



**Art Association**  
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# Fall 2008

*Celebrating the Arts in Fairfield for 41 Years!*

## Exhibit Calendar 2008

September 1-30

Alex Carter  
Theater Lobby

September 5-30

Norm Pagels  
Parsons Alumni Hall

October 3-November 30

Christine Mullane  
Theater Lobby

December 5-31

Young Artists 2008  
Theater Lobby

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## Relief Sculptures by Norm Pagels

Norm Pagels' sculpture show will open Friday, September 5th at 6 pm with an artist reception at the FA&CC. The show will be held in the Parsons College Alumni Hall and will help kick off the Parsons College Reunion.

Norm Pagels was born in Saginaw, Michigan in 1943. He earned a BA in art education from Parsons College and an MFA in painting at the Instituto Allende Guanajuato Universidad de Mexico. He did post graduate work at both the University of Iowa and the University of Illinois.

Norm was an art educator for 30 years. in the Davenport Schools. During this time he exposed his students to many different mediums including his favorite, relief sculpture.

Norm was introduced to relief images when he studied in Mexico. He was fascinated by the images on walls of churches there.

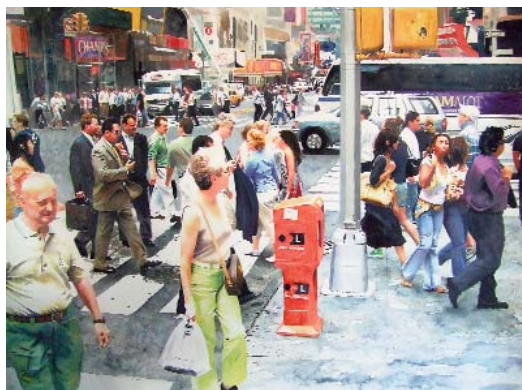
Norm develops his images in styro-foam then covers them with plaster. He continues by priming and painting

them to resemble the relief work he found in Mexico. His work is composed of both visual images and letters that are raised above and around the surface. He encourages viewers to contemplate their own interpretations between the two visual images.

The show may be viewed upon the opening and throughout September from 9am to 5pm daily and during performances of the Sondheim Theater.



## Alex Carter Watercolor Show Held Over



Alex Carter's Watercolor Show will continue in the Theater Lobby of the FA&CC through the end of September. His high contrast colors and textured brush strokes create watercolor paintings that are truly unique.

Alex was born and raised in Central Iowa and is currently residing in the East Village in Des Moines. His show may be viewed from 9am to 5pm daily or during theater performances.

# Fall Art Classes

The FAA Education Committee is just getting started in lining up classes for all ages. Visiting and featured exhibiting artists are being invited to share their art skills in workshops, to give gallery talks and demonstrations. The October/November Exhibit by Des Moines artist Christine Mullane will include a workshop in printmaking. Look for details on this and other classes as they approach. You can also register for any art class by emailing funky-fairy@lisco.com or suzan1252@aol.com

*Ladies' Night*  
*2nd Thursday*  
*FAA Studio*  
*7-9 pm*

Time to let your creative spirit out. A different fun creative activity each month. Paint glassware, make jewelry, create original cards and much more. Bring a friend. Beverages served. \$5 plus some material fees. Monthly projects will be in the newspaper and posted at the FAA Studio. Pre-register at 472-5176.

## For the Young Artists

3rd Saturdays in the FAA Studio  
10-11:30 am  
\$12 includes materials

Art instruction in a variety of mediums by artists themselves. This class will support your artistic young person and encourage growth of their creative talents.

Pre-register by calling 472-5176.

Open Studio  
4th Thursday  
FAA Studio 7-9 pm

Missing out on time for doing your own art work? Bring something you are working on or start a new project during FAA's Open Studio. Share creative ideas and learn from your artistic friends. No fee for FAA members. The group can decide on future plans, such as live models, or desired instruction. Become an active community artist. Mark your calendar for "4th Thursday" Art Together. Questions call 472-5176.

## Arts & Crafts Fun

Saturdays after the Art Walk  
Grades K and Up  
FAA Studio  
10:00 - 11:30 am

Creative fun in different mediums with various instructors.  
\$5 per student

Please pre-register by calling 472-5176

This month's instructor will be local entomologist, Moni Hayne. Moni has a BS in entomology from Purdue and MS degree in entomology from Univ of Wisconsin-Madison. She worked professionally in the Ag industry covering all cropping systems in Ohio for nearly 13 years, before staying home to raise her three girls.. Since moving to Iowa in 2000, she has taken her insect and plant knowledge into the classrooms volunteering with insects at schools, including the summer school enrichment programs. She has diagnosed plant and insect concerns, presented at the Farmers Market, helped with many insect programs at the Jefferson Co Park for students and adults, helped with this summers Fairfield Library's reading program 'Catch the Reading Bug', and has talked with children at the Farm Safety Day Camp about stinging and biting pests. Currently, she identifies insects for a gardening web site newsletter published by Doug Green <http://www.simplegiftsfarm.com>.

# ARTIST SPOTLIGHT ON MARK SHAFER

THIS WAS THE FIRST AUGUST IN 35 years that Mark Shafer did not prepare lesson plans for the art students of the Fairfield Community School District. After teaching art in elementary, middle school, and most recently, the high school level, Mark has begun a new career as a retired educator.

Mark graduated from the University of Iowa with a BFA in painting and drawing. His post graduate work included studies through New York University and a study abroad program in Italy. Mark's self proclaimed "big city taste and small town personality" kept him in Fairfield where he was born and raised despite opportunities to leave the area.



Shafer's niece, Emma and nephew, Ethan are favorite subjects

Mark established his creative kingdom in the purgatory area (somewhere in between Mr. Slechta's costume dungeon and Mr. Courtright's wrestling room) of FHS. He offered art students a place to create and an opportunity to learn through contributing. **"The most satisfying thing I did as a teacher was to encourage students to offer their talents as a service to the community. They hopefully learned that art doesn't just hang in a museum somewhere, but is an integral part of our daily life."** Over the years, Mr. Shafer's classes have partnered with civic groups to enhance the public life in Fairfield. Their efforts brought murals to life at the Senior Citizen Site and the Partners for Play Playground; Art on barns; signs for the Lord's Cupboard and trail markers for the bike system; and decorative tiles depicting historical Loudon machinery on the Burlington Northern overpass on the bike trail. The city's Christmas figurines were rehabbed and repainted by students, as was the Lion's Club mascot. In addition, Mr. Shafer led students in decorating for proms and other school functions.

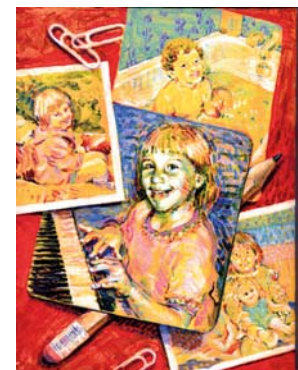
And yes, Shafer practices what he preaches. He is a charter member and long time supporter of the Fairfield Art Association, the Historical Society and the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. His sketch of the William Coop statues was a popular fund raiser for the Art Association and his colorful drug store mural on the north side of the old Brown Pharmacy are just a few examples of his contributions.

Does retirement mean the end of an era of public art projects? Not at all. Mark is viewing the next stage of his life as an opportunity to spend more time on such endeavors. He has been commissioned by the Fairfield Entrepreneurial Association to create portraits of local entrepreneurs. His first work, Lee Gobble, was recently

unveiled at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. It will hang, with future portraits in the conference room of the FA&CC. Signed prints of the Gobble portrait are available at the Chocolate Café and Henderson's Frames-N-Gallery.

Shafer is also making plans to construct a topographical model of Parsons College. His first piece will be Barhydt Chapel. He plans to create ceramic scale models of Parsons' buildings which will be placed in the Parsons Alumni Hall at the FA&CC. He anticipates this will be a major project taking a number of years to complete.

In addition to Shafer's love of art, he is passionate about history. He is the new Director of the Carnegie Historical Museum. His plans include enhancing and expanding the Museum (located on the third floor of the Carnegie library building). He hopes to use his past experiences as an educator to develop an exciting destination for school age children. He plans to work with curriculum director Marci Dunlap to create field trips that cross academic subject areas. Shafer describes the Museum's collections as "far reaching" with many areas not being taken advantage of. He hopes **"to add resonance to the museum experience by making fun and quirky displays that will make visitors look twice."**



Acrylic glazes on linen  
One of a pair as a wedding gift. The images wrap the edge of the canvas therefore I floated the paintings so the viewer can observe the wrapped edges.

## Art Association Receives Grant

The Greater Jefferson County Foundation awarded the FAA a \$1,500 grant in August. The money will be used to build a storage wall for the FAA Studio. *Denny Nelson* and *Don Cummings* have volunteered to do the construction. Thanks to them and to the Foundation for this much needed addition to the FAA.

## September First Friday Art Walk

Celebrate the art of abundant living at Fairfield's 1st Fridays Art Walk, All Things Local, on the Square, Friday, September 5, from 6 -10 PM. Enjoy local food, live music, art, and family fun at this very special enhanced art walk co-sponsored by our friends at Fairfield Buy Fresh Buy Local.

## Mural Dedication at First Friday Art Walk

The 40' x 38' Jigsaw Puzzle mural on the west exterior wall of the Sondheim Center will get its final touch up this week. Artist Eleanor Yates will return to town on September 1 to supervise the completion of the project. The grand dedication will be held at 7:30 during the September 5th Art Walk. Mayor Ed Malloy will preside over the dedication and Lee Gobble will be the guest speaker. The mural is an ArtLife Society Project.



Jigsaw Puzzle Mural by Eleanor Yates and Local Artists

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