

## Rotary Arts Minute 9/11/2023 Information provided by the



### [Community Arts Awards now accepting nominations](#)

Nominations for the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK)'s 2023 Community Arts Awards are being accepted now through October 10, 2023. Nominations can be submitted online through the ACGK website at <https://www.kalamazooarts.org>. Award categories include the Community Medal of Arts, Theodore C. Cooper Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service, Adam F. Carter Young Artist Award, Business Arts Award, Epic Award, and Gayle Hoogstraten Arts Leadership Award. The Community Arts Awards will be announced on Oct. 31, 2023, and honorees will be celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Gull Lake Center for Fine Arts.



### [The Photography of Gordon Parks, Renaissance Man](#)

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:00 pm

Admission is free, but pre-registration is encouraged!

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

Gordon Parks was one of the 20th century's premier photographers and photojournalists. His work was marked by a keen artistic eye as well as a deep sense of compassion for his subjects. These qualities are on full display in many of his works, including the photograph American Gothic, Washington, D.C., which is part of the KIA's permanent collection. Parks was also a noted author, film director, composer, and painter. Parks' achievements are all the more remarkable when contextualized against the poverty and racism that he faced during his early life. This ARTbreak talk will focus on examples of Parks' photography as well as on highlights of the fascinating life of this Renaissance man. Sam Grossman is a docent at the KIA, as well as a former darkroom photographer. He is a retired pediatrician and former teacher.



### [Gilmore Car Museum Cruise-Ins](#)

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 05:00 pm

Presented by Gilmore Car Museum at [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! On good weather nights, the fun starts at 5 pm and runs until 8 pm, with both George & Sally's authentic 1941 Blue Moon Diner and The Grill serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and creamy old-fashioned custard throughout the evening. With live music providing the soundtrack, these are evenings you and your family won't forget! So, plan to bring your ride, snap a photo in front of the 1930s Shell station, cruise our amazing grounds, and enjoy an evening of great wheels and memories.



### [Artist Happy Hour - Reaching New Audiences](#)

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#), 230 North Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49003

How do I market myself as an artist? How do I reach new audiences? We'll be discussing this with our panel of experts and learning to use the tools available to us in the 21st century to expand our reach and grow our audiences...what even is TikTok?! All are welcome at this free networking event and panel discussion on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023 from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum's Mary Jane Stryker Theatre.

[Register here!](#)

### **PANELISTS**

Sydney Schless – Director of Marketing, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

Gabrielle Cerberville – Artist/Composer and Foraging Content Creator

Twala Lockett-Jones – Author and Real Estate Broker

Erin Dominianni – Associate Director of Marketing, Kalamazoo Valley Community College



### [Creative Wilderness: Artists & Authors with special guest author Tom Springer](#)

Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm

\$5/KNC Member, \$10/Non-Member - Register or drop in.

Presented by [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#), 7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Creative Wilderness: Artists & Authors with special guest author Tom Springer

Guest artists and authors meet to share their work, talk about their process and help guide artmaking.

This month we welcome: **Tom Springer: *Nature, Essays and the Power of I.***

The author of *Looking for Hickories* and *The Star in the Sycamore* discusses how to turn personal experiences into stories that sell. **Fee:** \$5/Member, \$10/Non-Member. Register or drop in.



### [City of Portage-Summer Concert Series:The Family Tradition Band](#)

Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION

Presented by [City of Portage Parks & Recreation](#) at [Donald E. Overlander Bandshell](#), 7810 Shaver Rd, Portage, MI 49024

### Summer Concert Series: The Family Tradition Band

Make memories with your friends and family at our Summer Concert Series. On the second Thursday of each month, we will feature a different genre of music that is fun for all ages. Bring a chair or blanket with you for lawn seating and leave yourself a little room for getting your groove on! Admission is FREE to the Summer Concert Series, thanks to our series sponsor, Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. The September 14 Concert is The Family Tradition Band. The Family Tradition is exactly that, “Family Founded” and “Tradition Based” from the ground up. They were molded by the greats that inspired them in Country Music such as Brooks & Dunn, George Strait, and Alan Jackson. That foundation mixed with their Motor City Roots, some Southern Spirit, and the ability to connect with any crowd they are put in front of, makes The Family Tradition Band truly unique. The Family Tradition Band is a modern take on an old timeless classic sound that includes many traditional country elements such as fiddle, banjo, and pedal steel guitar. This combined with spot-on vocal harmonies, dual electric guitars, and a rock-solid rhythm section is what creates the authenticity of the band.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/609578551024412/>



### [State On The Street: Delilah Dewylde](#)

Friday, September 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#), 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

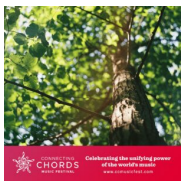
### Patio & Bar: 5:00 PM | Live Music: 5:30 PM

State on the Street is back for select Fridays this Summer! Join us outside the historic **Kalamazoo State Theatre** for **State on the Street** featuring **Delilah Dewylde and The Lost Boys** Friday, September 15!

We'll have free live music outside our iconic Theatre, patio seating, drink specials, theatre tours available for purchase, and more! All of the events will be held on Fridays, with our patio and bar opening at 5PM and live music from 5:30-8:30PM!

### What To Expect:

- *Throwback drink specials available to purchase outside of KST*
- *Enjoy live music from from 5:30-8:30PM*
- *KST Box Office and Merch on site*
- *To-go drinks in Social District cups*
- *Venue tours*



### [Migratory Music at the Kalamazoo Nature Center](#)

Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Free admission

Presented by Connecting Chords Music Festival at [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#), 7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

In partnership with the Kalamazoo Nature Center, the [Connecting Chords Music Festival](#) will be presenting live music from area artists stationed around the Nature Center arboretum area. Musicians will include:

- **Samuel Nalangira** – World musician, percussionist, and dancer
- **Hazeltree** – Celtic and Americana songs on traditional acoustic instruments
- **Birdseed Salesmen** – Gypsy jazz
- **Members of Bahar Ensemble** – Traditional Middle Eastern music

This event is FREE (donations accepted on-site), and music will be playing from 2:00 – 4:00 PM... feel free to come anytime!

Running September 16 – November 26, 2023, the **Connecting Chords Music Festival** celebrates the unifying power of the world's music. Our events center around the common convictions and threads that draw our community together. Learn more at [connectingchordsfestival.com](http://connectingchordsfestival.com).