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# Letter

## from the Rexburg Arts Council Chair



### Dear Citizens,

It seems that quarterly Arts Guides come all too soon, how time flies. We are breaking through winter with great anticipation of the spring ahead and all the wonderful performances that promise new life and rejuvenation after a long winter's hibernation. We welcome, every year, our traditional performances and add a little variety with some new and unique ones as well.

The famed Tabernacle Orchestra returns to the stage on March 3rd. We also look forward to a special performance by the U.S. Air Force *Band of the Golden West* on

Monday, April 19th. A great family event celebrating our freedoms and honoring our military who have and continue to serve our country. The Cantabile Singers annual performance in the beginning of May is a favorite, as is our Summer Concert Series with a line-up of talented local artists.

A grant writing workshop on March 23rd will allow novice and experience grant writers alike the opportunity to expand the arts offerings in the Rexburg area. Come with an idea for a new program or performance and a representative from the Idaho Commission on the Arts will guide you through the steps of successful grant writing. We are excited to offer this workshop so that the talented, dedicated and passionate arts lovers can continue to find opportunities to grow the Arts in Rexburg.

Wishing you a wonderful spring! See you at the shows, the displays, the workshops, and probably the grocery store!

*Kriss Jacobson*

## New Council Member Spotlight

# Karen Pierce



Karen Pierce is a resident of Hibbard. She grew up in the Rexburg area and attended Madison High School, Ricks College and BYU where she graduated in Interior Design. She worked for several retail stores, including Showcase Interiors, until she married and had a family. She is married to Dan Pierce and has two children, John and Ashley. After their marriage, Dan went

to work for General Electric as a nuclear power field engineer. This work took them to California, Ohio, Iowa, and Mexico. They met many wonderful people in these areas and loved living in different places.

They returned to this area 15 years ago. Karen decided to return to school and graduated from BYU Idaho in Architectural Technology. She has been drawing house plans for people for the last six years.

When she goes to different cities with her family, she likes to explore; go to the parks, museums, gardens, historical districts, downtown and wants to see any buildings of interest. She wants people who come to Rexburg to have the same experience. For this reason, she wants to help make sure that Rexburg is putting its best foot forward for visitors, as well as for those of us who live here. She also thinks winter is the most beautiful season of all, even after living in a tropical climate for more than five years. The bad roads are the only down side of winter.

We welcome Karen as our newest member to the Arts in Rexburg Council and look forward to her contribution and expertise in design and building renovation considering our projects with the Westwood Theater and the Tabernacle Civic Center.





## Arts Guild Spotlight

# *Diane Tietjen*

I lived in Ucon, Idaho on my grandfathers farm until I was 12 years old. My mother then moved me and my four brothers & sisters to Boise, Idaho. I have loved to draw since I was young and when I found that the Junior High School offered Art classes, I was elated. In Boise I went to East Junior High and Boise High School taking Art classes for my electives.

In junior high I won second place in the “Hire the Handicapped” poster contest. Winners were chosen from all the Boise Schools, both high school & junior high. In 1968, I came to Ricks College with an Art Scholarship, therefore majoring in Art. I only made it through one year of college when I decided to pursue my main mission in life. That of wife and motherhood. I married Ron Tietjen a local young man from Rexburg. Since Ron was a part owner of El-Gene’s TV & Appliance, we made our home here in Rexburg.

While raising 10 wonderful children, throughout the years I would try to keep up on my art skills by taking some Art classes at the College or thru the Continuing Education Department. I have taken classes from some of the very best like: Robert Auth, Oliver Parson, Arlo Cole, Leon Parson, Ken Anderson, Richard Bird, Del Parson, & Nolan Parson.



Diane’s painting “Gathering the Wheat from the Tares.”

Ron and I have seven sons & three daughters and at present have 34 grandchildren with all but four of them living here in Rexburg. They love learning new Art Skills at Grandma’s house..

I have mostly painted with oils but the last six years I have been trying my hand at watercolor. I enjoy this medium very much. I had always dreamed of painting the Idaho Falls Temple, since it was for many years “My Temple,” but I never got it done. When the Rexburg Temple was built, I set my dreams on painting it. I was finally able to fulfil this dream this last November. My painting, titled “Gathering the Wheat from the Tares” will be displayed in the conference room of the Chamber of Commerce during the Month of February.

I have been an active member of the Upper Valley Art Guild since it’s beginning and have served as Treasurer and am now serving as Secretary. The Guild has given me some great opportunities to displaying my art and receiving more instructions. I am always ready to learn more. I encourage everyone to come to the guild and see the many fabulous works of art done by our own local residents.

# Upcoming Events

## Rexburg Tabernacle Orchestra March Performance

Dates: March 3

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Rexburg Tabernacle Civic Center

Cost: Free, donations accepted

The Rexburg Tabernacle Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. LaMar Barrus, will present their second concert of the season March 3 in the Rexburg Tabernacle Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.. All of the concerts of this community orchestra are free. This program will be featuring a member of the orchestra, Natalie Blackburn, who will solo with Scottish Fantasy by Bruch.



Other selections will include Hungarian Dances by Brahms, Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana, by Mascagni, and works by Ravel, Borodin and Lehar.

This all-volunteer ensemble includes gifted musicians of all ages and vocational backgrounds who rehearse every Wednesday from 8-10 p.m. in the Tabernacle. Members include music teachers in the public schools as well as private instructors, professors and businessmen, students in their school music programs, and musicians who continue to develop their skills.

## Interior Design: Senior Students Exhibit

Dates: Feb. 19 - March 12

Times: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Place: BYU-I Spori Art Gallery

Cost: Free

The Interior Design Exhibit will showcase some of the work of senior students at Brigham Young University - Idaho. This exhibit is sure to bring a fresh young look on interior design. One might even get some new ideas for redecorating that living room that has been in need of work.



## 22nd Annual Horticulture Flowers and Bridal Show

Date: March 13

Time: 2-5 p.m.

Place: Benson Building, BYU-Idaho

Held in collaboration with the Home and Family Conference, is the 22nd Annual horticulture Flowers and Bridal Open House. It is scheduled March 13th from 2-6 p.m. Participants may experience life's greatest occasions with the newest trends in floral design.

Family values are portrayed in bouquets, cakes, and floral displays as trend meets tradition. Discounts are given for group admission. More information is available at [www.byui.edu/flowercenter](http://www.byui.edu/flowercenter).

These most beautiful unique arrangements are created and displayed by the students from BYU-Idaho's Home and Family and Horticulture Departments.





## Upper Valley Idol

### Upper Valley Idol Junior Competition

Dates: Mar. 12 – Junior Prelims

Mar. 19 – Junior Semi-Finals

Mar. 26 – Junior Finals

### Upper Valley Idol Senior Competition

Dates: Mar. 13 – Senior Prelims

Mar. 20 – Senior Semi-Finals

Mar. 27 – Senior Finals

Time: All shows start at 7 p.m.

Place: Westwood Theatre

Upper Valley Idol is South-Eastern Idaho's premier singing/talent competition held at the beautiful Westwood Theatre in Rexburg. We will be hosting the junior and senior division competitions in the month of March. Juniors are open to youth between the ages of 10 and 16 and our senior division is open to those 17 and over. Contestants go through an initial acappella audition. From that audition between 15 and 18 contestants are chosen to compete in the preliminary round. Our final shows will consist of six contestants in each age group.

In order to make it to the final show, contestants will need to "sing their hearts out" for a panel of distinguished judges and wow the audience. The eliminating process of contestants depends on the audience and judge panel. Scores are calculated by a 75/25 ratio with the judges holding the higher percentage.

Audience members can be expected to hear music from all genre's and even some special group numbers by our six finalists. Last years competition was absolutely amazing, with standing room only at the final event. The calibre of performers was incredible.

There is a monetary award for all finalists donated by the Roger and Sybil Ferguson Family.

## Bachelor of Fine Art: Senior Student Exhibit

Dates: March 18 - April 9

Times: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Place: BYU-I Spori Art Gallery

Cost: Free

This Fine Art Exhibit will showcase some of the work of senior students at Brigham Young University - Idaho receiving a Bachelors in Fine Art. The opening reception for this event will be held on March 18 from 7-9 p.m. This event is sure to convey some of top work that BYU-Idaho has to offer.

Oil Painting by Brigham Young University-Idaho Student Soon Kim, featured in the Fall 2008 Bachelor of Fine Art Senior Student Exhibit



## United States Air Force Band of the Golden West

Date: April 19

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Rexburg Tabernacle Civic Center

Cost: Free

The Concert Band, the largest performing ensemble within the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West, is comprised of 45 musicians. It has performed for thousands of listeners, both in person and over the airwaves via its masterful recordings. It has reached millions of listeners and inspired enthusiastic critical acclaim as one of America's premier musical organizations.

Touring the western states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada, the band performs for music conventions and plays just about any variety of music. Its traditional instrumentation includes woodwinds, brasses, percussion, piano, bass, and vocalists.

The band's repertoire includes standard concert band/wind ensemble literature, orchestral transcriptions, military marches, jazz and pop arrangements, Broadway excerpts, and of course, patriotic songs. Its wide and varied programs offer something for everyone, and make an excellent choice for family entertainment!

**Major Scott A. Guidry** is Deputy Commander of The United States Air Force Band, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. Originally from Carencro, La., he began his Air Force career in 1993.



Major Guidry is a graduate of Loyola University of New Orleans, where he was awarded a Bachelor of Music Education, cum laude, in 1986. Upon joining the Air Force, he first served with The USAF Band in Washington, D.C., as the Executive Officer and Director of the Air Force Strings. During this time, he completed a Master of Arts in Instrumental Conducting degree from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

In 1998, Major Guidry became Deputy Commander and later Commander of the USAF Band of Liberty, Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts. Four years later, he was hand-picked by the commander of United States Air Forces in Europe to command the United States Air Forces in Europe Band, Sembach Air Base, Germany.

During his 14 year Air Force career, Major Guidry has performed throughout the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe and Western Asia, including Russia, Finland, Germany, Italy, Poland, Turkey, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Slovenia, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Bulgaria, Romania, Iraq, Qatar and Afghanistan. He has performed in such notable venues as the Neues Gewandhaus Leipzig.

Major Guidry is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and of Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. In 2000, he was named Air Force Band Officer of the Year.



## Rexburg Tabernacle Orchestra May Performance

Dates: May 5

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Rexburg Tabernacle Civic Center

Cost: Free, donations accepted

In the tradition of showcasing the members of the Rexburg Tabernacle Orchestra in their individual skills and talents, the orchestra will feature Lindsey Eliason as the oboe soloist in a concerto by Cimarosa for the May 5 concert. This free concert will close the season for the orchestra members.

Dr. LaMar Barrus, in his sixth season with the group, is the retired director of orchestras at Ricks College (now BYU-Idaho). He brings a wealth of experience and skills to this maturing musical ensemble. They perform three concerts each season in November, March and May.

Sponsors of this unique ensemble are the City of Rexburg, the Rexburg Arts Council and several generous benefactors.



# The Westwood film festival

## The Westwood Film Festival

Date: March 5-6

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Westwood Theatre

Cost: \$3/Night, \$5 two night pass

The Westwood Film Festival is a ground breaking event driven to bring talented filmmakers to the historic Westwood Theatre to display their craft. The Westwood Film Festival is dedicated to embracing the artistic vision of independent filmmakers and providing them the opportunity to display their talents in a setting worthy of their drive and dedication.

For patrons, The Westwood Film Festival represents a rare opportunity to enjoy a backdrop of artistic expression and quality entertainment. Set in a historic venue, The Westwood Film Festival promises to be an exciting weekend immersed in great film. While in it's inaugural year, The Westwood Film Festival will soon be a benchmark for rebirth of the arts in southeast Idaho.

The Westwood Film Festival will consist of two days of events. The first night will be a showcase for short film exhibitions submitted by festival participants. The second night will be comprised of a feature length premiere and will be brought to a close with the award ceremony. Prizes will be awarded to films based on category and selected by a panel of judges. For more information about The Westwood Film Festival visit [www.thewestwoodfilmfestival.com](http://www.thewestwoodfilmfestival.com).

## Grant Writing Workshop

Date: March 23

Time: 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Place: Westwood Theatre

We are bringing in the expert, Michelle Coleman from the Idaho Commission on the Arts. From 4:30 to 6 p.m. on March 23rd, we will be meeting at the Westwood Theater for instruction and a question and answer session to get you started in the grant writing process. This is the same Grant Writing Workshop that was previously scheduled for November and had to be delayed.

If you have an idea for an arts program, a display, a performance, etc. and can't get it started due to lack of funding . . . this is the workshop for you. The funding cycle for quick funds on Arts Projects is June, which gives you time to learn, write, and receive individualized feedback on your grant before the deadline.

To learn about the Idaho Commission on the Arts and what types of grants they typically fund, the requirements, and the time line, please visit <http://www.arts.idaho.gov> and come prepared with questions, project ideas, or even a basic draft of your grant proposal.

Please R.S.V.P. by calling and leaving your name and contact information at City Hall 359-3020 so we can contact you in case of a change of plans, as well as send you preparation materials.

For additional questions on the grant writing workshop, please e-mail Kriss Jacobson at [jacobsonkr@byui.edu](mailto:jacobsonkr@byui.edu)



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# Friends of the Arts

Support the Arts in Rexburg by becoming a Friend of the Arts. Annual donations to the Arts in Rexburg help us to continue to bring quality entertainment to Rexburg area, promote a variety of arts options, and give opportunities for local citizens to participate in performances and programs that add culture, beauty and a sense of community.

**Donor Levels:**

- Friend - \$25.00 annually
- Patron –\$200 annually
- Partner –\$750 annually
- Benefactor –\$1,000 annually

Donors will receive recognition and thanks depending on donor level with tickets, pins, receptions, printed name in programs and Arts Guide, and other types of appreciation to be determined by level.

The *Friends of the Arts* Campaign will begin officially in May. Be watching for an opportunity to be a part of the Arts in Rexburg. Donor cards will soon be available.