



FPAA Newsletter

WINTER 2023

A “picture” from the President

The Forest Park Arts Alliance wishes you Happy, Healthy New Year! We are scheduling many events this year and we hope to see you enjoying FPAA programs and projects in 2023.

Our newest program, Tellers’ Night, has been a great success. In the style of MOTH, the FPAA presents 5 to 6 Tellers’ to relate their stories on a Tuesday evening. Exit Strategy Brewing Company will be our partner in hosting the events and providing a cash bar. Smokey Joel will be there selling hot dogs and chips. Our fourth Tellers’ Night will be held February 7th. Doors open at 6:30 and tickets are \$10.00 for FPAA members, \$15.00 for non-members.

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new and improved website – check it out at www.forestparkarts.org. Help raise our profile in a search by Googling “forest park arts” and click on the correct web address: www.forestparkarts.org. As always, we welcome you to join us!

FPAA is seeking a self-motivated part-time Administrative Coordinator for approximately 10 to 20 hours per month. Any interested person can request more information by emailing forestparkarts@gmail.com with “Job Description” in the subject line.

Karen Rozmus

FP Artist Spotlight

Bridget Lane has lived in Forest Park for eleven years. She has retired from her own economic development consulting business for 30 years. Bridget serves on the FPAA board and now works on her pottery in her Forest Park home studio. Here is her story:

“Archaeologists have speculated that potter is the world’s second oldest profession as it facilitated the cooking and gathering necessary to settle a home. Firing to increasingly higher temperatures was the advance that made pottery so durable it was an everyday part of life. You connect with this history when your morning coffee is consumed from a handmade mug, your lunchtime soup is heated in a potter's bowl, and evening ice cream is a treat eaten from a special vessel.

My connection to clay is both a desire to make these practical items and to enjoy the peaceful feel of centered clay. I first met this medium in high school and have pursued constant improvement in studios near my homes. Pandemic restriction drove me to the next step, my own studio.

I work in stoneware which is tough and demands to be used every day. It is food and dishwasher safe and can be used to heat food in the microwave or oven. Mugs kept in the

freezer are perfect to keep drinks cold. Mugs and bowls can be heated in the oven when cheese is melted over soup.”

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.

A New Project

We are very excited about a new project that we hope to bring to Forest Park. An idea from Dan Marcus is a 48-hour Film Festival! Teams of Adults and students will gather one evening, probably a Friday, to receive the assignment parameters for a short video. They will then have 48 hours to write, produce, film and edit a 5 to 12 minute video to turn in at the determined time, 48 hours later. The films will be reviewed and a public showing will occur the next weekend, (hopefully in the style of a Forest Park red carpet Gala).

Of course, a project of this magnitude requires plenty of planning, organizing artists, and finding the appropriate venue review team. So if you think you would want to help with any portion of this event, please let us know with an email to forestparkarts@gmail.com with "48 Hours" in the subject line.

Summer Stoop Sessions

Stoop Sessions is an ongoing Forest Park Arts Alliance (FPAA) program featuring accomplished FP musical talents that play to audiences of 50 to 70 attendees for an hour at 7 pm on a Forest Park front porch. What a great way to spend an evening with friends and neighbors. In 2023, the FPAA will host five Stoop Sessions again sponsored by Mark Hanson – State Farm Agent, 7601 Madison Street. (See dates below).

If you know a musician or if you’d like to offer your “stoop”, please send contact information to forestparkarts@gmail.com with “Stoop Session” in the subject line.

EVENTS

- Tellers’ Night – February 7, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Exit Strategy
- Makers’ Market – March 25, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, The Foundry

SAVE THESE DATES

Tuesday, June 13 – Stoop Session, (Rain date Thursday, June 15)
Tuesday, June 27 – Stoop Session, (Rain date Thursday, June 29)
Tuesday, July 11 – Stoop Session, (Rain date Thursday, July 13)
Tuesday, July 25 – Stoop Session, (Rain date Thursday, July 27)
Tuesday, August 8 – Stoop Session, (Rain date Thursday, August 10)
Saturday, August 26 – Garage Galleries, Noon until 6:00 pm

PROJECTS

Looking for an opportunity to help with a project?
Have an idea? Propose a project.