

## In the Gallery: Character



Jacoby Arts Center presents *Character* featuring the work of artists **Patrick Dailey**, **Dennis DeToye**, and **David M. Yates**.

Character is a distinguishing quality that makes each individual unique. Patrick Dailey states that *Part of my character lies in the creative work I produce*. In his illuminated alphabet series, character doubles as a graphic communication and a visual representation of Dailey's need to collect, organize, sort and analyze the complexities of nature. He is an educator in the biological sciences as well as an artist.

Dennis DeToye's larger than life portraits investigate the character of a person up close and personal. A new series of portraits relate his process to his changing tastes in music. As his musical leanings turn towards bluegrass and roots music, his paintings have affected a folk style all their own. Reminiscent of patchwork quilts, DeToye's latest portraits weave patterns across the surface of his subjects. Sometimes the patterns fade into the skin and appear to become an intricate part of the person while in others the quilt pattern overwhelms and engulfs the subject.

David M. Yates' large-scale portraits of birds became a series of grand history portraits eschewing the typical subject of nobility and heads of state for that of birds. Despite their apparent simplicity, these paintings are infused with elements of art history, allegory, and symbolism. In addition, the birds started displaying human characteristics and soon evolved into effigies and self-portraits. Never overly serious or didactic, David Yates always offers his perspective with a light-hearted approach.

*Character* runs May 14 through June 27 with the Artist Gallery Talk on Sunday, June 6, at 2 p.m. Exhibits are free and open to the public.

Mark your calendars:

## **ARTEAST October 16 & 17**

Google *Art Studio Tours* and you will find hundreds of events that showcase artists across our nation and around the world. And on the third weekend in October, ARTEAST (The Edwardsville–Alton Studio & Exhibits Tour) will put the spotlight on artists who live and work right here in Madison County, Illinois.

Now in its 13th year, over 150 artists will open their studios or exhibit their work in galleries and "alternative spaces" that include banks, restaurants, libraries and historic sites. Similar to a house or garden tour, ARTEAST provides a unique opportunity for a glimpse into artists' workspace, inspiration and techniques.

While some artists work in beautiful, well-appointed studios, others carve out a niche from their basement, garage or spare bedroom to serve as their creative space. For those who do not have studio space, numerous businesses open their doors to artists who exhibit and provide demonstrations throughout the weekend. ARTEAST is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.jacobyartscenter.org](http://www.jacobyartscenter.org) and click on the ARTEAST tab.

## Summer Rummage Sale News

Mark Saturday, July 24, on your calendar. At Jacoby Arts Center from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., browse and buy from an extensive array of sale items. Each year more and more shoppers stop by and walk out with great buys and unexpected treasures. If you would like to donate items for the rummage sale, please bring them to JAC during business hours Tuesday, July 13, through Tuesday, July 20. Donations should be in good, clean, working condition. We do not accept clothing, large appliances, large furniture or electronics which should be recycled rather than resold.

Help put the fun in fundraising for Jacoby Arts Center! Assist in creating our best rummage sale to date. We appreciate all the donated goods we receive which in turn become attractive merchandise for you. Funds raised provide for our diverse educational programming. Come join us! Questions? Contact us.

### 2010–2011 Concert Tickets

*LIVE at Jacoby: last saturday nights*

Beginning Sept. 1: \$10 General Admission. \$8 Seniors and Students.

Season tickets (12 individual admissions): \$60

Tickets purchased before Sept. 1 will be honored at \$8 Admission and \$48

Season Ticket price.

## 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 19th 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, call JAC, view [www.jacobyartscenter.org](http://www.jacobyartscenter.org), email [info@jacobyartscenter.org](mailto:info@jacobyartscenter.org), or visit the Jacoby Arts Center, 627 E. Broadway, located between Henry and Ridge streets in downtown Alton, IL..

## Call for New Board Members

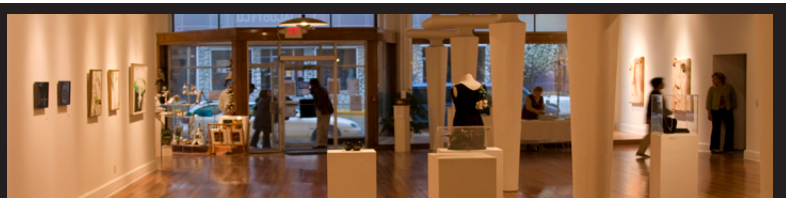
We are seeking professionals from the business, education, or arts community to serve on our Board of Directors. Board members are required to attend monthly meetings, become knowledgeable of the Jacoby Arts Center mission, policies and procedures, participate in JAC programs and events, help promote JAC through community activities, and serve on or chair at least one JAC committee. Committees include Capital Campaign, Development, Facility Development, Legal, Marketing, and Volunteers, as well as, our Programs: ARTEAST, Education, Exhibition, Performing Arts, and The Artist Shop.

Interested candidates should submit resumes by Tuesday, June 22, 2010. The Board will review resumes and invite select candidates to sit in on the Board Meeting held Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Please send resumes to: Victoria Conley, President, Jacoby Arts Center, 627 E. Broadway, Alton, IL 62002.

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for your next event.

Call **618.462.5222**



## Artist Profile: Clinton Berry



The seventh of eight children, **Clinton Berry** was born in a car on the way to the closest hospital. "Closest" is relative if you grew up in the Missouri Ozarks on a farm that was almost 30 miles from the nearest town. Read further and you will see how mobility became Clinton's lifestyle as he wound his way in, out, and back into the art world.

Following graduate school at Illinois State University, Mr. Berry lived for nine years in New York City working in an art gallery, studying, and pursuing a career as an artist. He apprenticed with Margaret Simons, a studio potter and internationally known restoration expert of clay objects, and with Jane Arnold who had worked at a kiln site in Japan. Clinton's brushstroke pottery reflects that Asian influence. *They say if you live in New York City for ten years you will never live anywhere else*, Clinton muses. Not willing to make that kind of commitment, he gave up clay and traveled every continent working for a Norwegian shipping company, Royal Viking. Eventually, he returned to graduate school at the University of Missouri-Columbia for one more degree, accepted a position at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1996, and returned to working in clay. His work has been shown in international and national juried exhibitions and is represented in galleries in St. Louis, Mo., Louisville, Ky., and Alton, IL. His functional pieces may be purchased in The Artist Shop at the Jacoby Arts Center.

## Arts Calendar

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### Holiday Closings

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

### Gallery Exhibitions

May 14–June 27

#### Character

Artist Gallery Talk, Sunday, June 6, 2 p.m.

July 6–August 8

#### 6th Annual JAC Juried Show

Opening Reception, Friday, July 9

Artist Gallery Talk, Sunday, July 25, 2 p.m.

### Concerts

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\$8 Admission. Season tickets: \$48

**After Sept. 1:** \$10 General Admission

\$8 Seniors and Students. Season tickets: \$60

Doors Open: 6 p.m. Concerts: 7–9 p.m.

May 29

#### Dizzy Atmosphere

Elegant, Light-hearted Jazz Trio

June 26

**Gabie McGarrah**, Guitar & Vocals

July 31

**Adrianna Larkin**, Guitar & Vocals

Acoustic Originals & Irish Traditionals

Pre-Concert Performance: **Alton Youth**

**Symphony Chamber Group**

August 28

7 p.m. **The Down Home String Band**

8 p.m. **The Dixie Dudes Dixieland Band**

Sept. 25

#### Red Couch

Jazz Duo

Oct. 30

#### Gabie McGarrah

Pre-Halloween Parade Concert

Family Entertainment

Nov. 27

#### The Crusell Quartet

Elsie Parker ("The Poor People of Paris")  
Classical

Dec. 11

#### Limited Edition

LCCC Holiday Concert

### Events

#### Arts in the Park

(see related article)

Saturdays, June 12 thru August 24

#### Trivia Night

Sat., June 19

Doors open 6 p.m.

Trivia starts at 7 p.m.

#### JAC Rummage Sale

Sat., July 24

(see related article)

8 a.m.–1 p.m.

#### Arts & Champagne Annual Fundraiser

Sat., Sept. 18

## Arts in the Park

Want to get your hands dirty? Do *Arts in the Park!* Throughout the summer, the Jacoby Arts Center offers *free* art classes for children ages 5–10 in Edwardsville City Park (adjacent to the Edwardsville Library), and in Godfrey's Glazebrook Park. Sponsored by the City of Edwardsville and Target, and in conjunction with the Alton Farmers' & Artisans' Market, classes are from 9–10:30 a.m. and run from mid-June through August.

*This is the 10th year for the Edwardsville program, and this year we've built our curriculum around the obscure holidays and unique events that take place throughout the summer, says Susan Bostwick, Coordinator. We have an incredible staff of artists and art educators with unique skills and experience who introduce the children to a wide range of media, techniques and concepts. Arts in the Park provides an opportunity for both teachers and students to explore and experiment. It is always fun!*

*Glazebrook Park in Godfrey and the Alton Farmers' & Artisans' Market will host our 4th summer of Arts in the Park, says Vicki Conley, JAC Board President. This year at Glazebrook, we will focus on the tools for making art, such as, making your own color wheel, sketchbooks and portfolios. In Alton, kids will make a collage self-portrait, copy famous artworks, design mobile sculptures, and basket weave. Rachel Kujawa will coordinate each session beginning June 12 through August 24. Kids will be led through each art project by artists and art educators. They have a blast being so creative!*

For a complete schedule of these hands-on art activities, visit [www.jacobyartscenter.org](http://www.jacobyartscenter.org), or call the office: 618-462-5222

## Jacoby Arts Center Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are vital to our organization. Would you like to help?

Can we call you for:

- Hospitality (JAC events)
- Custodial building maintenance
- Office Work/Mailings
- Artist Shop/Greeters
- Activities with children
- Marketing/distribution

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in a weekly commitment? \_\_\_\_\_

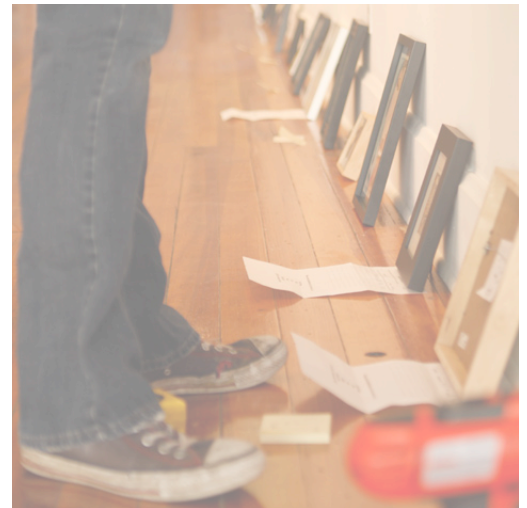
Interests/skills you'd like to share \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know anyone who would like to volunteer?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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**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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline (Artists only): \_\_\_\_\_

### Contribution Levels

- \$25 Individual Membership
- \$100 Family Membership
- \$100 Business Membership

- \$500 Patron Membership
- \$1,000+ Benefactor Membership

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member but would like to provide additional support. Enclosed is my gift for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please remove this form with payment to: **Jacoby Arts Center**, 627 E. Broadway, Alton, IL 62002

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# Tribute to Don Jacoby

It's opening time at the Jacoby Arts Center. I've come to love the rhythm of the routine: switch on the lights to the timeless echo of persons past, unlock the doors, and gaze up at the signature neon sign: Jacoby Arts Center. It is a beautiful sight.

Walking back through the gallery, alive with works of today's artists, I feel the presence of persons gone whose lives enriched this grand historic building, the former Jacoby Furniture Store: the salespeople, the bookkeeper, the elevator operator, and, of course, Don and Jack Jacoby.

I know what the day will bring. As people enter the building for the first time since the Jacoby gift to the arts, heartfelt comments reign: "We bought all our furniture here," "I still have the graduation gift box they gave me," "I can see Don and Jack back there in the office like it was yesterday," or, the oft-repeated question: "Does the elevator still work?" All share the intimacy, the personal touch experienced at the family-owned business named Jacoby.

That finesse is the Don Jacoby we knew and loved here at the Jacoby Arts Center. He was a slap-on-the-back and sensitive-to-the-touch kind of person. He was a regular at the Center's programs, or simply on the "off" days when he would stroll in the door just to say hello, or to bring plants, or hand-made puzzles used at the store for children during World War II that he thought we might enjoy.

For the *LIVE at Jacoby: last saturday nights* concerts, Don never missed a beat. If he couldn't make a certain date, he called beforehand to apologize. And when he wasn't there, people in the audience asked, "Isn't Don coming tonight?" He was not without humor, either. During one concert not to his particular liking, he leaned over to me and, with a twinkle in his eyes, asked: "Jean, when does the *music* start?"

So now it's closing time. My thoughts ponder the loss of our friend and benefactor, Don Jacoby. I turn out the lights and lock the doors. But the sign, Jacoby Arts Center, shines bright. The legacy of Don and Jack Jacoby lives on.

We'll miss you, Don. Our deepest sympathy to your family, your friends, and to Jack, to whom you were more a brother than a cousin all these years.

Jean King  
Editor  
May 2010

