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After 46 Years, Woodland Pattern Leaves Home

by Ellen C. Warren

Riverwest can't help but feel like we are losing a limb, or even a piece of our root system, with the news that Woodland Pattern will soon be leaving us. After all, in 1979 when Anne Kingsbury and Karl Gartung established Woodland Pattern, at its present location of 720 E. Locust St., the identity we think of as Riverwest had barely taken hold. The unusual poetry and book shop helped to shape the artistic, open-minded, colorful, musical and neighborly community that we love. In truth, Woodland Pattern has always been an amalgamation of diverse arts riding on a poetic platform, introducing amazing poets, writers and artists to the world.

And it will continue. That's the good news. But we'll have to cross town to peruse the shelves or attend the programs. (Alternatively, they do provide access to their online book center at www.woodlandpatternbook-center.com) Their future home is in Bay View at 347 E. Ward St.

Jenny Gropp and Laura Solomon, co-executive directors since 2018, did all they could to keep WP in Riverwest. Crumbling infrastructure, along with inaccessibility to disabled patrons, had them looking into some major repairs and improvements that, before COVID, had a price tag of a million. After the pandemic the price, including some necessary expansion, soared to between four and five million dollars.

So, they started their search for a new location. They knew they needed more space, as the square footage allowed for less than half of their inventory to be displayed. And the performance hall couldn't meet the needs of the crowds the organization was drawing for their many events which include their annual Poetry Marathon. (This year's will be held at St. Kate's, as it was last year.)

"Even with expanded space, the building we were able to find ... and we wish it was in Riverwest, it's unfortunate that it's not in Riverwest ... but that building has so much more space than we have now, and we don't have to do any renovations to it," explains Laura, with Jenny adding, "Which means that we don't have to have a break in the community service that we do. If we were to renovate this building it could be up to two years before we're able to reopen."

"We have a growing intern and volunteer base and it's really hard to fit all the people that want to help because they want to feed the nebulous thing that is Woodland Pattern," Jenny continues. Laura points out, "But there's not enough space to hold them all." Jenny: "The thing we don't want to do is turn people away." Laura: "Which is what we're doing."

Besides needing more space for the volunteers and staff, the new environment

will make way for other desired changes. Nearly everything they do is offered gratis and will remain free. "There are so many more groups, many more people who have wanted to use this space, other organizations who don't have a space oftentimes want to use the space. This will allow us to say yes more often," says Laura. Adds Jenny, "That will also allow more people from the arts community, the writer's community to meet one another and build relationships we all need to survive, and poetry to survive, in particular."

"People want to collaborate ... but we can't have everybody in here every day. There's not enough space ... If you look in that front room ... We want to be a reading room but there's room for maybe three or four people," says Laura. "In this (new) space there can be a hundred people in there, reading. There's going to be lots of little nooks and crannies. They could meet up with another person they want to share their poems with, or they could host a writing group, whether they share it with us or not, it won't really matter because it will be a big public space."

This will be possible even after the fifty percent of their materials currently in storage are put on display. The usable square footage of the present building is 2200. The new building has about 9000 square feet.

Woodland Pattern serves the larger community in many ways. Besides being on the Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission and the National Poetry Commission, they serve as advisory board members for Indigenous Nations Poets, an organization that got its start at Woodland Pattern. "It's wide-ranging because it's welcoming, and everybody can find their pocket in here. It's very expansive. But it needs more physical space," says Jenny.

"For decades we've been serving Milwaukee Public Schools in this area. We're not stopping. We'll still be at Riverwest Elementary, Gaenslen, and Hopkins Lloyd Community School. We're going to continue to stay north for education and we'll continue to work with people here in all kinds of ways," Jenny says, adding, "But what's nice is that you can move fairly quickly from the north to Bay View."

The new building, originally the Wisconsin Book Bindery, and in its most recent manifestation, a creative laboratory for book, print, and literary art called The Bindery, certainly seems the perfect fit for the new Woodland Pattern location. A "Holy Space" for books.

The \$1.35 million price tag compared to five-or-more million dollars for renovations at the current site, plus the reality of perhaps two to three months of downtime versus a likely two years if remaining

Good Bye Riverwest Hello Bay View

in the present spot, made this change an inevitability.

Laura and Jenny will be petitioning the city for the placement of a historical plaque on the Riverwest site.

For now, regular programming goes on and you are welcome to use the original home of Woodland Pattern until May 31. They'll definitely be open for Locust Street Days.



Woodland Pattern founded in 1979 opened its doors on Locust Street in 1980. It has served us well for all those decades. WP is renowned nationwide for its support of poetry and all forms of artistic expression. Pictured are the stacks and sunny entry. The art is by Evelyn Terry and is on display in the gallery.

Much of the collection of published works are stored in the basement. The full and remarkable collection will be available in the new building which is much larger and on one floor, accessible to all with numerous bathrooms as well.



The Entrance to the new location for Woodland Pattern, 347 E. Ward Street

Jenny Gropp and Laura Solomon,



I took this picture in their backyard. I think it was 2018. I have been on the Board at Woodland Pattern for many years. I cannot say I am thrilled about the move to Bay View. With the RW Co-op closing and WP moving, those are difficult realities to embrace for a person who loves Riverwest, as a place and a beloved community. I hope to keep some of the flame of poetic words alive here while keeping a relationship with Woodland Pattern in their new location. Jenny and Laura are great leaders, and the new space is move in ready. All it needs is the flavor and feeling that the books and people will bring to the new space. May their smiles and actions lead to success for Milwaukee. And for the word.

Vince Bushell, Publisher Riverwest Currents

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FALL IN LOVE WITH COHOUSING

Love cohousing? Feeling Lonely? Craving neighborly support? Need a little help with children or aging? River Trail Commons cohousing community is moving forward and holding a community update open house — **FALL IN LOVE WITH COHOUSING** — at the **Gordon Park Pavilion on February 14, 2026 (Valentine's Day), from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.**

Doubtless you've seen the prepared site in the 2700 block of Humbolt Boulevard adjacent to Gordon Park's fields, bike trails, forest trails, and the river. River Trail Commons is building 40 condominium homes, all focused around the "Common House," which is the community's "secret sauce," to bring all resident owners together. The entire community will enjoy weekly meals together, rotating cooking responsibility so that each household is responsible for a meal only every 40 weeks. On other days/times, the large multi-purpose area will be used for remote work / yoga / educational programs / dances / parties / music and poetry, etc. as the owners may decide. RTC is self-developed, self-maintained. and self-governed.

The Common House also includes rooms for overnight guests, large common kitchen, a cozy screen room lounge with a fireplace, office, laundry room, mail room, children's play area, shared teen room / conference room with rooftop fireplace, library space, rooftop gardening and lounging platform overlooking the park and forest, a craft room and bike storage and workshop area opening out onto the two intersecting bike paths in Gordon Park. These shared spaces are built to be extended parts of our own houses. When we step out of our private homes, we move into the shared parts of our own homes.

RTC is building 16 duplex townhouse condos on Humbolt Boulevard and 24 condos in the multifamily building located right on the Gordon Park bike trail and forest. Those new to RTC may reserve their preferred home at the FALL IN LOVE WITH COHOUSING event. Each is a single-story home, complete with a fully equipped private kitchen. The complex will have its own organic farm in the midst of the homes.

River Trail Commons is designed as a "Mixed Income Community of Neighbors Where Everyone Belongs." Because this is Milwaukee, where we have the largest disparity in family wealth through home equity due to our history of racial deed restrictions and red-lining, many of the homes will be discounted by 29% for First Generation buyers. To date, we have obtained about \$1 Million in donations, which will enable the 29% discount on 10 homes. We seek additional funds to enable discounting more homes. All other homes are sold at cost plus 3%. There may be a potential for renting, so if that is your interest, let us know!

Depending upon presales and financing, we could move in at the end of 2027!

For more on Cohousing, see The Cohousing Association of America and for more on River Trail Commons, see **RIVER TRAIL COMMONS**

<https://www.rivertrailcommons.org/>



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**16th Riverwest Follies
set for Saturday,
April 4, 2026
at the fabulous Falcon Bowl!**



You read that right – we’re doing it again and we want YOU to join us. The Currents presents our 16th installment of the Riverwest Follies, the talent show that’s a celebration of community and created by, for and right here IN our beloved neighborhood.

In 2006, the first Follies was staged at St. Mary Czestochowa, in the parish hall. An eclectic sampling of local talent, it was hosted by Frank Chandeck (of Dr. Chow’s Love Medicine), and featured performances by musicians, poets, dancers, actors ... there was even a fashion show.

It was so much fun that we threw the party again and again. For a few years, it was held at St. Mary’s, and eventually found a new home at the Falcon Bowl. In 2013, there was a reenactment of a 1947 radio play (a staged radio show, if you will), cast with actors from the neighborhood. The play, “Bring Me To Life,” was back by popular demand with a different cast in 2014.

The last time we put on the Follies was in 2021 at Linneman’s. We were just emerging from the anti-social pandemic times, and it felt great to all be together and dance our cares away at the end of the night with music from both Mike Fredrickson and Voot Warnings and their bands.

While we’re name-dropping, here’s a short list of folks that have graced the Follies stages: Susie & Harvey’s Adventures in Song; Sigmund Snopek on his alps horn; poets Kavon Cortez Jones, Peter Burzynski, CC Charmichael; the Tamarind Belly Dancers; Mahmoud on his oud; open jam with Liam O’Brien and Caley Conway; The Riverwest Elders; Astral / Subastral **But it’s high time** we got the ball rolling again, so let’s put on a show, gang! Want to be a part of it?

Contact Lee Gutowski, lee@rwc.com, for details, or to inquire about performing!

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And then, And then:
As reported by Bob Bruch, a known Chess devotee and Sunday participant in Chess matches at Collectivo said:
“A protester was outside Collectivo on a cold day, her name is Ellyn O’; we will leave it that. STOP ICE!!!. Or something else our DC government is doing. She protested out in the cold by Collectivo. And then.
Bob saw a car stop in the street...
the man got out... and then
and then he hugged Ellyn!!!



Kummba Juice & Coffee was hoping on Sunday
In one room we made Valentines to give to folks needing some love.
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by Darlene Wesenberg Rzezotarski,

Many of us know a bit about this iconic Wisconsin environmentalist, known as the father of the science of wildlife management and of the America wilderness system. At this time when many of his ideas have become political ping pong balls, it might be good to take a look at what he actually thought and taught.

First, a bit of background: Aldo Leopold was born in Burlington, Iowa in 1887. Even in his boyhood, he was a close observer of nature, keeping notebooks of bird sitings and hunting ventures with his father Carl. This laid the groundwork for an education in the Yale Forest School, receiving a Master of Forestry in 1909.

The US Forest Service was new at that time, established in 1905, and Leopold accepted a position at the Apache National Forest in southeastern Arizona. He was responsible for establishing the first National Wilderness—500,000 acres around the Gila River in Southwestern New Mexico. He eventually ended up in Madison in 1924 with the US Forest Products Laboratory; then on to UW Madison to become chair of game management in the Department of Agricultural Economics. All the while, he observed nature closely, thought deeply and creatively. His influential ideas had an impact on public policies of conservation, hunting, land restoration, and farming.

Over the years, he married Estelle Bergere of Santa Fe and they established a family. Madison and the university life suited them well, but Leopold felt a deep need for attachment to land. In the midst of the Depression, 1935, the family took on the challenge of reviving a devastated 80-acres along the Wisconsin River near Baraboo. The land had been logged, farmed, over-grazed. Lost topsoil, now sand banks, needed to be restored to former fertility. This would become a lifelong project in action and writing. The four children were put to work, helping to plant trees, native plants, and re-establish habitats for wildlife. There was a ramshackle building on the premises, an old chicken coop, that became their shelter—dubbed “The Shack.” It is still standing, part of the grounds that now are the Aldo Leopold Foundation. A daytrip to the Baraboo area is a great adventure. The foundation offers workshops, environmental projects and tours year-round.

Perhaps most of us have become acquainted with Leopold through *A Sand County Almanac*. After sending out his manuscript to several publishers, his landmark book finally was accepted. However, Leopold did not live to see the actual publication. He died of a heart attack fighting a grass fire on a neighbor’s farm in April 1948. Since the book was published in 1949, its importance has grown. It has been translated into 15 languages and has had record sales of more than two million copies.

Since Leopold was a powerful writer, rather than paraphrase his brilliance, this author offers a selection of quotes so you can hear from him first-hand. His works are readily accessible in bookstores and libraries, so I present these quotations as an enticement to think and explore on your own. His writings remain foremost in the ecological awareness movement, as he encounters the relationship of humans and nature with a prophetic and poetic voice.

IN THE MASTER’S OWN WORDS
“There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot. These essays are the delights and dilemmas of one who cannot.”
“How like fish we are: ready, nay eager, to seize upon whatever new thing some wind of circumstance shakes down upon the river of time!”
“For us of the minority, the opportunity to see geese is more important than television, and the chance to find a Pasque-flower is a right as inalienable as free speech.”
“The oldest task in human history: to live on a piece of land without spoiling it.”
“A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.”

“Many of the attributes most distinctive of America and Americans are the impress of the wilderness. Shall we now exterminate this thing that made us Americans?”
“Conservation is not merely a thing to be enshrined in outdoor museums, but a way of living on land.”
“Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land. ...Harmony with land is like harmony with a friend; you cannot cherish his right hand and chop off his left. That is to say, you cannot love game and hate predators; you cannot conserve the waters and waste the ranges; you cannot build the forest and mine the farm. The land is one organism.”
“Bread and beauty grow best together. Their harmonious integration can make farming not only a business but an art; the land not only a food-factory but an instrument for self-expression, on which each can play music to his own choosing.”

“...This new science of relationships is called ecology, but what we call it matters nothing. The question is, does the educated citizen know he is only a cog in an ecological mechanism? That if he will work with that mechanism his mental wealth and his material wealth can expand indefinitely? But that if he refuses to work with it, it will ultimately grind him to dust? If education does not teach us these things, then what is education for?”

“We reached the old wolf in time to watch a fierce green fire dying in her eyes. I realized then, and have known ever since, that there was something new to me in those eyes—something known only to her and to the mountain. I was young then, and full of trigger-itch; I thought that because fewer wolves meant more deer, that no wolves would mean hunters’ paradise. But after seeing the green fire die, I sensed that neither the wolf nor the mountain agreed with such a view.”

“In short, a land ethic changes the role of *Homo sapiens* from conqueror of the land-community to plain member and citizen of it. It implies respect for his fellow-members, and also respect for the community as such.”

“The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals, or collectively: the land.”

“A land ethic, then, reflects the existence of an ecological conscience, and this in turn reflects a conviction of individual responsibility for the health of the land. Health is the capacity of the land for self-renewal. Conservation is our effort to understand and preserve this capacity.”



“The oldest task in human history: to live on a piece of land without spoiling it.”



“It is inconceivable to me that an ethical relation to land can exist without love, respect, and admiration for land, and a high regard for its value. By value, I of course mean something far broader than mere economic value; I mean value in the philosophical sense.”

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY
Over the years these quotes have stirred many individuals to regard humans as an integral part of the world—not plundering masters. However, at present there have been actions by organizations such as the US Department of Energy to weaken rules that have given a modicum of protection to our environment. For example, just in the past year, standards for smog-forming nitrogen oxide have been weakened. Health costs for air pollution have been written out of documents. Language that identifies human culpability in climate change has been eliminated. Fuel standards for vehicles and power plants have been gutted. This is sung to the refrain of, “Drill, Baby, Drill!”

We might feel called upon to ask: What about a Land Ethic? What comes next?

Let the words of Aldo Leopold prevail:
“We all strive for safety, prosperity, comfort, long life, and dullness. The deer strives with his supple legs, the cowman with trap and poison, the statesman with pen, the most of us with machines, votes, and dollars, but it all comes down to the same thing: peace in our time.... Perhaps this is behind Thoreau’s dictum: In wilderness is the salvation of the world. Perhaps this is the hidden meaning in the howl of the wolf, long known among mountains, but seldom perceived among men.”

Everything has a story. How will you deal with this chapter?

To be continued...

When I was honored with an ARTservancy in Estabrook Park in 2024-5, I was just finishing this sculpture of Aldo Leopold. At the time I had been impressed with his innovative bench design. I decided to sculpt him seated on his bench which has come into wide usage over the years. I found the pattern on-line and reduced it. One of the first things I noticed when I began to look around the park closely with new eyes was this connection philosophically and practically between Leopold and Estabrook Park. I brought the sculpture over to photograph “Leopold on his Bench, on the Estabrook Leopold Bench.”



Darlene Wesenberg Rzezotarski, AKA Lolly, is a local artist and writer. When not working on poetry or ceramics or walking with her dog friend Little Gus, she enjoys writing this monthly column for the Currents. Two of her books, *Memorable Milwaukee: Legendary Tales Depicted in Clay* and *Tannenbaum Arms*, are available at Boswell’s and Woodland Pattern. This sculpture is in her new series, *Iconic Wisconsin*.

Learning the Hard Way: On and Off the Bike

Several years ago I found myself in the Twin Cities right before Christmas and was poised to ride to Madison to be with friends on the 25th. Per usual, I was wearing thin gloves and torn up sneakers though my legs and core were well insulated on top and bottom. Unfortunately, that's not enough when it's <0° or single digits. The core is important...long underwear, thermals, down jackets, sweaters...whatever packs those layers on. But perhaps more importantly, mittens, wool socks and good footwear will keep our digits from freezing!

After leaving Viroqua, I was unable to feel my hands and feet and had to dismount my bike every ½ mile and sprint alongside it, in order to avoid frostbite. When I arrived in Richland Center, I thawed out inside the local grocery store and found some insulated bubble wrap and found some insulated bubble wrap out back in their trash. You can ask the people at Imperfect Foods for some if you see them on the Milwaukee streets; they'll usually hand some over. Anyway, that stuff works wonders. I chopped that bubble wrap up and made quick work of some shoe covers and glove mitts with just a bit of additional tape that the store associate let me use. The point of this story is that in order to survive the blustery winter weather, we've gotta be creative. In my case, I had to learn the hard way. Save your hot summer body for the summer and save your 6 layer striptease for when you arrive at your destination. The goal when moving around on your bike, on foot and to the nearest bus stop is to "Not Freeze" this time of year. If we play it right, we can definitely enjoy and bask in the Arctic Blasts that come our way.

Another tip to stay warm is to ditch the vape, tobacco and caffeine. They may increase our heart rate and feed our addictions but they'll constrict our

blood vessels and add to poor circulation. This can be a huge detriment to our well being if we like being warm, need to heal an injury or moderate our nervous system without depending on drugs. But, it's often gotta hit home. If we don't feel the burn in our hands, heart or throat, we may never feel the need to change. It's funny how we develop our own identity about who we are even if it doesn't make sense or serve our well being. Having the capacity to be whoever we choose to be each day is worth celebrating. Do the difficult thing! The thing that will help you become the superhero you truly are.

Speaking of superheroes, have you or your friends been lucky or unlucky enough to have been the product of pro-cycling heckling in the neighborhood? Watch out, as there are a few strange birds that love to cheer on the simple act of pedaling with a good ole fashioned, "Yeah Bikes!" or "Bike Yeah!" depending on what day of the week they catch you riding. Coincidentally, there is also a Yeah Bikes! single which is being released by Monica Clare Murphy this month and performed at Linneman's on Feb. 22 at 2:22 pm. It's a bicycle celebration which will also premiere the music video featuring the RW24. Submit your bike-themed poetry to @monica.clare.murphy on Instagram. Show up on your bike...wherever you happen to be going. I say "Yeah" you say "Bikes". "Yeah Bikes!", "Yeah Bikes!"

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"Write it on your heart
that every day
is the best day in the year."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson



Pull Quote : The Muffin Man

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The stillness of winter. January 2, 1:20 PM. Looking upstream, North, from the North Avenue Bridge.. Tree shadow in foreground. You cans see my shadow on the bridge if you look closely.

Vince

What is VITA?

The VITA program has operated for over 50 years. VITA sites offer free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including:
People who generally make \$64,000 or less
Persons with disabilities; and Limited English-speaking taxpayers



In addition to VITA, the TCE program offers free tax help, particularly for those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors. More information can be found at IRS.Gov

For more than two decades, the **Riverworks VITA** Income Tax Program has stood as a trusted financial resource for Milwaukee County residents. What began in 2003 as a small, community-driven initiative has grown into a year-round financial empowerment program serving thousands of families each year. The program was founded by Riverworks Financial Clinic visionary Coretta Herring and a dedicated team of friends who sought to expand access to free and affordable income tax services. Their mission included teaching families about tax credits, tax strategies, and tax resolution—core components of financial literacy.

Today, through partnership with the IRS VITA Income Tax Program, Riverworks proudly serves over 2,000 families annually. The impacts of VITA are felt throughout Milwaukee, and the results speak for themselves.

RDC 2025 VITA by the Numbers (Jan 1, 2024 – Dec 18, 2024 tax period):w

- Total Tax Returns Filed: 2,157 (STATE & FEDERAL)
- Total Dollars Returned to the Community: \$1,282,188
- Earned Income Tax Credit Distributed: \$539,573

We will be starting our 2026 VITA income tax season (Jan 1, 2025 – Dec 31, 2025 tax period) on February 2, 2026, and it will run thru March 14, 2026. For more information about VITA, or how to schedule an appointment, please visit our website here.

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RDC Financial Clinic is a one-stop resource that provides practical, innovative support to help families improve credit, build wealth, and achieve both short- and long-term financial goals.



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Restaurant Review: Elsa’s on the Park

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by Cari Taylor Carlson

“Life is short; eat dessert first,” is the first thing you see when you open the menu at Elsa’s on the Park. The list of desserts is enticing, but it might be best to wait until after your meal to order, given the portion sizes of the mains and the irresistible appetizers like the shrimp ceviche. The shrimp were poached, not as “ceviche” suggested, but no problem. There were 10 plump shrimp served in a spicy tart soupy pico de gallo along with several slices of avocado. Soft puffy chips made with quick-fried flour tortillas were useful scoopers for the pico.

My companion ordered the burger au poivre because she remembered it from the last time she ate at Elsa’s. She excavated that detail prior to our lunch from a journal entry she made in 1996. Thirty years later she said, “It’s the same burger with the same peppercorns and the same, burgundy-flavored sauce.”

Only the price has changed, of course, and this is worth mentioning because at Elsa’s they include an 18% gratuity in the price you see on the menu. That 18% reduces the cost of the burger by approximately \$3, and by today’s standards, a \$14 burger at a restaurant where the service, the cuisine, and the ambiance are first class, is a deal.

A meal at Elsa’s is like dining in Paris in a cosmopolitan setting from the 1800s. I checked online and learned Elsa’s is located inside what was originally Arnold and Quistorf’s Tavern built by the Schlitz Brewing Company. You know it is special when you enter through high glass doors and see fresh flowers on every table. In April there were perky yellow tulips and in December white roses. There is a long bar with an impressive display of bottles for creating craft cocktails and Elsa’s well-known martini. Floor to ceiling Corinthian columns act as dividers between the front and back rooms.

A friend and I came to Elsa’s in mid-December because we wanted to see the famous Christmas tree they decorate every year. It was a stunner, done all in gold, and according to our server, it took seven people eleven hours to decorate it.

My companion’s pork salad with black olives, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, and pecans, was topped with fork-tender, grilled, and sliced pork and a sprinkle of blue cheese. The meat had been marinated to keep it juicy and to add flavor. Our server said the pork is the house specialty and justifiably so.

To jazz up the ancient grains with grilled shrimp, the chef added grilled corn, blistered cherry tomatoes, avocado, and for something sweet and spicy, peppadew peppers. When you combine a dozen shrimp, many veggies, and two grains, you have a tasty and healthy lunch.

Every Monday, Elsa’s has a special menu that features chicken. The Monday menu is known as the Gary Stein Chicken Monday and includes five chicken sandwiches, AZ88 chicken salad, and teriyaki chicken salad. Our server told us this came about after Gary Stein, a friend of owner Karl Kopps, requested more chicken. Soon afterwards Chicken Monday appeared.

We finished with the world’s smallest turtle sundae, the perfect dessert when you know you can’t possibly manage a full-sized dessert. This mini sundae came in a tiny dish with a demitasse spoon, vanilla ice cream, hot fudge, caramel, six toasted pecan halves, and whipped cream.

My companions and I found Elsa’s delightful. It is comfortable and classy, a downtown restaurant where you can expect classic food, excellent service, and at the end of your meal, if you wish, the world’s smallest turtle sundae.





RIVERWEST ELDERS

Sharing Wisdom with Community

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.

February: Active People Who Support Each Other.
Lorraine Jacobs

We will come together for February Wisdom Gathering at the Quaker Meeting House (Event Calendar below).
Following one of our 2026 New Year Promises, we plan to build community with table games, surrounded by the beautiful forest view. May we support each other as we enjoy the friendly company.

Riverwest Elders February Event Calendar
NOTE: Location and time had to be adjusted.
Make note in your calendar.

Wisdom Tuesday Potluck February 10, 2026
LET’S PLAY GAMES
Place: Friends Meeting House
3224 N Gordon Pl, Milwaukee, WI 53212
Time: 11:30 am-1:30pm
Bring a potluck dish to share. Coffee provided.
Bring cards, games: Rummikube, Scrabble, Yahtzee, Madlibs, Trivia, other?

Birthday Lunch, Thursday, February 26, 2026
12 Noon- 1:30pm
Fusion Poke:
1813 East Kenilworth (just at North and Oakland)
Casual eatery specializing in customizable poke bowls and ramen, plus other Asian-inspired grub and bubble tea.
Also sandwiches, wings, French fries, smoothies..

A Planet Called ‘Sanity’

When the ‘news’ gets super-distressing for me,
I go for a visit to Planet ‘Sanity’...
I hang out there, to be inspired, and rejuvenate,
then bring back a song that I can relay...
from a Planet called ‘Sanity.’

On Planet Sanity, folks get along...
of course, there are problems, don’t get me wrong—
but people care, and know how to empathize,
so, almost everyone is compassionate-&-wise...
on a Planet called ‘Sanity.’

It’s a great example, we can learn from...
solving problems peacefully, with wisdom—
it’s not always easy, but negotiation
is SO much better than violent confrontation.

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a song from Planet ‘Sanity’

I Need To Philosophize

I need to philosophize...
think things over, try to become wise—
this old world can be a big ball of confusion:
as I look carefully, that’s my conclusion.

So, I need to philosophize...
think things over, try to become wise—
contribute, as best I can, something positive,
to help balance the negative, something I can give.w

I have a friend who’s a philosopher...
I’m fortunate to have Carl as a mentor—
his example encourages me to philosophize...
think things over, try to become wise.

Yes, I need to philosophize...
think-&-feel, try to become wise—
the results are mixed, I have to say...
but I keep at it, day-by-day...
I think-&-feel, try to become wise...
philosophize...
philosophize *

Musings From Riverwest - by Harey Taylor



O.W.L. (Older.Wiser.Local)
is a program created to serve, enlighten & educate area seniors (50 & up). *OWL is sponsored by the Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, and Bader Philanthropies.*

PLACE: Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, 926 E. Center Street, MKE 53212 *All people, ages 50 & up, are welcome. Gatherings are free of charge with free refreshments.*

IN-PERSON: Thurs & Fri 1– 4PM
RADIO SHOWS: Wednesdays at 3:30pm, on Riverwest Radio, WXRW, 104.1 FM. Stream live on riverwestradio.com, if you can’t get radio reception. Or listen to the archive anytime: <https://www.riverwestradio.com/show/owl-older-wiser-local>



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Wed. Feb. 4 (RADIO) Lee Stedman, Minneapolis ICE-Protest Correspondent

Thur. Feb. 5 (IN-PERSON) Vince Bushell of *Riverwest Currents: February 2026*

Fri. Feb. 6 (IN-PERSON) Community Preparation for ICE in Milwaukee (with guest speakers)

Wed. Feb. 11 (RADIO) *Karen Beaumont Presents: Poetry of Tanaya Winder* (with music)

Thur. Feb. 12 (IN-PERSON) Suzanne (Zoe) Silberstein, showcase on her career in fashion

Fri. Feb. 13 (IN-PERSON) Love Letters to Me, Myself, and You! (honoring Valentine’s Day)

Wed. Feb. 18 (RADIO) A.M. Book Report: *Media Literacy for Navigating Disinformation*

Thur. Feb. 19 (IN-PERSON) Tech support for smart phones, computers, etc

Fri. Feb. 20 (IN-PERSON) Katherine Yets: *Hands-On Honing, Poetry Workshop*

Wed. Feb. 25 (RADIO) *Karen Beaumont Presents: Poems by Katherine Gekker with music.*

Thur. Feb. 26 (IN-PERSON) DIY Creative Day (bring your own project or use our materials)

Fri. Feb. 27 (IN-PERSON): Isaiah Malnory Brown, artist and musician

MORE INFO: Amy Schmutte, O.W.L. Program Manager, owlprogrammanager@gmail.com

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ONGOING

Through Saturday, March 7 at Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts. Exhibitions on view: Main Gallery -- The Time is Now: Milwaukee Artists and Our Political Moment. Opening Reception: Saturday, Jan, 31st, 4-6pm // Small Wall: Interactive Artists Responding to the Times

FURTHER DOWNSTREAM

Saturday, April 4, 2026:
16th Riverwest Follies at the Falcon Bowl!

1 SUNDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Walkers Point Makers Market & Bar Hop, Noon-5pm
BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. Bingo 6pm
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Meeting for worship, 10:15-11:45am
LAKEFRONT BREWERY Keg Stand Up! Comedy show, doors 6:30. Show 7pm. \$15 online, \$20 at the door
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Move In The Park, 11-12:30.
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Movement Fundamentals w/ Tracey, 10:30-11:45am. Community Gift w/ Helena, 2:30-4pm
THE ATRIUM, 2107 E Capitol Shorewood Winter Market, 9am-1pm
THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm
UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm
VINTAGE, 2203 N Prospect Avenue Vintage - Weekly Sunday Trivia, 5-7pm
WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* WORKSHOP Collateral Words: Ekphrastic Encounters with Evelyn Patricia Terry, led by Nakeysha Roberts Washington. 1-4pm. Sliding scale \$20 --> \$150 (give what you can; all donations go directly to instructor)

2 MONDAY -- Groundhog Day

BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm. Then Music Open Mic w/ Ouzman
FALCON BOWL Cream City Swing - Lindy Hop lessons at 7pm and 8:15, open social dancing at 9:15
FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Place Meditation for Everyone: Transform Your Mind, Transform Your World. Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje. 6:30-8pm. Drop-in or sign-up in advance at meditationinmadison.org/MKE. All welcome. \$15 donation.
LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: Rivka Comrov
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Yoga with Sarah, Kat or Montana (6-7:15pm)
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

UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm

3 TUESDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce WMSE Local / Live: Emmitt James. Doors 5:30, show 6pm. Free
BLACK HUSKY BREWING Milwaukee's Worst Trivia, 6:30-9pm.
BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm
FALCON BOWL Traditional Tuesdays -- Swing Dance lesson, 7-8pm; live music w/Third Ward Jazz Band, 8-10pm
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 4-6pm. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!
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MIRAMAR THEATRE R&B Party DJ'd by Mr. New York. Doors 9pm. Free cover for ladies, 9-10pm.
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RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/Tracey, 10-11:30am. // Community Class: Yoga Basics w/ Hart, 6-7pm.
WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Reading Group: Ping Pong Book Club, 6-7pm. Reading We The Gathered Heat, edited by Franny Choi, Bao Phi, No u Re-villa, & Terisa Siagatonu

4 WEDNESDAY

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm
BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm; Passion Park, 9pm
FALCON NEST Cowboy Killers: A Comedy Show, 7:30pm doors, 8pm show. \$15
LAKEFRONT BREWERY Trivia Night, 6:30-8:30
LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors open and sign-up starts at 7pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Moldy Tate
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); Yoga w/ Kat (11am-Noon); Clown Practice (6-7:45pm); Vocal Jam - Improv and play (8-9:30pm)
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 9:30-10:45am; 6 Week Series: Yoga for Chronic Back Pain, 6:30-8pm
STUDIO B & CO., 2478 N Murray Av Yarn Night -- 6-8pm. A cozy night of creativity and connection! Bring your own knitting, crocheting, or looming project, or use our studio supplies to start something new. \$15 per person starting a new project. Free to those bringing their own project. More information: studiobandco.com
THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Swing Jazz Wednesday: The Sazerac 5. Doors 6:30pm, music 7pm. \$5
THE GATHERING TABLE, 2nd & Clarke All Peoples Church's Gathering Table has fresh and free produce, organic

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veggies, eggs, yogurt, sandwich bread, whole grain pastas, rice, and so much more! 1-4pm
THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Wednesday Night Music! 9pm-midnight
UWM PLANETARIUM Pride Night at the Planetarium, 7 and 7:30pm. Show your colors and stargaze with us in our cozy planetarium! All are welcome. Check in at the table outside of the Planetarium starting as early as 30 minutes before the show start time to reserve your free spot. Seats are first come first serve.
WOODLAND PATTERN *zoom* Reading Group: online on Zoom. Reading Midwinter Day by Bernadette Mayer. 6-7:15pm
WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Lee Stedman, Minneapolis ICE-Protest Correspondent. 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

5 THURSDAY

ART*BAR Beer Bong Bingo, 9pm.
bar centro Jazz Jam (every first Thursday) -- no cover. Drink specials. 8:30pm Garret Waite Trio. 9pm open jam
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Blue House Film Screening, 7-10pm. \$5-15 sliding scale.
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Vince Bushell of Riverwest Currents: February 2026. 1-4pm.
LAKEFRONT BREWERY Tropical Rabbit release party, 5-9pm.
NASHVILLE NORTH Eddie Danger -- Loop Show, 7-10pm.
PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group,7:15-8:45pm virtual meeting
RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Continuing Yoga w/ Sara, 9:30am. Yoga for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30-2:45pm. Beginner+ w/ Helena, 5:45-7pm.
VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

6 FRIDAY

ART*BAR Live Music w/ John Gay, 9pm
bar centro Leslie Vincent, 8-10pm. \$15
BREMEN CAFÉ Drumbalaya
FALCON HALL Freshly Slayed 2: Drag Show & Dance Party. Feat. Blythe, R3alGirl and DJ Mya. Starts 8pm. \$10-15
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Junipour + Fugu + Eli Orion, 7-10pm. Indie rock/experimental. \$10 cover.
JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Community Preparation for ICE in Milwaukee (with guest speakers). 1-4pm.
KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Volunteer food sort hours: 8:30-10:30am
MAD PLANET Friday Night Retro Dance Party w/ DJ Paul H, doors 9pm
NASHVILLE NORTH Robb Knapp & the Soul Patrol, 8-11pm
PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); African Fitness-Dance, 6-7pm
PRITZLAFF BLDG, 333 N Plankinton WMSE's 9th Annual Art & Music Event and Auction. 6-10pm. Bid on 180 stunning album-sized art pieces up for auction, crafted by both local and nationally recognized artists. Dance to a soundtrack spun live by WMSE's own Chillosophy DJ Tony Myers. Enjoy a mesmerizing musical and art performance by the incomparable NINETEEN THIRTEEN.

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RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am.
SHANK HALL Creed Fisher, Jenna Paulette. 8pm. \$25
THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Greg Koch w/ The Koch Marshall Trio, Ila Rose & Woody Mankowski. 8-10pm. \$26 adv / \$31 door
THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Hi Score - Live Video Game Music. 7pm and 9:30pm. With nostalgic melodies from beloved game franchises like Mario Brothers, The Legend of Zelda, Halo, Sonic the Hedgehog, and more, Hi Score offers a fresh take through improvisation and high-energy performances
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 Birth of the Universe. 7-8pm. \$7 general admission, \$5 students. Explore the origins of the cosmos dating back almost 14 billion years(uwmplanetarium.com for tix)
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Cottage Chemistry: A Heated Rivalry Dance Party. With drag performances by Mercedes Benzova and Ellah Maeaux. 9pm.
WMSE ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL, Pritzlaff Bldg. WMSE's 9th annual art auction and celebration, 6-10pm. DJ Tony Myers and live music by Nineteen Thirteen.

7 SATURDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Cash Box Kings, 7:30pm. \$15 adv / \$20 door
ART*BAR Live Music w/ Jeremiah Samartino, 9pm
bar centro Le Fleur Quartet: Contemporary Jazz and Bebop. 8-10pm. \$10
BLACK HUSKY BREWING Double Bach -- fundraiser for Ukraine. Two separate classical acts: Rachel Orheim + Martin St. Maurice from the Concord Chamber Orchestra, and 12-year-old Nero Eichinger performing Bach's Partita No. 3 for solo violin. Also, the sale of Ukraine candles from Door County Candle Company, donating 100% of the proceeds to Razom in Ukraine.
BREMEN CAFÉ Precipitators, 9pm. Her Kiss Like Glass, 9:45pm. Raygun Death Machine, 10:30pm.
BURNHEARTS MITTEN FEST Over by Burnhearts, 2599 S Logan. Be hardy/ hearty and brave the out of doors at this big winter party. Bellends, 1pm. Hello, Face, 2:30pm. Shrinestone, 4pm. The Hallelujah Ward, 5:30pm. Between-act DJing by Christreater from WMSE.
FALCON HALL Mike Dunn w/Twan, Phlury and Riptide. Doors 7pm, show 8pm. All ages. \$15
INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Opening Reception: THE PLAYGROUND, collaborative art exhibit (runs through Feb 28), 5pm.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free Improvisation Sessions, 10am-Noon. // Hello Death + Alicia Rytlewski. 7-10pm. Folk/classical. \$10 cover.
KIND OASIS, 2169 N Farwell Friendship Market, 1-5pm. Join Mabel Clothing and Art for an afternoon of shopping and community featuring a variety of local vendors.

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

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

LINNEMAN'S Maximiano w/ Bitch Creek, Marble Teeth. Doors 6:30pm, music 7pm. \$10, \$15 for couples

MAD PLANET Ladies of Hip-Hop w/ DJ Milkman of Elechronic. Doors 9pm.

MILWAUKEE WINTER FARMERS MARKET @ The Table, 5303 W Capitol Dr Winter farmers market, 9am-2pm, thru March 28, 2026. Proudly accepting SNAP benefits, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers. Details at fondymke.org.

MIRAMAR THEATRE 30+ Rave! With peak-era bangers from Calvin Harris, David Guetta, Daft Punk, Avicii, and the legends who built the culture. 6pm-midnight

NASHVILLE NORTH PHUN -- Phish bluegrass set. 8-11pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Intermediate Iyengar Yoga w/Sara, 10:15am. Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 12:15pm

SHANK HALL Failure To Launch, Lovin' Kind. 8pm. \$10

STAND FOR PEACE at Brady & Farwell Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 22nd year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire Jerry, Jonnie, and George, 7:30-9:30pm

UPTOWNER Passion Park Experience, 12-5pm.

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Club XCX: Everything is romantic. 8pm. 18+.

8 SUNDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Riverwest Winter Farmers Market (indoors), 11am-3pm. A dozen vendors offering breads, preserved foods, cheese, eggs, meat, fresh produce while available, mushrooms, coffee, soups, and more. Double Dubs Wings and Tots out front 11am-8pm.

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Adam Blackwood + John Stanford + Bow-vee. 7pm show. \$12 adv / \$17 doors

BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. Bingo 6pm

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Meeting for worship, 10:15-11:45am

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Move In The Park, 11-12:30 // Milwaukee Psychedelic Society, 4-5:30pm.

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Movement Fundamentals w/ Tracey, 10:30-11:45am. Community Gift w/ Helena, 2:30-4pm

THE ATRIUM, 2107 E Capitol Shorewood Winter Market, 9am-1pm

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm

VINTAGE, 2203 N Prospect Avenue Vintage - Weekly Sunday Trivia, 5-7pm

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid* Concert: Alternating Currents Live presents Trio WAZ, 7-9pm. \$13-15 (In person at Woodland Pattern and livestreaming via Crowdcast)

9 MONDAY

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

FALCON BOWL Cream City Swing - Lindy Hop lessons at 7pm and 8:15, open social dancing at 9:15

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10 TUESDAY

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BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm

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THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring GA-20 w/ special guest Tony Holiday

UPTOWNER SS Web Empty Bottles El Jefe doors 7 show 8

11 WEDNESDAY

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Artists & Allies Series presentation and meeting by the West Allis Arts Collective. 6:30pm

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Trivia Night, 6:30-8:30

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bar centro Tone Home - singer songwriters. 8-10pm. \$10

BREMEN CAFÉ Riverwest Alternative, 9pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Suzanne (Zoe) Silberstein, showcase on her career in fashion. 1-4pm.

LINNEMAN'S John Stano w/ Mike Ward. Doors 6:30pm, show 7pm. \$10

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group,7:15-8:45pm virtual meeting

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Continuing Yoga w/ Sara, 9:30am. Yoga for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30-2:45pm. Beginner+ w/ Helena, 5:45-7pm.

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring NewFound Road, 8pm. \$29

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Cameron Webb - Valentine's Day Soul Revue. Shows 6:30 and 9pm. Tix at EstateMKE.com.

VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

13 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce An Evening with Harmonious Wail, 7:30 show. \$12 adv / \$17 door

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Julia Lewandowski, 9pm

bar centro Lovers and Friends with Faith Hatch. 7-8:30pm. \$15

BREMEN CAFÉ Mystical Zenith, 9pm; Conundrum, 10:30pm

FALCON HALL Oogwe's Return Show w/ Frantic Repair, Dilettante, Forktail, and a secret fifth set! Doors 6pm, music 7pm. \$10

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Love Letters to Me, Myself, and You! (honoring Valentine's Day). 1-4pm

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

LINNEMAN'S All Messed Up XIV, Night 1 -- 8pm Top Half Fish; 8:40 The Mid-Waste Revival; 9:20 Tasty Beets; 10pm The Schlitz Itch; 10:40 Sequin Pleasure Crisis; 11:20 Crystal Code; 12am Robot Disco Annihilation; 12:40 Gassy Charlie and the Crabby Trapezoid. \$5

MAD PLANET GOTH PROM: Friday the Thirteenth (Night 1) w/ Mikey Shadow, and Goth Barge's Dance Commandr & XdominionX. Doors 9pm.

MIRAMAR THEATRE SHLUMP - The Chronicles of Shlump Tour. With Medicine Place, Chozen, more. 9pm

NASHVILLE NORTH Night Fever MKE -- Bee Gees tribute! 8-11pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); African Fitness-Dance, 6-7pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am. Community Class: Soulful Coloring, 4-6pm.

SHANK HALL C.J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band. 8pm. \$25

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Cameron Webb - Valentine's Day Soul Revue. Shows at 5pm, 7:30pm and 10pm. Tix at EstateMKE.com.

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

UPTOWNER Hopeless Romantics Club Hosted by Marika, 9pm

UWM PLANETARIUM Birth of the Universe. 7-8pm. \$7 general admission, \$5 students. Explore the origins of the cosmos dating back almost 14 billion years(uwmplenarium.com for tix)

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Summer Salt - Reside North America Tour with special guests Boyscott & Wabie. 8pm.

WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Reading: United We Read -- UW-Milwaukee Graduate Creative Writing Program's student-faculty reading series. 7-8:30pm

14 SATURDAY -- Valentine's Day

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Christian Porter, 9pm

bar centro Lovers and Friends with Faith Hatch. 9-10:30pm. \$15

BLACK HUSKY BREWING The Perfect Pair: Drink & Dessert Soiree. Savor a curated selection of six drinks perfectly paired with six delectable dessert. 5pm

BREMEN CAFÉ River-Weird Variety, 9pm

CACTUS CLUB, 2496 S Wentworth The 4th Annual Lonely Hearts Honky-tonk: Derek Pritzl And The Gamble • Long Mama • Simon Cropp & His All-Star Band • Gina Cornejo • Shameless Country MILF. 5:30pm. All Ages. \$15 adv // \$20 day of show

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free Improvisation Sessions, 10am-Noon

KINSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church -- 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

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Valentines Day celebration! Quaint, affordable options for wedding ceremonies and vow renewals (\$30). Also special Valentine's Day Menu for Two (prix fixe menu, \$65)

LINNEMAN'S All Messed Up XIV, Night 2 -- 8pm Jenna St. Quoi; 8:40 Just A Bunch Of Normal Turtles; 9:20 AL Gore Rhythm; 10pm The Deadlights; 10:40 Bev the Giant Wrench; 11:20 Cannibal Sand Witches; 12am Bluesy Floozy; 12:40 Cat Shaped Hole. \$5

Currents Calendar

MAD PLANET GOTH PROM: Valentine's Day (Night 2) w/ Vic Dagger, Asher Gray, and Goth Barge's Dance Commandr.

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NASHVILLE NORTH Ivy Ford Band. 8-11pm

OLD GERMAN BEER HALL (HOF-BRAU HAUS), 1009 N MLK Dr The Squeezettes, 8:30-11:30pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Intermediate Iyengar Yoga w/Sara, 10:15am. Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 12:15pm

SHANK HALL The R&B Cadets. 8pm. \$25

STAND FOR PEACE at Lincoln & Kinnickinnic Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 22nd year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire Patty & Craig's Valentine Show, 7:30-9:30pm

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Cameron Webb - Valentine's Day Soul Revue. Shows at 5pm, 7:30pm and 10pm. Tix at EstateMKE.com.

15 SUNDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Ryan Meisel Quartet Featuring Celia Meisel, 6pm show, \$12 adv / \$17 door

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Feel the Love: A Valentine Party w/Cats at Large. Food and supply drive, kissing/hissing booth, adoptable cats, 50/50 raffle and more! 1-4pm.

BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. Bingo 6pm

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Meeting for worship, 10:15-11:45am

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St GAMMA Painting Party, 2-4pm

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Hand-crafted: Lakefront Makers Market, 11am-3pm

MIRAMAR THEATRE Beauty And The Beats, 8pm-1am

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Move In The Park, 11-12:30.

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Movement Fundamentals w/ Tracey, 10:30-11:45am. Community Gift w/ Helena, 2:30-4pm

THE ATRIUM, 2107 E Capitol Shorewood Winter Market, 9am-1pm

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm

VINTAGE, 2203 N Prospect Avenue Vintage - Weekly Sunday Trivia, 5-7pm

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell The Last Revel with special guest Dead, Dead Swans. 8pm

16 MONDAY

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

FALCON BOWL Cream City Swing - Lindy Hop lessons at 7pm and 8:15, open social dancing at 9:15

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Place Meditation for Everyone: Transform Your Mind, Transform Your World. Buddhist Monk Gen Kelsang Dorje. 6:30-8pm. Drop-in or sign-up in advance at meditationinmadison.org/MKE. All welcome. \$15 donation.

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

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Yoga with Sarah, Kat or Montana (6-7:15pm)

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UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm

17 TUESDAY -- Fat Tuesday

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Drink & Draw Workshop: Chunky Pastels, 6:30pm. \$30 adv / \$40 door

BLACK HUSKY BREWING Milwaukee's Worst Trivia, 6:30-9pm.

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm

FALCON BOWL Traditional Tuesdays -- Swing Dance lesson, 7-8pm; live music w/Mil Town Flamingos, 8-10pm

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WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Reading Group: Ping Pong Book Club, 6-7pm. Reading We The Gathered Heat, edited by Franny Choi, Bao Phi, No u Revilla, & Terisa Siagatonu

18 WEDNESDAY -- Ash Wednesday

ART*BAR Karaoke w/ Jorge Valentine, 9pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm; Passion Park, 9pm

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Trivia Night, 6:30-8:30

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors open and sign-up starts at 7pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Sam J - The Upside

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 9:30-10:45am; 6 Week Series: Yoga for Chronic Back Pain, 6:30-8pm

SHANK HALL Deraps, Candy Cigarette. 8pm. \$15

STUDIO B & CO., 2478 N Murray Av Yarn Night -- 6-8pm. A cozy night of creativity and connection! Bring your own knitting, crocheting, or looming project, or use our studio supplies to start something new. \$15 per person starting a new project. Free to those bringing their own project. More information: studiobandco.com/services

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Swing Jazz Wednesday: The Flood. Doors 6:30pm, music 7pm. \$5

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THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Wednesday Night Music! 9pm-midnight

UWM PLANETARIUM Stars, Stories and Rhythms of Africa, 7-8pm. Celebrate Black History Month under the stars! Join us for a night of poetry and stargazing featuring Shelly Conley, Milwaukee's 2025-26 Poet Laureate

WOODLAND PATTERN *zoom* Reading Group: online on Zoom. Reading Midwinter Day by Bernadette Mayer. 6-7:15pm

WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) A.M. Book Report: Media Literacy for Navigating Disinformation. 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

19 THURSDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Listening Party (Album Release) + Old Oaks + Chris Haise Band. 7pm show. \$12 adv / \$17 door

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Schmitz n Giggles presents GRUESOME PLAYGROUND INJURIES, 7:30pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Tech support for smart phones, computers, etc. 1-4pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS "Straight, No Chaser." Film Screening, 6:30 - 9pm. \$15 suggested donation (\$10 Students)

LINNEMAN'S Waterspouts w/ Star-tographers, Nim (Japan). 8pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group,7:15-8:45pm virtual meeting

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Continuing Yoga w/ Sara, 9:30am. Yoga for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30-2:45pm. Beginner+ w/ Helena, 5:45-7pm.

SHANK HALL Stephen Kellogg and The Homecoming, gutter sinatra. 8pm. \$30

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray B.D. Greer & The Gents. 7pm

VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

WOODLAND PATTERN *hybrid* Concert: Formations Series for New & Improvised Music featuring Wilhelm Matthies and (Out)Sider. \$10, 7pm

20 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce The Moth: Love Hurts. Prepare a five-minute story about a love that made you go OUCH. Doors 7, show 8pm. Tix: themoth.org.

ART*BAR MOSAICS ART SHOW OPENING: Live Music w/ John Montella 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Brain Density, 10pm. Cryptocracy, 11pm.

FALCON NEST Frantic Repair vs Casual Sex; Crash House; Tedworth. Doors 7pm, show 8pm. \$10

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JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS SEEN Film Screening, 7-10pm. \$5-15 sliding scale.

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Katherine Yets: Hands-On Honing, Poetry Workshop. 1-4pm.

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

LINNEMAN'S Kieran Porter Band w/ Cosmic Lovechild, Shell Bells. 8-11pm. \$12

MAD PLANET Retro Dance Party [DJ TBD]. 9pm

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RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am.

SHANK HALL Dobie Maxwell. 8pm. \$20

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray A jazz tribute to the music of Sting. Shows at 7 and 9:30pm.

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X-RAY ARCADE, 5036 S Packard Av Riot Fest Presents ... The Effigies, Poison Hand, The Mighty Deerlick.

21 SATURDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Eric Erickson and the Hometown Boys + John-Michael. 7:30pm show. \$12 adv / \$17 doors

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Matt Frolich, 9pm

FALCON HALL Paul McDonald & the Mourning Doves. Doors 7pm, show 8pm.

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LINNEMAN'S If I Knew the Way plays Dylan & the Dead w/ Deadelijk. 8-10pm, \$20

MAD PLANET ABBA vs. QUEEN vs. BLONDIE w/ DJ Frank Straka. Doors 9pm

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NASHVILLE NORTH Cody Bolden and The Road Hands, 8-11pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Intermediate Iyengar Yoga w/Sara, 10:15am. Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 12:15pm

SHANK HALL Take It Easy: A Tribute to the Eagles // Hypnotized: The Music of Fleetwood Mac. 8pm. \$20 adv / \$25 door

STAND FOR PEACE at Sherman Blvd & North Av Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 22nd year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire Francesca & The Night Sky with Jorge Valentine opening, 7:30-9:30pm

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Christian Dillingham Quartet. Shows at 7 and 9:30pm.

UPTOWNER Whiskey and the Devil, The No-Writes, Hi-Jack. 9pm start.

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Jimmy Dore -- comedian, political commentator and activist. 8pm.

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WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Screening: Welcome Poets. In collaboration with former Wisconsin Poet Laureate Nicholas Gulig (2023–24), PBS Wisconsin, and the Friends of Lorine Niedecker, join us for a community viewing and discussion of the new documentary video series Welcome Poets. 2-3:30pm. \$Give what you can.

22 SUNDAY

AMORPHIC BEER, 3700 N Fratney Riverwest Winter Farmers Market (indoors), 11am-3pm. A dozen vendors offering breads, preserved foods, cheese, eggs, meat, fresh produce while available, mushrooms, coffee, soups, and more. Double Dubs Wings and Tots out front 11am-8pm.

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce The Knee-Hi's + Ione + Ellie Jackson. Doors 5pm, show 6pm. \$12 adv / \$17 doors

BREMEN CAFÉ Bremen Bazaar 12-7pm. Bingo 6pm

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 3224 N Gordon Pl Meeting for worship, 10:15-11:45am

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Art In The Heart of West Allis (at Ope! Brewing Company), 12-6pm

LINNEMAN'S Monica Clare Murphy Single/Video Release Show, w/ Mari Grace. 2:22pm. \$10 cash only

MIRAMAR THEATRE Trash Pandas, Knifeback, Zeal, 2nd and Archer, Strain. 6-11:45pm. \$15 adv / \$20 day of

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Move In The Park, 11-12:30 // Breath Rave Event, 6:30-8pm

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga Movement Fundamentals w/ Tracey, 10:30-11:45am. Community Gift w/ Helena, 2:30-4pm

SHANK HALL Haffway, RYMAN. 8pm. \$20

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Skerryvore, 8pm, \$33

THE ATRIUM, 2107 E Capitol Shorewood Winter Market, 9am-1pm

THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Bluegrass Jam! 1-4pm

UPTOWNER Wilson Blues, 3:30pm

VINTAGE, 2203 N Prospect Avenue Vintage - Weekly Sunday Trivia, 5-7pm

23 MONDAY

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SHANK HALL Socks in The Frying Pan. 8pm. \$25

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UPTOWNER Open Mic, 7pm

24 TUESDAY

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BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke 9pm

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SHANK HALL Wheel, Sound & Shape. 8pm. \$15

25 WEDNESDAY

ART*BAR Karaoke, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Trivia w/Sean, 7pm

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Trivia Night, 6:30-8:30

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors open and sign-up starts at 7pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Blu Jae

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THE GIG, 1132 E Wright (at Dousman) Dead Night! Grateful Dead cover band. 9pm-midnight

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell The Steel Wheels, 8pm.

WXRW 104.1FM RIVERWEST RADIO OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Karen Beaumont Presents: Poems by Katherine Gekker with music. 3:30pm. Stream live or listen to archive at riverwestradio.com.

26 THURSDAY

FUSION POKE, 1813 East Kenilworth (North and Oakland) Casual eatery specializing in customizable poke bowls and ramen, plus other Asian-inspired grub and bubble tea.

Also sandwiches, wings, French fries, smoothies.

INSPIRATION STUDIOS, 1500 S 73rd St Schmitz n Giggles presents GRUESOME PLAYGROUND INJURIES, 7:30pm

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Inaugural Visual Artist Critique Group, free, 6-8pm, see registration link under events at Jazz Gallery Website to sign up, space is limited

JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Decade Review, Part 15: DIY Creative Day (bring your own project or use our materials). 1-4pm.

NASHVILLE NORTH Rockodile w/ Red Quean, 7-10pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO Dharma Recovery Meditation group, 7:15-8:45pm virtual meeting

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Continuing Yoga w/ Sara, 9:30am. Yoga for Elders & Elders-to-be, 1:30-2:45pm. Beginner+ w/ Helena, 5:45-7pm.

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Red NOT Chili Peppers, 8pm, \$23

VEGGAS PUB Karaoke, 9pm

VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Damien Jurado Plays His Greatest Hits with special guest St. Yuma. 8pm

27 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce John Sieger + The Mosleys. 7:30pm show. \$15 adv / \$20 doors

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Carl Erikstrup, 9pm

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JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS OWL (Older. Wiser. Local) Isaiah Malnory Brown, artist and musician. 1-4pm

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

LINNEMAN'S Heavy Bend w/ Oh Well OK, Disposable Thumbs, Wyvern. 8-11:30pm. Pay what you can.

MAD PLANET Retro Mixtape w/ DJs Sage “Champagne” Schwarm and Mosh Wah. Doors 9pm

NASHVILLE NORTH Nirvana vs Green Day. 8-11pm

PINK HOUSE STUDIO GIA Grace in Action 4 Everybody (9:15am); African Dance- Traditional (6-7pm)

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Yoga for Mobility & Stability w/ Tracey, 10-11:30am.

SHANK HALL William Elliott Whitmore, Adeem the Artist. 8pm. \$20.

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Tyler Farr w/ Patrick Murphy & The Cream City Cowboys, 8pm, \$33

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Trim/Breiwick Quartet, 7 and 9:30pm

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UPTOWNER Sounds of the Underground Hosted by Men of Demand

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WOODLAND PATTERN *in person* Open Mic: resound return. An open mic series which offers a space to incubate new work and dust off old poems. Register upon arrival; reading begins at 7:10 pm.

28 SATURDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE, 224 W Bruce Josephine + Julia Minkin + Blacktop. 7:30pm. \$12 adv / \$17 show

ART*BAR Live Music w/ Hanna Simone, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ The Flood, 10pm. Moes N 'Co, 11pm. QLC, 12am.

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JAZZ GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS Free Improvisation Sessions, 10am-Noon. // Book Release Premiere -- Front Lines: A Lifetime of Drawing Resistance, a publication party and art slide-show by Riverwest artist Susan Simensky Bietila, free and open to all. 3-5pm. // Opus, 7-9pm. Jazz. \$20 cover.

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LINNEMAN'S Faded Places w/ SSAANN. Doors 7pm, show 8pm.

MAD PLANET Global Heat (Latin, Afrobeat, Kpop) w/ Elechronic DJs. Doors 9pm

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MIRAMAR THEATRE Nikita, The Wicked - Blinded By Vanity. 9pm-2am

RIVERWEST YOGASHALA Mat Pilates w/ Christine, 9-9:50am. Intermediate Iyengar Yoga w/Sara, 10:15am. Beginner Yoga Series w/ Sara, 12:15pm

SHANK HALL Altered Five Blues Band, Matt Hendricks. 8pm. \$20

STAND FOR PEACE at 95th & Burleigh Join with Peace Action of Wisconsin in our 22nd year of standing for peace, noon until 1pm

THE ARGO, 334 E Silver Spring Jump - America's Van Halen Experience, 8pm, \$33

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire Tom and Barb Webber. 7:30-9:30pm

THE ESTATE, 2423 N Murray Jerry Grillo - 82nd Birthday Celebration. Grillo will perform a tribute to 60 years of Pop songs. 8pm.

UPTOWNER Key of Evil and TBA, 9pm

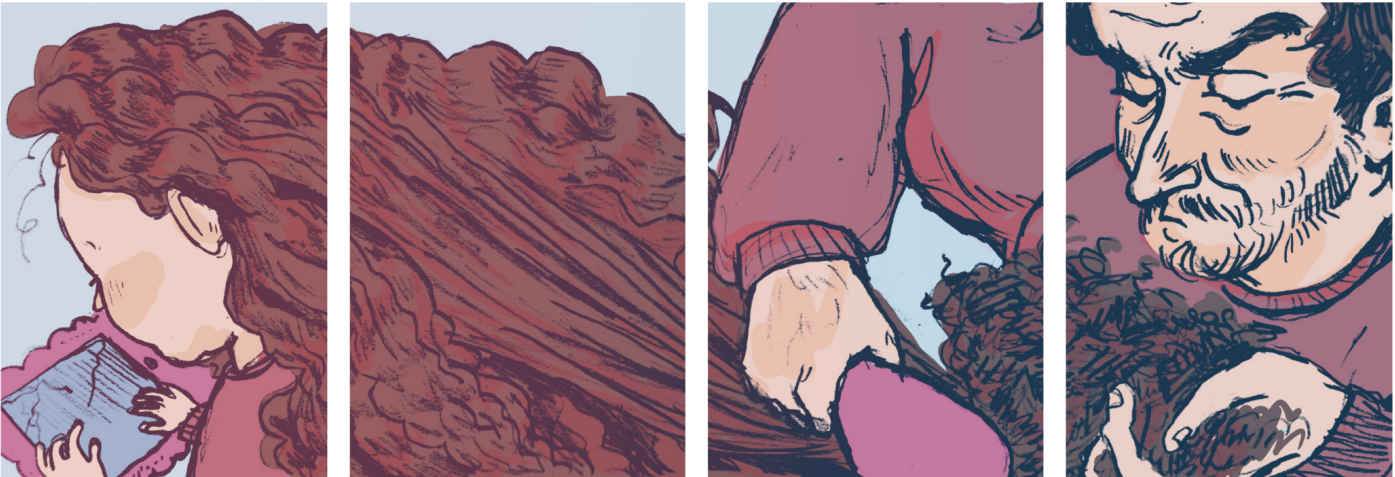
VIVARIUM, 1818 N Farwell Say She She: Cut & Rewind Tour, with Katzù Oso. 8pm



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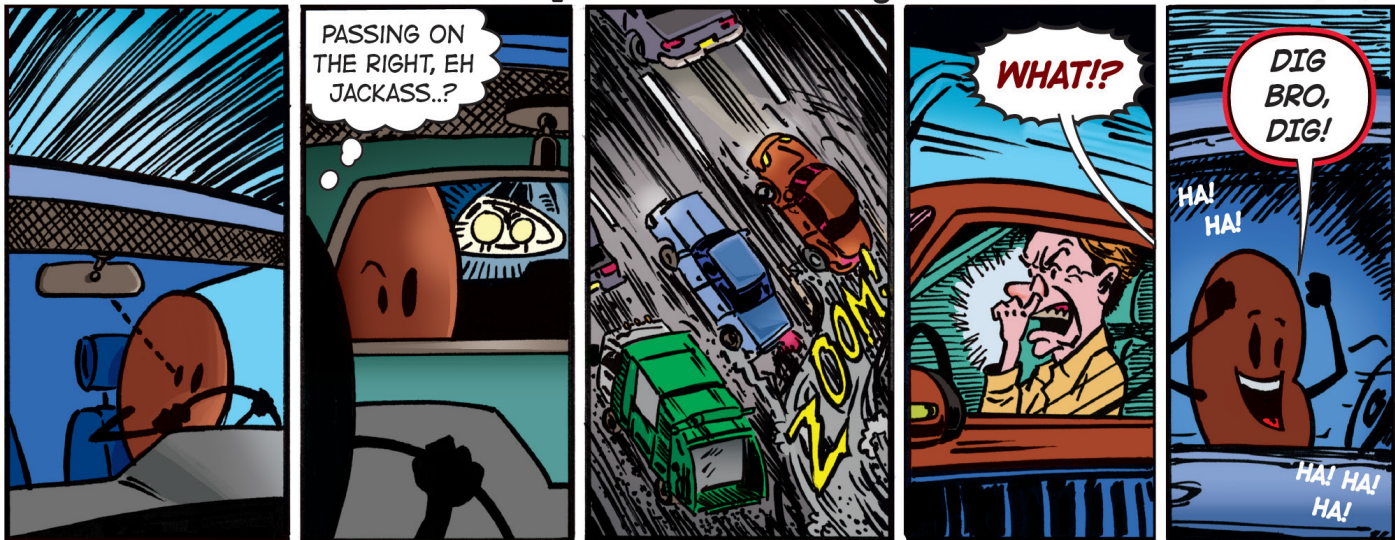


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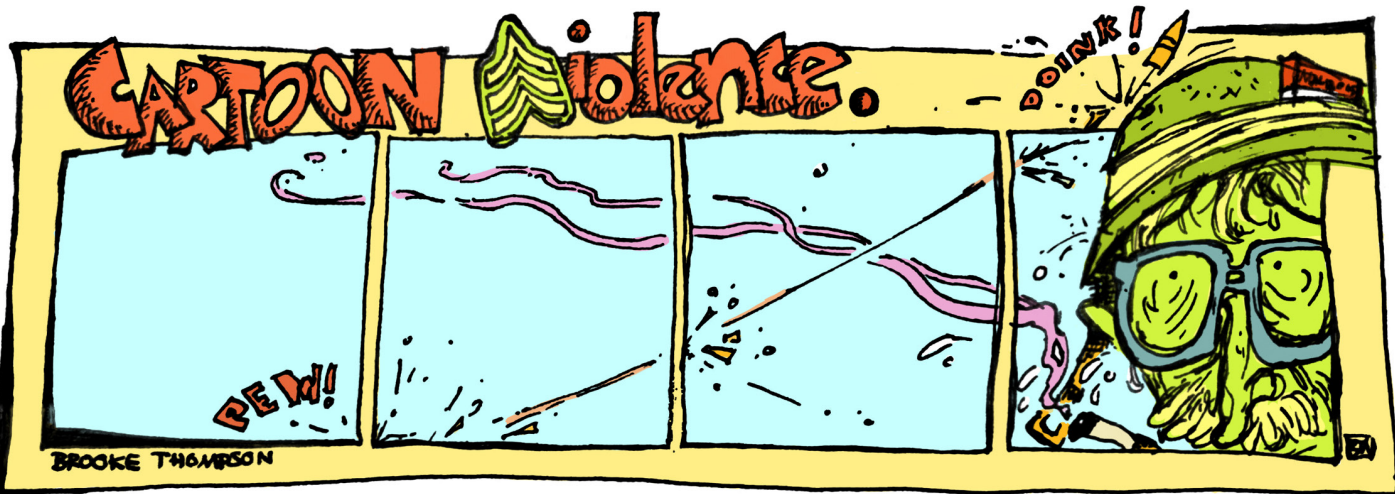
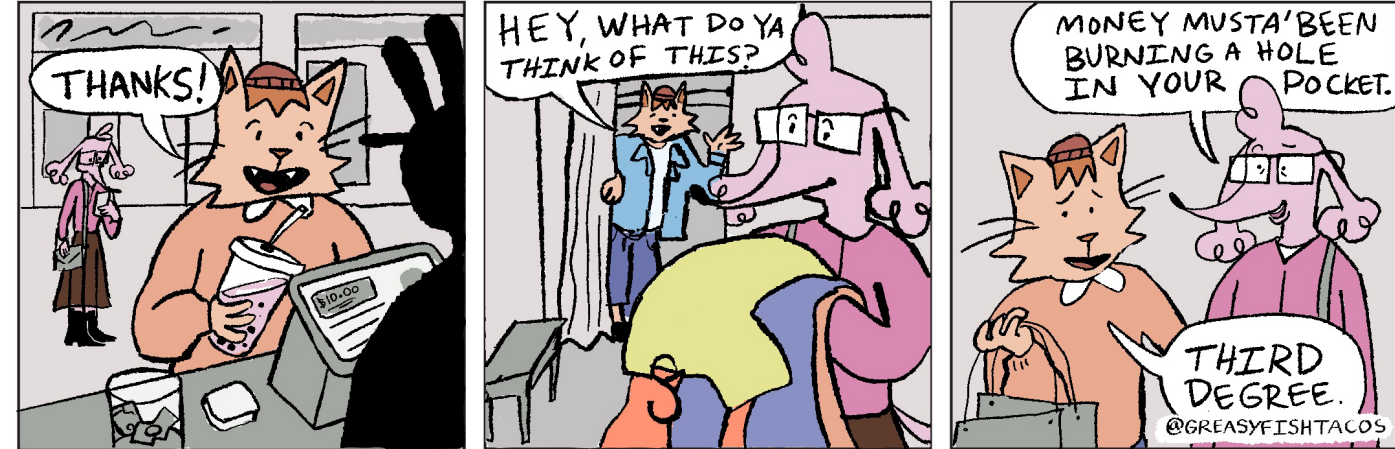
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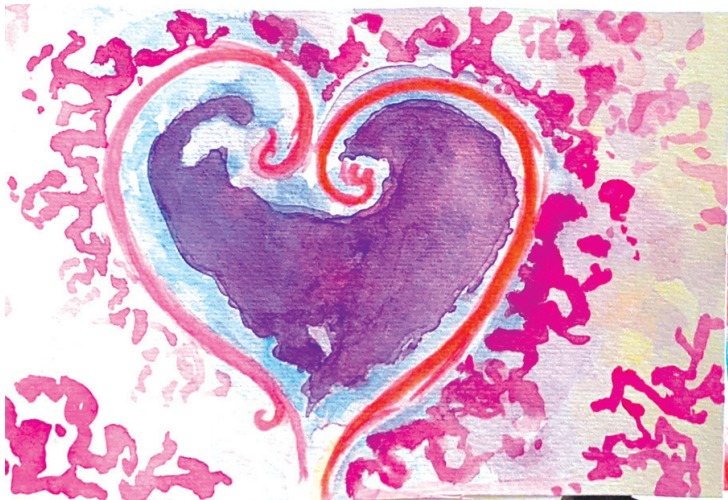
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