



50th Community Christmas Concert

December 5th, 2010 will mark the 50th Anniversary of a Centralia tradition originally known as the Christmas Candlelight Concert. This special event was moved to the Community Arts Center in 2008 after the completion of the building expansion. The name was changed at this time to "Holiday Festival of the Arts" as a way to encompass the "Arts" in their many forms.

This year's program will include featured performances by the Philharmonic Orchestra, Choral Society, Phil's Harmoniks, Bronze Expression and the Centralia High School Choir. Ensemble music will be played and refreshments served following the concert in the front gallery that will be festooned for the Christmas Season.

Returning for its third year is the "Holiday Ornament Contest" hosted by the Centralia Cultural Society and the Business and Professional Women's Club. Area schools are encouraged to participate as a class in designing ornaments. The ornaments, many made from recycled items, will be on display for all to enjoy. First place selections will win a Pizza Party for their class. New this year, members of the Light and Lens Camera Club and Palette and Brush will have a selection of their works on exhibit and available to purchase "a Wonderful Christmas Gift idea for someone special on your list".

Mark your calendars for this Centralia tradition. Doors will open at 1:30 and the concert will begin at 2:00pm, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, 2010.



CHRISTMAS WREATH SILENT AUCTION

Each of the Cultural Society groups will be creating a Christmas Wreath to be given away via a silent auction during the "Festival of the Arts" event on December 5. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on the wreath of their choice.



CCS Scholarships Awarded

The Scholarship Committee of the Centralia Cultural Society awarded the following scholarships for 2010 for a total of \$1250. CCS scholarships of \$250 each were awarded to Amber Nail and Tyson Cole. Amber is a theatre major at Eastern Illinois University. Tyson is attending SIU-Edwardsville studying Theatre/Communications. The Margaret Sapp Music Scholarship for \$500 was awarded to Jessica Cook. Jessica is pursuing her degree in Music. The Judd Caraker Art Scholarship for \$250 was awarded to Mackenzie T. Prather. Mackenzie is pursuing a degree in Art and Design/Studio Art at SIU-Edwardsville.

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are always welcome and may be sent to the Centralia Cultural Society, P. O. Box 220, Centralia, Illinois 62801. Only the interest from the fund is used each year. It is the mission of the Cultural Society to encourage young people to continue their pursuit of the arts in a 2-year or 4-year program.

Actors in Action

Actors In Action is a theatre group for young adults, high school age and older that is directed by Viki Oliver Loomis. Youth new to the program meet from 4-5pm Monday afternoons, returning members meet from 5-6pm. The weekly sessions include theatrical training, exercises, and rehearsals for performances that range from small community service skits to participating in a stage performance.

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