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Art and Excitement Some of the Features of April Fundraiser

12th Annual Expressions Art Sale and Reception benefits the Sinnissippi Foundation

(Dixon, IL) There is something for everyone at an April art fundraiser that benefits the Sinnissippi Foundation. Which is a good thing, as this year, more than any other year, the funds are urgently needed. The **12th Annual Expressions Art Sale and Reception** will take place **from Tuesday April 5, 2016 through Friday April 22, 2016, at The Next Picture Show**, 113 West First Street in Dixon.

"This event is always fun and exciting," says Expressions Art Sale and Reception **Coordinator Andy Jackson**. According to Jackson, "We have already received beautiful pieces of art as well as a huge variety of valuable and unique silent auction items. There is something for everyone at Expressions. We have been fortunate that this event has grown each year in the past several years to match the increasing need for the Foundation to raise funds to provide for the urgent needs of Sinnissippi Centers' clients."

In addition, **Sauk Valley Bank has returned as co-sponsor of Expressions** in 2016. "We are very pleased to have Sauk Valley Bank's continued support of Expressions," says Jackson. "They play an important role in making this event a success. They have been a wonderful supporter of the Sinnissippi Foundation, but they have also demonstrated a commitment to the arts and to their local community as well. It's a pleasure to have them on board and a very natural fit for the local community oriented organization."

Jackson acknowledges that, "We couldn't have a high quality event like Expressions without the dozens of sponsors, artists, businesses and organizations who donate silent auction items, The Next Picture Show staff and volunteers, and Sinnissippi Centers and Sinnissippi Foundation board members and staff volunteers."

"And there is no better location than The Next Picture Show gallery in Dixon. It's a wonderful gallery. We have loved working with former gallery Director Bonnie Kime over the years and we wish her a fun and relaxing retirement. We are equally pleased to be working with The Next Picture Show's new Executive Director Mike Glenn," adds Jackson.

The 12th annual Expressions Art Sale and Reception begins April 5th when art and silent auction items go on display at The Next Picture Show (113 West First Street, Dixon). They can be viewed during gallery hours which are Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Art items can be purchased at any time once they go on display at the gallery and bids can be placed on the silent auction items. Art and silent auction items remain on display through April 22nd. Expressions concludes Friday, April 22, 2016, at the gallery, with an evening reception from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. when the art sales and the silent auction ends.

"There are a variety of ways individuals can get **more information** about Expressions. They can call the Foundation for information at **815-284-9380**. They can also visit online at **www.sinnissippi.org** and **click on the Expressions link** on the home page to view the event details and also click on links to two photo galleries, one for art and one for silent auction items. They can do the same on the **Foundation's Facebook fan page**. Just search for the Sinnissippi Foundation from your Facebook account."

Proceeds from Expressions help the Foundation continue its mission of providing for the urgent needs of individuals and families in the Sinnissippi Community such as allowing Sinnissippi clients to afford treatment, keeping families in their homes or helping a family obtain safe housing, keeping the heat on during the cold winter months, providing a much needed meal during the holidays with a holiday food basket, and supporting events that promote and celebrate recovery and wellness. *[More information on page 2]*

2016 EXPRESSIONS ART SALE DONATING

ARTISTS *to date*

1. Kate Askegaard
2. David Bingaman
3. Valerie Butcher
4. Graydon Cafarella
5. Kimberly Clark
6. Charles Cook
7. Bill Delp
8. Beverly Garcia
9. Rachelle Gunderson
10. Tom Hall
11. Jan Harvey
12. Anne Hermes
13. Jim Hey
14. Charles Kerr
15. Kitto
16. Rhonda Lampe
17. Bob Logsdon
18. Barbara Lundeen
19. Gloria Martin
20. John McLane
21. Peg Miller
22. Karen Nelson
23. Ann Potts
24. Betty Predmore
25. Ken Reif
26. Sydni Reubin
27. Tamara Shriver
28. Lucinda Winterfield

2016 EXPRESSIONS FEATURED SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

- Disney World Fast Passes
- Major and Minor League baseball game tickets
- General Admission Passes to Shedd Aquarium
- Scenic Airplane Ride
- Works by local artists
- Theatre and other live performance tickets
- Hotel and cabin stays
- Riverboat Excursions
- Fresh baked goods
- More than 50 silent auction items in all!