



# ARTSbeat

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KEEPING YOU ON THE PULSE OF THE ARTS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

## With Your Help, the Arts Found a Way!

DAAC started 2020 with plans to make positive updates to several popular programs. Some of these ideas were implemented but, upon the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, others were put on hold or cancelled. But, we were determined to do all we could. In addition to implementing cost-saving measures throughout the COVID period, we found creative ways to bring the arts to our community.

- The Anne Lloyd Gallery reopened in June with exhibits primarily emphasizing local artists, including this summer's *DECATUR: Memories of Our Hometown*, *The Decatur Camera Club* in August and September, and the annual *Holiday Gift Shoppe*.
- In April, the annual *Corks & Forks* event was presented virtually, free *Art Journaling* classes were live streamed in the summer through our Facebook page, and *Virtual Arts in Central Park* gave artists the opportunity to connect with local art lovers through the DAAC website.
- Through partnerships with local organizations and artists like *The Awesome Squad*, the *Decatur Camera Club*, and musician *Michael Scherer*, the Madden Arts Center has become a hub for streaming arts experiences online.

**Thank you to everyone whose generosity helped make these arts experiences happen!**

We're looking forward to when we can all be creatively social again and preparing for a bright and colorful new year.

# Welcome 2021

## Thank You!

... for tuning in to support Virtual Corks & Forks



... for sharing your Decatur memorabilia this summer.



... for competing in the Game of Cups competition.



# the **beat** goes on }

## OUR MISSION:

Introduce and promote the arts, enhance arts educational opportunities, and increase the impact of and access to the arts to improve the quality of life in the community.

## DAAC Grants Support Local Arts

The DAAC grant program supports and promotes events and creative learning experiences offered by schools and non-profit organizations where the arts are the main focus. The next grant deadline is February 1. Find guidelines and application online at [www.decatourarts.org/grants](http://www.decatourarts.org/grants) or call 217-423-3189.

This program is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, Illinois Arts Council Agency, Ameren Illinois and local donors.

## Programs Waiting for Next Season

- The Fabulous Fox Theatre in St. Louis has notified us that the Spring 2021 season has been cancelled.
- Our Performing Arts Series for Students (PASS) Program at Kirkland Fine Arts Center is also cancelled for Spring 2021.

## Save the Date and Cross Your Fingers!

**CORKS  
& FORKS**  
Fundraiser for Decatur Area Arts Council

**Thursday,  
April 22, 2021**



## Christmas Card Lane

The Arts Council hosted the third annual *Christmas Card Lane*, a community art project for the holiday season in downtown Decatur.

Members of the community were invited to vote for their favorite 'card' with awards given to the top three designs (not available at print deadline).

Thank you to our sponsor Dynagraphics, to the group of masked volunteers for installing the cards, and to Lowe's and Mt. Zion Lions Park for their assistance.



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Returning this Spring, we will again collaborate with Millikin University School

# MID DAY MUSIC

of Music to present a series of mid-day musical concerts in the Anne Lloyd Gallery.

Offered free to the public, you can enjoy a socially-distanced musical lunch break and chat with the amazing musicians from the MU faculty. Details will be announced soon.

## Classes Being Planned for Spring

Our goal is to offer socially-distanced, in-person classes in our Studio in Spring 2021. If necessary, we'll have plans in place to adjust to virtual classes.

Classes will include a series for homeschoolers and remote learners, along with a variety of classes and workshops for adults.

Also, if you're an artists with a passion for a certain art form, technique, or process, and would like to teach others, contact us about your class idea.

## A Gift for the Gallery

We are so excited that the Anne Lloyd Gallery was gifted a piano by generous donor Mary Lundin to replace the instrument that had been in the Gallery since 2004. It looks and sounds amazing and we are looking forward to the opportunity to show it off.



## anne lloyd gallery exhibitions

### YOUNG ARTISTS SHOWCASE (CANCELLED)

January 2021

This annual exhibit, presented by Gallery 510, traditionally kicks off the year with approximately 100 pieces of art submitted by students from more than a dozen schools throughout Macon County and the surrounding area. We're looking forward to next year.

### BRICK BY BRICK: An Exploration of Creativity with LEGO

February 5-25, 2021

Kids are born creative and they explore that creativity through play. Building with blocks offers opportunities for play and learning at any age by strengthening spatial and motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and structural



concepts, along with having FUN! This exhibit will feature 3D and 2D LEGO creations of all sizes, from tabletop displays to a massive 11 foot castle, including original designs, as well as commercial kits.

### MEMORY AND MEANING

March 4-30, 2021

Dan Addington's mixed media paintings suggest a history and a physical weightiness associated with monuments and memorial sculptures. Through the use of a combination of anatomical imagery, memorial sculpture, and religious iconography, he attempts to explore the nature of mortality and address our desire to find spiritual meaning.



**Sign me up!**

I want to support the arts in Decatur.



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