

It's an exciting time at the Lumberyard! We have welcomed two new board members, and we're staying active in the community through partnering with Baker and the Baldwin schools. We were also honored to receive the 2016 Partnership award from the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce!



New Board Members

The board of the Lumberyard Arts Center is very pleased to announce the addition of two new members to our governing board: Jeannette Blackmar and Jennifer Fulton.

Jeannette Blackmar: Jeannette currently works as the Program Manager for the Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce. She has a Master's Degree in Anthropology and Museum Studies and completed an MPA degree through KU's School of Public Affairs and Administration, specializing in nonprofit administration and citizen engagement. She most recently served as program manager for the Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council.

Jeannette sees her positions with the Chamber and with the Lumberyard as opportunities to apply her experiences and expertise to community betterment. "I am passionate about community-engaged art and am excited to serve as an active member on the Lumberyard Arts Center's governing board."

Jeannette and her family live on acreage west of Baldwin City and have resided in the Baldwin City School District for 15 years. Her son Jacob attends BJHS, and husband Jack is a professor at KU.

Jennifer Fulton: Jennifer and her family have been Baldwin City residents since 1999, and Jennifer says, "We love it here!" Jennifer has a bachelor degree in Psychology from KU and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Baker University.

She brings 25 years of banking and finance experience and is currently a Vice President of Branch Administration for Arvest Bank in Overland Park, overseeing eight branch banks.

Jennifer, husband Robert, and children Luke and Abby are all active in the Baldwin City community. They have all been longtime volunteers and supporters of the Lumberyard. Jennifer also serves as an officer on both the Baldwin High School Booster Club and the BHS Band Boosters.

Jennifer feels that having a thriving arts community is very important to our city and for our quality of life. With art funding for education being reduced, she feels it is more important than ever to have community based art programs that are available to everyone. "I truly enjoy seeing our community come together to support the arts in Baldwin City."

We know that Jennifer and Jeannette will be great additions to the board and help us achieve our goal of turning the vision for the Lumberyard Arts Center into a reality. Welcome!



Lumberyard Receives Award

The Lumberyard Arts Center was honored by the Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce with the Partnership Award for 2016 on Thursday, Feb. 25, at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet at Stoney Point. Sherry Bowden, President of the Lumberyard Arts Center, and Board member Jeannette Blackmar accepted the award. We thank the Chamber and all our Baldwin partners for this honor.

Save the Date!

The Lumberyard is holding a Volunteer Appreciation Reception on April 19 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

More information will be sent soon.

Partnering with Baker

A Baker University Public Relations class, led by Dr. Joe Watson, has been partnering with the Lumberyard Arts Center over the past several weeks. We have been working closely with the students on areas such as social media, fundraising, web sites, press releases and flyers.

We want to take this opportunity to thank them for their thoughtful work. In the past, we also have worked with Joanne Janssen's general education classes. We consider these great opportunities for us to work with Baker students and gain their perspectives on the work we are doing in the community. We also want to thank Janssen for being our e-newsletter editor and publisher.

In the Gallery

Baldwin Jr. High and High School Exhibit

There's still time to catch the Jr. High and High School student exhibit! It runs through March 19!



Baldwin Elementary School Exhibit

Students from Pre-K through Grade 2 will have art that emulates famous artists, giving students lessons in art history as well as in actual art creation.

Students from Grades 3-5 will present paper sculptures, mixed media collages, and oil pastels, all around a theme of water.

Show runs from March 23-April 16. Opening reception is on April 1 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

See our [web site](#) for shows later this spring and summer!

Upcoming Classes

Children's After School Theater

Instructor: Jennifer Glenn

Dates: Thursdays, March 24th - April 14th (4 weeks)

Time: 3:10 pm - 4:15 pm

Ages: 1st - 4th grade

Fee: \$30 (Pre-registration **required by Friday, March 18th**)

Location: Baldwin Elementary Primary Center (Community Room) **<- Please Note**

This beginning acting class will use stories and theater games to teach the basics of acting: improvisation, character development, and working as a team. There will be no public performance with this activity.

Watermedia Adult Painting Class

Instructor: Kathy Bourgeois

Dates: Tuesdays, April 5th - May 10th (6 weeks)

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Ages: Adult

Fee: \$60 (Pre-registration **required by Friday, April 1st**)

Beginners to advanced artists welcome! This class will cover color mixing, application techniques, subject matter, lighting, drawing skills, as well as provide consultation on individual paintings. Open to anyone who wants to try something new and wants guidance, as well as those who are developing ideas or with paintings already started. The emphasis will be on developing individual work as well as exploring ways to use texture, reflection, and light.

Bring supplies that you have, though the first lesson will provide materials if this is new for you. Come join us and share your ideas.

Summer Theater -- Save the Date!

The Lumberyard's theater camp for kids will be back this summer! Director Jennifer Glenn will lead the camp, Monday-Friday, June 13th-24th from 9 am to noon. The performance will be on Friday, June 24th at 7 pm. This is a great opportunity for kids 8 years old and up -- all experience levels encouraged to sign up. Email info@lumberyardartscenter.org for questions.

Visit the Lumberyard's [Web site](#) to register for any of the above classes!

Other Board News

The annual meeting and election of officers was held on Thursday, March 10. New officers for the 2016-2017 are President, Laura Dickinson; Vice-president, Sandy Cardens; Secretary, Connie Deel; Treasurer, Sherry Bowden. Other board members are Samantha Cheek, Becki Dick, Linda Ballinger, Jennifer Fulton and Jeannette Blackmar.

Volunteer Opportunities

The **Gallery Coordinator** is responsible for contracting with artists, reviewing and scheduling proposed exhibits, co-hosting opening receptions, working with the artists in arranging for exhibited pieces to be displayed and taken down, generating publicity for new exhibits, tracking sales, and keeping records for each of the shows.

The **Volunteer Coordinator** is responsible for scheduling volunteers to work at the Lumberyard Arts Center during hours of operation. The Volunteer Coordinator will utilize Sign-Up Genius as a means of keeping track of volunteers and hours donated.

Both of these positions offer great opportunities to be involved with the arts through one of Baldwin's most active community organizations! If interested, please contact info@lumberyardartscenter.org.

Become a Member

The Lumberyard Arts Center is able to offer programming for the community through donors like you. Your membership dollars are important in providing funds to keep our classes and programs continuing, as well as keeping utilities and taxes paid. There are membership levels to fit every budget. Please sign up today!

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