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## Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

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# *February 2012*

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Feb 3** Gallery Hop Showcasing uptown business. For more information, call 473.2726.

**Feb 4** The medieval music ensemble, “Istanpitta”, will perform the concert “Exiled” at 7:30 p.m. in Rammelkamp Chapel. Tickets for the 2011/2012 Illinois College Fine Arts Series costs \$15.00. Concert series offers free admission to students of all ages, regardless of where they attend school. Contact the Office of Advancement at 245.3069 or [fas@ic.edu](mailto:fas@ic.edu) for complete ticket information. Greater detail about each performance is available at [www.ic.edu/fas](http://www.ic.edu/fas)

**Feb 4-26** Jeff Coultas - Photography, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2011-2012 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday – Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

**Feb 6** MacMurray College presents Naima Johnston-Bush an inspirational speaker to share wit, a musical production and a dynamic program based on her book. The event will start at 7 p.m. in the Marian Chase Schaeffer Studio Theatre on MacMurray campus with free admission. For more information, call 479.7027.

**Feb 6** Chapter 99 of the Council for Exceptional Children presents: “Teaching Math Skills through Movies and TV: Motivating Students to like Math”. Located at Hamilton’s from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Registration is due on week before meeting. Handouts, Dinner and cookies will be provided. Please contact Martha Vache 245.6974 or Bev Johns 473.1790 for registration and fees.

**Feb 7** DBA Meeting, located at Our Town Books at 9 a.m. For more information, call 245.6884.

**Feb 9** “Pottery with Kirby Drennan”, beginning and continuing students explore hand building, use of the wheel, glazing & firing. Class will begin on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> and will run for 6 weeks with two sessions. Session #1, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. and session #2, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuition is \$45.00 for members and \$50 for non-members. Materials provided by the Art Association. Contact 217.243.9390 for more information.

**Feb 10** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Dinner/Dance, sponsored by the Jacksonville Rotary Club. Located at Hamilton's. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a full dinner at 6:30 p.m. Big Shake Daddies Band will provide music from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Reservations are required and can be made online at [www.jacksonvillerotary.org](http://www.jacksonvillerotary.org). For more information, e-mail [valentines@jacksonvillerotary.org](mailto:valentines@jacksonvillerotary.org) or call 217.371.1541.

**Feb 10** Sweet Art Cocktail Party Get dressed up and join us for a sophisticated, beautiful, artsy cocktail party. We will have a silent auction of art by some of Imagine's favorite artists. We will also have artsy gift packages and lots of door prizes. A special, romantic cocktail performance by Robert Sampson! Located at Hamilton's, 110 North East Street, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Call Imagine at 217.473.2726 to reserve your tickets.

**Feb 11** Pathway Services Annual Fundraiser, 5:30 p.m. at Hamilton's. Come join the fun with Robert & Sara from "Not Your Mom's Dueling Piano's". For more information, please contact Stephanie Baptist at 217.479.2318.

**Feb 11** Bar 2 Bar, "Golf Classic, proceeds will benefit P.A.W.S. Participating bars: Bahans, Irish Toad, Good Time Docs, Lahey's, Bowl Inn, Don's Place, K of C Hall, West Morgan Depot, and Jacksonville Elk's Club. For more information contact 245.6884.

**Feb 16-19** Jacksonville Theatre Guild presents: "Dear edwina Junior" Thirteen year-old Edwina Spoonapple, assisted by her older siblings and a host of quirky friends and neighbors, sets out to tackle the world's problems. She directs the kids in the neighborhood in song after hysterical song about everything from birthday party etiquette to the proper way to set a table. For tickets call 245.1402.

**Feb 18** Talent Among Us- Competition, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Rammelkamp Chapel at Illinois College, for more information call 217.245.1181 or visit our website at [www.jaxsym.com](http://www.jaxsym.com)

**Feb 19** A Magical Day of Play Doll-i-Day, located in Hamilton's Ballroom, 110 N. East Street, 1 p.m. to 4p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 per guest. All tickets will be sold in advance. No tickets available at the door. Tickets include: A visit to the doll medical center, a visit to the hair and nail salon, princess walk, face painting, candy bar, a flower barrette, coloring and cookie decorating, chance to win a special American Girl Doll, variety show and cupcake and drinks. Tickets are available at the Source, Midwest Youth Services or County Market. Call 217.245.6000 for more information.

**Feb 19** Bea 'You' tiful Prom & Bridal Expo, hosted by Jacksonville Wedding Specialists and Elegant Occasions Bridal & Formal Wear. Expo will take place at ISVI Auditorium, 658 E. State Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event will feature vendor booths, a prom fashion show, a bridal fashion show, "How to" wedding planning seminars, and games where the brides will compete for prizes. It is free to attend the expo, but a ticket is required due to limited seating. For more information, go to [www.elegant-occasions.biz](http://www.elegant-occasions.biz)

**Feb 21** Jacksonville Public Library, open house at the library from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to welcome Chris Ashmore and Jenna Nurnberger. For more information, call 243.5435.

**Feb 23** Business Expo located at Hamilton's 110 North East, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Showcasing new products and services. Open to the public. Call 217.245.2174 for more information.

**Feb 25** Grierson Days Winter Ball, located at Hamilton's, 110 N. East. Antique Silent Auction will begin at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. , with social hour following from 6 p. m. to 7 p.m., dinner from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Veterans Remembered Recognition will begin at 8 p.m. ending with dancing until 10 p.m. to the 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Brass Band, playing music written by Benjamin H. Grierson. Ticket price is \$30.00. For more information please call Ron Gray at 243.4003.

**Feb 25 Paranormal Investigation** , located at the Old Rectory from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more details or to make a reservation call 1.888.446.7859 or online at [www.bumpinthenight.net](http://www.bumpinthenight.net) .

**Feb 25 Ryan Kuster**, one of Jacksonville's own will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Rammelkamp Chapel. Tickets for the 2011/2012 Illinois College Fine Arts Series costs \$15.00. Concert series offers free admission to students of all ages, regardless of where they attend school. Contact the Office of Advancement at 245.3069 or [fas@ic.edu](mailto:fas@ic.edu) for complete ticket information. Greater detail about each performance is available at [www.ic.edu/fas](http://www.ic.edu/fas)

## WEEKLY/BI-WEEKLY EVENTS

### **AMVETS– Weekly Bingo**

Open to the public, 6:45 p.m. Every Thursday, 210 E. Court, AMVETS hall

### **Big Eli Wheel – Rides at Community Park**

Every Sunday, 4-6 p.m., suggested donation of \$1 children, \$2 adults

Sponsored by Jacksonville Rotary Club all proceeds go toward maintaining the Wheel

### **Farmers market on the Square**, South East Area of the Square

Open Wednesdays, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., through October, free vendor set-up

Sponsored by Jacksonville Main Street - for information, call 245.6884 or [www.jacksonvillemainstreet.com](http://www.jacksonvillemainstreet.com)

### **Governor Joseph Duncan Mansion**, #4 Duncan Place, Duncan Park

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Wednesdays & Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment.

### **Illinois School for The Deaf Alumni Association Museum**, Building #11 Thomas Officer Hall

2 floors of displays, Monday-Friday 9a.m.-Noon

### **Jacksonville Farmers Market**, at Lincoln Square

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, through October 7 a.m. – Noon or 'til sold out – [www.jaxfresh.org](http://www.jaxfresh.org)

### **Meredosia River Museum**, Main Street, Meredosia, IL

Open Saturday & Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., or by appointment 217.370.7858

### **Prairie Council on Aging Bread of Love Nutrition Program**, Jacksonville

Area Sr. Center in Community Park offers

A soup and salad bar on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All Seniors 60+ are welcome. Suggested donation is \$4.00. Please call for Reservations 479-4619.

### **Woodlawn Farm**, East of Jacksonville. Follow Morton Avenue east over Route

72, and follow the signs. Summer Hours (June-Sept): Wed, Sat, & Sun 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. or by appointment.

**March 3-25 Karen Fitzsimmons – Mixed Media**, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2011-2012 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday – Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

**March 3** Special Olympics Polar Plunge, located at the Knights of Columbus 417, Chatham. Registrations is at 10:30 a.m. and the plunge will be at noon. Cost is \$75.00 in pledges required. Come join everyone as they brave Lake Springfield for a good cause. All of the proceeds go to Special Olympics Illinois Area 17, which serves 600 athletes in Sangamon, Morgan, Menard and Macoupin counties. Visit [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org) (look for the polar bears) or call Darrin Burnett 217.544.3023 for more information.

**March 3** Acrylic Workshop Thru the use of acrylic paint creatively mix rich earthy colors with textures, symbolism, nature, and spiritual experiences with **Karen Fitzsimons**. Workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and go until 3 p.m. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Tuition is \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. Supply list provided after registration.

**March 5** Kiwanis's Pancake Sausage Dinner More information TBA , call 243.1114 for more information.

**March 9** Name that Wheel of Jeopardy , at Hamilton's Banquet Hall from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Imagine Foundation presents an artsy game show that steals from all your favorites! Call Imagine at 473.2726 for tickets, \$15 per person!

**March 15** Chapter 99 of the Council for Exceptional Children presents: "The Latest Assistive Technology including iPad and iPhone applications. Located at Hamilton's from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Registration is due on week before meeting. Handouts, Dinner and cookies will be provided. Please contact Martha Vache 245.6974 or Bev Johns 473.1790 for registration and fees.

**March 16 & 17** Bowl For Kids Sake, sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters located at The Bowl Inn, Jacksonville. Team registration is due by March 8<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please call, 217.243.3821.

**March 17** Jacksonville Symphony Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., Rammelkamp Chapel at Illinois College, for more information call 217.245.1181 or visit our web site at [www.jaxsym.com](http://www.jaxsym.com)

**March 17** Haunted Jacksonville Bus Tour & Pub Crawl! Join the Haunted Jacksonville Tour on St. Patrick's Day for a tour of ghosts and spirits – of both kinds! Discover Jacksonville's most haunted places by bus and celebrate the season with some pub stops along the way. Cost is \$30.00 per person. For reservations or more information please visit [illinoishauntings.com/](http://illinoishauntings.com/)

**March 22** Jacksonville Main Street Trivia Night, more information TBA.

**March 22-25** Jacksonville Theatre Guild presents: "I Ought to be In Pictures" The three-character comedy-drama focuses on Herbert Tucker, a struggling screenwriter who abandoned his New York family 16 years earlier. Now daughter Libby has arrived on the West Hollywood doorstep of the father, convinced he can jump-start her Hollywood acting career. All of this and a girl-friend to boot. How does Herb handle these females? Come and see! For tickets call 245.1402.

**March 23** "Baroque Band", will make a return performance at 7:30 p.m. in Rammelkamp Chapel. Tickets for the 2011/2012 Illinois College Fine Arts Series costs \$15.00. Concert series offers free admission to students of all ages, regardless of where they attend school. Contact the Office of Advancement at 245.3069 or [fas@ic.edu](mailto:fas@ic.edu) for complete ticket information. Greater detail about each performance is available at [www.ic.edu/fas](http://www.ic.edu/fas)

**March 24** Illinois College TheatreWorks, “Hairspray”, based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters, Directed by Kate Muchmore. Tickets are \$10.00 and will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information please contact 245.3471 or visit <http://www.ic.edu/theatre>.

**March 24** VET-2-VET is hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Applebee’s Bar and Grill. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and will be available soon. The proceeds will be used to help with the cost of bringing the Traveling Wall for Illinois Fallen Veterans from Iraq/Afghanistan. For more information call 243.5678.

**March 25** Illinois College TheatreWorks, “Hairspray”, based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters, Directed by Kate Muchmore. Tickets are \$10.00 and will begin at 2:00 p.m. For more information please contact 245.3471 or visit <http://www.ic.edu/theatre>.

**March 29-31** Illinois College TheatreWorks, “Hairspray”, based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters, Directed by Kate Muchmore. Tickets are \$10.00 and will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information please contact 245.3471 or visit <http://www.ic.edu/theatre>.

**March 30** Classic Jazz Benefit fundraiser, Friday 6 p.m., Hamilton’s banquet hall in Jacksonville, for more information call 217.245.1181 or visit our web site at [www.jaxsym.com](http://www.jaxsym.com)

**March 31** “Watercolor Still Life” Create a “Watercolor Still Life” using old school and new school techniques. Illinois watercolor artist, teacher and April exhibitor – **Kelly Eddington** – will show you how: wet into wet, dry brush, cutting, and glazing can easily create lively textures and convincing details. Kelly will also introduce you to her paintings and methods during an informal gallery talk as you view her exhibit in the upstairs galleries. Session will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Tuition is \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. Supply list provided after registration. Call 243.9390 for more information.

**March 31- April 29** Kelly Eddington - Watercolors, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2011-2012 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday – Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

**April 1** Illinois College TheatreWorks, “Hairspray”, based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters, Directed by Kate Muchmore. Tickets are \$10.00 and will begin at 2:00 p.m. For more information please contact 245.3471 or visit <http://www.ic.edu/theatre>.

**April 7** .5K, start time is 11 a.m. and all money will go to the Jacksonville Senior Center. More information TBA.

**April 13** TriviaMania VI, hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Jacksonville. Trivia competition to benefit the Kiwanis Foundation. Bogart’s Banquet Hall, 2142 Old State Road, Jacksonville. Questions provided by Roger Deem. Cash Prizes: \$200,\$100, & \$50. Entry fee is \$10.00 per person, limit of 10 per table. Cash bar. No food service, teams are encouraged to bring their own snack. Please call 217.245.5567 or email [admiraldeem@mchsi.com](mailto:admiraldeem@mchsi.com) to confirm team attendance.

**April 21** Spring Planting, beginning Bonsai workshop by the – **Springfield Bonsai Society** – for those interested in learning or enhancing their abilities with Bonsai focusing on the art of Bonsai and styling a tree into a bonsai. Session will begin at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Tuition is \$50.00 for members/non-members. Tree, pot and materials included. Contact 217.243.9390 for more information.

**April 23** Chapter 99 of the Council for Exceptional Children presents: Awards Banquet with Entertainment . Located at Hamilton's from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Registration is due on week before meeting. Handouts, Dinner and cookies will be provided. Please contact Martha Vache 245.6974 or Bev Johns 473.1790 for registration and fees

**April 26-29** Jacksonville Theatre Guild presents: "Lend Me A Tenor" Set in the 1930's, "Lend Me a Tenor" is a medcap screwball comedy that takes place when Tito Merelli, the fiery-tempered and world famous Italian superstar arrives in Cleveland, Ohio to make his debut with the local opera and promptly goes missing. Saunders, the presenter, conspires to cover for Tito's absence, placate his hot-blooded wife, and distracts the most passionate fans. Chaos on a truly operatic level ensues. For tickets call 245.1402.

**April 28** 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Beaux Arts Ball, major fundraiser for the Art Association of Jacksonville followed by a reception at the David Strawn Art Gallery and dancing at the Jacksonville Country Club.  
[www.strawnartgallery.org](http://www.strawnartgallery.org) .

**May 4-5** VET-2-VET, AMVETS Post 100 and American Legion Post 279 are hosting the Iraq/Afghanistan Traveling Wall to Honor Illinois Fallen. More information to follow.

**May 5** Jacksonville Symphony Society Season Finale, 7:30 p.m., Rammelkamp Chapel at Illinois College, for more information call 217.245.1181 or visit our web site at [www.jaxsym.com](http://www.jaxsym.com)

**May 5 – 27** Strawn Student Show, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2011-2012 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday – Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

**May 11** Osage Orange Festival, 6 p.m., King Field House, Bruner Fitness and Recreation Center. For more information, call 217.245.3069.

**May 13** Illinois College Commencement Exercise, 3 p.m., Historic Upper Quadrangle. For more information, call 217.245.3069.

**May 19** Downtown Celebration, more information TBA.

**May 22** Governor Duncan Association Annual Meeting, held at the Governor Duncan Mansion starting at 7 p.m. Presentation of the War of 1812 given by Illinois College Intern Alyssa Gerhardt. For more information please contact 217.243.2001.

**June 7-10** Jacksonville Theatre Guild presents: "Drinking Habits" Accusations, mistaken identities, and romance run wild in this traditional, laugh-out-loud farce. Two nuns at the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing have been secretly making wine to keep the convent's doors open. Wine and secrets are inevitably spilled as everyone tries to preserve the convent and reconnect with loved ones. For tickets call 245.1402.

**June 9** 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheelathon, sponsored by JACIL from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Community Park. For more information please contact JACIL at 245.8371.

**June 15-17** General Grierson Civil War Days, Community Park. Largest mounted Civil War reenactment in the Midwest. Step back in time and experience the life of a Civil War soldier. Visit the Confederate and Union camps. Watch the soldiers drill and prepare for battle, prepare meals and practice medicine. Kid's corner keeps the children entertained while learning about the past. Parades, full period dress grand ball, exhibits, food and of course major battle reenactments. Historic home tours to be announced. For more information, please contact Ron Gray 243.4003 or [www.griersonsociety.com](http://www.griersonsociety.com) .

**JULY 10-15** 65th Morgan County Fair, carnival, food, live entertainment. Headliners TBA. Call 243.5678 for more information.

**July 20-22** Horse Bluegrass Festival, located at Crazy Horse Campground. Performances held on Friday and Saturday, and a Sunday morning Gospel Show. For more information call 217-886-2089.

**July 27-28** River Country Quilt Show, located at Jacksonville High School. Hours on Friday will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact 217.473.7127.

**July 26-29** Jacksonville Theatre Guild presents: "MISFITS the musical" So what happens to those pets that nobody wants? The misfit marsupials? .. the second-hand songbirds? .. the forgotten frogs, tossed toads, homeless hyenas, and neglected newt? Come and see the delightful comedy that awaits as Ken Bradbury and Roger Wainwright team up again for a fantastic show. For tickets call 245.1402.

**Aug 2** DAR Annual Ice Cream Social, lawn of the Governor Duncan Mansion. Delicious desserts and big band entertainment. Call for more information contact 243-2001.

**Aug 2-5** Jacksonville Theatre Guild presents: "MISFITS the musical" So what happens to those pets that nobody wants? The misfit marsupials? .. the second-hand songbirds? .. the forgotten frogs, tossed toads, homeless hyenas, and neglected newt? Come and see the delightful comedy that awaits as Ken Bradbury and Roger Wainwright team up again for a fantastic show. For tickets call 245.1402.

**Aug 10** Jacksonville Pilot Club's 3rd Annual "Dancing with the Stars", Hamilton's, 110 North East, Jacksonville. A fun filled contest featuring local Celebrity dancers. Funds raised benefit the local Salvation Army and its Capital Building Fund. For more information please call 243.3188.

**Aug 25** Jacksonville Main Street Fine Arts Festival, more information TBA.

**Aug 31- Sept 3** 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Prairieland Chautauqua, this year's theme "Women who Made History". Presentations by reenactors, musical entertainment and nightly communal suppers highlight this educational and fun event. Located in Community Park. For more information, contact Dr. Wolf Fuhrig 243.2423.

**Sept 15** Be Aware Wellness Fair, located at Community Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Health related activities and booths, prizes and food. Open to the public. Call 217.245.2174 for more information.

**Sept 15** Governor Duncan's Neighborhood Walking Tour, tour historically and architecturally significant homes in Jacksonville's Historic District, benefits the continuing restoration of the Duncan Mansion. Contact 243-2001 for more information.

**Sept 22-23** 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Jacksonville Cruise Weekend Cruise Nite and Car Show, one of the largest cruise nights in Illinois. Watch the cruise on Saturday night and enjoy the large car show on Sunday morning. This event brings in classic and antique autos for a weekend of fun for young and old alike. For more information, call Steve Pahlmann 243.1975.

**Sept 28-30** 43rd Annual Prairie Land Heritage Museum Steam Show & Fall Festival Days, South Jacksonville. See horse powered equipment, antique tractors, gas & steam engines, demonstrations on baling, blacksmithing and more. Train rides, large flea market and food. \$5 admission for the whole weekend. Please call 243.5678 for more information.

**Sept 29** Illinois College Family Day. For more information, call 217.245.3094.

**Oct 13** Illinois College Homecoming. For more information, call 217.245.36069.

**Oct 27** Jacksonville Main Street's Pumpkin Fest, come join us in the Historic Downtown Square for a weekend of FREE family fun! Contact Judy Tighe at 245.6884 for more information

**Dec 1-2** 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilot Home Tour & Tea, tour five homes, followed by the Annual Tea served at the Jacksonville Theatre Guild. Saturday times are from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are available from any Jacksonville Pilot Club Member. For more information call 479.4610.

*To add an event of general community interest to the calendar, or to be added to our monthly calendar list, please contact the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, (217) 243.5678 or [visitors@jacksonvilleil.org](mailto:visitors@jacksonvilleil.org) . Please have information in our office five (5) days prior to the last day of the month in order for your activity to appear in the current month's calendar.*