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Summer 2023

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## Our New Administrator



Hello everyone! I am excited to be the new Administrator with the Walworth County Arts Council. My professional background primarily consists in marketing, office management, and clerical skills.

Currently, I also work two other part-time jobs in Walworth County; as the Municipal Court Clerk for the Village of Williams Bay (for 6 years now), and the Church Secretary at Williams Bay Lutheran Church (for just over 1 year now). Formerly, I was the Office Administrator with Luther Memorial Church in Delavan (for nearly 18 years) upon their closing at the beginning of 2022.

I have one daughter and three grandchildren; two girls and one boy. They are the joy of my life, along with my fiancé, whom I am marrying in April 2024. We currently reside in Walworth, with two adorable mini-parakeets (budgies), two neon fish (picked out by my youngest granddaughter, 7 years old), and two aquatic frogs (picked out by my first granddaughter, 10 years old). My grandson will be turning one year old in just a couple of weeks.

So far, working with WCAC has been interesting, challenging, and exciting—getting the MSO Program back up and running, continuing scholarships and acknowledgments, as well as new ideas to discover and implement. I am learning so many new things along the way.

Check out all the amazing accomplishments and honoring of others in this newsletter. We hope to keep your interest, participation, and support going for all of our wonderful programs.

Have a great summer everyone!

*Jennifer Vaun*

Administrator

Walworth County Arts Council

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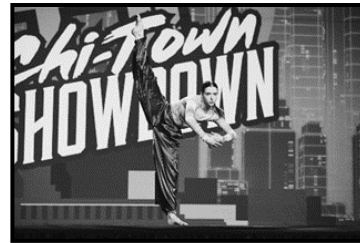
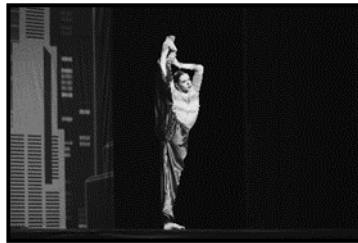
## Scholarships

The Walworth County Arts Council awards \$2,000.00 scholarships for graduating seniors who are going to study one of the fine arts in college. The applicants must provide a high school transcript, three letters of recommendation, and a personal statement of his or her future plans. The student must also perform an audition and participate in a personal interview with professionals/artists in their field of study.

### This year these three students received scholarships:



**Ella Weerts**, a 2023 graduate of East Troy High School is the recipient of the Walworth County Arts Council dance scholarship. She will be studying dance at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Ella's first goal is to perform as a professional dancer in a contemporary or jazz dance company. The judge stated, "She presented a beautifully polished solo which featured the articulation of her torso, an impressive ease into her footwork, and a range of expression through the dynamics."



**Alexandra (Alex) Martin**, a 2023 graduate of Whitewater High School is the recipient of the Walworth County music scholarship. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater to study instrumental education. Alex looks forward to being able to educate young people on different cultures and music styles while teaching self discipline, time management, and more. The saxophone is Alex's instrument of choice. Her music teacher states that "the artistic side of music comes naturally for Alex, especially her tone concept and musical style. Her technical abilities are solid...."

Alexander Martin "I am very grateful for the WCAC and the scholarship opportunities they create for local youth."



**Elijah Gleiter**, a 2023 graduate of Elkhorn Area High School is the recipient of the Walworth County Arts Council theater scholarship. He will be studying theater at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. Elijah is interested in performing on stage as well as sharing his interest in the fine arts while teaching and coaching others. The judge's comments, "Elijah was very clear on his path forward through college and beyond, and has a direction well planned. His acting ability is more advanced than most high school seniors, and his willingness to learn and adapt was well proven to me."

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## Meet a Local Artist



Caryn Leverage-Rothschild, local Lake Geneva, Wisconsin artist, member of the Geneva Lakes Art Foundation.

Ms. Leverage holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Studio Art and has her works on display in many locations in Wisconsin. Caryn realized a love for the arts at a very early age when she began painting anything that had a surface! She enjoyed welding with her Dad in the basement of her childhood home creating sculptures out of metal and plexiglass. Ms. Leverage enjoys a wide variety of art mediums, but focusing mainly on acrylics on canvas at the present time. Caryn is fascinated with contrasting colors, and visual textures. Some observers of her art say that the colors and shapes 'dance on the canvas.' Currently she is a highschool art teacher.

Caryn says she is inspired by life experiences, faith, nature and a little bit of rock and roll.



**Caryn's art is currently displayed in the WCAC case at the Government Center in Elkhorn.**

**Take a moment to stop by and see her amazing artwork in person!**



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## Talented Students

Before Covid, the Walworth County Arts Council recognized elementary and middle school students with a ceremony, display of their art work, and a certificate. This year we were not able to have an in person recognition ceremony, however, the following schools participated and recognized their students at their individual schools.

Brookwood Middle School, Genoa City  
Art Teacher: Kim Garrett

1. Shawn Peterson 6th - Car painting
2. Ava Thimmesch 6th- Christmas scene painting
3. Thomas Ingoglia 6th - Astronaut painting
4. Kate Kvidera 7th - Overlay photograph
5. Anais Delgado 7th - Drawing of 3D room
6. Jeremiah Jasso 7th - Agamograph photograph
7. Jillian Denecke 8th - 3D cow skull mask
8. Brian Lester 8th - Ceramic mug
9. Vivian Kudingo 8th - Sunset at the beach mask
10. Brianna Cross 8th - Bunny and Bird painting

Brookwood Elementary School  
Art Teacher: Melissa Horak

Lilah Lauritzen  
Mia Reyes-Hernandez  
Klaire Cox  
Maven Blazina  
Reid Rausch  
Montserrat Mendoza  
Jackson Chernouski  
Mia Highland  
Samantha Gomez  
Ava Rasch



Brookwood Middle School and Elementary School

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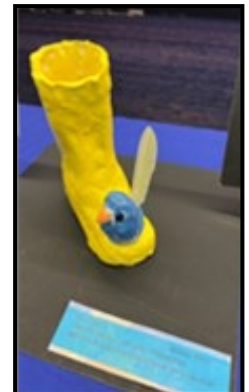
## Talented Students

Williams Bay Elementary School



Williams Bay Elementary  
Art Teacher: Holly Mulhall

Zariyah Simons  
Alex Wester  
Hannah Hartwig  
Kaitlyn Keith  
Delilah Cook  
Harriet Smith  
Alex Lange  
Will Crowley  
Olivia Beth  
Olivia Potsch



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MSO Program



**Milwaukee Symphony Trip Returns**

We are delighted that one of our traditionally favorite features has returned this Fall. After several years of being put on hold, the WCAC has resumed the bus from the Park and Ride lot North of Elkhorn, for the first time to the beautiful new Bradley Symphony Center in Milwaukee. All are for Friday morning performances, departing at about 9:30 and returning mid-afternoon (before dark). Dates are October 20, March 8, April 26, and May 10.

The new program offered some unique changes. Subscribers could choose from several different seating levels and preference for Orchestra or Balcony. This allowed a wide level of expense, making it open to just about everyone. As in the original orchestra tour offering, a delicious luncheon with the members of the orchestra and often the featured artist was available.

The Arts Council purchased a couple of extra seats to accommodate unexpected guests, which will be available on a first-come first-served basis. If you have an interest, please contact Libby Palmer at 262 949-3651.

***A few seats remain available on the bus. If you have already purchased your tickets but would like to take advantage of an inexpensive stress-free, no parking expense advantage give Libby a call and let her know which dates are desired. Cost is \$40.00 per person, per concert date(s) chosen.***

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