

Art



–**First Fridays.** Help the downtown Geneva Galleries welcome Spring during the **First Fridays Art Gallery Walk!** Each “First Friday” of each month from 6 to 9 p.m., nine different galleries, hosting special events, artists show openings, or live performances.

Concerts

–**Sunday, May 22, 4 p.m.** The Wayne Concert Series is featuring **Chicago's world renowned violinist Rachel Barton Pine** at the Little Home Church by the Wayside, 32W128 Army Trail Road in Wayne, for the 2011 concert. Pine has regularly performed with the finest conductors and has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning and has appeared five times on NBC's Today Show. Proceeds for the concert support the Music Program at the LHC and the Wayne Historical Preservation Society. Tickets, \$40 adults, \$15 students. For tickets or questions, call Karen Armbrust at (630) 377-1876 or Carol Berger at (630) 584-7088, or email wayneconcert@sbcglobal.net. Dinner available following the concert at the Dunham Woods Riding Club for \$30.

Dance



–**Various Dates:** The St. Charles Singles Club invites singles age 40 and older from all towns to dances on second and fourth Mondays at the Hilton Garden Inn, 4070 East Main Street. Admission of \$10 includes a professional dance lesson 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (must be on time) and dancing to DJ music from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Activities such as game nights, Pinochle, Saturday breakfasts, dinners, and outings are also offered. Refer to stcharlessinglesclub.com or call Larry Fritz, (630) 340-6647.

–**Mondays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Line Dancing** at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Avenue, On-going. Open to all ages, free. Only free line dancing offered, they no longer offer classes on Tuesdays.

Forest Preserve

–**Saturday, March 12, Volunteer Restoration Workday.** Enjoy the outdoors while helping to restore one of DuPage County's most diverse prairies by clearing invasive plants or planting seed. From 9 a.m. to noon at West Chicago Prairie Forest Preserve in West Chicago on Industrial Drive. Ages eight and up; under 14 with an adult. Groups of 10 or more must register. Call (630) 293-1627.

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–**Thursday, March 31, Snipe Hunt.** Take an evening stroll, and look and listen for woodcocks as they make their spring courtship flights against the night sky. From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Tri-Counties State Park, 2054 W. Stearns Road, Bartlett. Adults only. \$3 per person. Registration begins March 10. Call (630) 942-6200. *The following events all take place at Kline Creek Farm. Call (630) 876-5900 for registration information.*

–**Saturdays, Blacksmithing Demonstrations.** Stop by the wagon shed to see the blacksmith repair equipment and demonstrate the tools and techniques of the trade. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Registration not required.

–**Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, Maple Sugaring.** See how 1890s farm families

tapped trees and boiled the collected sap into maple syrup and sugar. Then, try to tap a tree yourself. Activities ongoing. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Registration not required.

–**Monday, March 28 and Thursday, March 31, April Fools' Adventure.** Enjoy some April Fools' jokes, and go on a search to see what doesn't belong on an 1890s farm. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All ages. Free. Registration not required.

Miscellaneous

–**Friday, March 11.** The St. Baldrick's Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money to fund the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives, has issued a lofty challenge to everyone who wants to help raise money for pediatric cancer research: **Be a hero for kids with cancer by shaving your head** in return for pledges of financial support from friends and family. Approximately 20 students and teachers will shave their heads to help Conquer Kids' Cancer! The event will be held locally at Kenyon Woods Middle School, 1515 Raymond Street in South Elgin, with an estimated attendance of 1,150 students and staff. The head-shavings will commence at 2:30 p.m. Additional money will be raised by a raffle of gift cards and other merchandise donated by the Kenyon Woods PTO.

–**Saturday, March 12. St. Patrick's Parade,** St. Charles, will be dedicated to U.S. military service people currently serving worldwide, as well as returning troops and veterans. All branches of the armed forces will be represented by personnel and veterans, who are served by Fox Valley Troop Support (FVTS). The colorguard will be presented by the St. Charles VFW and American Legion. The parade will march down Main Street, stepping off at 3 p.m. at 6th Street and ending at 4th Avenue. To volunteer, call Chris Manisco, 584-8384 or email info@stcharleschamber.com, or visit www.stcharleschamber.com for a volunteer form.

–**Saturday, March 12.** The CHS Education Foundation welcomes both youth and adults to the **fifth annual West Chicago 3-on-3 Wildcat Classic Basketball Tournament.** Benefits the District #94 Community High School Education Foundation. All players will receive a Wildcat Classic t-shirt and each division champion team member will receive a trophy. Open division champion team receives cash prize. For registration, rules, liability waivers and sponsorship forms, visit www.d94.org. If you have any questions, call Butch Hansen, (630) 653-0091. 326 Joliet, West Chicago. Enter on the west side of the building at Entrance C. No admission charge for fans.

–**Saturday, March 19.** Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley is holding its **11th-annual Trivia Bee for Literacy** from 9 a.m. to noon at Q Center, 1405 North 5th Avenue. Three-person teams will compete to answer questions on this year's theme—Mystery!—and a variety of other topics for the chance to win awards, prizes and bragging rights for one year. The entry donation is \$400 per team. Anyone looking to have fun while benefiting a worthy cause should visit www.lvfvtriviabee.com or contact Peg Coker at (630) 584-4428 or peg@lvfv.org.

–**Tuesday, March 22, Free Neck and Spine Screening,** from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Avenue. Registration recommended. Contact Cathy Winters at 377-2769, ext. 210, cathy_winters@usc.salvationarmy.org.

–**Saturday, April 16.** St. Edward Central Catholic High School, is pleased to announce the **22nd annual Tidal Wave Auction Dinner/Dance** will be held at the beautiful Stonegate Centre in Hoffman Estates. This year's theme will be “The Tide Is Turning.” All alumni, family and friends are invited to attend this exciting, fun filled event which includes a gourmet dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions. To donate an item, place an ad in the auction catalogue, become a sponsor or to attend this gala event, please call (847) 741-7536,

ext. 108. Visit www.stedhs.org, click on the Tidal Wave quick link.

Museums



–**Various.** SciTech “Hands On” Museum at 18 W. Benton in Aurora, popular Science Adventure Camps are offered for Spring Break and Summer. The Spring Break camps are two day Science Camps for ages six through 14 years. Camps are March 28 to 29 and March 31 to April 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and feature exciting topics such as “Totally Ballistic,” “Kitchen Chemistry” and “Pirate's Treasure.” Before and after care are also available. Just \$110 per camp.

Think Summer! SciTech's Summer session of Science Adventure Camps are week-long camps that run from June 20 to Aug. 12. These camps are sure to please your young Science Campers: “CSI Crime Scene Investigator,” “Robotics” (using Lego Mindstorms), “Totally Ballistic,” “Bugsa-palooza,” “Green Power,” “Journey to the Center of the Earth,” “Kitchen Chemistry” and “Jurassic Journey.” Camps are priced at just \$275 per camp and SciTech also offers before and after camp care. Camps are divided into three age groups. Brochures available online, www.scitechmuseum.org. To register call (630) 859-3434, ext. 218.

Theatre



–**The Fox Valley Rep Performing Arts Academy is eager to have local youth audition for a variety of performance opportunities,** including: “Broadway's Best” Teen Master Class and Fundraising Performance, “You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown” Kids Musical, the Teens Play Comedy “Scenes From a Dance,” and the Youth Ensemble's summer production of “Little Shop of Horrors.” All auditions and programs take place at Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main Street. For audition information, www.foxvalleyrep.org/education, or call (630) 364-0550, or email education@foxvalleyrep.org.

–**March.** Fox Valley Repertory presents a variety of musical performances and comedy, including: FVR Youth Ensemble's colorful **Seussical Jr.**, the four-star comedy of family vacations **Leaving Iowa**, the St. Patrick's Day favorite **Flanagan's Wake**, a tribute to the Eagles with **Heartache Tonight**, and Fox Valley Rep's production of the hit Off-Broadway musical, **Always Patsy Cline**, at Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main Street. Additional information, www.foxvalleyrep.org.

–**Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13.** The cast of FVR Performing Arts Academy's Spring Musical will be performing an hour-long adaptation of the classic tale **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.** The kids are collecting donations of household items needed to provide care to orphaned and injured wildlife at the Fox Valley Wildlife Center (FVWC) in Elburn. Admission to the performance is free, but the cast will be accepting donations of paper towels, unsalted nuts (shelled or unshelled), unflavored Pedialyte, unscented detergent or bleach, and Kleenex. Additionally, as a non-profit organization, the FVR Academy accepts cash donations in lieu of admission to provide scholarships to local children who would not otherwise be able to participate in their programs.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs will be presented Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on the Pheasant Run Resort Mainstage.

–**Saturday, March 12.** Fox Valley Rep Performing Arts Academy invites aspiring local youth ages three through 19 to a **Spring Open House and Free Workshop Event** from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Mainstage Theater at Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main Street, St. Charles. www.foxvalleyrep.org/education, (630) 364-0550, email education@foxvalleyrep.org.