

# THE FAIRFIELD WEEKLY READER

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## Comics & Graphic Novels Exhibit from U of I Museum Opens Friday

Local artists show in Hallway Gallery, sculpture by Dallas Guffey in Atrium

The Fairfield Art Association announces three different art exhibits opening during August Art Walk on Friday, August 7 at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. A reception for all of the artists will be held from 6-8 p.m. in the Main Gallery, along with a gallery tour of the U of I Museum's collection on display. Visitors are also invited to vote for their favorite Flappernackles and begin silent auction bidding for these downtown art pieces.

The Main Gallery will exhibit *Comics & Graphic Novels* from the UIMA School Programs Collection, featuring original works of art created by contemporary comic book artists and graphic novelists. The exhibition includes newspaper artwork from the golden age of comics, from V.T. Hamlin's *Alley Oop* to contemporary Marvel superhero comics such as *The Avengers* and *Captain America*.



A graphic novel is a series of comics in book length form. It can contain a single narrative (linear or nonlinear) or comprise multiple vignettes. The artwork from graphic novels in the UIMA School Programs Collection shows a wide range of subjects, from short- and long-form stories, to superheroes and historical figures such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dale Fisher, curator of the *Comics & Graphic Novels* exhibit, will present a gallery tour of the exhibition during Art Walk on Friday, August 7 from 7-8 p.m. "The people of Fairfield have such a range of interests and have a history of supporting the arts. Showing the collection of comics and graphic novel art to the audience is a nice chance for us to break out of the UI community and be a part of the vibrant art scene in Fairfield and the state."

Up-and-coming artist Dallas Guffey will be exhibiting a large sculpture titled "D7" in the Atrium Lobby, created while he attended UNI. Dallas is a Fairfield High School graduate who was awarded a FAA scholarship several years ago and is working toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts with an emphasis in sculpture. He says, "My recent works are intricately detailed miniatures investigating the presence of narratives through architectural forms and environments. While most of my work is of three dimensional medium, I enjoy drawing cartoons and illustrations that explore similar subjects." Along with sculpture and drawing, Dallas has a longtime interest in animation and its production.



Artist Dallas Guffey (kneeling) installed his sculpture piece D7 in the Main Gallery at Fairfield Arts & Convention Center for the Art Association's August exhibit, assisted by his father Todd Guffey and grandfather Dale Weller.

Recently, he's been teaching himself basic knowledge of that art form and plans to pursue the field of career artist/maker of things, with hopes to get into entertainment such as stop-motion and digital animated films and shows.

The third exhibit opening at FACC is original works created in FAA classes taught by art instructors John Preston, Elaine Duncan and Kella Tschopp. The works, on view in the Hallway Gallery, feature a variety of the media they are studying. Participants at press time include Cathryn Layer, Jessica Kirby, Vickie Gautherat, Joyce Schindler, and Viola Welsh. "It is fun to watch these individuals grow artistically as they take classes in watercolor, regular or oil pastel, and mixed media with such talented instructors. These instructors teach weekly classes in the FAA studio and new students are always welcome to join at any time," says Suzan Kessel FAA Volunteer Director.

This summer's downtown art installation, *Flappernackles—Canvases in the Wind*, will be up for one more month. The public is invited to vote for their favorite at FACC until 9 p.m. on Friday, August 7, when the votes will be tallied and the winner announced. The silent auction of these 20 Flappernackles canvases begins Friday, August 7 also. Bid sheets will be placed in the Main Gallery at the FACC and remain there until bids close on September 4. [See page 3 article for more information].

## Planetary Transits for Rising Sign, August 6-12

**Chart of the Week:** In honor of President Obama's birthday (August 4, 1961 at 7:24 p.m., Honolulu, HI) we see the Capricorn rising sign with Sun in Cancer and Moon in Taurus. Saturn in its own sign in the 1st house is called Sasha yoga, which confers senior statesperson status and leadership of the masses. Jupiter in the 1st house brings law education and international ventures. Ketu in the 2nd house gives measured speech. Exalted Moon in the 5th house gives educated wife and beautiful daughters. Venus in the 6th house connects career with law and conflicts. Sun in the 7th house gives royal wife and partners. Mercury in the 7th house brings good fortune into marriage, partnerships and life abroad. Mars and Rahu in the 8th house bring loss of mother. The affliction of the 12th ruler, Jupiter, to the 9th ruler, Mercury, connects father with foreign lands and causes loss of father.

**Transits for each "Rising sign" (not "Sun sign"):**

**Aries:** Focus on your parents, property, vehicles and family life; connect same with your children, education and investments. Take some time for yourself and meditation. Keep rested and consider a retreat through mid-August. Your father, guru, spouse or partner may be subject to short-lived debts, disputes, or health issues. Exercise patience.

**Taurus:** Focus on independent projects and entrepreneurial activities associated with

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## 1st Fridays Blues & BBQ Art Walk August 7, 6-10 PM

Galleries & Shops Open - see page 2

Step onto the Fairfield Square this Friday for great food, a Bikes, Trikes and Wagons contest and parade, live music, and art in the park, galleries and venues. Here's the lineup:

Contest: Youth under 16 years old bring their decorated Bikes, Trikes and Wagons to the Kids Korner southwest side) at 6 p.m. Judging at 6:15 p.m. then a parade through the Square.

Music: Skunk River Medicine Show (Tom Morgan and George Foster) in the Gazebo, 7-8:30 p.m. Cam & the Groove, 8:30-10 p.m. Additional music at Henderson's Gallery throughout the evening.

Food vendors: Sweet & Saucy BBQ, Little City



Cam & the Groove play on the Gazebo from 8:30-10 p.m.

Pizza, Binghamon Caribbean Wraps, A Taste of Heaven, Crepe Escape, Addis Ethiopian, Poppies Popcorn, and Shaved Ice among others.

## Riverdogs Blues Band—Free Concert at Café Paradiso during Blues Art Walk

The Riverdogs Blues Band will perform at Café Paradiso during the August 7 Art Walk, which has a Blues and BBQ theme. The band performs two sets, from 9-11:30 p.m.

The Riverdogs blend traditional hill country blues with gospel-inspired rhythm and blues. You'll hear powerhouse vocals from Bonnie VanBuskirk, with Randy Walker on guitars, and William Clancy on bass.

"We've had a great summer," says Walker, "playing FAIRfest '15 after hours at the Oak, and Beckwith Blues Festival with our friends Tom and George of Skunk River Medicine Show. We picked up advertising endorsements this year from Steck Productions International, Las Vegas; Daddy Mojo Cigarbox Guitars, Montreal, Canada; and Kendrick Amplifiers, Texas. We added a couple of custom cigarbox guitars to our



show. We may do another Beckwith event in the fall—had too much fun to wait another year! Come to Café Paradiso and enjoy the blues. It's free and it's air conditioned!"

## Sondheim showing of *Rooted in Peace* leaves strong impression on our community

Award-winning Sundance filmmaker Greg Reitman premiered his latest documentary feature film, *Rooted in Peace*, on August 2 at the Sondheim Center, in preparation for its fall theatrical release in North America and Europe. It was over six years in the making, and partially filmed in Fairfield. Reitman and Executive Producer Joanna Plafsky took audience questions after the film. *Rooted in Peace* will be available for online streaming and on DVD.

"Greg Reitman's film *Rooted in Peace* and the personal journey that took him to Fairfield was an inspiration. His desire to delve into a community dedicated to creating a peaceful world is laudable, and his reflections on his time in Fairfield were respectful and appreciated." —Mayor Ed Malloy

"Greg Reitman has done what few will do. Stare deeply into the mirror of self-reflection and not just embrace it, but undergo a transformation, motivated by his love for his girlfriend, his family and the world. *Rooted in Peace* turns the mirror on all of us and reflects the challenge that we all must embrace." —David Fannin, News Director at KMCD.



"It was wonderful to watch *Rooted in Peace* with the Fairfield community. In a way, much of the footage revisited our own roots and the cherished events that brought us together throughout the years. Thank you Greg, for appreciating the value of our community and for making us part of this important film. Let's get this film out and continue to unite and expand our community and its desire for lasting world peace!" —Joanna Plafsky

"With his film *Rooted in Peace*, Greg Reitman wielded a tender bonsai tree like a wizard's wand, penetrating through the complexity and confusion of our troubled world to find, as so many of the wise have, that peace starts from the inside. Greg seamlessly wove so many voices and perspectives into a single Everyman's story of self-discovery, and through the self, the capacity to uplift our global family and environment. Thanks for sharing with us this inspiring, insightful journey." —Richard Beall, MSAE

