

CALENDAR

Art & Exhibits

CENTRAL ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS ARTS CENTER
MacArthur Park, East Ninth and Commerce streets. "Toys Designed by Artists," through Sunday. "Multiplicity" and "Fifty for Arkansas: The Dorothy and Herbert Vogel Collection," through Sunday. "Foundation Collection," "Masterworks" and "Paul Signac," continuing. Museum School art classes and workshops for children and adults; call or visit website for schedule and costs. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. arkarts.com or (501) 372-4000.

ARKANSAS TREASURER'S OFFICE Room 220, Arkansas Capitol. January: works by Tyler Adams and Gail Wilcox. Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. (501) 682-1423. **FREE**

ARKANSAS STUDIES INSTITUTE BUTLER CENTER GALLERIES
401 President Clinton Ave.

From the Vault: Works From the Central Arkansas Library System Permanent Collection, through March 23. Arkansas League of Artists juried competition exhibit, through Jan. 26. Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. (501) 320-5700. **FREE**

CANTRELL GALLERY 8206 Cantrell Road. "Elemental: Copper. Zinc. Clay. Wood. Bone. Stone. Oil. Watercolor." by Bob Crane, Jan. 11-March 2; reception 6-8 p.m. Jan. 11. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, or by appointment. (501) 224-1335. **FREE**

CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL CENTER 1200 President Clinton Ave. "In Pieces," through Jan. 31. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$7; retired military, college students and ages 62 and over \$5; children 6-17 \$3; active military and children under 6 free. (501) 374-4242.

GALLERY 221 Second and Center streets. "Let It Snow," holiday show, through today. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and by appointment. (501) 801-0211. **FREE**

GALLERY 26 2601 Kavanaugh Blvd., Suite 1. Influences of the Gurdjieff Tradition in Art, noon-6 p.m. Jan. 13. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. (501) 664-8996. **FREE**

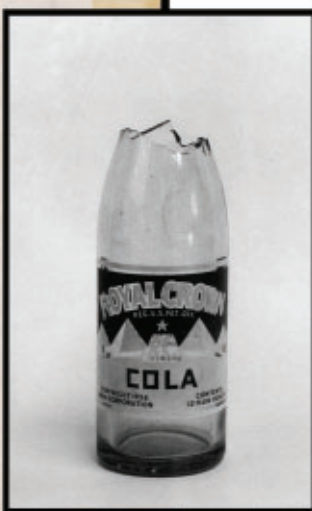
GREG THOMPSON FINE ART 429 Main St., North Little Rock. "Southern Abstraction," through Jan. 12. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. gregthompsonfineart.com or (501) 664-2787. **FREE**

HEARNE FINE ART 1001 Wright Ave., Suite C. "Highlights of 2012," "And the Band Plays On," Kevin Cole, through Monday. "Celebrating Cultures, Liberating Minds," Tuesday-Feb. 8; opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Jan. 11; artist talk 11 a.m. Jan. 12. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, by appointment Sunday. (501) 372-6822. **FREE**

HISTORIC ARKANSAS MUSEUM 200 E. Third St. "Beyond the Expected: Norwood Creech, Paulette Palmer and Edward Wade Jr.," through Feb. 3. "Jared Hogue: Mini Faces," "Barbie: The 1½-Inch American Icon," through Sunday. "We Walk in

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THE WEEKEND TEN The top things to do and places to be



1 IMAGES

"Images From the South," a touring exhibition from the Arkansas Arts Center that looks at Southern culture through artists' eyes, opens Friday at the main branch of the William F. Laman Library, 2801 Orange St., North Little Rock. It's up through Jan. 20; hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday and admission is free. Call (501) 758-1720 or visit lamanlibrary.org.



Artwork (clockwise from left) *Cola Bottle* by Joan Myers, *Community Life in the Ozarks* by Louis Freund, *Mardi Gras* by Judith Betts and *On the Mississippi*, artist unknown.

2 INFUSE
Nashville-based folk quartet **Harpeth Rising** — classically trained musicians Jordana Greenberg, violin; Rebecca Reed-Lunn, banjo; Chris Burgess, percussion; and Maria Di Meglio, cello — will perform under the auspices of the Little Rock Folk Club at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Thomson Hall, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1818 Reservoir Road, Little Rock. Tickets are \$15, \$8 for students with ID, free for accompanied children 12 and under. Call (501) 663-0634. See story Page 4E.

3 INSTITUTIONS
Take your sack lunch and fit a little history into your work day as the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program presents its first **Sandwiching in History** tour of the new year, noon Friday. This month's lecture and tour highlights the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Club, 401 Scott St., Little Rock (subsequently the Woman's City Club and now home to the Junior League of Little Rock). Admission is free. Call (501) 324-9880.

4 'ILARIOUS
Actor-comedian **Marc Ryan** headlines at 7:30 p.m. today-Saturday with additional 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows at the Loony Bin Comedy Club, in the Breckenridge Village Shopping Center, Interstate 430 and North Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock. Tickets are \$7 tonight, \$10 Friday-Saturday. Call (501) 228-5555 or visit loonybincomedy.com.

5 INSTANT
Low Key Arts keeps it short and sweet at **Arkansas Shorts: A Night of Short Film**, Saturday at the Central Theater, 1008 Central Ave., Hot Springs. Each film, all created by Arkansans, is less than 10 minutes long. A reception starts things off at 7 p.m., followed by screenings at 8. Admission is \$7. Call (501) 282-9056.

6 INTERMISSION
Les Troyens, Hector Berlioz' epic Trojan War opera based on Virgil's *Aeneid*, will be the latest *Met: Live in HD* cinecast, 11 a.m. Saturday at the Breckenridge Village 12 in Little Rock, Tinseltown in

Benton, the Conway Towne Center in Conway and the Razorback 16 Cinema in Fayetteville. Marcello Giordani sings the role of Aeneas, with Deborah Voigt as Cassandra and Susan Graham as Dido. (Pack a lunch or stock up at the concession stand — it's five hours long, including the two intermissions.) Ticket information is available at FathomEvents.com or metopera.org/hdlive.

7 IDIOSYNCRATIC
A Fertle Holiday, in which The Main Thing — Vicki and Steve Farrell and Brett Ihler — play all the prolific residents of the tiny town of Dumpster, Ark., as well as their rich relatives from San Diego, continues at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Jan. 12 at The Joint, 301 Main St., North Little Rock. Admission is \$20. Call (501) 372-0205, e-mail vicki@thejointinlittlerock.com or visit thejointinlittlerock.com.

8 ICE
If you haven't taken a spin on the ice yet, this is your last chance. The **Arvest Ice Rink** in the River Market's West Pavilion (400 President Clinton Ave., Little Rock) is open to skaters, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

through Saturday and noon-8 p.m. Sunday before shutting for the season. Admission, \$9, free for kids 4 and younger, includes skate rental. Call (501) 375-2552 or visit holiday-sinlittlerock.com.

9 INTERPRET
Three exhibits at the **Arkansas Arts Center**, 10th and Commerce streets, Little Rock, are wrapping up their runs this weekend: "Toys Designed by Artists," "Multiplicity" and "Fifty for Arkansas: The Dorothy and Herbert Vogel Collection" continue through Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today-Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Call (501) 372-4000 or visit arkarts.com.

10 ICON
Barbie takes her leave from the Historic Arkansas Museum, 200 E. Third St., Little Rock, on Sunday. "Barbie: The 1½-Inch American Icon" will be on display — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. today-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday — 'til then. Gallery admission is free. Call (501) 324-9351.

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Fast Forward

Things to do next week and next month.

NEXT WEEK

High flights: Watch the birdies. Several state parks are devoting lots of time to flying, feathered friends Jan. 11-13. Bull Shoals-White River State Park near Harrison and Petit Jean State Park near Morrilton will present Eagle Awareness Weekends. At Lake Village, Lake Chicot State Park will host a Waterfowl Watch Weekend. Look for tours, hikes, programs and demonstrations. Visit arkansasstateparks.com.

NEXT MONTH

High jumps: The trick-shot showmen of the Harlem Globe Trotters return to North Little Rock's Verizon Arena on their You Write the Rules World Tour, 7 p.m. Feb. 5. Fan participation is a must. Tickets are \$23-\$110 plus fees. Call (800) 745-3000.



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Seuss-ian decor, same burgers

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Golden arches. Once upon a time you'd instantly know a McDonald's restaurant by its golden arches.

The golden arches haven't disappeared from the McDonald's landscape. They show up on the signs and the logos, because they are, after all, the corporate symbol. But until recently they haven't been part of the golden architecture.

The new McDonald's at 104 S. University Ave., Little Rock, built on the site of the former Bennigan's, part, more or less, of the new Park Avenue development in Midtown, re-incorporates the arches into a prototype design that has been built so far in only two other locations, with two more to go.

It combines a "retro" style exterior with glass walls and McDonald's new upscale interior, a nonlinear, pastel landscape with quirky lighting fixtures, mobiles, flat-screen TVs and Internet access.

The new building is much bigger than most McDonald's you're used to, and owner/franchisee Eliecer Palacios, whose third McDonald's this is, has hired a staff roughly twice the size of the usual McDonald's crew, which



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Golden arches are part of the "tribute" architecture at the new McDonald's, 104 S. University Ave., Little Rock.

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