

# THE ARTS AND YOU

*Newsletter of the Ada Arts Council*

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

School is out, our season and membership drive complete, but the Ada Arts Council continues to work in preparation for our 2010-11 season. Our most recent event, "One Night in Frogtown," was a huge success. We packed the Ataloo Theatre in the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center, twice, with enthusiastic children from area schools. The musical, aimed at teaching children about the importance of cultural diversity, had the kids on their feet, singing and clapping to the music. My favorite character was, of course, the saxophone playing frog, "Tad."

Several events have been planned for the 2010-11 season. The first, "A Taste of Ada," will take place in Benedictine Hall at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Tuesday, October 19. Be sure to attend this epicurean extravaganza with food from many area restaurants and wine tasting. This event is a fund raiser to benefit the Ada Arts Council. On Saturday, December 11, the family holiday musical "Moosletoe" will be performed in the Ataloo Theatre. "Prelude to Spring," a program featuring the talent of local musicians, writers and visual artists will occur on Sunday, January 30 at the Ada Arts and Heritage Center. The play "Bus Stop," performed by the Montana Repertory Theatre, will take place on Saturday, March 12 in the Ataloo Theatre.

Congratulations to Kelsey Creed, ECU senior music major, who was awarded the Criswell Scholarship. Kelsey, an outstanding percussionist, is a student of ECU music professor, Dr. Benjamin T. Finley. She will use the scholarship to pay her tuition for the Summer Percussion Institute at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

Also, congratulations to Ashley Lewis, recent graduate of Ada High School, who was named recipient of our Eleanor Wight Scholarship. She will utilize this scholarship towards her expenses as she pursues an undergraduate degree in Music Education, with involvement in percussion ensemble, wind ensemble and marching band.

At ECU, we had a great first year in the new Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center. The next season of events is already planned and includes performances of the musicals "The Pajama Game" and "South Pacific," as well as Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro."

Please plan to attend as many of these events as possible. You will not be disappointed!

*(Editor's Note: Dr. Mark Hollingsworth was recently named Acting Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at East Central University)*

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\*\*\*The **City of Ada Park Department Employees** for the wonderful job they do year round in maintaining our public parks and other city-owned spaces. Their work does a great deal to enhance the beauty of our city. Flowers, trees, parks and green spaces are a must in any great city; they do much to improve the quality of life in the city and gladden the hearts of its inhabitants.

*(Editor's Comment: I hope you saw the beautiful, bright yellow pansies at the main entrance to Wintersmith Park this spring. They were a joy to behold!)*

\*\*\***Bridget Forshay** for her outstanding work in coordinating the Arts District of Ada and all the programs related to it.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 19 "A Taste of Ada," Benedictine Hall of St. Joseph Church, Fundraiser to benefit Ada Arts Council  
(Admission Charge)
- Nov. 1-6 Ada Artists Association Fall Show, McKeel Room, Ada Public Library (Free)
- Dec. 11 "Moosletoe," Ataloe Theatre, ECU campus (Admission Charge)
- Jan. 30 "Prelude to Spring," Ada Arts and Heritage Center (Free)
- March 12 "Bus Stop," Ataloe Theatre, ECU campus (Admission Charge)