October 3-8
Brunswick Art Works
ArtWorks’16
Annual Member’s Exhibit at the Brunswick Library
3649 Center Rd., Brunswick
Info: contact Vince Carl: 216-440-0427

October 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30
Medina County Show Biz Co.
“You Can’t Take it With You”
Directed by Frank Lucas
Haddad Theatre (Co. Admin. Bldg.)
144 N. Broadway, Medina
Fri. and Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
Tickets: Adults $12; Students, Seniors $10.
Purchase at door or Buehlers’

October 18
St. Paul’s Brown Bag Concert
Women Sing! Chorus
St. Paul’s Church, 317 E. Liberty St., Medina
12 noon
Info: www.stpauls-medina.org

October 25 & 26
ORMACO World Tour of Music
& the Medina Co. Libraries
West African Drumming & Dance
Register: www.mcdl.info/WorldTourofMusic

December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18
Medina County Show Biz Co.
“A Christmas Carol”
Directed by Martin Carlton
Haddad Theatre (Co. Admin. Bldg.)
144 N. Broadway, Medina
Fri. and Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
Tickets: Adults $12; Students, Seniors $10.
Purchase at door or Buehlers’

December 4
Medina Chorus
Winter Concert
3 p.m.
Medina Presbyterian Church
5020 Burgundy Bay, Medina
medinachorus.com

December 10
Medina County Arts Foundation
Akron Symphony Orchestra’s
Holiday Pops Concert
Medina Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m., Tickets: $15 or $25.
Symphony Box Office: 330-535-8131 or www.akronsymphony.org
October is National Arts and Humanities Month

Artists and arts organizations, put your heads together and whip up plans to call public attention to your projects for the coming month - and even for the coming year. Parents and teachers, join in the effort: get out the word of how the arts and humanities brighten up life and inform us about the culture in which we live.

All over our country “Americans for the Arts,” the national non-profit organization that supports this celebration, will be giving our state and local arts groups encouragement in focusing local attention on what arts are available in the communities in which we live and work and learn. Check the events described in this newsletter, on our website, on the links to many arts organizations listed on our website, and in local newspapers. Be sure to also check with your local library for a list of arts related activities and with your local historical organizations and schools.

Let us all recognize the contributions to our lives of artists, historians, teachers, and all the cultural groups working to make the arts and humanities a shining part of everyone’s life here in Medina County.

October 16 & 17 for “Guys and Dolls”

Mike Nickley will be directing “Guys And Dolls” for the Medina County Showbiz Company’s winter show scheduled for the first three weekends in February. Auditions are October 16, 2016, at 6 p.m. and October 17 at 7 p.m. at the Haddad Theater in the Medina County Administration Building at 144 North Broadway in Medina, one block north of the Medina Square. The show is a very popular musical comedy with a large cast.

October 2 & 3 for Wadsworth Footlighter’s December show

Auditions will be held October 2 from 2 to 5 p.m. and October 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 146 High Street, Wadsworth, for a December production to be presented by the Wadsworth Footlighters. The show is titled “The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen’s Guild Dramatic Society’s Production of A Christmas Carol.” It will be performed December 2 (one dinner show) and December 3 (one luncheon show and one dinner show).

Rehearsals will begin October 9 and run through November 27. 8 roles are available. Please bring a head shot and your conflict schedule. Auditions will consist of a cold reading of the script with others who are auditioning. Please plan to stay for the entire audition time. Info: www.wadsworth-footlighters.com.

Consider a donation to the Medina County Arts Council’s Endowment Fund. By endowing your gifts today, you can make a difference in your community during your lifetime and provide a gift that lasts forever. Your tax-deductible gift may be submitted online via our website, or mailed using the membership form on page 7 of this newsletter.
The Medina County Arts Council has been growing and thriving for over 30 years. Join us and become part of an organization that shares your passion for art—and love for community. See page 7 for more information.

**The Medina Holiday Pops Concert Scheduled for December 10**

The Annual Medina Holiday Pops Concert, featuring the Akron Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, will take place Saturday, December 10, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at The Medina Performing Arts Center. It is presented by The Medina County Arts Foundation. Michael Sferro, President of MCAF observes, “This delightful concert is becoming a tradition for the community. This year’s concert will be led by the music director of the Akron Symphony, Christopher Wilkins, and will feature the holiday favorites our audiences have come to love, as well as some exciting new selections this year.”

Once again, a scholarship will be awarded to a deserving Medina High School senior, giving the student the opportunity to conduct the orchestra in Leroy Anderson’s classic “Sleigh Ride.” Patron opportunities are available by contacting Sferro, at sferrom@medinabees.org or 330-289-6390. To purchase tickets, please call the Akron Symphony Box Office at 330-535-8131 or visit akronsymphony.org. Ticket prices remain unchanged at $15 and $25. Proceeds from the event will be used to support arts programming in the community.

**2017-2018 Grant Applications due February 28**

Applications for next season’s 2017-2018 MCAC grants must be received by February 28, 2017. Application forms and guidelines are available December 1st and may be printed out from our website: www.medinacountyarts council.org.

All grants will be reviewed in March by a committee of trustees and voted on by the Board in April. Those submitting applications will be notified by May 15 if they have been awarded a grant or not. The requesting nonprofit organization must have 501(c) status. Profits from any event or special project of the requesting organization must be used to promote the arts.
The Medina County Arts Council’s 2016 Arts Week Festival featured free evening concerts on Medina’s Square, Brunswick’s Rec Center, Sharon Center’s circle, Valley City’s Mill Stream Park and the Wadsworth Gazebo. Artists and performers presented children’s afternoon programs in Medina, Brunswick and Wadsworth. **Performances and classes were added to Wadsworth for the first time!** This year’s Arts Week Committee included Sue Becks, Jill Morton, Dan Hostetler, Elaine Lamb and Vicki Sheridan.
Children’s Art Classes

The Medina County Arts Council has offered summer classes for years, giving children an opportunity to discover their creative side. In July, we presented two popular arts education programs for children.

One of the most common ways of expressing ourselves is through drawing. Jim Gill, professional visual artist and performer, has taught our popular “Drawing & Cartooning” class for several years. The three-day class gave students the chance to learn cartooning as well as realistic drawing techniques.

The art of paperfolding, “Origami”, taught children how to construct models of animals, Star Wars characters and more from a single sheet of paper folded into geometric forms. Esther Kucinski, retired Buckeye art teacher, was the instructor.

The art classes were produced in cooperation with the Medina County District Library.

Summer Art Exhibits

The Arts Council sponsored two exhibits at the Medina Library’s “B. Smith Gallery” during June and July.

This was the second year for “Beyond the Classroom”, an exhibit to showcase the work of visual art teachers from Medina County public and private schools. Participating teachers were Kelly Harrison (Willetts Middle School), Carolee Gormley (Eliza Northrup Elementary) and Renee Kennedy (Cleggett Middle School). Also exhibiting were two of Mrs. Harrison’s students, Briana and Ian.

A second exhibit, “‘Scapes”, featured local artists Cindy Allman, Lee Beuther, Donna Crane, David R. Fawcett, and Linda Kenski.

Special Tributes for Arts Week Festival Support

As we look back on the July arts “celebration,” our Board of Trustees wants members and the public to be sure to recognize the organizational support we have depended on for our Arts Week Festival programming around the county. Thanks go to administrators and staff in the facilities hosting events. We were also able to extend our schedule this year to offer performances and classes in Wadsworth.

The twenty-two events and performances were made financially possible through special grants from the Ohio Arts Council and from the Medina County Community Fund.
Medina’s 21st Annual
Walk into history with the SPIRITS OF THE PAST

This year’s historical stories were presented on Sept. 8, 9 and 10 during a guided walk at locations around Medina Public Square. An indoor performance was enjoyed on Sept. 11 at Miss Molly’s Tea Room on W. Washington St. The lavishly decorated location allowed those who wanted pleasant entertainment to see the stories on Sunday afternoon without having to “walk,” and allowed them to enjoy delightful food and drink at a classic “English Tea.”

The reenactments from the lives of pioneers of Medina County has always been cooperatively staged by Medina Show Biz Company, Medina County Historical Society, and the Medina County Arts Council.

Actors involved included: Charles Ramer as Zenus Hamilton helping with ticket taking; Jennifer Knaggs, Carolyn Robinson, and Charlie Richards sharing a story about a traditional burial; Mike McClintock reporting on a Court House Explosion; Ron Svoboda, Amy Annico and Gary Linden covering a story of the Munson family; Mark Levigne talking about establishing an early local newspaper; Barry Frey as A.I. Root with his business on the Square; and Cyndi McClintock, playing Mrs. Dalton Eddy.
Support the Arts in Medina County and

BECOME AN ARTS COUNCIL MEMBER TODAY!

Membership is an important part of our success. We’re always working to make things happen for you!

Check type of Annual Membership/ Contribution:

- Individual, $30
- Family, $40
- Non-profit, $50
- Small Business, $50
- Benefactor, $100
- Corporate, $250

Enclosed is an extra contribution to be applied to the Medina County Arts Council Endowment Fund: $________

The Medina County Arts Council is fully recognized by the IRS as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $________

Enclosed is my check payable to Medina County Arts Council, Inc.

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Join Now!

Be a part of the ARTS in Medina County

One of the ways we find our life-purpose is expressed in the words of actress, and acclaimed acting teacher, Stella Adler,

“Life beats down and crushes the soul; art reminds you that you have one.”

What does a Medina County Arts Council membership mean to the community? By your paid membership, you become part of the greater good, by helping fund various forms of artistic nourishment to Medina County programs for children and adults. The arts continually lose government funding, but are critically needed to nurture hearts and souls, which allow individual abilities to surface and help others. It’s an ongoing gift that knows no end. All because you cared.

Please renew your membership or become a member during our annual drive and contribute to a brighter future.
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Annual Meeting
February 15, 2017
Medina County Arts Council members are invited to attend our Annual Meeting, at the Medina County Library, 210 S. Broadway in Medina. Refreshments will be served.

Service to the Arts Awards and Soirée Fundraiser
June 8, 2017
Our annual Service to the Arts Awards Event and Soirée fundraiser. Learn more about this special event in our spring newsletter.

Children’s Art Classes
July 2017

Summer Art Exhibit
June 19 - July 15, 2017
At the Medina Library’s “B. Smith Gallery”.

Arts Week Festival
July 10-14, 2017
Free arts activities and concerts for the whole family!

Spirits of the Past
September 7-10, 2017

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