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Wine and Roses Offers Unique Event for Valentine's



Joe Metzka Trio

Join Luthy Botanical Gardens on February 9 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. for an evening of hot jazz by the The Joe Metzka Trio and savory desserts in the sultry setting of their tropical Conservatory. Let the lush palm trees and beautifully scented flowers take you away for a night of feasting for all of the senses. Celebrate Valentine's Day in a special way with friends or your true love. Ages 21 and over only, please. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members in advance, \$25 day of event. Call 686-3362 or visit www.peoriaparks.org for more information.

ArtsPartners Serving the Arts!

- It was standing room only at a roundtable discussion on January 10 when local arts representatives met with **Brent Lonteen**, new CEO of the Peoria Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. Lonteen and local arts leaders discussed ways the PACVB and the arts community can work more closely to promote Peoria area arts events on a regional level.



- ArtsPartners now has a presence on YouTube and MySpace at <http://www.myspace.com/artspartners>. Benefits include:
YouTube: Free space to upload videos and an easily embeddable video player that can be incorporated anywhere on the ArtsPartners' website.
MySpace: Reaches the younger demographic, potential to search and contact by zip code for arts events, workshops, etc., and a place to get a "snippet" of the latest happenings of ArtsPartners.

- ArtsPartners has moved its offices to a smaller site down the hall from its former space in Le Vieux Carre complex at 114 State Street. By this move, ArtsPartners will keep rental and utility costs down.

- ArtsPartners' online ticket sales program continues to grow. Arts Groups who are taking advantage of this service can be found on the ArtsPartners website at www.artspartners.net when clicking on the icon Arts Tix. Arts groups who are selling tickets online include: **Fine Arts Society, Peoria Park District, Children's Community Theatre, Peoria POPS Orchestra, and Central Illinois Youth Symphony.**

ArtsPartners promotes the arts as vital to Central Illinois' economic and cultural development.

Fiber Art by Illinois Artist

Don't miss the fiber artwork of Michelle Sales on display at the Contemporary Art Center until February 24. Her works are abstract journals in which her memories are retained, protected, and preserved. Each piece is composed of hand-dyed and stitched spun bonded materials often used in construction and garment industries. Transferred text is sometimes applied and wire is sewn in for support. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday. Call 674-6822 or visit www.peoriacac.org for more information.



Jeff Hamilton to Play at Jazz Festival



photo by Mark E. LaMoreaux

The Jeff Hamilton Trio will perform at Bradley's Jazz Festival on February 27 at 7:30 p.m. Jeff Hamilton has performed with many artists such as Natalie Cole, Rosemary Clooney and Barbra Streisand. They will be backed by the Bradley University Jazz Ensemble, who have performed at jazz festivals around the world. For more information call 677-2650 or visit www.hamiltonjazz.com.

For a more complete listing of local arts events, please click on Event Calendar on the ArtsPartners website at www.artspartners.net