

## CALENDAR

### MAY 31-SEPTEMBER 4

"Passport to Adventure"

Children's Art Project stop at the  
AIB Center (during normal business  
hours 10 – 4 Fri. & Sat.)  
117 W. Railroad Ave.

### JUNE 26-27

8th Annual AIB Festival of the Arts  
Downtown Bartlett, Town Center  
10AM-5PM

## VILLAGE HALL GALLERY

228 S. Main, 2nd Floor  
Mon-Fri: 8:30AM-4:30PM  
Sat: 9:00AM-12:00PM

### APRIL 5-30

"Member Spring Art Show"

Reception April 20 5:30-6:45PM

### MAY 10-27

"The Art of Fire"

Pyrography by Sharon Bechtold

Reception: May 18  
5:30-6:45PM

### MAY 31-SEPT 4

Passport for Adventure.

Children's Art Project one stop at the  
Center for the Arts, 117 W. Railroad  
Ave. 10AM-4PM on Fri & Sat

### JUNE 7-26

AIB Arts Festival Preview show

Reception: June 8  
5:30-6:45PM

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like to decorate? Do you like the sense of satisfaction that comes from seeing your work immediately impact others? Arts in Bartlett is looking for a small group of volunteers to help set up artist receptions. Whenever a new artist is featured at the Center for the Arts or at the Village hall a reception is planned. We are looking for help in providing this important function. You will get a better understanding of the artist's vision, learn valuable techniques and know that your work is greatly appreciated. If you are interested please contact Cecelia Green at 630.372.4152.

## OH WHAT AN ADVENTURE!

The Bartlett International Chorus, which contains 6 AIB members accompanied the Chicago Hakka Chorus to perform and tour Taiwan March 2-11. They traveled and performed in the cities Tai Pei, Miaoli, Ping Dong, and Zu Dong.

Incredibly high energy; received and demanded, copious gift exchanges; both large and small, daily celebratory eating and toasting opportunities, and solid media coverage; both local and territorial only begin to describe the experiences of the Bartlett International Chorus.

Rita Lopienski, choral director, and other



Pagoda with sign of the Bartlett International Chorus

## VICTORY CENTRE OF BARTLETT

Events free and open to the public  
visit [www.Pathwaysl.com](http://www.Pathwaysl.com)  
Reservations encouraged  
Contact 630-213-0100

## MEETINGS

### ARTS IN BARTLETT BOARD MEETING

April 26, 7:00PM  
Log Cabin

### INTERNATIONAL CHORUS

Every Wednesday 7:00PM  
Victory Center

### TI VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

April 21, 7:00PM  
Poplar Creek Library

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUMMER FEST AND CRAFT FAIR

July 17  
Various locations around Bartlett



Welcome Bartlett International and Hakka Choruses

chorus members declared that their experiences were overwhelming, superlative, indescribable, and exhausting in a wonderful way. The level of hospitality and enthusiasm shown by local political officials, during meet and greets, surpassed anything that the Chicago Hakka Chorus had encountered before. The official Sister City ceremony signifying Miaoli as Bartlett's companion city was so significant that another mayor wanted Bartlett to adopt them also. Gift exchanges occurred constantly. Some of the gifts received were shown before the regularly scheduled Village government meeting, which was April 6 at the Bartlett Village Hall.

Because Miaoli City is a smaller city where US foreigners are not often seen, the novelty of white, U.S. citizens coupled with their impeccable mastery of the Hakka language may have swelled the crowds. It is estimated that at one performance in Zu Dong, at the Hakka Festival, over 10, 000

Mialoi City Mayor Chiu Greets the International Chorus



people were in attendance.

And what did the Bartlett International Chorus take from their experience? The Taiwanese are unusually generous, kind, hospitable and open to foreigners. Rita Lopienski remarked that they taught us how to treat visitors as ambassadors, not merely as guests; to go the extra mile to make every one feel not just welcome but welcomed. Secondly, we learned about their culture including art, music and religion as practiced in their country.

It truly was a trip to be remembered for a lifetime.

Check out: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSjQzfw39FY&feature=related>



Chicago Hakka Chorus,  
and International Chorus in  
Miaoli City

Rita, Tsai Tang Wen, and  
Mei Lin

Tsai Tang Wen, Cecilia,  
and Mary



Sister city exchange at Village Hall, returning with the gifts from the Mayor of Maioli, the flag, jade wall hanging, and signed sister city agreement.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring Greetings! Enjoy this April issue that features the Bartlett International Chorus trip to Taiwan. We were proud to represent Bartlett, the arts, cultural exchanges, Sister City involvement and more. We were American ambassadors to a very exciting country! We experienced unbelievable hospitality, charm, kindness that will never be forgotten. We learned about the proper way to welcome people. It is truly great that Arts in Bartlett was a major component of this trip and cultural exchange. Look for some future programming involving Taiwan and the arts, as in the summer Passport to Adventure program. We also hope that many of you will volunteer your time to help with the June Arts Festival! Read our newsletter, the emails, and help our mission by being an active participant with Arts in Bartlett.



Thank you!! Rita

## SOLUTION TO MARCH PUZZLE

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## FOUR PHOTOGRAPHERS SHARE THEIR INSIGHTS

On Wednesday April 7 AIB sponsored a photography seminar coordinated by Bob Gelb, AIB membership chairperson. Featured along with Bob was Detlef Koertge speaking on Portraiture, Ted Nyquist detailing landscape photography, and Pat Russell speaking on the benefits of Point and Shoot cameras.

The range of photographic skills on display was one of the highlights of the evening. Bob Gelb provided some tips and techniques and had three salient points: managing light is a major photographic function, being camera ready to anticipate the shot is vital, and adjusting the camera to minimize post production is important. Detlef Koertge, a self-taught photographer, described how a studio session for portrait work will be successful if you make the subject comfortable with laughter, provide a relaxed atmosphere, and tell a story by model posing techniques. Ted Nyquist described the camera techniques for landscapes as: eliminating non-essentials, establishing the color correctness by the time of day, and controlling depth to draw a person visually into your picture by camera placement and shadow control. Finally Pat Russell showed the beauty that can be achieved without a great deal of camera manipulation. Her sea and landscapes demonstrated her artistic sense and proved to the audience that even a simple camera can generate lovely photos if you are willing to really look at the beauty before you.

If you want to develop your own photographic skills take a look at the AIB web site, [www.artsinbartlett.org](http://www.artsinbartlett.org). Click on the photography link and you will find links and copy organized under the following: topics "Build it yourself," "Sites and Subscriptions," "Where to Buy," and "Instruction".

## BETTER BEAMERFLASH EXTENDER

Finally, a projected flash unit for telephoto lenses that is lightweight and sturdy and fits in your shirt pocket when it is disassembled! Flash output is increased about two stops; this allows shooting at greater distances and shooting with smaller apertures. Reduces the drain on battery power by two-thirds.

This ingeniously designed product is, indeed, the Better Mousetrap. It weighs just 21/2 ounces. The rugged, injection-molded plastic side supports are attached to the flash head by a sturdy elastic band. The rigid

supports FIRMLY hold the Fresnel screen in place in both Horizontal and Vertical formats. Set-up is simple and takes less than a minute and removal is even easier.

<https://store.birdsasart.com/shop/item.aspx?itemid=4>

## TRI VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

Everyone is invited to attend the Tri Village Garden Club of Bartlett, Hanover Park and Streamwood on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm. at the Poplar Creek Public Library at 1405 S. Park Ave., Streamwood. Kelly Bryant with the University of Illinois Master Gardener program, Easter Seals of DuPage County, and Cantigny Gardens will speak on "Bountiful & Beautiful - Edible Ornamentals". One of the hottest trends in gardening today is plants which provide value to your table and the landscape. Non-members and members-to-be are encouraged to attend. Kelly is a frequent guest speaker at area garden clubs. She especially enjoys fellow gardeners who share her love of daylilies and hostas. Kelly gardens on a small suburban lot in Clarendon Hills and starts a large number of plants from seed. Learn how to make the most of your garden real estate by incorporating more healthy and attractive herbs, vegetables and fruits in the space you have. No longer are these crops relegated to the "back 40." Edible ornamentals offer more than a feast for the eyes!

Annual dues are only \$15. Tri Village Garden Club meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month. For further information call 630-830-0118 or visit us at [www.trivillagegardenclub.org](http://www.trivillagegardenclub.org)

April 24th the Tri Village Garden Club will have a table from noon until 4 p.m. at James Pate Philip State Park Nature Center, located at 2054 Stearns Road in Bartlett to celebrate Earth Day. It's a great place to bring the kids for an afternoon of fun and learning. Grandchildren welcomed.

The Tri Village Garden Club Plant Sale of annuals, Perennials, Vegetables & Herbs will be Saturday, May 1st, 2010 10 AM to 4 PM, rain or shine at Banbury Fair, 211 Railroad Ave., Bartlett, (across from old historic train depot in downtown Bartlett.) No admission fee. For further information call Bruce at 630-837-1727 or visit us at [www.trivillagegardenclub.org](http://www.trivillagegardenclub.org)

On June 16th Peggy Drescher from the Morton Arboretum will speak on "Trees – their needs and pests" at the Poplar Creek Public Library at 1405 S. Park Ave., Streamwood.

Visit six remarkable gardens on Saturday, July 10th, 2010, 10:00am to 3:00pm for a Benefit Garden Walk starting at Banbury Fair, 211 Railroad Ave., in Bartlett. Proceeds will go for a horticultural scholarship. Tickets will be available in May at the club's annual plant sale at Banbury Fair, at the Bartlett Farmer's Market (on Fridays), Platt Hill Nursery, Arts in Bartlett Gallery, 117 Railroad St., and American Chartered Bank (across from CVS pharmacy). Advance tickets \$10; the day of the walk, \$12. For more information phone Carol Ann at 630-289-8592 or visit us at [www.trivillagegardenclub.org](http://www.trivillagegardenclub.org) This would be a great day to put on our red hats and stroll through the gardens.

Friends are the seeds of life – grow many.

Hope to see you,

Sue Stocks

### **Kentucky Derby fest Fund Raiser for W.A.C.O. (Woodfield Area Children's Org.)**

Saturday May 1, 3-8PM

Bannerman's Sport Grill (Stearns & Rt. 59), Bartlett  
Tickets Adults \$30.00 in advance/\$35.00 at door Children \$10-15.00. Ticket includes 2 drinks or 1 soft drink

Free Appetizers, raffles, best hat contest,  
door prizes, silent auction

Contact Tami Lesniak 847.732.1822  
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## NEW MEMBERS

### The following are new members since February 2010

Craig Brandt, Bartlett – Craig is a freelance photographer who likes to capture landscapes at the first light of day. See his incredible images at the 117 W. Railroad gallery. Check out his portfolio at <http://www.craigbrandtphotography.com>

Christine Dokey, Hanover Park – Christine is a painter of oils on canvas.

Kristin DeGruy, Bartlett

Matthew Falco, Bartlett – Matt has his own firm in Bartlett, Falco Architects. He is a director on the board of the Bartlett Chamber of Commerce and is the Chamber's liaison on the Arts in Bartlett board of directors as well. He enjoys sketching and doing watercolors.

Arthur Funk, Bartlett -- A watercolor artist, Art has two abstracts in the Spring Member's Show at the 2nd Floor Bartlett Village Hall Gallery.

Rose Stoebling, Winfield – A fiber artist, Rose has quilted cloth bags in the 117 W. Railroad Gallery, ranging from Monet-like scenes through whimsical cats.

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