



AAFP Newsletter

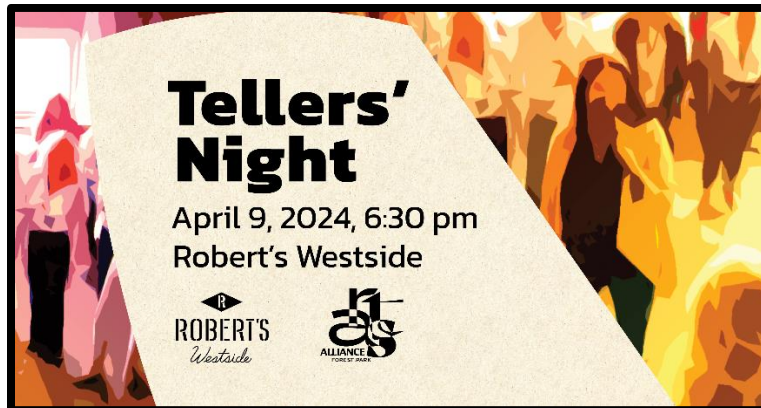
SPRING 2024

A “picture” from the President

Spring and Summer are shaping up to offer the most fun-filled calendar of events ever. Keep reading to get information about – Tellers’ Nights on the 2nd Tuesday of April and May at Robert’s Westside, Art Stops during the Wine Walk, the 48-Hour Film Festival and Red Carpet Gala, Shakespeare’s Birthday Party, Makers’ Market, and “Brushes on the Bridge” to repaint the Circle Avenue bridge. We have scheduled five StoopSessions in June, July and August, and of course, GarageGalleries will be held on Saturday, August 24. The Forest Park Theatre continues the Plays by Women reading series and will produce Shakespeare in the Park later this summer.

If you haven’t joined AAFP now is the time! AAFP Members get discounts on ticket prices and vendor fees as well as quarterly newsletters and notices for upcoming events. Our mission is to bring artists and residents together to enrich our lives through the joy of art. We hope you will celebrate Spring, support the arts in Forest Park and [join us](#) - become a member in 2024.

Karen



***Tellers: Margaret Burk, Julie Danis, Justin X. Charlton-Perrin,
John Hahm, Sonny Hogan, and Megan Wells
Hosted by Susan Rohde***

***Robert's Westside, 7321 Madison, Forest Park
Tickets \$15 / \$10 AAFP members at the door.
Doors open at 6:30. Show starts at 7:00.
Great bar! Smokey Joel's hot dogs. Food can also be brought in.
Produced by the Arts Alliance of Forest Park and Margaret Burk***

Next event Tuesday, May 14, 2024

FOREST PARK THEATRE READING SERIES Continues

Forest Park Theatre's Reading Series 2023 - 2024: Plays by Women is a chance to discover exceptional plays by American and British playwrights. Forest Park Theatre gives the community and beyond, an opportunity to hear plays we hope to produce in the coming years. ***Our readings are rehearsed performances read by professional actors. No set. No costumes. Just words, ideas and passion.***

All performances are from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Forest Park American Legion - 500 Circle Ave.

Doors open at 6:30 pm. There will be a cash bar as well as snacks for sale.

[Tickets](#) - Available online or at the door. General admission \$20, AAFP Members \$15, Under 30 years old \$10, Students and Seniors \$5

- Performances **April 11th & 14th** - ***Jane Eyre*** by Charlotte Bronte, adapted by Polly Teale
- Performances **May 16th & 19th** - ***Malapert Love*** by Siah Berlatsky

Art Stops during the Wine Walk

Make Saturday April 20 a full day on Madison Street by joining the Chamber of Commerce Spring Wine Walk with Art Stops before you attend the 48 hour Film Fest Gala. Sipping wine is always better when you can also enjoy the work of local artisans. Buy a ticket to taste the wine and art [here](#).



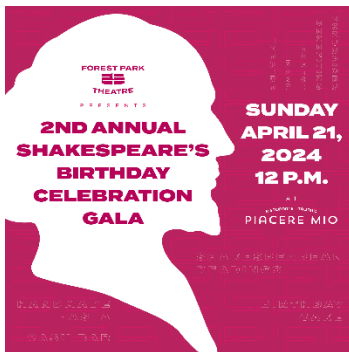
Red Carpet Gala and Film Festival Saturday, April 20
St. Bernardine's Fearon Hall, 815 Elgin Avenue in Forest Park
Screening will begin at 7:00

You heard the rave reviews of the first 48-hour Film Festival Gala. Don't miss your chance to enjoy the 2nd Film Festival Gala. Competing teams are given 48 hours to incorporate an assigned line of dialog, prop and film genre in their short films. Prizes will be awarded, including the coveted People's Choice Award.

Special guest filmmaker Laura Lewis-Barr will be screening her stop-action Film "Dumpling".

[Tickets](#) are available in advance or at the door. Advance tickets: \$15 for members, \$25 nonmembers, \$5 children 6-12. At the door: \$20 for members, \$30 nonmembers, \$7 children. Popcorn, soft drinks and wine available for purchase.

Cocktail attire is preferred, but don't let that stop you from joining in the fun.



What: 2nd Annual Shakespeare's Birthday Celebration - A fundraiser for Forest Park Theatre

Where: Piacere Mio Italian Restaurant

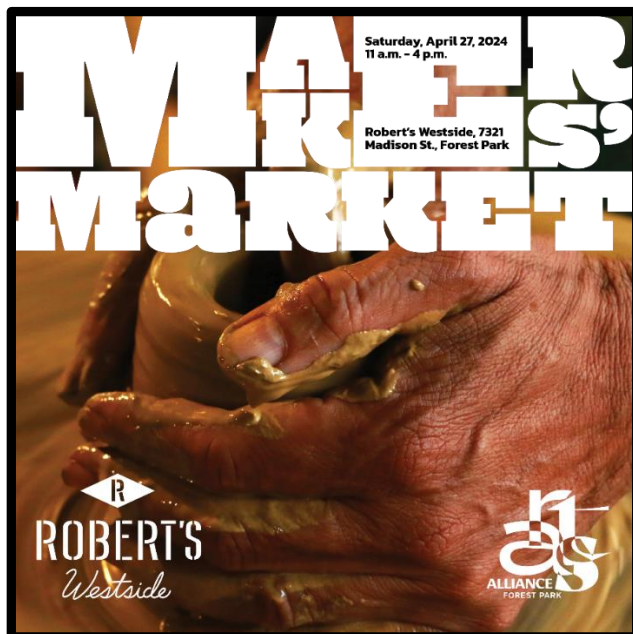
7636 Madison St, Forest Park, IL 60130

When: April 21st, 12-2pm

Forest Park Theatre and Piacere Mio Restaurant, are teaming up to celebrate Shakespeare, and raise funds for the theatre's annual *free* Shakespeare-in-the-Park production.

Join us for handmade pasta and salad, cash bar, readings from Shakespeare's sonnets and plays, and birthday cake.

Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased online at <https://forestparkarts.org/shakespeares-birthday>. Individual tickets or a table of 6 can be purchased.

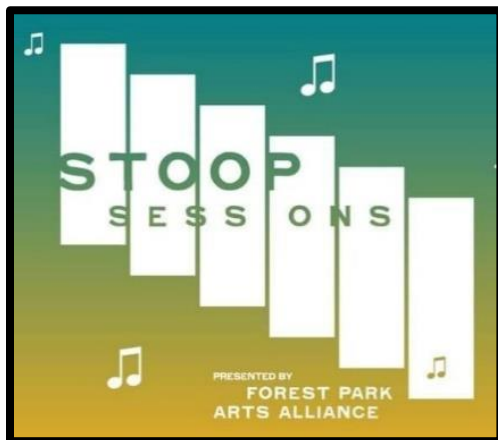


The Arts Alliance Forest Park is pleased to invite you to our expanded and enhanced Spring Makers' Market on Saturday, April 27 from 11 am to 4 pm at Robert's Westside, 7321 Madison Street. This is a great opportunity to enjoy food, music and family activities as you shop the works of more than 20 local artisans.



BRUSHES on the BRIDGE

The Arts Alliance and the Village of Forest Park will be hosting our largest community focused event – repainting the murals on the Circle Avenue bridge. Many of you may remember the 2017 “Cover Our Rust” event – a one-day happening that brought residents, local organizations and businesses together to create a community oriented unique collection of artwork along both sides of the Circle Avenue bridge – to our surprise the event was featured on Channel 9 news that night! After seven years, it is time to update, refresh and repaint the murals in the heart of Forest Park. Spaces are sold out but you are welcome to volunteer to help with the event. Click [here](#) for details.



Bring your lawn chair and beverage of choice to enjoy a *FREE* hour-long concert in your own neighborhood.

Tuesday, June 11 (Rain date Thursday, June 13)

Tuesday, June 25 (Rain date Thursday, June 27)

Tuesday, July 9 (Rain date Thursday, July 11)

Tuesday, July 23 (Rain date Thursday, July 25)

Tuesday, August 6 (Rain date Thursday, August 8)

Musicians and StoopSession Host addresses will be posted on www.forestparkarts.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Your support means everything to us. If you’d like to volunteer to help at an event (a little time) or work on a project (a little more time), please let us know your interests. Email forestparkarts@gmail.com with “Volunteer” in the Subject line.

EVENTS

Tuesday, April 9 – Tellers' Night, 7 pm

Tuesday, May 14 – Tellers' Night, 7 pm

Tellers' Nights are at Robert's Westside, 7321 Madison Street

Doors open at 6:30. Tickets \$15 / \$10 for AAFP members

Saturday, April 20 – Art Stops during the Madison Street Wine Walk

Saturday, April 20 – 48-Hour Film Festival and Red Carpet Gala

Sunday, April 21 – Shakespeare's Birthday Party FPT benefit

Saturday, April 27 – Makers' Market at Robert's Westside

Saturday, May 18 – Brushes on the Bridge

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SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday, August 24 – GarageGalleries, various locations

Tuesday, September 10 – Tellers' Night, 7 pm

Tuesday, October 8 – Tellers' Night, 7 pm

Tuesday, November 12 – Tellers' Night, 7 pm

Tuesday, December 10 – Tellers' Night, 7 pm

Visit www.forestparkarts.org for more information about events.

Our Thanks

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