



In the world of art, May is the new December!

This space is usually a list of upcoming activities, but I do not dare this month! I am sure to miss a multitude. There are school plays and concerts, community plays and concerts, graduations, deadlines to register for summer activities, summer activities, first day of activities for the summer activities...and, so forth. Of course, there is Mother's Day and a garden to be planted!

Just enjoy the month!

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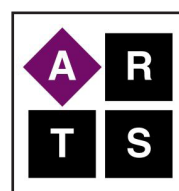
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ARTScene

GALLERY HOP '26 – A PERFECT WAY TO SPEND A SPRING EVENING

a free arts event for everyone

Downtown Danville will be lively when Gallery Hop fills the central streets. There will be opportunities to shop downtown businesses, discover art and meet artists both new and returning. This year the Arts Commission is partnering with the downtown merchants and Farmers' Market to open the Third Thursdays summer schedule on May 21st from 5:00 – 8:00.

Hop will also feature local arts organizations to give Hoppers information and a heads up on the exciting summer months ahead! As the day approaches, a paper copy listing the participants will be available, as well as information on social media. A digital map will be accessible on the Arts Commission website, danvillearts.org, and Facebook and linked through the City of Danville and Destination Danville pages.



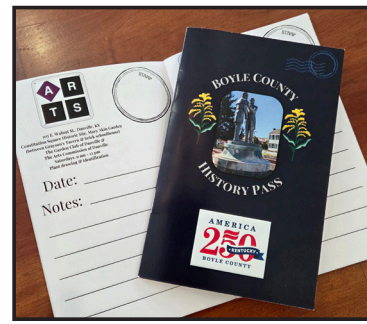
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AMERICA 250 IN BOYLE COUNTY BIGGER THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE

No matter what their interest, there is bound to be something for residents and visitors of any age as Boyle County celebrates the 250th birthday of American Independence. A committee under the leadership of Tony Wilder has planned in detail for months. Many activities are sponsored and coordinated by multiple organizations. On May 9th, noted

historians will present and discuss the significant role of the "other" McDowell – Samuel. The event features a chautauqua performance of Samuel McDowell by Tom Ellis. The program is free.

The Arts Commission has partnered with the Garden Club of Danville to offer a Passport activity Saturdays June through August



during Farmers' Market. Stop by the Mary Akin Garden next to the



Brick Schoolhouse to experience a bit of heirloom gardening.

Youth Arts Exhibits in April feature Middle Schools

Thank you Coldwell Banker and Dry Stack for hosting the work of the talented students of Brandon Long at Boyle Middle School and Vickie Hunt at JW Bate Middle School. Each collection illustrates the strength of the arts education programs in our local schools.



SEED SWAP IS MORE THAN SEEDS

On a Saturday morning in late March, the Arts Commission joined up with Farmers' Market, The Garden Club of Danville and the Extension Office for a pop up market and seed swap. The Arts Commission helped kids plant Marigold seeds in a cup and then string beads to decorate the marker. A parent reported over this past weekend that the seeds sprouted heartily. Nice to know there was the intended outcome.



ARTS COMMISSION CAMP PROGRAM EXPANDS IN SUMMER OF '26

The Arts Commission is fortunate to have access to two spaces at Jennie Rogers Community

Center. In 2025, we held a week long camp for children 5 – 12. With the assistance to two very talented, and patient, high school students we danced, wrote plays, and made art of all sorts. A final performance for friends and family was more than entertaining.

We enjoyed ourselves so much, we have decided



STARS ARE BORN!

The Joe Mathis Show on WHIR is a regular Thursday morning stop for the Arts Commission. At about 7:45 we report on various Commission art and cultural activities we sponsor or partner as well as those of others. We also bring our own guests to the program. Recently, students from Toliver Elementary visited with a bit from their Fifth Grade show, *The Aristocats Kids*. They returned to school as stars! They even signed Joe's wall of fame in the studio.



School play finally completes its season

In the theatre world, the show must go on. In the real world sometimes the schedule is not so smooth. After multitudes of weather problems, school closings and general upheaval of schedules, *The Tipping Point* by Liz Orndorff was finally presented to a public audience. We are grateful to Paula Meckes and the Jennie Rogers Community Center for sharing their dance studio space, at literally the last moment, so parents and friends



could appreciate the talents of the cast in presenting this piece. The play, sponsored by the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, carries a powerful message which was well received by students at Boyle County and Danville Middle Schools.

In memory of Virginia Robertson



Local retired teacher and artist, Virginia Robertson, died on April 2nd. Virginia taught at Burgin Independent Schools specializing in science, creative writing and art. Throughout her career she participated in local art activities including the Arts Commission's Gallery Hop. She was a member of the Gathering Artists and other arts organizations. She is pictured here at a Gallery Hop Stop at Chase Bank.

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