Arts Council News

New Board Elected: The arts council membership elected two new directors to the OCAC Board. Bailley Rose Sharkey (of Gems and Stems @ Eastside) and Leanne Scott (of MOVE Therapies) became new business members and were elected directors. They join returning directors Bertie Barrens, Tiffany Beckedorf, Adrienne Herbert, Bernice Mlylniemi, Caroline Whyte, and executive officers Penelope Johnson, Janice Goodman, Diane Gludovatz, and JoAnn Turner. Thank you to retiring director Janet Bednarczyk, who continues leading the CreateAbility program.

Awarded!: The BC Arts Council (our governing body) has just awarded the OCAC its largest ever operational grant: $17,000! This annual sum arrives in three components: a Basic amount of $3000 (based on location and population), a Local Government Matching amount of $5000 (matching municipal and RDOS funding). The remainder is the “Annual Performance Award”, based on a juried review of our arts programming and administration. We must be pretty fabulous, because we were awarded $9000 out of the maximum allowable $10,000. While the funding amount is announced, we still await adjudicatory remarks. We’ll let you know!

Operational funding is important because it can be applied to what other grants do not cover: repairs, maintenance, admin expenses, … as well as our big events and art programming.

Showcase of Talent: This youth concert is planned for Wednesday April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Venables Theatre Atrium. Funded in part by the Oliver Kiwanis. Come hear some lovely music by gifted young people!

The Painted Chair upcycles old furniture into works of art
Member News

Oliver & District Heritage Society
Crush Cabin Fever
Board games night for grownups
Wednesday March 11
6 – 8 p.m.
Oliver Museum, 474 School Avenue, Oliver
Bring your own, or board games provided. Refreshments served.
RSVP: www.facebook.com/OliverHeritageS/

OM & Sonic Flower Entertainment present
DREAMS / ARRIVAL
Tribute to Fleetwood Mac and ABBA
Friday March 13
7:30 p.m.
Venables Theatre
Tickets: $43
www.venablestheatre.ca 250-498-1626

The Firehall Brewery presents
Trivia Nights: Spring Edition
Six consecutive Saturdays of fun + prizes!
Team up or come solo, come once or all!
Saturdays March 21 – April 25
7:00 p.m.
Firehall Brewery
6077 Main Street (Downstairs, Alley Access)
No cover charge. Great beer!
www.firehallbrewery.com

Venables Theatre presents
God is a Scottish Drag Queen
3X Canadian Comedy Award Nominee Mike Delamont
“God is the comedian, not the punchline”
Saturday March 14
7:30 p.m.
Venables Theatre
Tickets $30
www.venablestheatre.ca 250-498-1626

The Firehall Brewery presents
SongWriters’ Circle
Kristi Neumann, Mike Szalay, Marcel Morneau, Vincent Decowans
A quiet evening to listen to songs being born....
Tuesday March 24
7:00 p.m.
Firehall Brewery
$15
6077 Main Street (Downstairs, Alley Access)
www.firehallbrewery.com/events

The Dance Studio of Oliver presents
Competitive Showcase
Sunday March 15
6:00 p.m.
Venables Theatre
Adults $22.50, Seniors $17.50, Youth (3-18) $7.50
Tickets: www.venablestheatre.ca
Info: www.thedancestudioinoliver.com

Desert Sage Spinners and Weavers invites you to
Spin-In Open House
hand-dyed yarns, rovings & knitted goods for sale
alpaca ~ mohair ~ wool
Saturday March 28
1 - 4 p.m.
Walnut Beach Resort, 4200 Lakeshore Dr, Osoyoos
FREE Admission
Gems and Stems at Eastside offers
Spring Wreath Workshop
Saturday March 28
5:30 - 7:30 pm.
Gems and Stems at Eastside
6496 Park Drive, Oliver
$50, including light snacks and tea
Info: gemsandstems.com/wreath-workshop
Register: 1-250-826-0438 OR
bailley.rose@gemsandstems.com OR @gemsandstemsateastside

Venables Theatre presents
Birthday Present to Myself
Music + story + theatre + dance = inspiration!
Friday April 3
Venables Theatre
Adults $32, Students $20
www.venablestheatre.ca 250-498-1626

The Double O Quilters Guild presents
Quilts * Beyond
Exhibit, merchant mall, silent auction, voting
April 3 - 4
Friday 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Oliver Community Centre
Admission by donation. Refreshments

The Okanagan Art Gallery presents
First Friday
Exhibits, wine, refreshments, artists
Friday April 3
5 – 7 p.m.
Okanagan Art Gallery
#5 8302 Main Street, Osoyoos
604-308-3995 www.okanaganartgallery.com

Savage West Productions
Country Icons
Tribute to Alan, Waylon and Merle
Wednesday April 8
7:30 p.m.
Venables Theatre
TICKETS - $49
www.venablestheatre.ca
Box Office: Tues – Friday 10 – 3 250-498-1626

Rocket Man: A Tribute to Elton John
also THE PIANO MAN - A Tribute to Billy Joel
starring vocalist / pianist Ryan Langevin
Thursday April 9
7:30 p.m.
Venables Theatre
TICKETS - $49
www.venablestheatre.ca
Box Office: Tues – Friday 10 – 3 250-498-1626

Elvis on Tour LIVE
Starring Eli Williams
Friday April 10
7:30 p.m.
Venables Theatre
TICKETS - $45
www.venablestheatre.ca
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Venables Theatre presents
Uzume Taiko
Family ShowTime Series
Saturday April 18
6:30 p.m.
Venables Theatre
Tickets $12.50
www.venablestheatre.ca 250-498-1626
**Oliver Grandmothers for Africa host**

**SPRING BLING SALE**
Jewelry, accessories, and plants sale
Friday April 24
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Medici’s Coffeehouse and Gelateria
522 Fairview Road, Oliver
Enjoy some coffee or lunch while you’re here!

**The Firehall Brewery presents**

**THE FORKS**
clawhammer banjo + guitar folk duo
Friday April 24
7:00 p.m.
Firehall Brewery
$15.75
6077 Main St. (Downstairs, Alley Access)

Upcoming Concerts at Firehall Brewery:
April 30 - Moonfruits (folk)
May 9 - Danny Brooks (Tennessee blues)
May 27 - The Resignators (ska punk)

Info: www.firehallbrewery.com/events FB: @thefirehallbrewery

**Sage Valley Voices Community Choir**

**TV Tunes in Technicolor**
Saturday April 25
7:00 p.m.
Sunday April 26
2:30 p.m.
Oliver United Church
$12.00 (Children under 12 FREE)

Refreshments served. Food Bank donations accepted.

**South Okanagan Photos & Art**

The Gallery on Main, 6220 Main St, Oliver
Open Mondays – Fridays 8:30 – 4:30, Saturdays 8:30 - 2
works by Jack Bennest, Lumb Stocks and more

**SOAP Theatre presents**

**Flaming IDIOTS**

by Tom Rooney
Directed by Diane Gludovbatz
Friday April 24- Sat. April 25
Friday May 1 – Sat. May 2
7:00 p.m.
MATINEE: Sunday April 26
2:00 p.m.
Frank Venables Theatre
$23 Advance ~ $25 Day of Show
Students: $13 Advance ~ $15 Day

**Musaic Vocal Ensemble presents**

**25th Anniversary Concert**

Featuring Faure’s Requiem and 25 years of favourites
May 1
7:30 p.m.
Penticton United Church
May 3
2:30 p.m.
St John’s Lutheran Church, Summerland
Adults: $20, Students: $5
Tickets: Dragon’s Den and Artisans of the Okanagan, and the Door

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