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Mouldy Figs Bring New Orleans to CAB Spring Arts GALA

In keeping with the popular idea of having a theme for CAB's Spring Arts GALA, this year's event on April 30th will find that the River Falls Golf Club has been filled with the aura of Bourbon Street, New Orleans. And, what better way to cap this annual night of fun and fund raising, than to have the popular Twin Cities band, The Mouldy Figs, come to town with their old time New Orleans Jazz sounds for listening and dancing pleasure?

So, Take a CAB to Bourbon Street for a night to remember featuring the largest silent art auction in the area (with as many as 40 local and area artists), a grand fine arts raffle, a silent auction of gifts from the community, a splendid hors d'oeuvre offering and, of course, a night of socializing with artists, friends and neighbors while listening and dancing to great music.

The doors and the cash bar open at 6 p.m. At 6:15, the sounds of the River Falls High School Jazz Ensemble lead off the night's music and the hors d'oeuvres will also be set out. The Mouldy Figs will take to the stage from 8 to 11 p.m.

Drawings for the raffle items (a Dan Wiemer water color painting; a Lauri Wilson glass sculpture; and a Rebecca Bechel necklace) will take place at 9 p.m. You must be present to win. The silent auction closes at 9:30 and you have the rest of the night to rub elbows and/or dance the night away.

GALA advance tickets are available for \$30 at The Dish and The Spoon Cafe; Whole Earth Grocery; First National Bank of River Falls; and the River Falls Golf Club. Tickets at the door will be \$35 and all CAB members receive a \$5 discount - advanced or at the door.

This event is the fund raiser that has been helping CAB pay the bills since it's founding 21 years ago. Come join in the Bourbon Street fun and don't be afraid to be one of the many who will dress the part of someone from the French Quarter. We CABbies look forward to seeing you!



**Board Member Profile:
Kay Fritz**



Kay Fritz – Ready for the Spring Arts GALA!

Kay Fritz is in her second year serving as the CAB Board’s secretary. Kay has been affiliated with CAB since she and her late husband, Bob, moved back to the River Falls area in 1998. They were members of the Art on the Kinni planning committee from 1998 until 2002. As Bob was a gifted artist and potter, they also participated with a booth at AOK.

Born and raised in the paper mill town of Nekoosa, WI, Kay was introduced to the working world at an early age, serving as a waitress and general helper in her parents’ family restaurant. After graduating from Alexander High School, she entered River Falls State Teacher’s College (now UWRF) pursuing a degree in elementary education. Two weeks after graduating in 1962, Kay married Bob and started her teaching career shortly thereafter.

That career included numerous stops as Bob finished college in River Falls and then went on to the prestigious Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan. He then served in the art department at UW-Marquette followed by a stint at UW-Green Bay. During the early stages of that period, Daughter Jill was born to the couple in 1963 followed by a son, John, in 1964.

Things finally settled down when they moved to Crivitz, WI where Kay served 20 years at Crivitz elementary school and Bob ended his art teaching career at Crivitz high school. Kay also served the high school as girl’s basketball coach and coached both boy’s and girl’s track during a good portion of her tenure in Crivitz.

Perhaps it is the coaching career that was the main ingredient that we identify with as we know Kay as one spunky lady. Also, the long period of time residing close to Green Bay has made her a huge Green Bay Packer fan, which is quite visible when you walk into her home’s family room. Not surprising, she also closely follows and roots for the Wisconsin Badger football and basketball teams.

The Fritz’s retired in 1998 and moved to the Ellsworth area. Since Bob’s passing in 2013, Kay and her 80-lb boxer, pit-bull mix dog, Fritzie, have moved to River Falls. Her favorite things to do revolve around being with her family, including 3 grandchildren. When not enjoying time with them, she keeps busy as a fiber artist, teaching artsy classes, and joining friends in a book group. And, of course, she’s very active with CAB. Kay has taken charge of the Main Street Art Crawl in recent years and also serves on both the GALA and Art on the Kinni committees along with being CAB secretary. A valuable CAB member indeed!

**Hike and Seek Offered by
CAB**

Thanks to David Markson procuring a grant from Allina Health Neighborhood Health Connection, CAB is offering adult community members an opportunity to participate in a class that offers exercise and art.

Starting on June 22nd and for the next three Wednesdays (6/29, 7/6, 7/13) participants will hike a different River Falls trail and pick up interesting found objects in nature.

Members of the group will be provided with a CAB backpack and water bottle. The last two sessions (7/20 and 7/27) will be held at Art’s House to construct collages or Sculptures using collected treasures. The trails are easy walking and no artistic experience is required.

The cost of the class is \$30 and will meet from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M on each of the scheduled days. If you are interested please call Kay Fritz at 715-629-7656 to request a registration form or to get more information. You will need to register by June 10th.

**Hike and Seek
Registration Form**

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cost: \$30.00 paid to RF CAB by 6/10/16

CAB address: PO Box 162

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Classes to be held on:

6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27

Questions: Kay Fritz 715-425-7656

2016 Music in the Park

Rf-cab is excited to announce it’s 2016 Summer Music in the Park calendar. The line-up combines a nice mix of familiar faces with some newcomers, and promises to bring another fine season of concerts downtown to Veteran’s Park on both Friday and Saturday evenings. The series begins on Friday, June 17 and continues through the last Saturday in August. This year’s series also includes performances during River Falls Days - Saturday afternoon, July 9 in Veteran’s Park; and Sunday afternoon, July 10 in Heritage Park.

The opening weekend in June will feature two MIP favorites: the Brazilian and world-rhythm sounds of Xibaba, on Friday, June 17, and the (new) acoustic-bugaloo look of the Danger Rangers. Other new faces on the schedules this year include Tim Fast (June 25), Jack and Kitty (July 2), a big band from Eau Claire, aptly named The Chippewa Weapons of Brass Destruction (July 15), The New Riverside Ramblers (July 22), and Everett Smithson Band (Aug. 13).

Returning from last year will be Lonnie Knight, Doug Otto, and The Getaways. Long-time staples like The Tommy Bentz Band, trumpeter Steve Kenny and his Group 47, The Hunyuks, and The Galactic Cowboys are also on the bill, along with others. For the complete line-up visit the RF-CAB website, or keep your eye out for the posters when they hit the streets. All the concerts are free of charge and are from 7-9 pm (except the RF Days afternoon affairs). The Music in the Park series is one of the signature programs of the River Falls Community Arts Base and is 100% locally funded through a variety of sponsorships. The concerts have been a summer fixture in the community for more than 20 years, and are more popular than ever. See you there!

2015: In The Books -- A Special Year

CAB’s 20th year was highlighted by a big move and some ventures into new arts areas in 2015. The move was from the Academy building to Art’s house at 108 E. Maple St. We now share the space with the River Falls Community Theatre and are hoping to make some exciting announcements about happenings at the space in the near future.

As for new ventures, we teamed with River Falls Municipal Utilities in the Utility Box Beautification Project and helped get four of the Main Street boxes painted by local artists. That project has been warmly received. We are in the process of getting four more boxes painted as we speak. CAB’s mission continues to be a commitment to sustaining the arts and ensuring they are available, accessible, and affordable to the greater River Falls community. Stay tuned.



CHAMBER AMBASSADOR VISIT -- Jake Jacobson, Pres. of RF Community Theatre (RFCT) and Steve Preisler, Pres. of RF Community Arts Base (CAB) use the giant scissors for the ribbon cutting at the new Art’s House. Looking on (l-r) Monica Robey Steiner, Steiner Plumbing and Heating; Jody Pechacek, CPR Wealth Advisors; Toni Hinz, Junior’s Bar & Rest.; Jeff Schwab, B-Wireless; David Markson, RFCT and CAB; Cheryl Maplethorpe, CAB; Gorden Hedahl, RFCT; Kay Fritz, CAB; Ryan Leitch, Leitch Insurance Agency; Deb Lucero, CAB; Scott Jones, RCU; Angela Schoettle, CAB; Kaari Naughton, Hope Lutheran; and Maranda Mahr, River Falls Chamber.



Music in the Park!



Barn Dances!



Art on the Kinni!

On Saturday, September 10 the White Pathway will host the 21st Annual Art on the Kinni!



We saw you at...



Spring Arts Gala!



Utility Box

2015 Utility Box Artist from left to right: Mark Oleson, Julianne Larson, Leslie Batt-Lutz.



Main Street Art Crawl!

Art Crawl 2016 is on Saturday, October 29 and will feature poetry reading.

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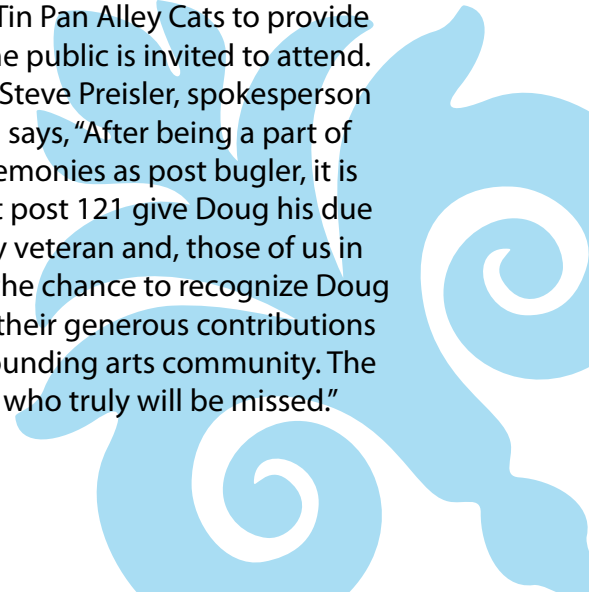
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Doug Johnson Open House

CAB and American Legion Post 121 announce an open house in memory of longtime River Falls resident and UWRF Art Professor, Doug Johnson. The event will take place on Saturday, May 7 at the Fletcher Pechacek Post, 701 North Main Street, starting with a full military honors ceremony at 6:30pm. A time for socializing will follow and CAB has arranged for the Tin Pan Alley Cats to provide music at that time. The public is invited to attend. CAB board President Steve Preisler, spokesperson for both organization says, "After being a part of countless honors ceremonies as post bugler, it is only fitting that we at post 121 give Doug his due respect as a U.S. Army veteran and, those of us in CAB are thankful for the chance to recognize Doug and wife, Margel, for their generous contributions to us and to the surrounding arts community. The man was an arts icon who truly will be missed."





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