

TABLE TALK AT THE FINE LINE

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MARK DVORAK CONCERT SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 | 7:00 PM | \$25

Join us for Mark Dvorak, who is a folk singer's folk singer following unerringly in the footsteps of Woody Guthrie, Lead Belly, Big Bill Broonzy and Art Thieme.

.Our doors will open at 6:30 PM. Light refreshments will be available until the concert begins promptly at 7 PM. We'll break at 7:45 to return at 8 PM for more of Mark Dvorak's renditions.

This is a small, intimate concert. Only 50 seats are available. No walk-ins, please. Tickets are \$25. Make reservations early. Register online or call 630.584.9443 Monday - Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM. Find out more about Mark Dvorak at www.markdvorak.com ■

New Faculty Members

JOHN DZIEKAN Photography

John Dziekan's 34 year career at the Chicago Tribune started in 1972 when he interviewed for a part-time position, while attending classes at the College of DuPage. Within six months after being hired, he was put on as a full-time staff photographer. As a staff photo journalist, John covered literally thousands of assignments including: news, sports, political races, feature, corporate, fashion, food, and a variety of others. As one of the original members of the Photo Department's DigitalTeam, John helped test and develop the use of digital cameras for the staff back in the early 1990's. He is now a freelance photographer with a client list which includes: U.S. Navy Seals, Midwest Heart, Liz Claiborne, Breast Cancer Network of Strength, National Education Association, and Kimpton Hotels, to name a few. ■

CHERYL FRECH Glass

Glass is my passion but it has been a long road to get here.

Early in life I was pushed toward a scientific career and my artistic side took a back seat. During college I took a stained glass class. I was fascinated by the ability to cut colorful shapes and form it together into something that was mine. I went to cross stitching to quilting but since my class with artist, Deb Crowley, in fusing, I have spent countless hours creating and making jewelry as well as larger fused pieces (bowls, platters, plates, panels). Today I love to incorporate the use of dichroic into my pieces. My style is still developing. I love glass and sharing what I have learned. ■

MIKE HARMON Wood Carving

My classes can be challenging, and my goal is to teach you, not to carve your piece for you. I believe I have something to offer almost any level of woodcarver.

Originally from downstate, Decatur, Illinois, my wife, son Alex and I have lived in suburban Geneva for about 6 years now. We moved here after spending over 13 years in Nebraska and Colorado. The carving bug started in college, but lingered as a frustrating hobby. It is still only a hobby, but I have won blue ribbons, sold carvings, made family gifts, and made more friends than I can count since then. I try to stay active in two of the area carving clubs, and do several shows during the year. ■

the Director's Corner

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Fall!

We have been enjoying the cooler temperatures this summer and our gardens look fabulous. I hope you are able to come out and enjoy them. Try out our new prairie path that was put in this spring. The path in the prairie is a nice way to really see what the prairie has to offer — I love to see the flowers and wildlife up close.

Despite the heavy rains for Raku Day, we had a good crowd here. Many had not been here before and they had a great time. Thank you to all of you who helped make this event so much fun and successful!

I am looking forward to *Uncommon Threads* in October and the exciting garments that will be on the runway. We have some great classes coming up and I am happy to have some new additions to our faculty including Cheryl Frech – fused glass, Mike Harmon – woodcarving, and John Dziekan – photography.

I hope to see you out here this fall!



Lynn Caldwell

Don't forget.

The Fine Line is closed for a semester break August 16 - 30.

We reopen our doors
Monday, August 31.

We're also closed for
Labor Day Weekend,
September 5, 6, 7.



UNCOMMON THREADS
ONE-OF-A-KIND WEARABLE ART
FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009
THE STONEGATE
CONFERENCE & BANQUET CENTRE
2401 WEST HIGGINS ROAD
Higgins & Barrington Roads
HOFFMAN ESTATES, ILLINOIS

A CALL FOR DAY OF SHOW VOLUNTEERS

YES, WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS for our 23rd Annual UNCOMMON THREADS Fashion Show and Luncheon. It takes a cast of about a hundred to mount this smashing event. So, please give some serious thought to contributing some of your time and talent to make this show the great success it has been in the past. If you're relatively new to The Fine Line, it's a great way to make new friends and have some fun at the same time. We all benefit from the proceeds of UNCOMMON THREADS. It is our main fundraiser of the year and the funds we raise are an important part of operating funds for The Fine Line's annual budget.

Just check and/or circle the activity you would like to help with and fill out the form. Or, phone us 630.584.9443, FAX us 630.584.9490, E-Mail us at info@fineline.org with your choice and we'll see that the committee chair receives your name along with the proper information.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE AREAS WHERE WE NEED HELP

- work setting up boutique and assist sales at the Fashion Accessory Boutique where Fine Line members sell accessories
- work as sales assistants, cashiers, baggers of fashions and accessory items
- assist models as dressers
- assist as a hostess by arranging programs on tables, greeting and seating guests, and selling raffle tickets prior to the luncheon and show
- assist with (and this is a "biggie") muscle power to move items to and from the show site Saturday afternoon—around 4 PM at The Fine Line, or Sunday early AM at The Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre or after the show at The Stonegate and then to the barn
- assist with final inventory and packing/shipping garments back to artists — Wednesday after the show

RETURN VOLUNTEER FORM TO THE FINE LINE 6N158 CRANE ROAD,
ST. CHARLES, IL 60175

OR PHONE THE FINE LINE, 630 584 9443, AND
LEAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ALONG WITH THE AREA
IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING

NAME _____

PHONE NO. _____

FAX (IF YOU HAVE ONE) _____

E-MAIL _____

**THE FINE LINE
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Find yourself in a beautiful prairie setting and discover a place both warm and inspirational. A place where your creative spirit comes to life with superb instruction by practicing artists. A place where your sense of belonging is nourished by a collaborative community of friends committed to making what is in their hearts find form through their hands.

Dear members and friends of the Fine Line,

Your Board of Directors has been very busy so far this 30th year. Those of you who attended our 30th anniversary celebration in April will agree that the committee did a super job of organizing that big event, which resulted in a special evening for everyone.

Since then, the Board, as a whole, and its various committees have been working on vision planning, which include such things as changing our fiscal year from July to January: addressing staff and faculty needs and concerns; researching grant opportunities; maintaining and improving facilities; and embarking on a long-range business plan to ensure the future of the Fine Line for another 30 years.

Also, the next time you visit, please check out the new image improvement plans on the easel in the entrance. Of course we acknowledge that none of this planning would be possible without the support of all of our members and volunteers. You are to be congratulated; together we make a great team! Remember to spread the good news about the Fine Line.

Thank you,
Sue Peterson, President

Here's a class we've all been waiting for. And it's not even listed in our Fall Schedule.

BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES

Instructor: John Dziekan

Get ready to make great pictures!



Join me for a general informative class on improving photographic technique. Understanding light and using your camera settings to enhance your image capture. Learn how to use inexpensive, "easy-to-get" items to make a big difference in your photography. Demos & "Hands-On" segments will be included. **Supplies:** Students should bring their digital camera to class.

See a display of John's photos near the display case in the Barn foyer.

Saturday: Oct 17, 9 AM – 12 N
The Barn Fiber Studio
Member \$35; Non-Member \$50

Hear those sleigh bells ringing?

It may seem too early or out of season to think about Christmas, however, it's never too early to mark your calendar to set aside time for *Christmastime at The Fine Line*. This is an annual juried Members Show and Sale. It represents the best of our members' artistic talents.

If you are interested in participating, we invite you to apply to this show to sell your handmade one-of-a-kind fine arts or fine crafts. You will find everything you need to know about entering your work by viewing our PDF of **Guidelines and Application**. Just go to www.fineline.org/events/christmastime

Here are the days and times Christmastime at the Fine Line is open:

Opening Night:
Friday, December 4, 2009 • 7 PM - 9 PM
Saturday: December 5 • 10 AM - 5 PM
Monday-Thursday: December 7 - 10 10 AM - 8 PM
Friday and Saturday: December 11 & 12 10 AM - 5 PM | CLOSED SUNDAYS



Why not get your needles clicking on a new fun pattern from Cottage Creations? A sample in the shop of The Rambling Rows Jacket shows off our space dyed wool very well. We have yarn selections available from Mountain Colors or Andes Wool. Or how about a late summer sleeveless Chevron Rib Tank made out of Summer Tweed?

Here's incentive to get you started. If you are a Fine Line member, you get an additional 10% off. That's a total of 20% off yarn. Yippee!!!

Thanks – Annie. ■

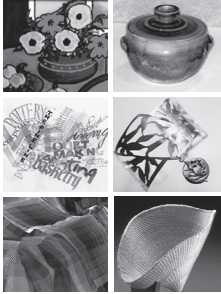


FINE LINE YARN COUPON
10% OFF ALL YARNS
EXPIRES 10/1/09

(Must present coupon at time of purchase.
No phone or shipping orders.)

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Mark your calendar!
Sunday, September 20, 2009

Violin Recital By Gerda Moehler, SSSF
Celebrating LIFE and the JOY of MUSIC

Fine Line member, **Sister Gerda Moehler**, a violinist of outstanding talent is giving a recital on Sunday, September 20th in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel at St. John Neumann Church at 3 PM. The Church is located on the corner of Route 64 and Kirk Road in St. Charles, Illinois. Gerda has found the Guadalupe Chapel to be a marvelously acoustically sound venue for the violin.



Photo: Gerda Moehler, SSSF

Gerda invites you to attend this free recital *Celebrating LIFE and the JOY of MUSIC*.

Some of our members will remember how much they enjoyed her recital back in 2003. Perhaps, too, some of you will remember how she and her accompanist, Carolyn Hansen regaled us with a number of show tunes one year at our Uncommon Threads Fashion Show.

Gerda has been a staunch supporter and member of The Fine Line for many years. Come; enjoy her musical performance and the rich melodic sounds flowing from her violin. You will not be disappointed. ■

THE FINE LINE MISSION IS:

- to promote public, awareness of the arts and their impact to our well being.
- to support art experiences,
- to nurture the creative spirit within a comfortable, inspirational environment.

TABLE TALK AT THE FINE LINE is published three times a year (don't anyone start counting) by THE FINE LINE CREATIVE ARTS CENTER for the purpose of maintaining open communication between THE FINE LINE and its members.

Articles of interest and letters are welcome and may be mailed to *TABLE TALK*. Use the address below. The news staff reserves the right to edit submissions for length and clarity.

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