



Post Rock Opportunities Foundation

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Spring 2014

Meet the Artists
Saturday, April 5th
11 am to 3 pm

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Wheat Weaving by
Donna Morgenstern



Doggy Jacket by
Boomeroots



Dream Image by
Randy Clark



Author Nancy
Larsen-Sanders



Sunflower Vase by
Michelle Weigel



Kraslice Egg
Kepka Belton

Donna Morgenstern, **Wheat Designs**, Michelle Weigel, **Grapevine Ceramics**, Barbara McPherson, **Boomeroots**, Randy Clark, **Dream Images**, and **Author**, Nancy Larsen-Sanders will be the Guest Artists for the **Meet the Artists**, Saturday, April 5th at Kansas Originals. (Kepka Belton could not attend.) Congratulations to our Artists of the Month.

We will be sampling Kansas specialty foods including our new **Cashmere Gourmet Popcorn** and **Rabbit Creek's Three Berry Fruit Dip Mix** along with salsas, jellies, fudge and one of our favorites--*Peach Jalapeno Jelly* with Cream Cheese. There will be live music and a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate in addition to our gift basket drawing. Stop by and join us.

25th Annual Meeting

The public is invited our Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 5th. The meeting will be held at Grandma's Soda Shop in Wilson. This new business, located on main street, has an original soda fountain and serves old-fashioned sodas. The menu will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, salad, a dip of ice cream in a waffle cup drizzled with chocolate and tea or coffee for \$9.99 plus tax. Time for the event will be from 4 pm to 6 pm. Call us for your reservations. 785-658-2602



The Featured Artists for April

Donna Morgenstern of **Wheat Designs**, says, “I love all things in nature...it speaks a universal voice!” Her love of nature is evident in the intricate wheat weaving angels, crosses, hearts and other spectacular pieces that she creates. Among her many accomplishments, Donna sold a 36” Crèche that was placed in the Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. and she has been a winner of “Best of Show” at the Kansas State Fair. She has taught her art at many locations in Kansas. She says, The biggest surprise for me has been the total resilience wheat straw has, its enduring quality and strength and its artistic beauty.

After **Barbara McPherson** adopted her doggie, Boomer, she became interested doggie apparel. She says, “He would shiver when we went out for a walk, so I decided to make him a jacket.” Thus **Boomer** was born. She secured K-State and KU licenses and continued to develop other products for dog owners. Her business has evolved into making other KU and K-State items such as placemats, baby bibs, diaper covers and coasters.

Randy Clark has captured the attention of both adults and children with his **Dream Images** which combine both realism and the abstract. He says, “I believe spontaneous is a valid description of my current artwork; my mind’s eye envisions something that might be quite different from the end product, but yet enlightening. Interpreting my work evokes an emotion in the eye of the beholder.” Randy retired from education as a teacher and coach after 36 years in several Kansas communities. His work is found in private collections in 7 states and Japan.

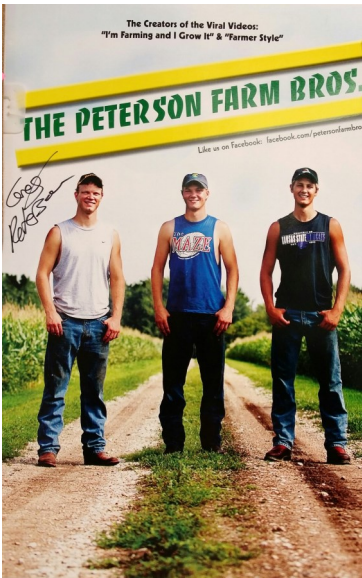
Now Showing: Videos of Area Attractions

Coming Soon: Supporting Members and Sponsors Honor Wall

Michelle Weigel of **GrapeVine Ceramics** takes inspiration from her Kansas surroundings and experiences of rural America. It shows in her ceramic pieces featuring sunflowers on a cobalt blue background, that are created with the help and support of her husband, Art. Many of the techniques they use have been self-taught using the “trial and error” method. Her pieces have traveled farther than she ever will, decorating homes throughout the US and as far away as Turkey and China.

Nancy Larsen-Sanders was once a college teacher of composition and literature, creative writing, and English as a second language. Later, the majority of her teaching career was spent in northwest Kansas in the Colby schools, teaching learning disabled students. Nancy has written a series of 5 intriguing fiction books following the story of her character, a 4 year old girl in the early 1900’s through the depression and dust bowl. Nancy’s books are filled with Kansas memories and an accurate historical background. She and her husband, John, live near Colby.

Kepka Belton is an expert in the traditional Czech art of kraslice – egg decorating. Kepka first began working with traditional designs as a child when her grandmother taught her to draw them. In 1976, Belton showcased her Czech creations in the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival. Creating the Kraslice eggs is a painstakingly detailed process. Depending on how intricate the design, it can take up to three hours for Belton to create one egg. The styles that Belton creates are mostly Batik and wax designs. Belton has exhibited her work internationally and received numerous awards and recognitions for her art work. Belton says, “I wasn’t planning on becoming **The Czech Egg Lady**. I just wanted to know more about the eggs and my heritage.”



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Post Rock Opportunities Foundation 25th Anniversary Benefit Concert

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday, August 17th, for a concert by the **Peterson Farm Bros!** This event will be held for the benefit of the **Post Rock Opportunities Foundation** to support the work of Kansas Artists, Craftsmen and food producers. The concert will be held at the **12th Street Auditorium** in Hays, Kansas. We are really excited about this event and will provide further details as they become available. *Like* the **Peterson Farm Bros.** on Facebook to discover the excitement they generate. To keep up with the latest information on the concert and news about events and artists, *Like* **Kansas Originals Market & Gallery** on Facebook.

Gift Basket Winners

January	February	March
Terry Carlson <i>Petaluma CA</i>	John McKirahan <i>Kearney NE</i>	David Wasinger <i>Hays KS</i>

25th Anniversary Wish List

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| New Carpeting | New Laptop |
| Someone to maintain rock garden | Vent fan for women's restroom |
| Billboard sign on roof | Interior paint and painter |
| Volunteer to help with filing | Outside banner for lake traffic |

*Thank you
Rolling Hills Electric for
the TV and DVD for our
Tourist Information Center*

*Thank you
Wanda Squib for
the Kitchen faucet*

Winners of our 25th Anniversary Kickoff Fundraiser:

- 40" Gaming TV – Mike Fisher, *Russell*
- Name Stone Post donated by Neil Unrein – Lu Willingham, *Sylvan Grove*
- Cement Bench donated by Ryan Weber – Richard Murphy, *Osborne*
- Large Gift Basket from Kansas Originals – Joyce Rogers, *Spearville*