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Colorful Art Collective at the Grand Avenue Club



GAC Art Collective; "Milwaukee Downtown," Kim Lamers, one of the creators

by Bridget Bishop

Nestled in the environs of a historic bank in Milwaukee's Hi-Fi District—Historic Financial, where the Grain Exchange and the Swinging Door, Milwaukee's oldest saloon, burgeon with visitors and native Milwaukeeans alike—there is a clubhouse.

As I am escorted through the Bank of Milwaukee building, I quickly realize its members are highly skilled at assessing a visitor and their purpose. Thankfully, this is not a secret clubhouse for monied good old boys to shadily network and talk commerce, although it was formerly known as the Insurance Exchange. The Grand Avenue Club is a sacred space, meeting place, and healing hangout.

"A Community that Works," its motto, speaks to the simple but rich philosophy that brings its people together. Touring the floors of the impressive building, I notice that for those who keep company here it's neither possible nor relevant to distinguish who is an employee, a member or a volunteer.

Amongst a boutique, operations office, and a culinary unit where the community is finishing up lunch together, democracy permeates every interaction and space. Success stories are posted upon the walls and "The Source," the daily newsletter of the club, is scattered on dining tables, reporting on World Kindness Week.

Amid the ancient vaults, at every entranceway, hallway, wall—every which way there is art. Even before walking in, at the entrance at Water and Michigan Streets, there is a towering mural, "Building Community with Compassion." Created by community artist Tia Richardson, whose work has themes of empowerment and often involves the efforts of local residents, the mural was indeed brought to life with the hands of many Grand Avenue Club members (along with a little philanthropic support from Bud Selig).

Richardson invited participation from members from the club's art collective, which occupies the top floor and features an impressive gallery space, open to the public quarterly for Gallery Night. Participation wasn't limited to the paintbrushes—the planning of the mural took inspiration from the values of the GAC community, and was workshopped thoroughly with members. One member shared that they wanted the mural to convey outside some of what goes on inside its doors. The execution brilliantly communicates the message of healing through art and participation.

Caring the daily operations of the club, members and staff are connected to the support of each other, along with whatever other resources the club can link people up with. The clubhouse model, pioneered in the 1940s by the Fountain House in New York City, meets the needs of those with mental illness with intentional community (fountainhouse.org). This is not a clinical model of care, instead reaching far beyond into activities that enrich and educate its members, and support their vocational life.

Programming here very often prepares for vocations beyond retail or kitchen positions—there are many successful professionals amongst graduates of their Transitional Employment program, though graduation doesn't aptly describe the progression of participation at the club; ideally, no one really leaves, instead moving along to serve other members as role models.

Kim Lamers is one such inspiration. She joined the club after working with Richardson for many years, helping with murals in Milwaukee, Kenosha and even Rockford. Riding past the installation of "Sherman Park Rising" one day on her bike, Lamers stopped to chat with the muralist; the relationship has continued for the seven years since. Their work together on the GAC's courtyard mural introduced Lamers to the art collective where she has strengthened her passion as a Wellness Artist.

Working in photography, jewelry, and collage—notably, recycled plastic—Lamers finds inspiration in contemplation of the consumption cycle, specifically how to keep single use plastics out of water. In a corner of the Gallery Grand sits a huge, vivid collage composed of a rainbow of bottle caps, worked on by over 30 members. Inclusion and participation at a such a level is not only restorative, it offers a chance for the veteran artists to share their concepts and techniques.

Coordinator Avi Hellman, himself a notably talented artist, steers the gallery with his vision and compassion. Along with orchestrating the commercial side of the gallery, encouraging artists to offer pieces for sale and more recently, implementing virtual exhibitions, he often is creating alongside members. His jewelry as well as several members' designs can be found for sale at the club's Water Street Boutique.

Notably, the success story of Milwaukee fine artist Colleen Kassner, who published "The Portrait Project: Faces of Resilience" in 2013—featuring oil portraits of GAC members, brings inspiration. Many of her portraits are still found at the club, peppering the body of work by scores of members with striking emotional realism. Kassner has since worked as a curator and gallery director and now is located part-time in Medellin, Colombia where she operates an artists' retreat, Casa Encanto. Her mental health journey lingers in the representation of others on the club's walls. In the words of Tia Richardson, "Everyone's perspective adds richness to the bigger picture."

Richardson's artist site is cosmic-butterfly.com. Colleen and husband Philo Kassner are at kassnercreative.com. Learn more about and support the Community that Works this giving season at grandavenueclub.org.



The fish floating off Kim's right shoulder is composed entirely of plastic straws found on beaches.

photos vbushell

Lamers finds inspiration in contemplation of the consumption cycle, specifically how to keep single use plastics out of water.



Mixed media - composed of bits of discarded plastics that foul our beaches, lakes and oceans.

Neighbor Hundlight: Santa, a very good dog (a spotlight of, by, and for dogs)



by Vita

You better watch out!
Oh wait, that's what you say about Santa ... not to him. Of course, if Santa is a dog, maybe the rules change.

Anyway, my name is Vita (rhymes with Pita or Margarita -- my mom likes those). And I'm a dog, too. I'm here to introduce you to my new friend.

So, when I told Santa to watch out it was because he almost ran into me! See, he's got a thing for catching stuff. Especially frisbees. When a frisbee gets thrown, he doesn't look to see what's in his way. He just revs up those road-runner legs and goes. His brain has nothing to do with it.

Personally, I pride myself on being a thinker. Except when it comes to barking. I guess you could say that chasing and catching frisbees comes as naturally to Santa as barking at anything that moves comes to me. In a way, we do make kind of a good team.

Not that I'd admit it. He's a young pup, only three years old to my mature twelve. And while my wisdom and training have been accumulating over a long time, he's still got so much to learn. Like, for one thing, to care about something else besides things being thrown through the air.

I did try to help him a couple times, but he left in me his wake. His dad, Steve Jennings, told my mom, Ellen C. Warren (who writes for this paper) that Santa is a pure Border Collie, just like his predecessor, Orbit (who was written about in 2009 by my predecessor, Buddy) and another before them, named Deacon.

Even though they are chasers and fielders by nature, there is a lot of training involved. Santa won a competition at Summerfest this year in the Comprehensive Interactive Frisbee Show. His dad has been doing that for 44 years with each of his dogs, but this was their last year cuz things at Summerfest have changed.

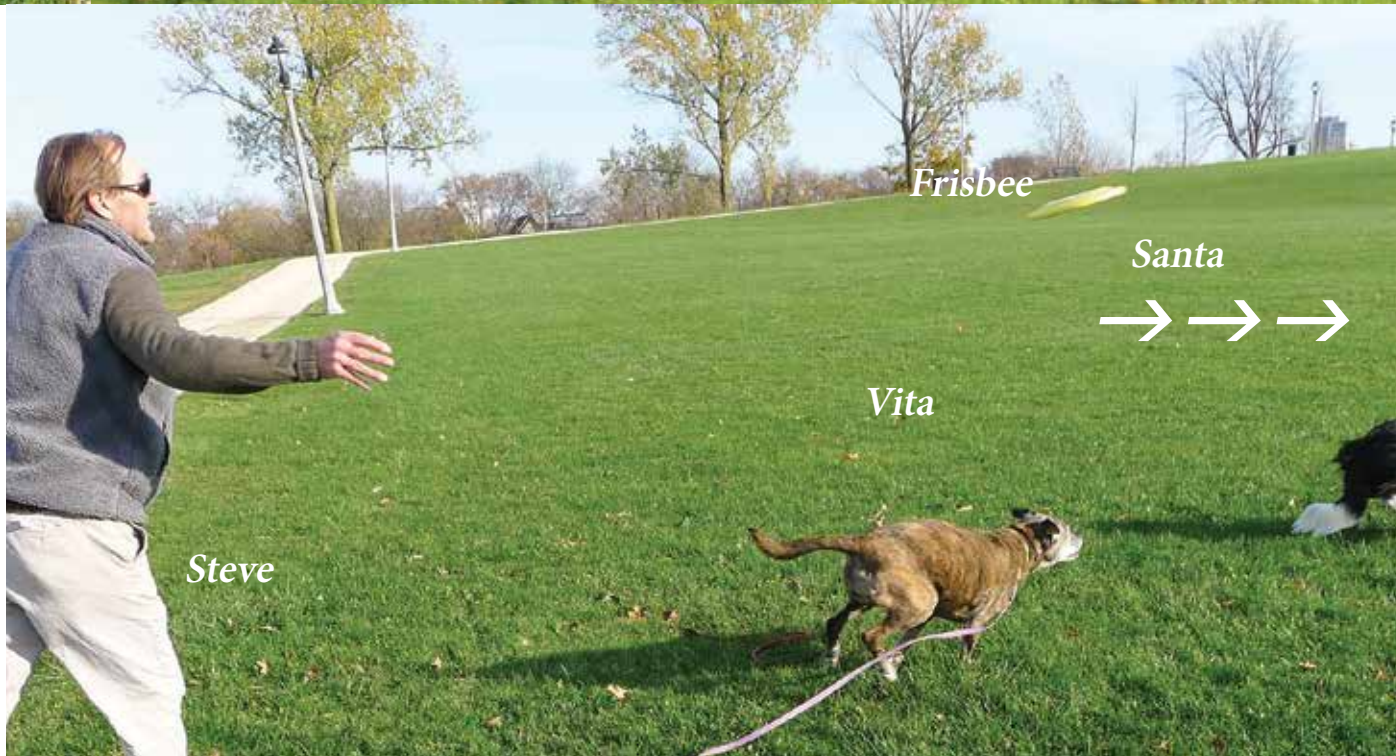
Just now my mom threw the frisbee and Santa chased it and did a full spin

before jumping to grab it mid-air! Steve said that would get high points in a competition. It looked really cool!

I heard Steve say that Santa was a pretty "rough puppy" when he got him. Santa was born on a sheep herding farm way up in Northern Wisconsin. He didn't get to sleep inside or anything, so when he came to the city he had a lot to get used to. He didn't even know that it was fun to sleep on a couch! Geez! He figured it out though.

If we'd met earlier, I would have helped him find all the coziest spots. That's one of my specialties. But his dad says he's got a lot of favorite spots of his own now.

Once, shortly after he moved to town, it was snowing out and Santa bolted out the



apartment door like, I don't wanna be in this little hot place when there's fun outside. He frolicked in the snow and wouldn't let Steve catch him while he jumped in and out of snowbanks having a good old time!

That's not why he's named Santa, though. The year his dad went up North to meet him was during the Covid Pandemic. That year Steve's family didn't have Christmas together. Steve told my mom that he said to himself, I think this little guy can pull off a big name like Santa. And then, we can feel like we have Christmas all year!

Well, I think that's a great story, but you probably want to know about my name, too, right? My name, Vita, means Life in Italian. And I have a sister who needed company and her name is Bella, which means Beautiful. So, mom said to herself (she told me) that when she got me it made the Beautiful Life. She's a lucky person.

Now, back to my talented friend, Santa. He thinks it would be a good time if you would come and watch him do his amazing jumps and catches in Reservoir Park, where he likes to practice. He even recommends that you bring a couple frisbees, cuz his dad only has two hands, and he really wouldn't mind if things moved a little faster. Cuz fast is what he is ... and some treats wouldn't be a bad idea either ... and you might wanna let me know if that last part is gonna happen ...

Ho ho ho!



Vita, that's me!
Doggone it!
Ain't I handsome...



**My return to church - Sunday October 22nd. 2023
A Sunday at First Church Unitarian, Astor at Ogden Streets - Milwaukee**

by Cooper Warner

For the first time in thirteen years I went to church. I'm not counting the occasional wedding or baptism, I'm talking the real deal. A random Sunday at the end of October I, on purpose, appeared outside of First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee with the intent of sitting my butt down on one of those straight backed pews to listen. Listen to a sermon. Or maybe here they called it a service? I was not quite sure what Unitarian meant, having been given a less than concrete description by the person I was meeting (the Currents' Editor-in-Chief no less) unable to distinguish it much from all the other 'isms.'

I was raised Lutheran or Methodist, I honestly cannot remember (sorry mom and dad), they seem very similar to me. I just know it wasn't Catholic. I have guilt but not that much. I was, at age fourteen, brace-faced and overbooked, required by my parents to go through our church's year long confirmation program. In large part due to competitive soccer, I'd missed many classes, mandatory volunteer hours, and failed to memorize the chapters of the bible with the ease of my classmates. After a few months it was brought to my attention that I was failing confirmation. That's fair, I thought, truly not having much time to commit to the endeavor and little heart for it- I'll quit. I became a conscientious objector. I wasn't too keen on the god thing anyways and I was failing. I am not someone who fails things. But, per my parent's logic, my older brother had done it and so would I. A bargain was struck, however. If I completed the year-long endeavor I could decide for myself if I would stand in front of the entire congregation and pledge my faith. Fine. I doubled down and did the thing except when I still said, "no thanks" at the end, I was forced to have a beyond awkward one-on-one talk with the Pastor who I'm sure said something about my soul. After I got confirmed I never went to church again.

So it had been awhile for me, my opinions about the G man and the whole institution moving from Nietzschean to whatever floats your boat over the course of many years. I have lived long enough to see that it is sometimes a benefit to believe in something. What that something is matters less. Vince told me he'd been going to this nondenominational church for a few months and I was curious. The closest thing I'd gotten to spirituality lately was a burgeoning meditation practice, something I started doing everyday since June. Unlike a crowded Sunday service, for me meditation was private, as intimate as my own breath. Vince told me he liked the community aspect of First Unitarian and I wanted to experience that, even as an outsider.

The chapel was small, rich deep wood on the walls, vaulted ceiling and pews. At the beginning of the service the Worship Associate, Trudy Watt, lit a chalice at the front of the room. There was an opening hymn which I stood for but didn't even attempt to mumble through (those chorus books always confused me) then a sweet new member ceremony where we did a call and response type welcoming. A longtime staff member, Lynne Jacoby, was recognized and then, per the pamphlet itinerary, we got to 'SILENCE.' This, I think, was or could have been a time for prayer.

During the SILENCE I opened my eyes to scan the room. Even as a kid I did this during prayer time, always curious to see who else was peeking too. The room was warm, likely to accommodate the older parishioners (of which there were many) but it was also warm hued. When the room went quiet, a gentle morning light shone through the stained glass windows, emanating a soft haze over the sea of silence. If I had known better I might have described the moment as reverential.

Then we said the Unison affirmation of the church's mission, "We gather to nurture the spirit, engage the mind, and inspire action." Next was the Worship Associate story where Trudy Watt spoke with

touching sincerity about the difficulties she's endured in her relationship with her father. It occurred to me in all my years sitting on a hard pew I'd never heard a woman give a sermon. I'd also never heard criticism for a father in the house of the Lord. Something a bit different was happening in this place.

Finally Reverend Jennifer Nordstrom took center stage with a sermon titled "How Do We Carry Our Histories?" She talked about banning books, Nazi Germany and Transgender children within the first few lines. She touched on the horrors happening in Gaza. Something really different was happening in this place. There was no mention of god, of sin, no righteousness, no holiness. She simply espoused through a thoughtful and well crafted story an argument for our shared humanity. She talked about who tells stories, ours and others. She said narrative is a source of conflict, we must pay attention to who's stories get told and who's get silenced. We must ask ourselves who the silences serve. She called this moral work. The work to recognize that all people are human. To recognize that the work of war is to dehumanize. She is right.

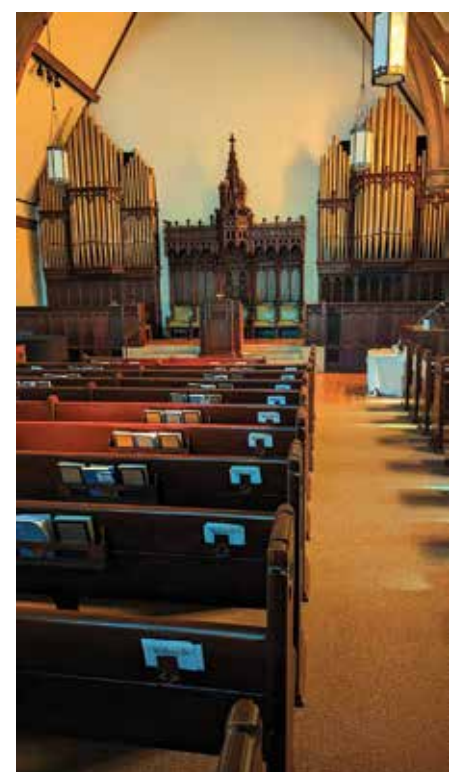
Then, just like that, it was already past twelve o'clock and we still had an interlude (a Tony Bennett song no less) and a recessional hymn to go. The flaming chalice was extinguished at 12:08 and we were ushered into another room for donut holes and coffee. When I got home my partner asked, "how was church?" He'd raised an eyebrow when I told him I was going that morning but didn't pry. I smiled and went off to take a nap, unable to quite articulate the experience. Now, I can say for sure we benefit from believing in something. Believing in each other.

Photo above taken on Sunday June 4, 2023

Invited to bring a flower to the service, I took the bus this day with Solomon's Seal in hand. Placed them in a vase and went home with a random flower given to me at the end of the service.

A pleasant ritual, giving and sharing, what is given. It is told this began in Bohemia by a minister in Prague who initiated the gift. I like flowers. Most of us do. Vince Bushell

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Neighborhood Spotlight: Father Mike Bertram

by Bridget Bishop

Somewhere in Fond du Lac county, in the unincorporated town of St. Peter, WI a young Michael Bertram grew up on a small farm and was eventually called towards God.

Nicknamed “The Holyland,” in the nineteenth century the region attracted chain migration from German, deeply religious Roman Catholics, farming families who settled in the region with prayers, and hopes for better conditions.

The order of Franciscan friars known as Capuchins chose this area for their first permanent religious settlement and founded a high school level seminary, St. Lawrence College, in 1860 (not to be confused with Lawrence University in Appleton). Raised by “people of healthy faith”, Bertram attended this high school where he surely began his spiritual journey.

Discernment, the process of spiritual exploration towards God, for Catholics is often applied to one’s vocation, or life’s purpose. For those considering the priesthood, as well as life for a Religious man or woman, it is the journey to discovering one’s calling and God’s will. Bertram did not go directly from St. Lawrence into the priesthood. He attended University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, earning his education degree, and returned to the Holyland to teach middle school kids in St. Cloud. Perhaps seeing himself in the youngsters, realizing how he could make a difference as the Capuchins had nurtured him, Bertram made a decision to join the order.

It’s hard not to think of Bertram’s mother, who must be so proud of the bastion of the Wisconsin Catholic community the young supplicant has now become.

A few weeks ago, I made my way to the Young People’s mass on Sunday evening at St. Francis of Assisi church on 4th and Brown Streets. As I sat behind a trio of spirited girlfriends with similar sassy short haircuts and a relaxed but deferential demeanor, I realized that while on time I was too late to make a special request. My celiac disease means I should ask for a gluten free host, but I never do. I don’t want the priest and Eucharistic attendants to be bothered. Instead, I later end up cutting in front of one of the sisters during the communion to take a sip of wine and not hold up the line. It’s okay because my apologies after mass allows me to introduce myself to the smiling ladies, several of whom are Franciscan sisters. Don’t call them nuns.

However, it’s not particularly chatty after this mass; in fact, it’s silent. At the onset of his homily, Father Mike announced in carefully chosen words his decision to retire. Parish members were still in tears after the service as the father has been at the helm of St. Francis for over nineteen years. The emotional impact of his retirement upon members of the church, though intense, is nothing compared to the spiritual impact that he has had on this community over the last two decades.

The parish of St. Francis is unique for so many reasons. Besides being historically associated with the Capuchins since 1869, which has adds an extra dimension to the organization of the church, its buildings and its operations, the parish is unique for a litany of reasons. Thriving in a time when low membership has caused many diocesan parishes to consolidate or even shutter, a fourth Saturday evening mass was recently added to the lineup. In addition, its diverse population is a stunning representation of the myriad ethnic communities in Milwaukee, and a testament to the power of faith

in bringing people together. Notably, the Franciscan heritage also sets the church apart, and its values are present in the message of ministry to the less fortunate, spiritual contemplation and the fight for social justice.

James Fetzer, a Brewers Hill resident and local small business owner, has for years been a fixture in the front row at the early gospel mass on Sunday mornings. “The first time I attended mass at St. Francis with Father Mike,” Fetzer confides, “between the music and the service, I died and went to heaven. I had to go back the next week to make sure it was real, and have been coming back ever since.” The impact of the diversity and communal passion is felt by nearly all who walk through the church’s doors.

My introduction to St. Francis came by the side of my best friend growing up, although as kids we didn’t go to church. The Maldonado family has been a pillar of the parish for decades. Upon my first visit about twelve years ago, hearing Father Mike give mass en Español, I immediately connected to the man who spoke Spanish the way I did, like a kid who grew up on a farm somewhere in Wisconsin. During the service that Sunday, as I saw him do many times since, he noticed the new faces of myself and my children and gave us a public introduction. As my youngest blushed, we were warmly welcomed by the congregants and like so many others I have since spoken to, felt immediately at home in the parish.

For years, the service in Spanish was one of the few in the diocese that wasn’t on the South side of Milwaukee. The community of Puerto Ricans that have historically comprised a significant part of the membership is now joined by many other Spanish speakers, as and upon Father Mike’s retirement effective December 1, they will be blessed with the leadership of Father Javier Rodriguez.

During Father Mike’s retirement homily, he bittersweetly announced this passing of the torch. After fifteen months of two full time placements, Father Mike is finally getting back to normalcy and devoting himself as Director of Capuchin Ministry, outreach that includes the House of Peace and St. Ben’s meal program (sister parishes St. Ben’s and St. Francis share a priest). Father Mike noted: “for too much of its history, this parish has been led by white, German priests.” The parish could not have prayed for a more fitting leader. A native of Puerto Rico, Father Javi was a journalist for PBS there before making the decision to attend law school. He worked as a public defender in Florida before coming to Wisconsin to join Milwaukee’s Election Commission. While living in Shorewood, Javier looked for a Spanish mass on the East Side and found himself at St. Francis.

Father Mike has diligently cultivated his Spanish not only amongst the parish, but also traveling to Costa Rica to enrich his skills. For another non-native speaker, I find his thought process in Spanish similar to my own as he formulates his message. His communication style is one of Father Mike’s most endearing qualities. Even when conveying a less than pleasant message, such as when a bride’s wedding starts too late, he manages to do so with clarity and calmness, needing no extra words, sometimes none at all. I once attended a funeral for a friend here, and even though Father Mike did not know the man, he was able to communicate the nature of his life. An unhoused man who had been studying for



Father Mike Bertram and Sister Stella



Father Mike ordaining then Brother Javier.

The humble garments of brown and long hoods, known as capuches, are how the Capuchins are known.

the bar, my friend’s life was celebrated by Father Mike who highlighted how “rich in spirit” he was before being struck and killed by a reckless driver.

Something in the spiritual messages Father Mike was communicating every week had a profound impact on Javier, who began his discernment in 2017. He contemplated joining the Jesuit order but fortunately found home when he became a Capuchin brother. The two priests have been steadfast since that time, and it is remarkable to see the friends in action ministering to a packed house. After being personally greeted by Father Mike, all who enter are put at ease by Father Javier. He brings a natural demeanor to the proceedings while somehow adhering to the necessary formalities, which can sometimes intimidate newcomers and young people. The music doesn’t hurt—whether gospel or salsa the talent of the choir, drummers, and legendary vocalist Sam McClain at the keyboard, shines through to even nonbelievers.

Sister Stella DeVenuta, OSF, the leader of the aforementioned trio, is a more recent convert to Father Mike’s flock. During COVID, while masses were held

online, controversy swirled over whether newly elected President Biden should receive communion, Sister Stella observed a moment of grace online in Father Mike’s response: “The Eucharist should never be used as a weapon.” She describes driving across town with another sister immediately after the service and accosting the priest. Startled, Father Mike asked if they were related. “Well sort of,” she replied—“I am a Franciscan.” Sister Stella had been in a spiritual crisis at her previous parish due to an influx of what she describes as “pre-Vatican” messaging, ie. conservative values that were pervasive prior to the reforms of Vatican II.

Father Mike received Sister Stella’s message—“Better you should be here.”

“Father Mike always welcomes people with an unmatched sense of hospitality and inclusivity,” Sister Stella confides, “The calmness about him really affects me. I love being in his presence, the words he shares, his reflections. He weaves together everything we need to be and do as people of the gospel. And he does it in such a tangible way that he makes it doable.”

(some minor edits were made to the printed paper)



Bill, (Dad)

Naomi, (Mom)

Mary A

Bringing People Together in December

Shared by Lorraine

Things are shifting in December. By the time we notice the month, routines have been satisfied and seasons celebrated. August and September, many people prepare their gardens for rest and recovery so that 6 or so months later, the warm Spring sun wakes them up, to grow and sprout again. October we clean up the leaves and go for walks amidst the alarmingly bright colors of leaves still on the trees before they "fall". We begin to celebrate with family and friends, either with outdoor picnics and hikes or warm cozy indoor hot cider and pretzels. We make sure the tools of winter, like shovels, snow blowers, furnaces, are in good working order. Then it's December!

For the Riverwest Elders, our December tradition is, we gather to celebrate each other. We remember and share the ups and downs of our past year. We don't all honor the same holidays, we have different family food favorites, and we may or may not have a "tree", but we do look forward to gathering together at our December Winter Party. This year it will be on Tuesday, December 12, graciously hosted at the Friends Meeting building. The lovely setting with beautiful views of the trees and nature, will surround us with gratitude. For those interested, we come together to create table decorations with natural, winter boughs, cones and colorful baubles. Fun to make, adding festive color for our dining tables. After the meal, the centerpieces are available to take "one" home, (while supply lasts). We have always brought books to exchange that day. There is also a "Bring one, Take one" secret gift exchange. The meal is a mix of a main meat course, plus the traditional pot-luck "sides" and desserts to share.

Our Winter Party provides the opportunity to appreciate each other. Spend time just visiting and listening. We offer each other the Winter Party, to enjoy being together. We haven't seen each other regularly for several years, due to the virus which "shall not be named". Our events have been a bit scattered this year. It's been a challenge these few years, and the December Winter Party is our chance to bring people together. If you have been or are now on the RW Elders Roster, you are welcome to call for a reservation.

Our Elders Family

Shared by Stuart Leopold

When Susan and I were homeless due to our house fire, while COVID was raging across the country, who do you think came to our aid numbers of times? Why of course! Our sisters and brothers of the Riverwest Elders! Whether it was food, household goods, clothing, cleaning supplies and personal grooming items, the Riverwest Elders supplied what we needed without question or recompense. Thanks to them we survived until we could become independent again and then they helped us move into our apartment. Many thanks and hats off to our Elders family!

City Sidewalks

Shared by Eileen Ciezki

Living in Riverwest is great for people who love city neighborhoods. Count me in!

One wonderful December memory is Christmas Caroling. Years ago when the neighborhood kids were young, my block sponsored a Christmas caroling and hot chocolate holiday party. Kids and adults from the block gathered outside, all bundled up with song sheets in hand (for the adults). Moving down the sidewalk we went from house to house singing Christmas/holiday Carols. We carried flashlights for candles and sang our hearts out. The kids loved it and so did we. Afterwards, we warmed up at the host family's home -- sharing stories, laughter, holiday wishes, hot chocolate and cookies. How about an encore this season? We certainly need some spirit lifting times together.

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style

*In the air there's a feeling of Christmas
Children laughing, people passing, meeting
smile after smile*

And on every street corner you hear

*Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
Ring a ling, hear them ring*

Soon it'll be Christmas day



Riverwest Elders Guiding Vision: *We are a diverse group of Riverwest and nearby neighbors, over 50 years old. We come together to share wisdom, live to our full potential and give back to the community."*

DECEMBER EVENTS:

2nd Tuesday

December Winter Party

December 12, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Friends Meeting, 3224 N Gordon Pl.

RSVP required

info will be sent in Google Group.

Question other than RSVP?

Lorraine: jacobslm@sbcglobal.net

Birthday Lunch

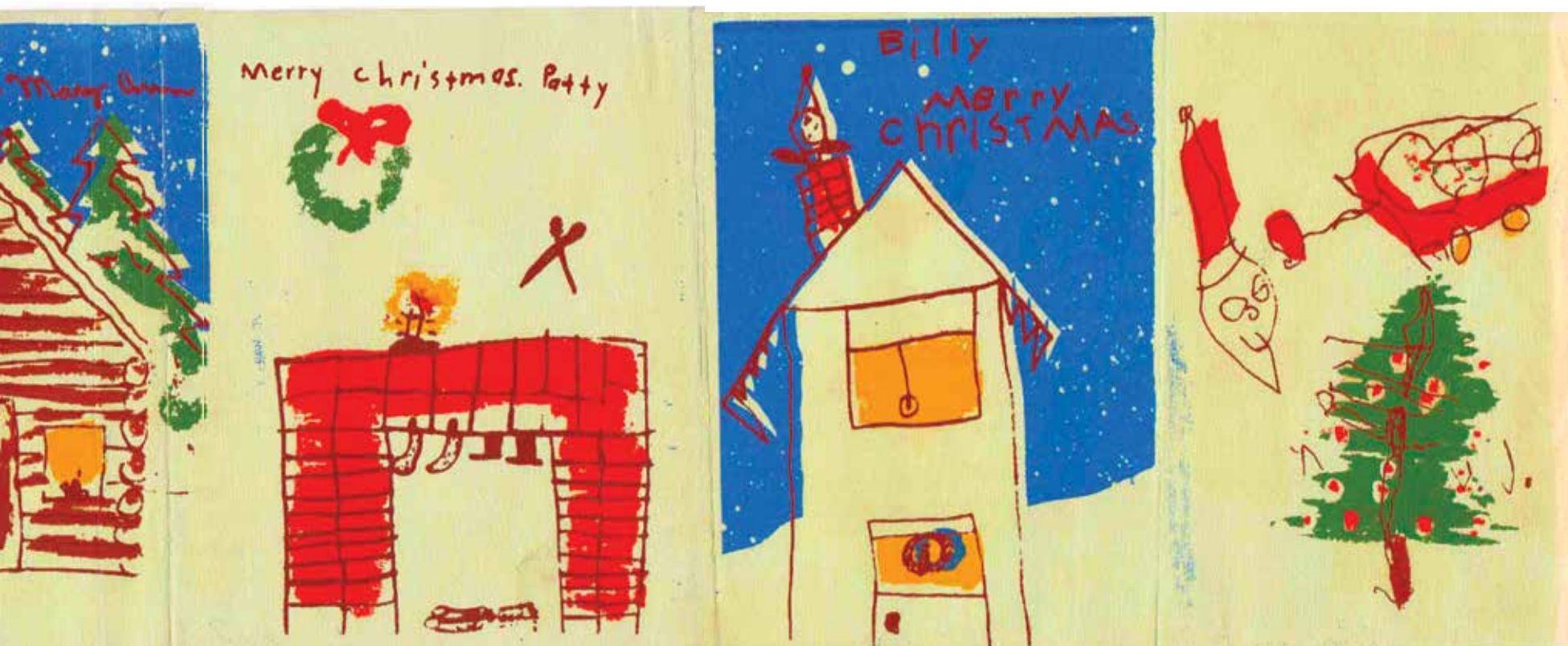
4th Thursday, December 28

Noon - 2:00 pm

Beans and Barley

1901 E. North Ave.





nn (Pinky)

Patty

Billy

VJ, (Vincent)

This Christmas Card was created by my father's inspiration and his wife's and kid's expression of the season. It was sent to friends over 70 years ago, around 1951. The card was folded in one long 26 inch strip.

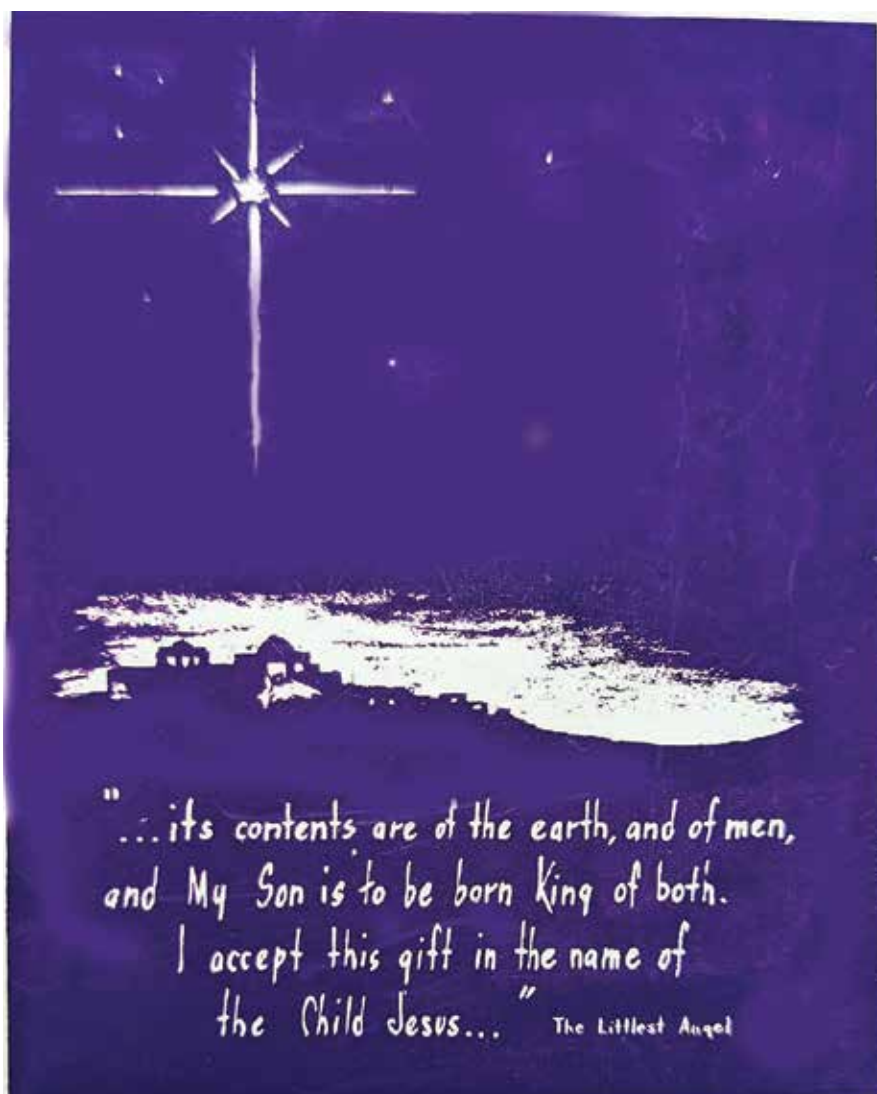
The youngest and final addition to the family was not here to draw a Christmas wish but she was the star on the card to your left. The littlest angel.
Naomi (Omio) vjbushell



Naomi, (Omio)

Merry Christmas —
and may the Good Lord
look with favor upon you
and yours in the
New Year!

Naomi Bill
and family



The littlest Angel is my youngest sister. Above is the cover of the card, inside the photograph and well wishes. The littlest angel is now over 60. And is a big time animal lover.

We at the Currents wish all, happy holidays, no matter your faith
It is a deep concern that Palestine, where little babies are born, is enduring such pain and suffering. War and animosity between Israel and its neighbors is to be a concern for all of humanity. May peace come sooner to the world, sooner then we can expect at this point, with mercy for the innocents.

All we are saying, is give peace a chance.
Repeat as needed. vjb

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Heaven's Table
 5507 W. North Ave.
 414-732-7109
 Hours: Monday-Saturday 11:30AM-7:00PM (they may change)
 heavenstablebbqmke.com

Heaven's Table



If you were a fan of Heaven's Table as I was when they had a small place in the Crossroads Collective Food Hall on Farwell, then you will want to visit their brick- and-mortar restaurant at 5507 W. North Avenue. It's small, six window-facing stools, that's all if you want to dine-in, or, if weather permits, you can have your BBQ at one of the outside tables. Most of their business is carryout and after two visits to this BBQ joint, I can attest to a steady stream of customers leaving with full bags. It's popular with barbeque aficionados and now I know why

You can have your BBQ meat, Brisket, Pulled Pork, Sausage, or Chicken, in a sandwich, in a BBQ Dinner including two sides, or by the pound. You can also have a full or half slab of Pork Ribs, Rib Tips, BBQ Meat in a Basket over Fries, or with Dirty Rice in a Bowl.

For my first BBQ meal, I chose the '1 Meat Dinner,' brisket plus two 8 oz sides, House Baked Beans and Coleslaw. There must have been a pound of meat in that takeout container and there was not a hint of fat on the meat. It was tender, juicy, and perfectly seasoned with a Texas-inspired rub according to the person behind the counter. He said owner Jason Alston smokes each brisket for 14 hours and as for the rub, he traveled around Texas gathering recipes until he found the perfect combination to call his own. When I asked the obvious, "What's in the rub?" I did not get an answer. My companion and I noted layers of flavor with a hint of sweetness, perhaps some cinnamon, and in the background, something spicy.

The coleslaw side was tasty, but the House Baked Beans were amazing, red kidney beans baked in a sweet, but not too sweet sauce, along with sausage and chunks of meat. You could make a light meal with the beans if you added a slab of Cornbread, plain or Cheddar Jalapeno. Do not be surprised when you find some serious heat hiding in the jalapeno cornbread.

In our two meals at Heaven's Table, friends and I left no sides behind as we ate our way through Mac N Cheese, Dirty Rice, Potato Salad, and the aforementioned Coleslaw and the House Baked Beans. Alston spared no cheese in the gooey, oozy, cheesy mac, a generous portion that left me overstuffed and craving more. The Dirty Rice had the appropriate Cajun flavor but lacked the traditional sausage while the Potato Salad had a mild tasty mayo dressing and big pieces of potato. It played well with my Pulled Pork that hinted of something sweet and tart.

The Half Slab of Ribs were meaty and tender and again, the rub made the flavors of the meat pop as did the accompanying sauce which was a little sweet and a little spicy. The dry rub on the ribs like all Alston's rubs is a secret recipe that he developed and chooses not to share.

Everything at Heaven's Table is made in house except the cookies and the cheesecake. Made in house includes the Cornbread and the Banana Pudding, a silky indulgent dessert topped with vanilla wafers and served in a portion that could easily satisfy a family of four.

If you want some tasty BBQ complemented by a delectable choice of classic sides, then Heaven's Table is the right choice. You might find me there putting in an order for Brisket and two sides, Mac N Cheese, and House Baked Beans.



Riverworks Happenings

by Ruth Weill (December 2023)

Riverworks is hosting another 53212Marketplace on Sunday, December 17, from 11am-4pm at Amorphic Beer (3700 N. Fratney Street). Now in its sixth year of supporting local entrepreneurs, the Marketplace features 35 vendors showcasing some awesome locally made products such as art, jewelry, apparel, home goods, specialty foods, plants, greeting cards, ornaments and more.

Pedro's South American Food and Yadem's on the Go will be on hand for all your hunger needs. It's another great opportunity to shop locally for the holidays, grab a beer and hang out with friends. (Sponsored by Amorphic Beer, Urban Craftsman, Create Milwaukee Moto Collective and the West River Collective.)

If you haven't seen The Connector Building at the intersection of Richards and Keefe, you should check it out. Riverworks recently held a grand opening, with over 100 in attendance. One can find murals on three sides of the building from local artists Fred Kaems, CK Ledezma, David Najib Kasir and John Kowalczyk.

The back half of the building is a community meeting space; coming soon to the front half will be Kuumba Juice and Coffee. Watch for upcoming information about their opening.

Riverwest community meetings are happening again. The next one takes place Monday, January 22 (2024) at 6:30pm at the Riverworks office (526 E. Concordia Avenue). Please reach out to Ruth Weill, Community Engagement and Special Projects Coordinator, for more information. She can be reached at ruthw@riverworksmke.org or 414-906-9650.

The Friends of the Beerline Trail is always looking for volunteers. Check out the website <https://www.beerline-trailmke.org/> for more information about the trail, or contact Amy Sorenson, Creative Placemaking Coordinator, at amys@riverworksmke.org or 414-906-9650.

Gordon Park Friends is hosting an end of the year celebration at the Gordon Park Pavilion on Tuesday, December 12, beginning at 6pm. Check out the website at <https://www.gordonparkfriends.org/> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/677000464085863/> for details.



20 Years of Iyengar Yoga and Healing Arts in Riverwest

In October, yoga folks spanning two decades gathered to celebrate the 20th birthday of Riverwest Yogashala, our neighborhood's own Iyengar Yoga school. We shared an autumnal feast heavy on apple treats and traded stories of all our experiences over the years. Two of the founders, Annie Melchior (in person) and Gwi-Seok (Peggy) Hong (via Zoom) shared their memories of the early days of this scrappy little studio. They vividly recalled the spring snow swirling during their very first community class – and then starting their first official class on April 1st. They remembered the community and cooperation that permeated the early days, when everyone chipped in to share props and cover classes.

As folks shared their experiences, it became clear how much Riverwest Yogashala has become deeply and beautifully intertwined in people's lives and families. John and Shima actually met during yoga classes – and are now happily married. They continue to put their mats next to each other.

Several yoga students arrived hauling children ranging in age from 7 months to 17 years. Kelly, a long-time yoga student and board member, shared that her teenage daughters would whine about being dragged to class – and now yoga is an important part of their lives. Jess and Hart reminisced about their very first yoga classes as 20-somethings. Over a decade later, both have kiddos on their hips and continue to practice yoga. Jess even went through the certification process to become a teacher!

Hart now brings her own mother, Cynthia, with her to yoga. Tracey, a current teacher, brought in a stack of photos featuring her now towering teenage son as a goofy little toddler practicing down dog in the grass. Others have come to Riverwest Yogashala in the midst of big life transitions – pregnancy, grief, injuries, and stress. Yoga has been a part of their continuum of care. More than a place to do the physical practice of yoga, Riverwest Yogashala is a place to build and share community.

If you have been part of Riverwest Yogashala over the years – either as a student in classes, as a rider at RW24 checkpoints, or just someone about town at neighborhood events, THANK YOU! Come back and reconnect with our community! And, if you are new and curious, we invite you in. Find our bright blue door at Locust and Fratney and climb the stairs. You will find a sunny, cozy space with solid wood floors, lots of support for different bodies, and so much love.

As we look towards another 20 years around the sun, we ask for support from our Riverwest Yogashala community! As a non-profit, we depend on donations to maintain all sliding scale classes and wellness events in our community.

To support Riverwest Yogashala, you can...

Join a class - <https://www.riverwestyogashala.com/classes--schedule.html>

Give your time and energy as a volunteer Sponsor a free community class for a school or non-profit organization

Host a celebration in our space

Rent our space for your own wellness class or event

Donate money - <https://www.riverwestyogashala.com/support-ry.html>

Questions? Contact Haley Fuhr, our fabulous administrator - haley@riverwestyogashala.com

riverwestyogashala.com

Curious about Riverwest Yogashala?

We are honored to share our story and history with our neighbors.

What is Riverwest Yogashala?

We are a collaboratively-run non-profit yoga center! Our mission is to bring yoga to a diverse population, promoting strength, clarity, and overall well-being through the practice of Iyengar Yoga. As the only non-profit community-run yoga center in our region, we provide excellent instruction from certified yoga teachers. All our classes are donation-based, and no sincere student is turned away.

Who else is upstairs at the corner of Locust and Fratney?

Riverwest Yogashala is lucky to share space with two other healing arts practices. Sarah Schneider offers massage, and Shami L. is a Healing Arts Facilitator. We also host monthly Community Art Nights and 5Rhythms Dance. (And maybe you can be part of our space too!)

And what is Iyengar Yoga?

"Yoga does not just change the way we see things, it transforms the person who sees." - B.K.S. Iyengar

The Iyengar practice originated with the work of the internationally renowned B.K.S. Iyengar of Pune, India. Iyengar Yoga focuses on alignment and the use of props so that all bodies in all ages and stages can benefit from the poses. Each person can do the pose in the way and with the support that works best for their body in that moment.

How did Iyengar Yoga come to Riverwest?

Gwi-Seok Hong and Annie Melchior are two of the original founders of Riverwest Yogashala. Annie still lives in the area and is on the teaching faculty in UWM's dance department. Gwi-Seok joined our birthday celebration by Zoom all the way from her home in Honolulu to share some of the history. She shared that they started Riverwest Yogashala after feeling restless. She wanted to offer yoga that did "not cater to upper middle class folks in the suburbs." They found this space, and the owner, Anne Maedke, kindly offered to rent for just \$10/hour. This gift allowed Riverwest Yogashala to begin!

Gwi-Seok and Annie worked with each other and with Alex Hansen, another experienced Iyengar teacher who is also on the teaching faculty at UWM. Their commitment to cooperative principles and community allowed Riverwest Yogashala to expand and grow through the early years.

How special is it to have a non-profit Iyengar Yoga school in the heart of Riverwest?

So, so special.

Gwi-Seok said: "I want everyone to appreciate the origin and story of Riverwest Yogashala. I want everyone to realize how special and unique Riverwest Yogashala is. You are doing the job of sharing yoga with everyone regardless of ability to pay. You fulfill an important role in the Iyengar Yoga movement. Keep going! Keep going!"

Who teaches at Riverwest Yogashala now?

We end each class in gratitude for the

practice of yoga, for all the teachers who have come before us, and for our inner teacher. Riverwest Yogashala has been honored to be a yoga home for many, many teachers over the years. We are grateful for our teachers: Gwi-Seok, Annie, Alex, Jess, Solange, Lynn, Jean, Erin, Jackie.

Currently, Tracey Radloff and Sara Arends Haggith are the two Certified Iyengar Yoga Teachers (CIYTs). Haley Fuhr has CYT 200 and is working toward her Iyengar certification. Hart Ford is an Iyengar Yoga apprentice.

And what do folks say about what makes Riverwest Yogashala special to them?

"I found Riverwest Yogashala when I was learning how to be an adult and how to be a new teacher at the same time. This was a safe space just to be calm and present in my body."

Sara (Yoga Student since 2010)

"For me, Riverwest Yogashala and the wider Iyengar Yoga community has welcomed my whole self at all the different stages of my life. Classes with Gwi-Seok helped me find balance and keep my balance through the first years of teaching. Classes with Tracey and Sara supported my body through all the changes of pregnancy and early parenthood. And now, Riverwest Yogashala is a safe place where I know my mama will be loved and where my toddler can build forts with all the bolsters."

Hart Ford (Riverwest Yogashala Board Member & Teacher)

"I brought my friends and family here for a restorative meditation event. They all loved the space. They said that it was so beautiful and they felt space. And the bathroom was cute!"

Shami L (Healing Arts Facilitator & Riverwest Yogashala Board Member)

"I can see myself before I started yoga and now. I am so much more at home in myself. And part of that is feeling at home in this space and feeling a sense of community. The anchor of this space allows us to anchor ourselves to the world as well."

Sara Arends Haggith (Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher)

"Riverwest Yogashala has always felt more like a home than a studio. The place has got an energy around it that is inviting. You don't need fancy yoga clothes. You can come as you are. There is dust in the corners and it is real! This is a place where we can all give each other hugs!"

Tracey Radloff (Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher)

"I found Riverwest Yogashala on day two in Milwaukee. When I came back to Riverwest Yogashala after years away during the pandemic, I realized that it still smelled the same! I couldn't describe or name the smell. But it smelled like home."

Jess Vega (Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher & Yoga Student)

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Currents December Calendar

1 FRIDAY
ART*BAR Live Music w/ Tlalok, 9pm
bar centro Harry Tonchev. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com

BREMEN CAFÉ Drumbalaya
INTERNATIONAL GIFT SHOP, Milwaukee Friends Meetinghouse, 3224 N Gordon Place Back for the first time since pandemic times! 4-8pm. Handcrafted gifts from Wisconsin and around the world!

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E. Center St., Riverwest Elders OWL (Older. Wiser. Local.) in-person gathering, 1-4pm. "First Friday" Drum Circle with Dr. Colleen Galambos

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am

LINNEMAN'S Sugo (old-school, New Orleans style funk). Doors 6:30pm, show 7:30pm. \$10

MAD PLANET Friday Night Retro Dance Party w/DJ Paul H, 9pm, \$7

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations w/Tracey 9am

SHANK HALL Substitute (Who tribute), Elephonic. 8pm. \$20

THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm

UWM PLANETARIUM Colorful Nebulas (recurring event, 3 Fridays) 7-8pm. Explore gorgeous clouds that give birth to stars. In this live, interactive show, witness the birth and death of stars and the breathtaking beauty of these interstellar clouds. Tix: <https://uwm.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?SeriesID=23>

2 SATURDAY
ART*BAR House of Peace Party, 3-7pm. "Bring Lawyers, Toys & Money"
ART*BAR Live Music w/ The Flood Brothers, 9pm

BACK ROOM @Colectivo/Prospect Smoking Popes, with Sludgeworth, Teenage Halloween, Devon Kay & the Solutions

bar centro Elevator Jazz. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Sparkly Fest! Noon-9pm. Releasing Sparkly Eyes Imperial Sproose - this year in 16oz cans! Also, food from Don Arepas Café, 2-6pm. Best SNL "More Cowbell" skit reenactment contest, 6pm. Best sparkly outfit contest, 6:30pm.

BREMEN CAFÉ Sopranos Pot Luck 4-8pm; Chapped Lips; Diet Light

CENTRAL LIBRARY, 814 W Wisconsin Av Say It Ain't Snow! Friends of Milwaukee Public Library winter book sale. 9am-4pm.

CHARLES ALLIS ART MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Av, Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Hip Hop at the Allis with a panel discussion of Hip Hop historians and personalities followed by a performance by a Milwaukee DJ, 7 - 11 p.m. Learn more and get tickets at www.charlesallis.org.

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd Street Open Gallery: Art Sale Extravaganza (featuring small works by 20+ artists). 1-3pm

INTERNATIONAL GIFT SHOP, Milwaukee Friends Meetinghouse, 3224 N Gordon Place Back for the first time since pandemic times! 9am-4pm. Handcrafted gifts from Wisconsin and around the world!

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E Center St Free improv sessions, 10am-Noon

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am

LINNEMAN'S John Sieger Combo. Doors 6:30. Music 7:30. \$15

MAD PLANET 90s night with the Elechronic DJs. Starts 9pm

MILWAUKEE WINTER FARMERS MARKET, 5305 W Capitol Dr, 9am-2pm. Fondly proudly accepts SNAP benefits, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers.

MIRAMAR THEATRE Hostage Situation

OLD GERMAN BEER HALL (Hofbrau Haus), 1009 N Old World Third Street (MLK Drive) Squeezettes, 8:30-11:30pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Martial Arts w/Samual, 3:30-4:45pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Intermediate Yoga w/Sara, 9am

SHANK HALL No Quarter (Led Zeppelin tribute). 8pm. \$20

STAND FOR PEACE at Locust & Oakland Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 20th year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire carisa, with Jennifer Hedstrom opening. 7:30-9:30pm

THE GIG Soul Night's first installment! Tlalok Rodriguez plays from 9-9:45pm. Rob Knapp & the Soul Patrol, 10pm-midnight.

THE UPTOWNER House of Peace Party, 3-7pm. "Bring Lawyers, Toys & Money"

3 SUNDAY
BREMEN CAFÉ Ginmaster Bingo 6-8:30pm.

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd Street Open Gallery: Art Sale Extravaganza (featuring small works by 20+ artists). 1-3pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E Center St Manty Ellis Jam Session. Free open jam session hosted by Manty Ellis and Jessie Montijo. Starts at 12 noon.

KRAMPUSNACHT, Pabst Great Hall at 917 W Juneau Squeezettes, 7:30pm

LINNEMAN'S All Messed Up XII -- The Drawing Potluck. Milwaukee's annual randomized musical experiment that puts musicians together into bands randomly to see what perfect strangers can create together! 6:30pm. (Details for participation: <https://linnemans.com/event/december-3-2023/>)

MILWAUKEE KRAMPUSNACHT! Celebrate Krampusnacht in the Brewery District (Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery, 917 W. Juneau Ave.) 3-10pm. Tix at milwaukeekrampusnacht.com

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations, all levels w/Tracey, 10:30am.

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues before or after the Packer Game otherwise 3-7pm

VILLA TERRACE ART MUSEUM, 2220 N Terrace Av, Guided Yoga in the Great Hall from 9 -10 a.m. \$15 per session. Learn more and register at www.villaterrace.org.

VILLA TERRACE ART MUSEUM, 2220 N Terrace Av, Free chess lessons with coffee and conversation for adults from 1-3 p.m. \$10 donation suggested. RSVP at www.villaterrace.org.

WMSE BIG BAND GRANDSTAND, Turner Hall Ballroom, 1040 Vel R. Phillips Ave Gunhild Carling "The Swedish Queen of Swing" 4-7:30pm. Tix at: <https://www.axs.com/events/507732/wmse-big-band-grandstand-tickets?skin=pabst>

4 MONDAY
BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Ouzman

COMPANY BREWING Wisconsin's Hardest Trivia, 7-10pm

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon PI Meditation for Everyone -- Inner Transformation // Modern Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje. 6:30-8pm. Drop in or sign up in advance at meditationinmilwaukee.org. All welcome. \$10

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: DG Clearing

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Super Gentle Yoga w/Sarah (9:30-10:30am); Yoga w/Sarah (6-7:15pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations w/Tracey 6-7:15pm

THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, whole grain pastas, and so much more! 1-4pm

5 TUESDAY
BLACK HUSKY BREWING Trivia Mafia, 7pm. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke w/Trixy Mercury

FALCON BOWL Traditional Tuesdays! Live music and dancing, featuring Extra Crispy Brass Band, 8-10pm. 7pm, Open Swing Dancing with DJ Hot Jazz Cass.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E. Center St., Riverwest Elders OWL (Older. Wiser. Local.) WXRW 104.1FM, stream at riverwestradio.com. Karen Beaumont presents: "Gratitude and Desire: The Alchemy of the Heart" (reflections on both qualities with music)

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MIRAMAR THEATRE R&B Tuesday. 21+. 9pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Keep It Simple Yoga (6pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Basics w/Hart, 6-7pm

6 WEDNESDAY
bar centro Jazz Jam - open mic. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Forest Christmas Candle Holder Creative, 6:30pm. Get in the holiday spirit by making your very own Christmas candle holder with products sourced from the forest! All bases were sourced from dead and fallen Birch, Red Pine & Cherry trees and pinecones were collected from the forest floor. \$10 includes all the supplies to make your own candle holder to keep for your own enjoyment or give to a special someone in your life.

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia 6:30pm

COMPANY BREWING Dungeons and Dragons (first Wednesdays) 7pm

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors, 7pm. Sign-up, 7:30pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Sam Rodewald

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15-10:30am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Online all levels w/Sara, 6-7:15pm

SHANK HALL Yam Yam, Midnight Hound. 8pm, \$15

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UPTOWNER Jackbox gaming with the Ginmaster - 9p start

VILLA TERRACE ART MUSEUM, 2220 N Terrace Av, Free chess class for high school students from 5-7 p.m. Visit www.villaterrace.org to register.

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid* Join us for a reading in celebration of Sean Enfield's essay collection, Holy American Burnout! (Split/Lip Press, 2023) Sean Enfield will be joined by Tim Knapp, Rebecca Baumann, Ty Newcomb, JT Lachausse, Elias Sepulveda, and H Warren. 6-7pm. \$Give what you can.

7 THURSDAY -- Hanukkah begins at sundown
bar centro live ambient music - free.

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Bingo For-A-Paws Holiday Event, 6-8pm. Fundraiser for Elmbrook Humane Society

BREMEN CAFÉ Robbie, 10pm; Delivery Man Duo, 11pm; Matthew Adam & Ben Campbell, 12am

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E. Center St., Riverwest Elders OWL (Older. Wiser. Local.) in-person gathering, 1-4pm. Vince Bushell of Riverwest Currents: December 2023 Issue

LINNEMAN'S Songwriter's Anonymous Record Release. 7:30-9:30pm. No cover.
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 6:30-8pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga For Elders w/Sara, 6pm // Beginner Course w/Sara, 4:30pm // Gentle, Healing & Supportive w/ Tracey, 7:30pm

SHANK HALL Griffin House. 8pm, \$25 advance, \$30 doors.

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid* Fiction Reading celebrating RS Deeren's short story collection, Enough to Lose (Wayne State University Press, 2023). 7pm. \$Give what you can.

8 FRIDAY
ART*BAR Live Music TBA, 9pm
BACK ROOM @Colectivo/Prospect Kyle Hollingsworth

bar centro Faith Hatch. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com

BREMEN CAFÉ Abaddon's End, Apex Aura, Grace Under Water, Wunderlich (not necessarily in that order)

HILTON GARDEN INN, 11600 W Park Place Do You Love Swing Music? Live Music by the Bill Sargent Big Band! 7-11pm. \$30. Tix @ LivingYourDreamsEvents.com

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd Street Open Gallery: Art Sale Extravaganza (featuring small works by 20+ artists). 5-7pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E Center St Fokused - jazz/hip-hop/R&B. Doors 7pm. Show 7:30. Free admission.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E. Center St., Riverwest Elders OWL (Older. Wiser. Local.) in-person gathering, 1-4pm. J. Phillip Grygny in "Wild Knowing: The Role of the Arts in Ecological Culture" Live Performance!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am

LINNEMAN'S Lost Orange Cat, with Zach Pietrini Band. Doors 7, music 8. \$15

MAD PLANET Friday Night Retro Dance Party w/DJ zerocool, 9pm, \$7

MIRAMAR THEATRE Beats Antique Soundsystem

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations w/Tracey 9am

SHANK HALL An evening of Holiday Hits with Joe Richter and his Yuletide Band. 8pm, \$15

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9 SATURDAY
AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Amorphic's Two Year Birthday Party! Noon til 10pm. Food 3-8pm. Music 4-9pm.

ART*BAR Live Music w/ John Gay, 9pm

bar centro TBD. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com

BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. Later, BremSin w/ The Brewcity Bombshells

CHARLES ALLIS ART MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Av, Free storytime and activity hour for kids ages 4-10 from 1-3 p.m. Visit www.charlesallis.org to RSVP.

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon PI Special Workshop -- Choose Love // Modern Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje. 10am-1pm. Drop in or sign up in advance at meditationinmilwaukee.org. All welcome. \$20

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR ARTS, 926 E Center St Jack Wright + Ben Wright + Carol Genetti + John Mueller. (improv) s 7pm. Act 7:30. \$10

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E Center St Free improv sessions, 10am-Noon

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer Dist. : 7:30-11:30am

LINNEMAN'S Rucksack Revolution, ft. Sarah Vos (Dead Horses) and Adam Greuel (Horseshoes & Hand Grenades). Doors 7pm, music 8pm. \$20 adv., \$30 doors.

MAD PLANET Madonna vs Lady Gaga Dance Party

MILWAUKEE WINTER FARMERS MARKET, 5305 W Capitol Dr, 9am-2pm. Fondy proudly accepts SNAP benefits, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers.

MIRAMAR THEATRE Ravenscoon **PINK HOUSE STUDIO** Martial Arts w/Samual, 3:30-4:45pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Intermediate Yoga w/Sara, 9am

SHANK HALL Stephen Kellogg presents the Sit Down & Stand-Up Tour: An evening of songs, stories and stand-up. 8pm. \$30

STAND FOR PEACE at Highway 100 & North Av Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 20th year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

10 SUNDAY
BREMEN CAFÉ Ginmaster Bingo 6-8:30pm.

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Milwaukee Psychedelic Society, 4-5:30pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations, all levels w/Tracey, 10:30am.

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues before or after the Packer Game otherwise 3-7pm
VILLA TERRACE ART MUSEUM, 2220 N Terrace Av, Guided Yoga in the Great Hall from 9 -10 a.m. \$15 per session. Learn more and register at www.villaterrace.org. get tickets at www.villaterrace.org.

VILLA TERRACE ART MUSEUM, 2220 N Terrace Av, Free chess lessons with coffee ., conversation for adults from 1-3 p.m. \$10 donation RSVP at www.villaterrace.org.

11 MONDAY
BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Max (Diet Lite)

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Meditation for Everyone – Inner Transformation // Modern Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje. 6:30-8pm. Drop in or sign up in advance at meditationinmilwaukee.org. All welcome. \$10

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: Janet Saenz

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Super Gentle Yoga w/Sarah (9:30-10:30am); Yoga w/ Sarah (6-7:15pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations w/Tracey 6-7:15pm

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12 TUESDAY
BLACK HUSKY BREWING Trivia Mafia, 7pm. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!

BREMEN CAFÉ Pinball Tourney 6pm; later, Karaoke w/Trixy Mercury
FALCON BOWL Traditional Tuesdays! Live music and dancing, featuring Ole Sam & the Teardrops, 8-10pm. 7pm, Open Swing Dancing with DJ Hot Jazz Cass.

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Riverwest Elders Winter Party, 11am-1pm. RSVP required, info will be sent in Google Group. Other than RSVP? jacobslm@sbcglobal.net

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MIRAMAR THEATRE R&B Tuesday, 21+. 9pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Keep It Simple Yoga (6pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Basics w/Hart, 6-7pm

UPTOWNER Kickoff party for the return of Turntable Tuesday! 9pm

WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Everything Wants to Be Loved: The Color Purple Book Group and Writing Workshop, 6-7pm.

13 WEDNESDAY
BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia 6:30pm
CHARLES ALLIS ART MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Av, Free chess class for high school students from 5-7 p.m. Visit www.charlesallis.org to register.

COMPANY BREWING Deaf Trivia, 7-9pm. All welcome to participate, regardless of your knowledge of ASL (American Sign Language).

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors, 7pm. Sign-up, 7:30pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Brent Mitchell

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15-10:30am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Online all levels w/Sara, 6-7:15pm

SHANK HALL 616, Haunter. 8pm. \$10

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UPTOWNER Jackbox gaming with the Ginmaster - 9p start

UWM PLANETARIUM Celestial Celebrations: Jewish Traditions, 7-8pm. Join us in this live planetarium program as we learn how and why astronomical phenomena influence Hanukkah, the Hebrew calendar, and Jewish observance. Featuring guest speaker Rabbi Joshua Herman, we will explore themes of light, food, music, and traditions that accompany the motion and changing of the seasons. The program will include indoor stargazing sessions of the night sky followed by the opportunity to ask questions.

WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Reading Group: Ping Pong Book Club, 6pm

WOODLAND PATTERN *online* Community Readshop: Robin Blaser's The Holy Forest, 6-7:15, \$Give what you can

14 THURSDAY
bar centro live ambient music - free.
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E Center St Undisclosed Sims - jazz/experimental. Doors 7pm. Show 7:30. \$15

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E. Center St., Riverwest Elders OWL (Older. Wiser. Local.) in-person gathering, 1-4pm .Current Art Exhibition at JGCA: "High Fibers '23" Artist-Talk

LINNEMAN'S Bill Camplin. 7:30-9:30pm. \$10

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 6:30-8pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga For Elders w/Sara, 6pm // Beginner Course w/Sara, 4:30pm // Gentle, Healing & Supportive w/Tracey, 7:30pm

15 FRIDAY
ART*BAR Live Music w/ Matthew Haeffel, 9pm

BACK ROOM @Colectivo/Prospect Bitchin Bajos

bar centro Thaddeus Tukes. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com

BREMEN CAFÉ Passion Park Experience

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd Street Open Gallery: Art Sale Extravaganza (featuring small works by 20+ artists). 5-7pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E Center St Rachel Raven Sings and Tributes Sinead O'Connor. (acoustic singer/songwriter) Doors 7pm. Show 7:30. \$12

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E. Center St., Riverwest Elders OWL (Older. Wiser. Local.) in-person gathering, 1-4pm. "Coffee-Clutch" Social Gathering Session (no formal topic)

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am

LINNEMAN'S Dogs At Large, with TBA. Doors 7, music 8, \$10

MAD PLANET Friday Night Retro Dance Party w/DJ Don Black, 9pm, \$7

MIRAMAR THEATRE G-Space Live
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations w/Tracey 9am

SHANK HALL Hippie Christmas Party! 8pm. \$15 advance, \$20 doors

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WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* QWERTY Quarterly winter issue release party! 6-9pm. QWERTY Quarterly features poetry, fiction, articles, columns, and art by local writers and artists. Our hygge (the Dutch word for finding coziness and comfort in small things) themed party will feature readings from the zine, refreshments, and entertainment. More details will be posted at: qwertyfest.com

16 SATURDAY
ART*BAR THE ART★BAR HOLIDAY PARTY!, 9pm

bar centro Heirloom. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Red Magic Holiday Art Market, Noon til 5pm. Shop and explore the fine arts and crafts of local Native American artisans. Free and open to the public.

BREMEN CAFÉ Carlo Champagne
INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd Street Open Gallery: Art Sale Extravaganza (featuring small works by 20+ artists). 1-3pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E Center St Free improv sessions, 10am-Noon

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am

LINNEMAN'S Bristlehead. Doors 6:30, music 7:30. \$10

MAD PLANET live music versus: Michael Jackson vs Bruno Mars

MILWAUKEE WINTER FARMERS MARKET, 5305 W Capitol Dr, 9am-2pm. Fondy proudly accepts SNAP benefits, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers.

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Martial Arts w/Samual, 3:30-4:45pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Intermediate Yoga w/Sara, 9am

SHANK HALL Southbound. 8pm. \$15 advance, \$20 door

STAND FOR PEACE at 76th & Layton Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 20th year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire Naughty or Nice benefit. 7:30-9:30pm

17 SUNDAY
AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney The 53212 Marketplace -- Unique local gifts for everyone you know! 11am-4pm.

BREMEN CAFÉ Ginmaster Bingo 6-8:30pm.

EUROPEAN HOLIDAY MARKET, 7735 Harwood Av (Wauwatosa) Squeezettes, 11am-2:30pm

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd Street Open Gallery: Art Sale Extravaganza (featuring small works by 20+ artists). 1-3pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations, all levels w/Tracey, 10:30am.

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues before or after the Packer Game otherwise 3-7pm

VILLA TERRACE ART MUSEUM, 2220 N Terrace Av, Guided Yoga in the Great Hall from 9 -10 a.m. \$15 per session. Learn more and register at www.villaterrace.org.

VILLA TERRACE ART MUSEUM, 2220 N Terrace Av, Free chess lessons with coffee and conversation for adults from 1-3 p.m. \$10 donation suggested. RSVP at www.villaterrace.org.

WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Exhibition Closes: Here I Am, Standing, new work by Haerim Lee. Noon-7pm

18 MONDAY
BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Parker (Social Cig)

COMPANY BREWING Wisconsin's Hardest Trivia, 7-10pm

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Meditation for Everyone – Inner Transformation // Modern Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje. 6:30-8pm. Drop in or sign up in advance at meditationinmilwaukee.org. All welcome. \$10

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PINK HOUSE STUDIO Super Gentle Yoga w/Sarah (9:30-10:30am); Yoga w/ Sarah (6-7:15pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations w/Tracey 6-7:15pm

SHANK HALL The Sleighriders. 7pm, \$20

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19 TUESDAY
BLACK HUSKY BREWING Trivia Mafia, 7pm. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke w/Trixy Mercury

FALCON BOWL Traditional Tuesdays! Live music and dancing, featuring Sliphorn Jazz Band, 8-10pm. 7pm, Open Swing Dancing with DJ Hot Jazz Cass.

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MIRAMAR THEATRE R&B Tuesday, 21+. 9pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Keep It Simple Yoga (6pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Basics w/Hart, 6-7pm

UPTOWNER Turntable Tuesday- 9p start

20 WEDNESDAY
BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia 6:30pm
CHARLES ALLIS ART MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Av, Free chess class for high school students from 5-7 p.m. Visit www.charlesallis.org to register.

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors, 7pm. Sign-up, 7:30pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Brian Burghardt

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15-10:30am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Online all levels w/Sara, 6-7:15pm

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UPTOWNER Jackbox gaming with the Ginmaster - 9p start

21 THURSDAY -- First Day of Winter; Winter Solstice

bar centro Jazzy Joan. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com

CHARLES ALLIS ART MUSEUM, 1801 N Prospect Av, Community holiday party from 5-8 p.m. Thank you for being our neighbors! Visit www.charlesallis.org to RSVP.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E. Center St., Riverwest Elders OWL (Older. Wiser. Local.) in-person gathering, 1-4pm. OWL's Annual Holiday Party: treats, gifts, crafts & games!

LINNEMAN'S The Longest Night, with Blacktop, Andii, Maximiano 7-9:30pm. \$10-15

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 6:30-8pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga For Elders w/Sara, 6pm // Beginner Course w/Sara, 4:30pm // Gentle, Healing & Supportive w/Tracey, 7:30pm

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid* Formations Series for new and improvised music. Set 1: Trench featuring Jay Mollerskov (synth/guitar), Paul Westfal (drums), and Steve Nelson-Raney (soprano sax). Set 2: Tontine Ensemble featuring Allen Russell (violin), Molly Lieberman (viola), Pat Reinholz (cello), and Barry Paul Clark (bass). 7pm. \$10

22 FRIDAY

bar centro Jason Fabus. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com

BREMEN CAFÉ Sam Balistreri
INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd Street Open Gallery: Art Sale Extravaganza (featuring small works by 20+ artists). 5-7pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E. Center St., Riverwest Elders OWL (Older. Wiser. Local.) in-person gathering, 1-4pm. DIY Creativity Day: Bring your own project or use our materials

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am

LINNEMAN'S Bunny Blue, the Nile Club, Well + Good. Doors 7pm, music 8pm. \$10

MAD PLANET Friday Night Retro Dance Party w/DJs Sage Schwarm and Mosh Wah, 9pm, \$7

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations w/Tracey 9am

SHANK HALL The Lovelies, Combustor. 8pm.

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23 SATURDAY

bar centro Gil Jazz. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com

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parking lot -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am

LINNEMAN'S Funk Yule 2023. Conscious Congress is proud to present the return of annual holiday tradition ... FUNK YULE! Lineup TBA soon!

The first 40 people in attendance will receive a free limited edition FUNK YULE ornament. 8-11pm. \$10-15.

MAD PLANET David Bowie Dance Party

MILWAUKEE WINTER FARMERS MARKET, 5305 W Capitol Dr, 9am-2pm. Fondy proudly accepts SNAP benefits, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers.

MIRAMAR THEATRE Mr New York's Boiler Room Event, \$10 presale, \$20 day of. 9pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Martial Arts w/Samual, 3:30-4:45pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Intermediate Yoga w/Sara, 9am

SHANK HALL Pat McCurdy. 8pm. \$8

STAND FOR PEACE at Port Washington & Silver Spring Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 20th year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

24 SUNDAY -- Christmas Eve

BREMEN CAFÉ Ginmaster Bingo 6-8:30pm.

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations, all levels w/Tracey, 10:30am.

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues before or after the Packer Game otherwise 3-7pm

25 MONDAY -- Christmas Day

BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Phil

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Super Gentle Yoga w/Sarah (9:30-10:30am); Yoga w/Sarah (6-7:15pm)

26 TUESDAY -- Kwanzaa begins

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Trivia Mafia, 7pm. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke w/Trixy Mercury

FALCON BOWL Traditional Tuesdays! Live music and dancing, featuring TBD, 8-10pm. 7pm, Open Swing Dancing with DJ Hot Jazz Cass.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E. Center St., Riverwest Elders OWL (Older. Wiser. Local.) WXRW 104.1FM, stream at riverwestradio.com. Karen Beaumont presents, "All The Things" (short story with themes of resilience & forgiveness with music)

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MIRAMAR THEATRE R&B Tuesday. 21+. 9pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Keep It Simple Yoga (6pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Basics w/Hart, 6-7pm

UPTOWNER Turntable Tuesday- 9p start

27 WEDNESDAY

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia 6:30pm
LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors, 7pm. Sign-up, 7:30pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Ellie Jayce

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15-10:30am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Online all levels w/Sara, 6-7:15pm

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UPTOWNER Jackbox gaming with the Ginmaster - 9p start

28 THURSDAY

bar centro live ambient music - free
BEANS & BARLEY, 1901 E North Av Riverwest Elders (fourth Thursday) Birthday Lunch -- because every day is somebody's birthday! Noon - 2pm.

LINNEMAN'S Cynthia Starich ft. Chris Hanson & the Gang, \$10, 8pm
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 6:30-8pm
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga For Elders w/Sara, 6pm // Beginner Course w/Sara, 4:30pm // Gentle, Healing & Supportive w/Tracey, 7:30pm

29 FRIDAY

bar centro TBD. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com
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KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am

LINNEMAN'S Dak Dubois & Co. release show! With Wave Chapelle. Doors 7pm, music 8pm. \$10

MAD PLANET Friday Night Retro Dance Party w/DJs Sage Schwarm and Mosh Wah, 9pm, \$7

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations w/Tracey 9am

SHANK HALL No Can Do - A Tribute To The Music of Hall & Oates. 8pm

THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm

30 SATURDAY

bar centro TBD. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com
BREMEN CAFÉ Cocoa Burlesque
INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd Street Open Gallery: Art Sale Extravaganza (featuring small works by 20+ artists). 1-3pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 926 E Center St Free improv sessions, 10am-Noon

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food distribution hours: 7:30-11:30am
LINNEMAN'S Fightin' Bob, with TBA. 8pm, \$10. More details to come, check website.

MAD PLANET Disco Night
MILWAUKEE WINTER FARMERS MARKET, 5305 W Capitol Dr, 9am-2pm. Fondy proudly accepts SNAP benefits, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers.

MIRAMAR THEATRE SunSquabi -- Megan Hamilton

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Martial Arts w/Samual, 3:30-4:45pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Intermediate Yoga w/Sara, 9am

SHANK HALL Damaged Justice (Metallica tribute), Postmortem (Slayer tribute). 8pm, \$12 advance, \$15 doors

STAND FOR PEACE at North Av & MLK Drive Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 20th year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

31 SUNDAY -- New Year's Eve
ART*BAR NYE DANCE PARTY w/ FUNK SUMMIT!

bar centro TBD. See website for details: centrocaferiverwest.com
MAD PLANET Ring in the New Year with Don Black!

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dances of Universal Peace -- Dance & Potluck, 1-5pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Foundations, all levels w/Tracey, 10:30am.

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues before or after the Packer Game otherwise 3-7pm

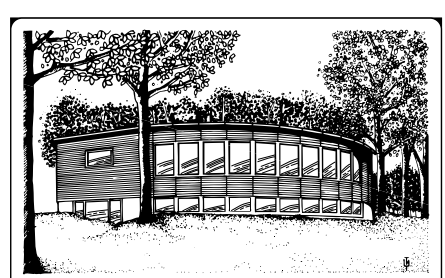
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MAN BOY

COOH, FAM'S ON THE DATING APPS AGAIN!
SO IS SHE... THE ONE?
NOT SURE.

I FAMOUSLY DON'T GEL WITH GRAPHIC DESIGNERS.
OUR SPACE SIGNS DONT ALIGN.
SHE SEEKS CREATIVE INTERSECTIONALITY IM AFTER EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE.
HER PHOTOS SAY NOTHING ABOUT HER STANCE ON THE WAR.
FEELS LIKE OUR 5-YEAR PLANS MIGHT CLASH.
SHE'S... WITCHY.

SHE LOOKS CUTE, BUT MAYBE SHE'S ALSO VAIN?
THE FRIENDS SHE'S WITH REMIND ME OF MY MOM.

0o0o0oH, IT SAYS IN HER INTERESTS SHE LIKES MUSIC.
OH... I LIKE... MUSIC.

WRITTEN BY DAN PERLSTEIN & LANCE ORR. DRAWN BY

"No Time Like the Present"

d. beyer jr.

HA! HA!
I CLEAN THIS TOILET MORE THAN I CLEAN MY TEETH.

WHAT IF I JUST CLEANED THEM AT THE SAME TIME SO I'D REMEMBER TO BRUSH MY TEETH?

I'LL START RIGHT NOW!

EMMA SOUTHARD

WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT?

WOAH.

COOL!

WONDER IF IT'S CAUGHT ANYTHING?

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL, DUDE...
...IM HUNGRY.

ANDREW MEGOW

THE DODO

FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR, I WILL BE GIVING ALL MY FRIENDS A MUSIC PLAYLIST.

YUP! EACH PLAYLIST WILL INCLUDE 30 SONGS THAT DEFINE THAT FRIEND FOR ME. I'M FINISHING FOR UP MY FRIEND LIZ. LOTS OF HERB ALBERT MUSIC FOR MY TRUMPET PLAYING GAL PAL. PRETTY COOL IDEA, HUH?

I GUESS SO, BUT HONESTLY I THINK WHAT IT REALLY SAYS TO YOUR FRIENDS IS THAT YOU ARE A CHEAP BASTARD.

JUST FOR THAT, YOU'RE GETTING NOTHING BUT GWAR SONGS!

by Luther Hall

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December 9
Jack Wright + Ben Wright + Carol Genetti + Jon Mueller. Free improvisation. 7:00 pm doors / 7:30pm show. \$10 cover

December 14
Undisclosed Sims. Jazz / experimental. 7:00 pm doors / 7:30pm show. \$15 cover

December 15.
Rachel Raven Sings and Tributes Sinead O'Connor. Acoustic / singer-songwriter. 7:00 pm doors / 7:30 pm show. \$12 cover


Free Improvisation Sessions - Every Saturday, 10 AM - noon

ON VIEW

November 4 - December 16
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