

**2024 WAYCO Arts Council
Presidents Report
(Art, Music & Literary Council of Wayne
County, Iowa)**

WAYCO Arts Council held meetings during the 2024 year. Most meetings were usually held on the second/sometimes third Thursday of each month. The Council met in the Wayne Community H.S. Library or the LeCompte Public Library meeting room from 5-6 p.m.

Officers for the 2024 year were Wayne Jackson & Marilyn Jackson Co-presidents; Kay Milner, Vice president; Cathy Couchman, Treasurer; Mary Roberts, Garton Fund Treasurer; Andrea McConahay, Secretary, and Virginia Ireland, Historian. Virginia resigned at the August meeting, and Heidi Bellon volunteered to take the Historian position.

Wayne Jackson continues to coordinate display events at the Corydon State Bank's north lobby each month. The following displays were: February: Margaret Mumma's paintings of Wayne County places that formally were exhibited in the Waldon Park Community building. March: Laplanders Quilt Guild: April: twelfth annual Wayne County Student Art Competition. The Corydon State Bank provides the cash awards for first, second, and third place in both divisions; May: Linda Murphy's Oil paintings; June: crocheted Prayer Shawls, Crosses & Quilts display from the five Methodist Parish churches; July: Dale O'Connell Alcohol Ink art from Lucas; August: Linda Dawson/Kris Thomas Wool Panels/Projects from Humeston; September: Jane Poston-Buckley, Photography; October: Lylee Konopasek Paintings & Sketches; November: Marilyn Burley Quilts & Machine Embroidery.

WAYCO Arts hosted their 15th Missoula Children's Theatre production at the Allerton, Iowa Centennial building complex July 15 through 20th. Missoula's "Red Truck" brought music score, scripts, sets, costumes, two directors; Dylan Hearley & Jamie Rediger for a week of training 25 student actors/singers. There were two performances of "The Pied Piper" on July 19th and 20th. Lunches were provided for student actors by the Arts Council during the week. Hannah Correll was piano accompanist & Wayne High School Student Council provided concessions during the two performances. Garton funds, donations, and council funds were used to cover the costs of this Missoula production. Inn of the Six-Toed Cat hosted the two directors. The next production is scheduled for July 14th through 19th, 2025. PARENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO SAVE THE DATE!

Scholarships from WAYCO Arts were given to Hagan Arnold from Wayne Community, and Sarah Thatcher from Mormon Trail. A Garton Scholarship grant was awarded to Madeline Gunzenhauser attending Simpson College. WAYCO Arts provided three plaques for 4-H Visual Arts awards to a Junior, Intermediate, and Senior at the Wayne County Fair. Also, nineteen theatre students received assistance from WAYCO to attend Simpson College's Theatre Festival.

Arts Council hosted a "Holiday Homes Tour" December 7th & 8th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Places to visit were; Johnny Rider's "Man Cave" collections/memorabilia; Jane & John Buckley's home restoration/remodel; Mendy Middlebrook's home decoration; Josh & Malisha Hagan's rebuilt/restored rural Sharon Church, and Corydon Methodist Church "Lets Go To Bethlehem"—a journey to the birth of Jesus.

WAYCO Arts Council is a 501 c-3 non-profit organization, and donations are tax deductible. With this year's active and supportive membership participation, and community support, the Council has provided several art events and financial assistance for art education of Wayne County students in 2024. We have endeavored to provide and promote art, music, and literary support to individuals, groups, and communities in Wayne County Iowa. We would welcome interested people to join us. We are on Facebook listed as 'Wayne County Arts Council'.

Regards,
Wayne Jackson, President

Seymour Food Pantry

Located on the west side of the Seymour square at the Seymour Community Center, west door of the building, the food pantry is Open **Thursdays, 2:30 - 4 p.m.**

NOTICE

Nathan Wells, of Centerville, IA, graduate of SHS. Is NOT the Nathan listed in the Legal Notice in this Publication on page 5.

Please remember, there is more than one person in the world with the same name.

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Sisters Hosted Birthday Celebration

Sager sisters, Janet Sager and Jill (Sager) Payne planned a birthday celebration for their sister, Jessy (Sager) Morriss., which was held at the Morriss home of rural Seymour.

They created a "build your own" grilled cheese buffet followed by playing games. Others present were Jason Morriss, John Sager, Calvin Ruiz, T.J Payne and Lucas, and Lyndi.

**GriefShare Program
To Begin Soon**

Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m., Feb. 2 - May 4

First Christian Church

West Pleasant St.

Cincinnati, Ia.

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Register: griefshare.org/findagroup

Thank You

Jane and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to a long list of incredible individuals who make this world a brighter place. Thank you to Wayne County 911 Emergency Services, Seymour First Responders, Brody Lawson, Seymour Police Officers, Rich Carter, Wayne County Ambulance Crew, Mercy Life Flight, University Of Iowa Neurologist Team and The Good Lord Above, all of whom played a vital role in saving Jane's life on December 21st, 2024. We are also deeply thankful to our wonderful family and amazing friends for their visits, calls, texts, cards, gifts, flowers, food and more. Helena, your generosity has been a blessing. Seymour Casey's Team, your support and kindness towards Nancy while she was with her mom have been truly uplifting. Our entire family would like to say **THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PRAYERS.** We are humbled by the outpouring of love, laughter, hugs, support, positivity and kindness that has surrounded us throughout this journey.

**Kindest Regards,
Duane and Jane DeVore
and Family**

Church Directory

Allerton Christian Church, Kyle Ryan, minister. Church Services 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am. Bible study Sunday 6 pm.

Bible Church, Clio. Pastor Gary Klaiber. Sunday School 10 am, Worship 11 am, Thursday 7 pm.

Chariton Church of Christ. Sunday service 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Wednesday 7:30 pm. Located at 15th and Roland in Chariton.

East Pleasant Church of Christ, Cincinnati. Larry Hudson, minister. Sunday school 10 am, Church 11 am.

First Christian Church, Cincinnati. Pastor Kay Singley. Church service: 9:30 am, Sunday School 10:45 am.

New Providence Baptist Church, Confidence. Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am,

Plano Christian Church Minister, Chad Combs; Sunday School 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 am

Promise City Church of Christ, Sunday School 9:30 am, Worship Service 10:30a.m

New Life Church, Seymour Pastor Arnie Ferguson. Morning Worship 10:45 am.

Seymour First Baptist Church, Pastor Micaiah Stanley, Sunday School 9:30 am, Sunday Service 10:40 am & 1:30pm, Wednesday Service.

Seymour United Methodist Church, Pastor Sarah Rohret. Sunday School 10 am, Worship Service 11:00 am, Youth Group K-12 (2nd & 4th Sundays) at 1 p.m.

Sunnyslope Church of Christ, (intersection of J22 and S56) Minister Harold Mitchell. Sunday 10 am Bible Study, 11 am Worship & Communion, Wed 7 pm Bible Study.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Hwy. 2 West, Corydon, 641-774-4875, Sun. School 10 A.M., Worship, 11 A.M.

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Keepin' in Touch

Who even wants to think about the weather? When it is single digit temp., and windchill below in double digits, it's just best to stay inside when possible.

KIT

Now this is an honest explanation of Good Intentions? In with a craft project (which never was finished) were 2 pkgs. of Thank You notes (which also never got mailed). Not sure if my schedule is too full or I'm just not efficient enough. Just never enough time.

I am happy to report though, I put the "stay inside" time due to the cold weather, to good use. I did some much needed cleaning out and discarding, which was a great accomplished feeling.

KIT

Even though not many folks locally knew Jane Wilson, after the Inauguration Luncheon, a lot of people wondered about her. Who would have thought SEYMOUR, IA would be mentioned at such a National level.

We had many calls, emails, and messages about information about Jane Wilson. It was an interesting project to do the research. I also found a bio which was intriguing.

**Jane Wilson
1924-2015
Seymour, IA**

What I'm aiming for are moments of strong sensation
□ moments of total physical experience of the landscape, when weather just reaches out and sucks you in. And the challenge of trying to trigger those moments with pigments of ground-up earth. When you think about it, it's really very mysterious.

- Jane Wilson, 1991

When Jane Wilson left Iowa in 1949, she embarked on what would be the defining moment of her sixty-year career as an artist. Born on her family's farm in Seymour, Iowa, in 1924, she had recently graduated from the University of Iowa and spent two years teaching art history there. Arriving in New York City, she and her husband, John Gruen, settled in Greenwich Village and soon immersed themselves in the downtown art scene.

One day in 1952 at the Cedar Tavern, the bar made famous by the abstract expressionists who frequented it, Wilson was approached to be a co-founder of the legendary Hansa Gallery, an artists' cooperative that was first on East 12th Street and later moved to Central Park South. Among the other original members were Jan Müller, Richard Stankiewicz, Wolf Kahn, Allan Kaprow, and Felix Pasisis.

In all, Wilson had three solo shows at Hansa, in 1953, 1955, and 1957. She also participated in important group shows during these years, such as one in late 1952 at Tanager Gallery, another of the most active artists' cooperatives, and in three annual exhibitions from 1953 to 1955 at the Stable Gallery on West 58th Street.

At that time, Wilson was working in an abstract expressionist mode, creating work that resonated with the energy of the moment. Later in the decade, she shifted to expressionist landscapes.

Wilson's career as an artist began to take off in the early 1960s. By then, Wilson, Gruen, and their daughter, Julia Gruen, were living on East 10th Street, across from Tompkins Square Park, which led her to create atmospheric cityscapes of the park and surrounding neighborhood. She also painted the area around Water Mill, New York, on the East End of Long Island, where she and her husband purchased an old shingled carriage house in 1960.

From the late 1960s through the late 1970s, Wilson focused on still lifes set in her apartment and studio, including a group of behind-the-scenes paintings of worktables and artist materials. She moved to the Upper West Side in 1968 and has lived there ever since.

In the early 1980s, Wilson returned to painting landscapes, and developed the distinctive approach for which she is best-known today – luminous works that hover between abstraction and representation, inspired by the sky, sea, and land around Water Mill. In 1999, she joined DC Moore Gallery, where she had several solo exhibitions.

In addition to painting, Wilson was also a visiting professor at colleges and universities across the country, including thirteen years at the Columbia University School of Art, where she was Acting Chair from 1986-88. She has worked in many museum collections, including those of the Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Art Institute of Chicago, and San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Until Next Time, Let's Keep in TouchVicky

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