



Treehouse Gallery

HIGHLAND ARTS COUNCIL

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### It's a Party! You're Invited

The Highland Arts Council presents its third Art Affair on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the Lindendale Park Ballroom in Highland from 7 pm to 10 pm. The purpose of the event is to continue fundraising to complete the design work for a Treehouse Arts Center, Two \$10,000 grants were awarded to the Highland Arts Council by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Froehlich Foundation.

The evening features several visual artists demonstrating throughout the evening, plus two painters creating to the music of jazz. Hors d'oeuvres and complimentary wine will be available as the Silent Auction presents art-related donations from regional artists, plus tickets to arts-related performances.

Tickets are \$35 per person or \$280 per table and can be purchased online at [www.highlandartscouncil.org/art-affair/](http://www.highlandartscouncil.org/art-affair/), from any HAC member, by calling 618-558-0054, or by mailing your check to HAC, 907 Main, Highland, IL 62249.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) granted the Highland Arts Council \$10,000 to create the design of a Treehouse Arts Center. The community came together at its first two Art Affairs to match and surpass that grant. A second grant from the Wm. Froelich Foundation at the end of 2016, gave HAC another \$10,000.

The vision of the Treehouse Arts Center is to create a building that will plant Highland's roots in a rich arts culture. The arts will grow Highland's community, add to the forward thinking of its residents and the surrounding communities, and draw visitors into the community. An open layout will serve as space for exhibits, education, art fairs, literary readings, theater, dance, and music programs.

HAC's plan is to build a "treehouse" arts center which could be a work of art in itself. The unique treehouse space could be the hook to bring people to the arts and a space for art- and non-art-related events. Dan Hurford, architect from Glen Carbon, will be the designer of the Treehouse Arts Center. He also has designed our initial concept of the building. The center will not only be within the trees, but also have a tree sculpture on the outside of the building. Each \$250/\$500 donation will earn the donor a leaf on the tree engraved with his/her name. As an IRS-designated 501(c)3, all donations to Highland Arts Council are tax deductible within the IRS rules and regulations.

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