



In the Gallery: Natural Elements/Abstracted Form

Jacoby Arts Center presents Natural Elements /Abstracted Form, featuring the work of artists Erin K. Cork, Melody Evans, Jessica Forsy-Cameron, and Linda Vredeveld.

Natural elements are a shared source of inspiration among the four artists.

Erin K. Cork's work allows the organic qualities of the natural world to live in harmony with the domestic culture of home. Simultaneously addressing our relationship with textiles in our domestic space and organic processes, Cork's work is a place for their coexistence. As domestic textiles and natural elements coexist, they begin to become one another.

Melody Evans has always been drawn to vessel shapes, particularly bottle forms, baskets, and vase forms with handles. Not for their function, but rather, for their shape, curve, and the manner in which vessels are anthropomorphized. Lately, Evans's work contains more and more everyday life inspiration.

Jessica Forsy-Cameron has been fascinated by the mystery in old things and the relationships that we form with the inanimate. Many people project emotional and psychological importance onto personal possessions. Therefore, she believes that objects are powerful in their abilities to spark our imaginations. Through visual investigation of the phrase "loved to death," she creates paintings and sculptures that represent the physical and psychological imprints we leave on our most beloved possessions.

Linda Vredeveld uses forms of the body – sometimes literally and sometimes in a more distilled way – to explore a living beauty that is irregular and idiosyncratic. The paintings are multilayered spaces or surfaces, like transparent layers of skin where things like spots, lines, and drips pass over, under, and through, sometimes touching precise points. The process with which she works has aspects of both possibilities and purpose as she looks for the perfect line that stretches to simply describe voluminous forms in which layers of sensations or experiences float and intermingle.

This exhibit runs from March 9 through April 12, 2010. An Opening Reception will be held Friday, March 12 from 5–8 p.m., and an Artists' Gallery Talk on Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. These events are free and open to the public.

New Hours

Beginning April 1, 2010, the Jacoby Arts Center will be open from 10–4 on Saturdays instead of 10–5. The center is closed on Easter, Mother's Day, Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day Weekend, Father's Day, July 4th, Sunday and Monday of Labor Day Weekend, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Day, New Year's Eve and Day.

LIVE at Jacoby: last saturday nights Concerts

Upcoming *LIVE at Jacoby: last saturday nights* concerts offer a range of music styles in an intimate, cabaret atmosphere onstage, on Broadway, at the Jacoby Arts Center.

March 27 *Fiddleback* and *The St. Louis Fiddle Ensemble*.



Victoria Brannan, on violin and viola, and members of the Fiddleback acoustic string band: **Andrew Driscoll**, violin, and **Grant Krener**, guitar. The trio's diverse creative compositions and technical virtuosity are apparent in their Jazz, Classical, American fiddle, Folk and Rock performances. The *St. Louis Fiddle Ensemble*, an eclectic group that performs old time Bluegrass, Jazz, and Blues fiddle styles, will join them.

Great string players...a wonderful set of original tunes—some swinging, grooving and hot fiddling going on plus beautiful ballads. Matt Glaser, String Chair, Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA.

April 24 *Christine Banda* and *Configurations*

Altonian **Christine Banda** and *Configurations*, a St. Louis based chamber ensemble, are committed to engaging audience members as active participants in the chamber music experience. **Christine Banda**, viola, **Alison Rolf**, violin, **Katie Collins**, violin, and **James Nancy**, cello. Their repertoire includes Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" and non-traditional quartet selections.

Concerts: 7-9 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission: \$8 at the door or by calling **618.462.5222**. Cash bar.

Poetry Out Loud



Participants in the 2010 Poetry Out Loud regional contest: **Brittney Holt** – Alton High School – Our Regional Winner, **Kayla Silvey**, **Ryan Harrison** – Edwardsville High School, **Geddy Jones** – Beck Area Career Center, Red Bud, **Ryan Logsdon**, **Jordan Pfeifer** – Alton High School, **Noah Jordan** – Beck Area Career Center, Red Bud, **Carter Cain** – Edwardsville High School – Our Regional Runner-Up.

The Poetry Out Loud program is created and presented by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation, and encourages high school students to memorize and perform great poems. Poetry Out Loud invites the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word, and theatre into the English class.



Artist Profile

Christine Banda graduated with a Master of Music degree from the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. She has held principal and section positions with the Florida Orchestra, the Illinois Symphony, the Charlotte Symphony, and the Colorado Springs Symphony. While on the faculty at SIUE, she performed as extra musician with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, was a member of the St. Louis Ballet Orchestra, and was invited to tour as principal violist for the National Broadway Production of *Miss Saigon*. An avid chamber musician, Ms. Banda has performed nationally and internationally. Her music festivals include The Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival, Wintergreen Music Festival, and Desert Foothills MusicFest. Currently, Ms. Banda, a resident of Alton, is Director of Strings for the Hazelwood School District in St. Louis.

Christine Banda and *Configurations*, a St. Louis based chamber ensemble, will perform in the *LIVE at Jacoby: last saturday nights* concert on April 24.

Jacoby Arts Center Awards Grants To Area Organizations

The Jacoby Arts Center awarded \$6,000 to nine organizations for the 2010 Community Arts Access program, the purpose of which is to support and encourage community arts programming. Grant recipients include storytellers, quilt makers, and theatrical and musical productions involving participants of all ages and offering arts programming to a wide variety of audiences ranging from young children to senior citizens in diverse communities. This is the nineteenth consecutive year Jacoby Arts Center formerly Madison County Arts Council has been a regranteeing agency of the Illinois Arts Council-a state agency. Grant amounts ranged from \$300 to \$1,000. Awardees and their programs from Calhoun, Effingham, Madison and St. Clair counties in Region F are: Alton Little Theater, Duet; Alton Museum of History and Art, Miles Davis Jazz Celebration; Alton Symphony Orchestra, Children's Christmas Concert; Alton Youth Symphony, AYS 2010 Spring Tour; BASIC Initiative, Festival of Stories; Calhoun Entertainment Company, Bye, Bye, Birdie; Crossroads Quilters Guild, Crossroads Harvest of Quilts; Fete du Bon Vieux Temps, Inc., Old Time Music Fete, and Great Rivers Choral Society, Songs of Inspiration & Praise.

Award funding is from the Illinois Arts Council with matching funds raised by the Jacoby Arts Center through fundraisers like the Arts & Champagne auction, memberships and individual contributions. "The continued support of the Jacoby Arts Center is vital to our continued ability to fund groups and individuals in their artistic pursuits," says Executive Director, Kathryn Nahorski. "We rely on the continued support of our members and patrons." For more information about our programs please call 618-462-5222, view us online at www.jacobyartscenter.org.

Arts Calendar

Gallery Exhibitions

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March 9-April 12, 2010

Opening Reception: Friday, March 12, 5-8 p.m.

Artists' Gallery Talk: Sunday, March 21, 2 p.m.

Lewis and Clark Community College Student Show

April 18-May 8

Opening Reception: Sunday, April 18

2-5 p.m.

Lecture Series

With Ann Davidson

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., \$12 admission

March 31: The Renaissance Age

April 21: The Baroque Age

LIVE at Jacoby:

last saturday nights

Concerts: 7-9 p.m. Doors open: 6 p.m.

Admission: \$8 at the door or by calling 618.462.5222.

season tickets: \$48.

Cash bar.

March 27

Fiddleback

Victoria Brannan acoustic

string band

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Configurations

Christine Banda, viola

Alison Rolf, violin

Katie Collins, violin

James Nancy, cello

May 29

Dizzy Atmosphere

Christopher Voelker, violin

Jon Ferber, guitar and vocals

Mary Dee Brown, guitar

June 26

Gabie McGarrah, guitar

Flamenco, Classical Jazz,

Ballads

July 31

Adrianna Larkin, guitar &

vocals

Folk, Ballads

August 28

(7 p.m.) Jerry McCann & The

Down Home String Band

(8 p.m.) "Doc" Herzon & the

Dixie Dudes Dixieland Band

Class Highlight

Workshop in Silversmithing: Making Bracelets

Howard Seigel, Instructor

Saturday, March 20, 10-4 p.m.

Tuition: \$60

Material fee: Silver \$35, Copper, \$5 (paid to the instructor)

free fun!

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for your next event.**

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618.462.5222



artspash!

free family fun

Every second Saturday of the month
10:30 - noon

April Kids can enter the poster contest and create beautiful pictures for the Arbor Day Festival on April 24 at Glazebrook Park.

May Design and illustrate your summertime fun activities.

The Jacoby Arts Center needs your support to continue to provide and sustain quality arts programming in our community. Become a member or upgrade your membership. Memberships run for one year and entitle you to a 10% discount on all art classes and Artist Shop items. Business membership gives the option to run an ad in this newsletter for one year.

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Welcome New Board Members

The Jacoby Arts Center welcomes Sue Pate and Sam Preston to the Board of Directors. Special thanks to Jim Grandone and Brenda Schilling, who served as secretary.

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