warmly invite you to become a member or arts advocate and to enjoy the atmosphere and fellowship of this association. If a member, please consider providing an extra boost through financial or sweat equity support for the association.

Opportunities for gallery display, classes, workshops, the Teach Arts Program, the National Spring Exhibition Juried Show, and the Mayor's Art Show are just a few of the wonderful programs available for you, your family and friends.

Please take this moment to look through this brochure highlighting our key programs and join us in our mission to support and encourage the arts.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call us.

Thank You!

Joe Leahy, President



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(a nonprofit 501(C)3 organization)

TEACH Arts Program for Youth

TEACH Arts is a visual arts education program for youth ages 4-12. Class sessions begin in the Fall and continue through Spring.

Emerald Art Center has received generous grant support to subsidize tuition costs for low-income families, to produce several free community art festival days throughout the summer and to support our Free Family Art Sundays that take place during the school year on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 2-4 pm. Family Art Sundays provide free art activities for children and their families to enjoy with a special cultural theme and a variety of "hands-on projects" each time.

October 12, 2008
Hawaiian Art & Culture
November 9, 2008
Australian Art & Culture
January 11, 2009
Chinese Art & Culture
February 8, 2009
Alaskan Art & Culture
March 8, 2009
Oregon Art & Culture



The mural "Influential Latina Women" was a great success at the Open House for the Migrant Education Program. There are a lot of requests for showing it at other places. It has traveled to show at the Mary Cole Celebration in Marcola, to the North West World Reggae Festival, also in Marcola, to the Lane ESD, to EAC for our ice cream social, to Last Friday Art Walk in Eugene, then finally to the Salem offices of Department of Education in October.

(Program Director Ellen Furstner seen with mural in top image, plus images taken at the Family Art Sundays and **TEACH Arts** Classes)

The newest **TEACH Arts** programs are the Saturday Drop-in Art Studios

Thank you to our generous supporters!

- Chambers Family Foundation,
- James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation
- Lane County Cultural Coalition
- Springfield Arts Commission

Successful funding ensures that Lane County's low-income families have access to quality children's visual arts education.

- *1st Saturday Youth Art Studios
- *3rd Saturday Teen Art Studios, and
- *4th Saturday Family Project Studios. In September our Family Project activity was "Collages," in October "Mask Making." January the Family Project will feature "Playing with Clay."

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Classes, Workshops, Gallery & Gift Shop Tues—Sat 11 am—4 pm

Making a Difference

The Emerald Empire Art Association has been proactive for 50 years in seeking ways to develop, implement, and promote access to sustainable art education within the community. It has a high-level priority on reaching a broader, more diverse audience and making programs more accessible.

Emerald Art Center was honored to provide space to Thurston High School's students. Their theme: *Finding Respect* that was exhibited in the Brockett Family Gallery.

In the words written by the Thurston High School students:

Finding Respect. When we say make a stand for respect, what we are really saying is make a stand for each other. Before we are male, female, of color, or white, we are first Human; magically, tragically Human—More than enough.



The Galleries

Emerald Art Center is a beautiful, well lit building and is the premiere setting in Springfield for artists to show their work.

The **John and Robin Jaqua Gallery** on the Mezzanine showcases local, regional, and nationally recognized artists as well as traveling and annual exhibitions.

The **Cyd and Casey Woodard Gallery** on the Main Floor features member exhibits throughout the year as well as the National Spring Exhibition in May and the Springfield Mayor's Art Show in October.

Emerald Art Center provides youth exhibit space during the school year in the **Brockett Family Gallery** on the Main Floor for the Springfield High School Art Committee, comprised of two mentoring fine arts teachers, Karen Perkins and Joan DeLoretto and a group of high school students who hang the show with art created by Springfield School District K-12 students. The **Brockett Family Gallery** also features special outreach art exhibits such as the NextStep Computer Recycling "Robotics" Exhibit, The First Place Family Center's "Power of Love" Exhibit, and the Greenhill Humane Society's "Art for Animals" Auction.



The Classrooms

EAC presents classes for all ages and workshops throughout the year in the **Dottie Chase** Classroom on the Main Floor and in the **Mary Meeker** Classroom on the Mezzanine. Workshops are taught by nationally known artists and educators, drawing attendance from students across the United States, as well as providing an opportunity for local artists of all skill levels to learn and refine their creative abilities.



National Spring Exhibition

Quality through Competition: The Juried art show presents a challenge to area artists to strive for excellence through competition and by experiencing the works of other artists. Current juried events include the *Emerald Spring Juried Art Exhibition* held in May. Each year Emerald Art Center exhibits 50—55 juried art pieces selected from over 450 entries submitted from across the United States. This program expands the horizons of area artists and residents, giving them the opportunity to view quality fine art on a broad scale from top quality artists around the country, while bringing national recognition to Springfield.

Annual Mayor's Art Show

Each year the Emerald Art Center hosts the Springfield Mayor's Art Show where awards are presented for each of the 12 division categories. Art work is submitted by artists of all ages in a variety of subjects and mediums. When creative visual art is shared with friends and family, something wonderful happens. When seeing his self portrait exhibited at the Emerald Art Center, a young third grade artist exclaimed: *"this is the greatest thing that's ever happened to me."*



Emerald Empire Art Association

EEAA is a 501c(3) Non-Profit, Artist Member Volunteer Cooperative dedicated to making a difference in the community and for each other.

The Mission To develop and encourage greater interest in the arts.

The Vision A community embracing and celebrating the arts, experiencing the joys of creative expression, and sharing artistic creations with one another.

The Goals

- To provide an environment which supports and develops artists.
- To provide opportunities for artists of all ages to display and market their work.
- To offer a variety of programs and events to teach and display art.
- To enrich the community through outreach and in-house art programs.
- To thrive as an organization with committed volunteers, sustainable funding sources, and sound business practices.
- To provide leadership in collaborative efforts to support organizations located in the Springfield Downtown Cultural District as well as area arts organizations.

2008 Officers:

President—**Joe Leahy**

1st Vice President—**Guy Weese**

2nd Vice President—**Diane Ronning**

Interim Secretary—**Marianne Brown**

Treasurer—**Shirley Reade**

Immediate Past Pres.—**Steve Hill**

Bookkeeper—**Linda Kaye**

Executive Director—**Cheryl Leontina**

Measuring Success

EEAA has been growing at the rate of approximately 30% per year over the past four years in the categories of: 1) membership numbers, 2) gallery activity, as recorded by number of visitors coming into the gallery each month, and 3) operating income and expenses.

The 2008 In-Kind Member Volunteer support for our signature programs has been estimated at 8,674 Total Hours.

- Officers and Board of Directors = 2,560
- Gallery Guiding = 2,750
- Workshops = 1,736
- Emerald Spring Juried Exhibition = 422
- Mayor's Art Show = 400
- TEACH Arts—698

We are delighted by the generous support the organization is experiencing from the members and from the community.



The Murals

The Oregon Trail Mural Ann Woodruff Murray is a local artist of the Springfield area who has extensive experience in painting stage sets for theater, film, and television productions

The Oregon Trail Mural, painted on the East wall of Emerald Art Center, is the largest of all nine murals in downtown known as Art Alley. The mural is 120 feet long, 32 feet high, and was meant to be read from right to left, just as the pioneers traveled from east to west. The project was started on July 7, 1993, and was finished seven months later on February 3, 1994. The mural captures all of the encounters and scenes the pioneers came upon during their difficult endeavor and has special lighting allowing it to be seen day or night.



The Capello Mural

"It's an expression of everybody and everything at once." Capello

Visiting Mexican artist Javier Hernandez Capello coordinated painting a unique mural on our alley-side (North) wall with the help of local high-school students and teachers during September, 2004. Capello wanted the students to use their own images and impressions of the community they live in when working on the mural. He encouraged the students to add more spirit into their work, wanting them to reach into themselves, to express what they felt when painting and to use colors freely.



The History

EEAA began in 1957 as part of the Willamalane Park & Recreation District and became an independent entity with non-profit status in 1968. During its history the association has successfully purchased and paid for two buildings and due to its expansion and growth over time, EEAA has relocated its art center to the historic 1909 Gerlach Building and is now committed to its purchase.

Between the years 2000 - 2004 EEAA successfully campaigned to received funding to completely renovate the Gerlach building and has transformed it into a beautiful, multi-use visual-arts center. This vision was realized through the energies and dedication of the volunteer membership, through grants from charitable foundations, from the Springfield Development Block Grants and Community Incentive Funds, and from donations by Lane County residents and local businesses.