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Music Returns to 'Garden' with another Great Lineup

The Holt Community Arts Council is pleased to announce the lineup for this summer's Music in the Garden concert series.

"We're very excited for this summer," said Arts Council President Kara Hope. "We're not just returning for a second year. We're coming back with an extra show and a terrific lineup."

With the same great venue – Veterans Memorial Gardens, right behind the Delhi Township Hall – this summer promises to be a great one for the Arts Council and its most anticipated event.

On July 16, nationally renowned blues and soul act Root Doctor featuring Freddie Cunningham will take the stage.

Local favorite, the Kathy Ford Band, will play on July 23. The band – a musical mainstay in the Greater Lansing area for 20 years – plays a mix of country and rock.

For the next show on July 30, the stage belongs to the Clarksons. They play Cajun, Texas swing, and classic country. Whether in Texas or Michigan, Jack Clarkson's

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The Holt Community Arts Council recently announced the winner of its first Music in the Garden poster contest.

Ashlee Leeth (left) received a \$50 prize for her entry. Presenting the check and certificate are Arts Council

Treasurer George Orban (right) and Arts Council President Kara Hope (center). Ashlee's poster was selected from the 20 entries received. Her design will be used as the basis for all promotional artwork for this year's Music in the Garden concert series. The contest was open to students in grades five through twelve. Ashlee is the daughter of Elise York and Jose Archer of Holt. She is a 2009 graduate of Holt High School. This fall, she plans to attend Lansing Community College and is considering a career in art therapy.

For a look at all of the great entries and a better look at the winning entry, visit our website at holtarts.org.



A word from the President: *Help make something beautiful grow*

**By Kara H. Hope
President**

While it might have looked like the Holt Community Arts Council went into hibernation, we have actually been gearing up for the 2nd Annual Music in the Garden, our biggest event of the year. We've also been taking care of organization business.

One bit of organization business that the board continued to work on during the winter and spring months was our application to the Internal Revenue Service for non-profit status.

I am happy to report that Treasurer George Orban recently received word that the IRS has approved the Arts Council's application for non-profit status as a 501(c)(3) organization. This means that contributions to the Arts Council are tax deductible. The Arts Council was already incorporated as a non-profit with the State of Michigan.

The timing couldn't be better. In May, we started our fundraising campaign for Music in the Garden. We hope our status as 501(c)(3)

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News & Notes

Congratulations to our friends, the **Holt Dimondale Community Players**. Their production of "Urinetown" earned the fairly new group three **Pulsar awards** from the City Pulse. **Monty Bieber** was honored for Best Supporting Actor in a Musical. **Ann Glenn** won for Best Featured Actress in a Musical. And **Scott Stearns** won for Best Music Director. Kudos to these winners and to everyone who made the production a success.

Mark your calendars!

The ever popular **Movies in the Park** will return this summer with films shown in the **Veterans Memorial Garden Amphitheater** at dark on **August 7, 14, and 21**. The Arts Council is honored to have the privilege of selecting this year's films, which will be announced later this summer.



Work continues on the sculpture that



the Arts Council commissioned last year. Sculptor **Tom Sheerin** hopes to have his work unveiled some time this summer.

Production was delayed because of problems obtaining materials.

The sculpture – Holt's first major public artwork – will represent living, working, and playing in Holt. The large metal structure will be situated in the new park at the intersection of Holt and Aurelius roads, and it will include artifacts from Holt residents. A model is on display in the lobby of the Delhi Township building. Check it out!

The Arts Council board meets on the **first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.** in the Downtown Development Authority building, 2045 North Cedar Street, in Holt. You are welcome to join us.

THE ARTS COUNCIL'S MISSION

is to enhance the quality of life for all Holt community members by making the arts a prevalent, accessible, and visible part of the community.

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fiddle playing dazzles crowds wherever they play.

August 6 will be a special night. The YellowSub Marines headline with their tribute to the Beatles. And the Arts Council's second annual fundraiser cookout takes place.

"Last year's cookout exceeded expectations," Hope said. In fact, the cookout set an attendance record for Veterans Memorial Garden. Expect a crowd, good food, and a good time at this year's cookout, which will start at 4:30 p.m.

Last but not least, the Arts Council is proud to present the Studio 1210 Showcase for local singer songwriters. This show is part of the popular series from Old Town Lansing. Featured musicians are Annie and Rodd Capps, Ben Hassenger, and others.

All shows are family friendly and free of charge. Concessions are available. Shows begin at 7 p.m.

For more information on Music in the Garden, visit our website: holtarts.org.

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will make us more attractive to donors. Right now, because of the economy, donations are more difficult to come by. But we anticipate that the demand for free, quality entertainment will be even greater this summer.

Last year, at least 1,000 families came to the four concerts. This year, we're adding a concert. So I don't think it's unrealistic to expect twice as many people to attend this year's shows.

There is no doubt that the Holt business community is generous. Events like the Hometown Festival and Lions Kids' Day are testaments to that. We are confident that the stakeholders in Holt will see the benefit in helping to provide a cultural experience and a good time for their neighbors.

We also hope that some of you will come through for us. If you can spare a few hours this summer, you can help us make Music in the Garden great. We'll need volunteers for our Fundraiser Cookout. We'll also need volunteers to help with concession sales.

For more information on volunteering, contact Music in the Garden Co-Chair Evan Hope at evan@evanhope.net.