



AAFP Newsletter

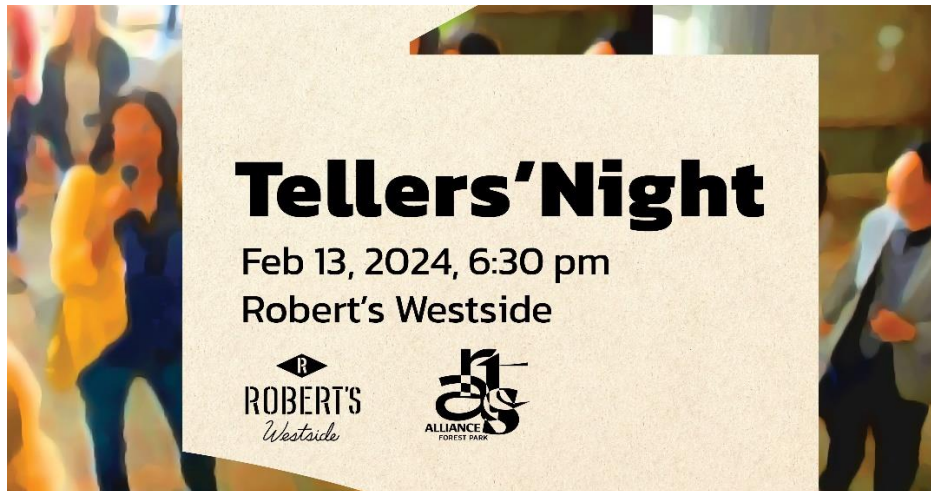
WINTER 2024

A “picture” from the President

The Arts Alliance is planning a full calendar of events this year – Tellers’ Nights on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Robert’s Westside (except June, July and August). Makers’ Markets, Art Stops and Fiber Flash will surprise you this spring, fall and winter. In April AAFP will host the 48-Hour Film Festival and Red Carpet Gala. In May AAFP and the Village of Forest Park are co-sponsoring “Brushes on the Bridge” to repaint the Circle Avenue bridge. StoopSessions will return for 5 events this summer (June, July and August). And of course, GarageGalleries will be held on the 4th Saturday of August. Don’t forget the October Invasion of the Scarecrows co-sponsored by the Forest Park Historical Society.

Membership is growing and we are finding new friends at each event we schedule. 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 the New Year, support the arts in Forest Park and [join us](#) - become a member in 2024.

Karen



NEW YEAR – NEW VENUE

The Arts Alliance is pleased to have found a great venue for Tuesday Tellers’ Nights - Robert’s Westside, 7321 Madison Street in Forest Park. Though primarily a live music venue, Roberts also serves as a welcoming neighborhood bar. A home for families to gather, as well as a space offered to the community for non-profit fundraisers and mutual aid benefits. Robert’s Westside features handmade cocktails, craft beers and premiere non-alcoholic drinks to provide all patrons with the freedom of choice to maximize their experience.

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 as we explore what a theatre in our community should be. ***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

- Performances **February 22nd & 25th** - *Rachel* by Angelina Weld Grimke
- Performances **March 7th & 10th** - *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte, adapted by Polly Teale
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BRUSHES on the BRIDGE

We begin the new year planning 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. Click [here](#) for details.

Summer StoopSessions are in the works – if you have a front porch that is crying out for a summer evening show, please send your information to forestparkarts@gmail.com with “My Stoop” in the subject line.

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.

***FPAA members** are invited to submit 3 to 4 paragraphs about their work which may be used in a future “Artist Spotlight” newsletter article. Send your information to forestparkarts@gmail.com with “Artist Spotlight” in the Subject line.*

EVENTS

Tuesday, February 13 – Tellers’ Night, 7 pm

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SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday, April 20 – 48-Hour Film Festival Gala

Saturday, May 18 – Brushes on the Bridge

Watch for more 2024 events such as StoopSessions, GarageGalleries,
Tellers’ Nights, Makers’ Markets, Fiber Flash and
Shakespeare in the Park.

Visit www.forestparkarts.org for more information.

Our Thanks

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