

# Priorities of the Council

- **Community Arts Programming**, to provide individualized art experiences for small groups in the community;
- **Emerging Artists Program**, to develop and inspire youth to incorporate art into their daily lives;
- **Arts Awareness**, to develop and promote the Arts and community artists;
- **Arts Development**, to provide support to existing and developing arts groups in the community.

The Lillian Yahn Gallery features local professional and student artwork displayed through our six-**Exhibit Series** program.

**Lillian Yahn**  
*Gallery*

Additional art work is showcased throughout our location and includes ceramics, sculpture, photography, and other works.



*St. Charles County Arts Council & Home of the Lillian Yahn Art Gallery*

The philosophy of the St. Charles County Arts Council is to encourage and support artists and patrons of the arts for the promotion of cultural enrichment in the community; to always keep before us the concept of how to reflect best what the Arts Council is; and to facilitate the exchange of artistic expression.

Our purpose is to encourage and develop the arts by creating public awareness of County arts activities; to foster communication among visual, performing and literary arts groups; to work for common goals in the interest of community art development; to sponsor meetings, exhibits, workshops, cooperative displays, art shows; and to aid individual members and organizations in their efforts to create art awareness and activities in the County.

*"The arts' belief in potential gives each of us -- both audience and creator -- pride in our society's ability to nurture individuals."*

*-Playwright Wendy Wasserstein*



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# Programs of the Council

Under the direction of Executive Director, Deb Hauser, the St. Charles County Arts Council has expanded its commitment to increase arts awareness and participation in the community. Listed below are a few of the venues supported by the Council:

- **Arts Happening** - Provides hands-on activities for kids with musical instruments, collages and sculptures, and more;
- **Annual Mural Contest** - A partnership between the Arts Council and the Renaissance St. Louis. Open to all St. Charles County middle and high school art clubs, both private and public, the winning murals will be painted on canvas and then displayed at the 2009 Renaissance St. Louis Faire;
- **The Greater St. Charles Area Woodcarvers' Demonstration and Show;**
- **Workshops** - Workshops are offered on various mediums and subjects and are taught at the Council's Winghaven location. Writing/Illustrating Books workshops for are planned for the summer and fall 2009;
- **Book Talks** - Co-sponsored with St. Charles County Library District during the summer and fall;
- **Art Exhibits** - A series of six art exhibits are planned for 2009 featuring both student and professional art.
- **JumpstART** - Provide support to developing arts groups in the community;
- **Banking on the Arts** - A public art exhibit coordinated by the Arts Council allowing for the display of art in bank branches throughout St. Charles County;
- **Starry Nights** - A new partnership with the Alliance for Astronomy providing an Art Show and Star Gazing projects that are held in the St. Charles County Parks in early summer and fall.

# Why Be A Member?

Membership in the Arts Council offers many benefits and rewards to include:

- funding fine arts scholarships;
- helping emerging arts groups;
- assisting with workshops for nonprofit arts groups;
- offering Arts Happening for Kids and other arts' activities;
- providing a community clearinghouse for information and referral.

Membership entitles discounts or two-for-one prices at many art venues in the community including community theatre groups, the Renaissance Faire, and musical events.

Members also receive and can participate in the following:

- Membership Nights to encourage more participation in community arts and support for the Council;
- Special Invitations to Local Events.



*I see little of more importance to the future of our country and of civilization than full recognition of the place of the artist. If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his/her vision wherever it takes him/her."*

*-Former President John Kennedy*



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