

Rotary Arts Minute 8/7/2023 Information provided by the



[West](#)

[Michigan Area Show Artist Highlight](#)

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 12:00 pm

Admission is free, but preregistration is encouraged!

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) - 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

During select ARTbreaks throughout the summer, artists featured in the 2023 West Michigan Area Show deliver talks on their featured pieces as well as their larger bodies of work, their artistic processes, and their points of inspiration. This ARTbreak features artists Keith Downie and Elizabeth Kellogg, both of whom received prestigious awards during the West Michigan Area Show's opening ceremony in May. Downie is the 2023 winner of the Helen Sheridan Memorial Grand Prize, while Kellogg was awarded the Kalamazoo Log Cabin Quilters' Art Quilt Award. Be sure to drop by the West Michigan Area Show before it closes on August 27 to see Downie's acrylic painting *Winter Dune with Premonition*, Kellogg's quilt *Wall Becomes Window*, and more than 60 additional works by talented artists across the region.



[Book Discussion: Warrior Girl Unearthed](#)

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Admission is free, but pre-registration is encouraged.

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Join us for a discussion of Angeline Boulley's *Warrior Girl Unearthed*. Perry Firekeeper-Birch has always known who she is — the laidback twin, the troublemaker, the best fisher on Sugar Island. Her aspirations won't ever take her far from home, and she wouldn't have it any other way. But as the rising number of missing Indigenous women starts circling closer to home, as her family becomes embroiled in a high-profile murder investigation, and as greedy grave robbers seek to profit off of what belongs to her Anishinaabe tribe, Perry begins to question everything.



[Gilmore Car Museum Cruise-Ins](#) – Rock Island Ramblers

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Presented by [Gilmore Car Museum](#), 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Wednesday Night Cruise-Ins at the Gilmore Car Museum have become an annual summer tradition from May through September! It is FREE to bring your collector car on the grounds during Cruise-In and the event is open to the public. Limited to show field cars only (classics, muscle, antique, special interest, hot rods, etc).

*Museum members receive early entry at 4:30 pm.



[Vicksburg - Burg Days of Summer](#)

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Presented by [Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center](#) at Oswalt Park, 109 N Main St, Vicksburg, MI 49097

This summer, we're bringing fun and festivities to downtown Vicksburg with the first-ever BURG Days of Summer! Join us for family-friendly activities, live music in the streets, food trucks, and more!

Main St: Three of a Kind – pop classics/ Prairie St: Greg Cordes – Blues & Rock



[Lunchtime Live! - Youth & Teen Talent Show](#)

Friday, August 18, 2023 at 11:30 am

Presented by [City of Kalamazoo Parks & Recreation](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 W South Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Lunchtime Live! presented by [Lake Michigan Credit Union](#) offers live music, games, food, and fun every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bronson Park. Food and retail will be available for purchase. Food trucks will be lined up along Bronson Park on South Street and other vendors will be set up throughout the park. Each week will feature a different local musical artist. This is a free event, and all community members are welcome.



[KVBA Blues Bash Live at Old Dog Tavern](#)

Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Advanced Tickets can be purchased below for \$25/Tickets the day of the event will be \$30

Please join us August 19, 2023 for the KVBA Blues Bash Live at Old Dog Tavern! This outdoor musical extravaganza is sure to excite. Capacity will be limited. Gates open at 2:00 PM. Music starts at 3:00 PM and will run through ~ 11:30 PM. Lawn chairs are welcome and encouraged.

Advance tickets are \$25 and can be purchased [HERE!](#)

The incredible lineup will include:

[Victor Wainwright and the Train](#)

[Annika Chambers and Paul DesLauriers](#)

[Deuce 'n a Quarter](#)

DownRiver Dan

Detroit Blues Rock Guitarist, Singer, Songwriter

5-Second Rule

Southwest Michigan Blues Rock Band – A local favorite



[Concert in the Corners: Schlitz Creek Bluegrass Band](#)

Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Free Admission

Presented by [Texas Township](#) at Texas Drive Park, 6603 Texas Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Please bring a lawn chair or blanket, and we encourage sun protection as shade is limited. **All events will be held at Texas Drive Park (6603 Texas Drive). Rain Location: Southridge Church.**

Schlitz Creek Bluegrass Band: Hailing from the mountains of Kalamazoo, Schlitz Creek features what has become known as “Bluegrass With Some Bite.” The group performs a unique variety of bluegrass music that defies classification as strictly traditional or progressive. Their repertoire includes standard bluegrass tunes as well as a collection of refreshing and unusual choices for a bluegrass band. Performing material from such bluegrass legends as the Dillards and Flatt & Scruggs, they also surprise and delight audiences with selections from the Monkees, Bob Seger, the Beatles, Marshall Tucker Band, Guns and Roses, and Cheap Trick. Using the classic single-microphone technique, their high-energy stage show has transformed Schlitz Creek into a crowd favorite on the regional bluegrass circuit.