

Rotary Arts Minute 7/31/2023 Information provided by the



[Echo Location, a multi-media solo exhibition by Colleen Woolpert](#)

Monday-Thursday, Jul 14, 2023 - Aug 10, 2023 from 12-2 pm

at [Arcus Gallery at Kalamazoo Valley Center for New Media](#), 100 E. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Echo Location, a multi-media solo exhibition by Colleen Woolpert, reflects how she experienced the former Lee Paper Company mill in Vicksburg, MI with her twin sister Rani Young at the Prairie Ronde Artist Residency in the Summer of 2022. Among her media explorations, Colleen's stereoscopic photography may be viewed as standard photographs or in 3D for an immersive encounter that predates VR. Colleen's interest in this format originated with a desire to help her twin sister whose visual impairment (strabismus) impedes her depth perception and affects her mental health. Colleen's stereoscopes reinforce the vision therapy program that trains Rani's eyes to coordinate, resulting in depth perception and calm self-confidence. In Colleen's view, the work is joint art therapy. Support is provided by the Kalamazoo Artistic Development Initiative, a program of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.



[Turning Bronson Park Inside Out](#)

Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 12:00 pm

Admission is free, but preregistration is encouraged!

Presented at [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Engage with arts education! This ARTbreak is led by Mandy Clearwaters, who serves as the Kalamazoo Public Schools' Lead Art Teacher and Winchell Elementary Art Teacher. As part of her role, she is the bridge between KPS fine arts and the greater Kalamazoo community. In Clearwaters' latest community engagement endeavor, she and her team used the Inside Out Project platform to create a public installation of photographed portraits in Bronson Park. "We Are Kalamazoo Artists" was the heartbeat statement behind the nearly 1,000 faces shown along the park's sidewalks in May 2023. Join her to learn more about the installation and the importance of the arts in our students' lives.



[Gilmore Car Museum Cruise-Ins](#) – Zion Lion – Reggae band

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Presented by [Gilmore Car Museum](#), 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Wednesday Night Cruise-Ins at the Gilmore Car Museum have become an annual summer tradition from May through September! It is FREE to bring your collector car on the grounds during Cruise-In and the event is open to the public. On good weather nights, the fun starts at 5 pm and runs until 8 pm, with both George & Sally's authentic 1941 Blue Moon Diner and The Grill serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and creamy old-fashioned custard throughout the evening. Limited to show field cars only (classics, muscle, antique, special interest, hot rods, etc). *Museum members receive early entry at 4:30 pm.



[Vicksburg - Burg Days of Summer](#)

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Presented by [Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center](#) at Oswalt Park, 109 N Main St, Vicksburg, MI 49097

This summer, we're bringing fun and festivities to downtown Vicksburg with the first-ever BURG Days of Summer! Join us for family-friendly activities, live music in the streets, food trucks, and more!

Main St: The Skeletones – R&B/Blues/Soul/Motown

Brings a searing brand of high energy, yet soulful music to the local music scene and has taken its show throughout the Midwest.

Prairie St: Hurricane – Reggae

Hailing from the exotic isle of Dominica Cleve Hurricane Jean Jacques will be performing his solo gig bringing a true Caribbean vibe with Reggae, Soca, Calypso a little Jazz, Top 40, and Blues.



[Lunchtime Live! - The Kennedy Affair](#)

Friday, August 4, 2023 at 11:30 am

Presented by [City of Kalamazoo Parks & Recreation](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 W South Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Lunchtime Live! presented by [Lake Michigan Credit Union](#) offers live music, games, food, and fun every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bronson Park. Food and retail will be available for purchase. Food trucks will be lined up along Bronson Park on South Street and other vendors will be set up throughout the park. Each week will feature a different local musical artist. This is a free event, and all community members are welcome.



State On The Street: Fake Baseball

Friday, August 4, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#) at [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#), 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Join us outside the historic **Kalamazoo State Theatre** for **State on the Street** featuring **Fake Baseball** Friday, August 4 at 5:00 pm! We'll have free live music outside our iconic theatre, patio seating, drink specials, theatre tours available for purchase, and more! Fake Baseball is an eclectic art-pop band based in Kalamazoo, MI. Fake Baseball bends pop music on its ear and builds engaging soundscapes, with consideration toward making those booties drop. Come be bathed in the sweet and uneasy melancholy of a glitchy, introspective dream-zone, or wiggle your hips to an intricate groove with dazzling keys and horns that are best described as “stanky.”



Kalamazoo Avenue Band - Hosted by Oshtemo Friends of the Parks

Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Presented by [Oshtemo Friends of the Parks](#) at [Flesher Field](#), 3664 South 9th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Join us for a free, family-friendly outdoor concert at the beautiful gazebo at Flesher Field Park! Our final performance of the summer will feature the Kalamazoo Avenue Band, playing classic rock through the decades.



She Persisted, The Musical

Friday-Sunday, August 4 at 11:00 am, August 5, 2023 @ 11:00 am & 3:00 pm, August 6, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#) at 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007; All tickets are \$15.

She Persisted, The Musical is a trailblazing piece of theatre based on the best-selling children’s book written by Chelsea Clinton and beautifully illustrated by Alexandra Boiger.

Fourth-grader Naomi’s field trip to a Women’s History Museum turns into a time travel adventure where she encounters inspirational women who have overcome barriers and made waves throughout U.S. history. From activists to athletes, artists, and more, it’s a perfect 90-minute musical for the whole family — grandma and grandpa too!