

In the Community:

**Arts & The Park 2016** is a ten-day festival in celebration of the arts, scheduled for April 29th - May 8th, sponsored by the Hot Springs Area Cultural Alliance. HSACA is excited about showcasing the thriving talent of local and statewide visual artists, musicians, dancers, poets, jewelers, potters, performers, authors, glass makers, sculptors and more in the events that will be held during the festival. Emergent Arts is pleased to participate in several events during the festival! For a complete list of events for Arts & The Park 2016, please visit [hotspringarts.org](http://hotspringarts.org).



**YOUTH MARKET** at the Historic Downtown Hot Springs Farmers Market is coming back! Youth Market will be the last Saturday of every month from May through October 2016. Emergent Arts will have a booth set up at every Youth Market, providing Arts activities to the community on those beautiful summer Saturdays at the Farmers Market.



**REMEMBER EMERGENT ARTS ON ARKANSAS GIVES, APRIL 7th!**

**Emergent Arts** is a registered non-profit for **Arkansas Gives**, a statewide online giving event sponsored by the Arkansas Community Foundation. On April 7th, go to [ArkansasGives.org](http://ArkansasGives.org) to donate to Emergent Arts, so we can continue with our mission of fostering creativity among emerging artists of all ages in Garland County and surrounding communities.

On **April 7th**, we will be at the home of one of Hot Spring's most celebrated philanthropists, Dorothy Morris. Dorothy is partnering with the Hot Springs Area Cultural Alliance to throw a Giving Celebration, and she has a huge goal that she is shooting for. In her invitation to this Giving Celebration she said, "Last year we raised over \$80,000 in 4 hours- this year we want to exceed \$150,000 in 12 hours - We can do it with your help - Garland County nonprofits benefit from the \$400,000 pool from Arkansas Community Foundation as well as the \$10,000 given by The Hot Springs Giving Circle.

**GREAT NEWS!!!** Dorothy Morris has offered a \$5,000 challenge match to Emergent Arts for Arkansas Gives! If we can raise \$5,000 on April 7th, the Morris Foundation will match dollar for dollar - which means that each donation to Emergent Arts that day will be doubled! Help us meet our \$5,000 match goal, and raise \$10,000 for Emergent Arts!

Emergent Arts says **THANK YOU** to Dorothy Morris for all that she does for Hot Springs non-profits and our community as a whole! Also, **THANK YOU!!**



Dorothy Morris, photography by Sara Reeves, Inviting Arkansas



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**A Word from Erin:**

We are so excited to bring you the first ever **Emergent Arts Quarterly**. In each edition we will share with you our successes and celebrate the wonderful happenings at Emergent Arts and around our community.

We opened our doors at 341-A Whittington Ave. less than three years ago and in that time we have taught over 350 individual students

and have hosted thousands of visitors. Because of overwhelming support by the community through volunteering, donating, and participating, we are strong and here to stay! I see Emergent Arts continuing to grow year after year and reaching further into the community with art activities and creative experiences for everyone.

We have had a great Spring with new classes and students, and our first Arkansas Heritage Month grant supported event. We are also looking forward to Arkansas Gives and a collaboration with the Hot Springs Music Festival in June. And don't forget, Summer Art Camp and Creative Writing Camp are just around the corner! New this Summer is a "No Kids Allowed" grown-ups only class series – because Summer fun isn't just for kids.

Sending a huge thank you to our students, teaching artists, gallery artists, supporters, funders, volunteers, our Board of Directors, and everyone who has ever shared a good thought about Emergent Arts. We are here because of each of you. Please continue to do what you do in supporting Emergent Arts and we will continue to do the great things that we do, only better and better.

Until next time,

*Erin Holliday*, Executive Director of Emergent Arts



Benjamin working on his color wheel at Spring Art Camp

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: EUREKA SMITH



1. What kind of artist are you? *I mostly like to draw with pens and pencils.*
2. What is something about you that you would like others to know? *I play piano.*
3. How does ART help you in your life, or how is it important to you? *Art is important to me because I think it is really fun and it helps me relax.*
4. What classes have you taken at Emergent Arts? *I've taken a cartooning class, a painting class, summer art camp and spring art camp.*
5. What is your creation from that class, even if it is a work in progress? *My painting of a camellia. I used acrylic paints.*

### Featured Teaching Artists:

#### **Gianna St. Grace**

Level I & II ATS Belly Dancing, Tuesdays 5-6pm



What I find unique about being a teaching artist at Emergent Arts is their approach to the arts. They encourage and foster a wonderful environment for learning that focuses on having fun. Everyone feels welcomed and safe to explore their creative side.

I hope my students take away a sense of accomplishment and love of self from my class. Learning a dance form, especially one that is completely based on improv, can be a little scary. American Tribal Style emphasizes the importance of teamwork so you are never really alone."

A quote that inspires me:

"There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening, that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique." - Martha Graham

#### **Kai Coggin, Words & Wine**

Adult Creative Writing, Tues. 7-9pm April & July



What I find unique about teaching at Emergent Arts is that it has such a sense of community. While my adult students and I are writing poetry, we can feel the energy of the little kids who were just sitting around the same table painting or sculpting. We can hear the choir practicing downstairs. There is an

overwhelming feeling of artistry and creativity that permeates every room.

I hope my Words & Wine students walk away with a way to express their feelings. As adults, we sometimes become too grown up to express our emotions, our pain, or the beauty we experience. Poetry gives us that place to put these moments. I want my students to find their voice again.

A quote that inspires me:

"And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom." - Anaïs Nin

### Inside Circle Gallery:

Emergent Arts, with support from the Arkansas Heritage Month Grant Project presents "In the Ozarks – A Folk Art and Music Experience." April Gallery Walk is a soft opening. In May there will be even more art and music and we will host a SQUARE DANCE during Gallery Walk, concurrent with the Arts & The Park Festival! Come and see folk art by Ozark mountain artists, inside Circle Gallery!



"In the Ozarks" presents artists using traditional and modern techniques forged in the Ozarks. Visitors to this event will not only have the opportunity to view works of folk art and craft, but learn about the artists, their processes, and their journeys living in the Ozarks through interpretive materials including printed statements, photographs, and audio presentation. In addition to the gallery events, Emergent Arts is hosting a community paint-by-number mural which will begin during the April 1 Gallery Walk event. This mural is designed by local artist. Jeri Hillis, and the public is invited to paint it during the May events.

### Coming Events:

- Did you know April is National Poetry Writing Month? Check out Words & Wine, Guided Adult Creative Writing classes with Kai Coggin, and join the 30/30 challenge! April Tuesdays 7-9pm.
- Behind the Mask Theater Workshop (age 8-13) with Kayla Bradbury, April 6 - May 11, Wednesdays 6-7pm.
- Painting for Kids (age 6-14) with Jeri Hillis, April 5 - May 24, Tuesdays 4-5:15pm.
- Belly Dancing II (high school & adult) with Cassandra Parks, Mar 29 - May 31, 5-6pm.
- Homeschool Fridays, April 8 & May 13, 10-11:30am

**\*\* KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN FOR SUMMER ART CAMP AND CREATIVE WRITING CAMP FOR KIDS, AS WELL AS THE "NO KIDS ALLOWED" GROWN-UP CLASS SUMMER SERIES, BECAUSE SUMMER FUN IS FOR EVERYONE!!! \*\***

**THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON AT EMERGENT ARTS.  
CHECK [www.emergentarts.org](http://www.emergentarts.org) FOR FULL DETAILS!**

