

Midtown Monitor

November/December 2016

Holiday Issue



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pay it forward

is a phrase
we hear most every day
but all this month
we're living it
in a tiny, simple way

a touch of hope

some wonder, too
a bit of joy somewhere
if you hear from us
please do your part
and let it spread from there

joyous holidays

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Notable Upcoming Events

2016 GREEN HOME TOUR

Saturday, November 5, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Take a self-guided tour of these
UNO-area Homes:

6454 Woolworth Ave.
Zero Net Energy Test House (ZNETH) produces more
energy than it uses.

909 N 49th St. TOUR SPONSOR
Solar Electric Grid-Tie System

720 N 58th St.
Geothermal Closed Loop HVAC System

Library's annual culinary conference will celebrate comfort foods

Omaha Public Library (OPL) invites you to learn about
comfort foods and cooking at the sixth annual Read It &
Eat Culinary Conference on Saturday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m.-3
p.m., at W. Dale Clark Main Library, 215 S. 15th St., 4th
Floor. Parking at Omaha Park One (15th & Douglas
streets) will be validated for culinary conference attendees.
This event is free and open to the public.

Participants will have the opportunity to connect with
other Omaha foodies, and discover new (or rediscover old)
culinary favorites. They can also buy, trade and win cook-
books, and are encouraged to bring one from home for the
cookbook exchange. These cookbooks are a great addition
to any kitchen's collection, and make fantastic holiday
gifts! Participants are encouraged to arrive hungry, as food
samples will be provided throughout the day. Those in
attendance can also feast their eyes on a collection of his-
toric Omaha restaurant menus that will be on display,
courtesy of Metropolitan Community College – Institute
for the Culinary Arts.

Joslyn Castle Events

Fourth Annual Joslyn Castle Holiday Historic Home Tour & Boutique

featuring

Joslyn Castle -3902 Davenport Street
Bakhit Home – 3818 Burt Street
Cornerstone Mansion – 140 N. 39th Street
First Unitarian Church – 3114 Harney Street
November 11 & 12, 2016 – TICKETS: \$20 per person
– <http://joslyncastle.com/events/?ee=148>

Tour attendees will get to see the Joslyn Castle, the
First Unitarian Church, the Cornerstone Mansion
(Offutt House) and the Bakhit Home. More details on
these stunning historic properties coming soon. A one-
of-a-kind gift boutique located within the Castle during
the tour, will give you a jump start on your holiday
shopping. Vendors include: The Afternoon, She.la,
TT Inspire, Voila, Hush La Boutique, 621 Gifts, Stella
& Dot, MAM Candy, Family Jewels, Gold Canyon
Candles, Usborne Books, Wildtree, Christian Nobel
Furs, Cheryl Martin Designs and Frontier Soups.

The Castle Guild's Holiday Patron Party will kick off
the celebration on November 10, 2016 at 5 p.m. Come
enjoy drinks, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and preferential
shopping in the boutique.

Get Your TROT ON! 6th Annual Joslyn Castle Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot

Join us at Midtown Crossing on Thanksgiving
morning for the annual Joslyn Castle Turkey Trot.
This 5K run / walk is fun for the whole family!
Strollers are welcome, but please leave your pets at
home. The race begins at 9 a.m.

Cost is \$30 until October 31; \$35 until
November 22; and \$40 day of race or at packet pick up.
Packet pick up is November 23 at the Joslyn Castle,
3902 Davenport Street, from Noon to 6 p.m. or 7:30
a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on race day.

Visit joslyncastle.org for full schedule and details.

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"\$108,000 "	5528 Hickory St	2	1	1	R Ranch	736
"\$109,000 "	511 S 68th Ave	3	1	1	Ranch	"1,220"
"\$110,000 "	5001 Hamilton St	1	1	2	1.5 Story	966
"\$113,000 "	6308 Woolworth	2	1	0	Ranch	924
"\$115,000 "	5332 Hickory St	3	2	0	1.5 Story	"1,357"
"\$115,000 "	5145 Woolworth	2	2	1	R Ranch	"1,932"
"\$124,950 "	6310 Parker St	4	2	1	Ranch	1,800"
"\$135,500 "	615 S 68 Ave	3	1	1	R Ranch	"1,360"
"\$149,900 "	2131 S 62nd St	3	2	1	Ranch	"1,315"
"\$150,000 "	813 S 68 St	4	2	2	Ranch	"1,690"
"\$154,950 "	1015 S 51 St	3	2	2	Ranch"	1,824"
"\$155,000 "	2121 S 62nd St	2	1	1	Ranch"	1,425"
"\$165,000 "	2403 S 32 Ave	3	3	2	2 Story	"2,049"
"\$167,000 "	1924 S 62 St	3	3	2	2 Story	"2,097"
"\$172,000 "	6028 Shirley St	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,703"
"\$195,000 "	6837 Leavenworth	3	2	4	Ranch"	2,286"
"\$195,900 "	5022 IZARD St	4	2	2	1.5 Story	"2,342"
"\$200,000 "	5023 Seward St	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"2,491"
"\$208,000 "	4916 Webster St	3	2	2	2 Story	"1,774"
"\$215,000 "	4420 William St	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,637"
"\$220,000 "	6922 Burt St	5	3	2	1.5 Story	"2,624"
"\$255,500 "	5103 Hamilton St	4	2	1	2.5 Story	"2,185"
"\$283,000 "	5209 Western Ave	3	2	2	2 Story	"3,144"
"\$475,000 "	670 N 59 Street	4	4	2	2 Story	"2,591"
"\$767,500 "	115 N 54 Street	5	6	2	2.5 Story	"5,155"

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Midtown Galleries

Gallery 1516

1515 Leavenworth Street
www.gallery1516.org
Tubach + Tubach : Preservation
October 6-November 27, 2016

Modern Artists Midtown (MAM)

3615 Dodge St. 402-520-8737
www.modernartsmidtown.com
Gallery hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
November 4 to December 30
Legacy: Featuring John Himmelfarb, with accompanying work by Stephen Dinsmore, Catherine Ferguson, Michael James, Martha Horvay, Peter Hill and Judith Burton
Opening Reception, Friday, November 4, 6 to 8 p.m.

Cathedral Arts Project, Sunderland Gallery

3900 Webster St. 402-551-4888
www.cathedralartsproject.org
Gallery hours: Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., third Sunday of each month
November 6 to December 30
Pottery: Mari Dalley and Herm Roth
Opening Reception, Sunday, November 6, 1 to 3 p.m.

Connect Gallery

3901 Leavenworth St.
402-991-8234 www.connectgallery.net
Gallery hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
November 2 to 26
Nancy Lepo and Dan Klima—Play Well Together:
Pointalism and Woodwork
Artist Reception, Friday, November 11, 5:30 to 9 p.m.
November 30 to December 31
Courtney Porto—Male and Female Form
Artist Reception, Friday, December 9, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Anderson O'Brien Fine Art Old Market

1108 Jackson Street 402-884-0911 www.aobfineart.com
Gallery hours: Monday to Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.,
Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 12
Featuring new works—oil paintings by Karen Chesterman and Wendy Hall; acrylic paintings by Jane Booth; and batik on paper by Kristine Allpin.

Polecat Communications

the little gallery + benson underground film forum
5901 Maple St. 402.681.1901
http://www.polecatcommunications.com
Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Friday from 3 to 6pm;
Benson First Friday from 3 to 9pm; Sat from 10am to 1pm



The Watering Hole by Nancy Lepo

Tubach + Tubach : Preservation

October 6-November 27, 2016
Gallery 1516
1515 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE
www.gallery1516.org

Tubach + Tubach : Preservation features the work of Allan and Lisa Tubach, whose art and lives are significantly connected. As father and daughter, and as dedicated painters, these artists share a deep empathy for our natural and cultural worlds. Separately, they have both been exploring issues of preservation in their work for years, weaving personal narrative into these larger realities. This exhibition highlights both their individual passions—cultural heritage for Allan and environmental sustainability for Lisa— but also presents a unique synthesis of these visions, by examining their work through the lens of father and daughter, and as active stewards of both realms.

Allan Tubach has long been interested in our changing world and the symbolic nature of this change. His latest paintings, which will be showcased in this exhibition, deal primarily with the architectural fabric of our cities, large and small, and how this evolving fragile structure mirrors our own changes as individuals and as a society.

Lisa Tubach's creative work explores the complexities and abstractions of ecological concern, often presenting dualities of beauty and veiled danger. In addition to responding to specific issues—such as unchecked chemical use, species invasion, ocean health, migration interruption, and disease—her paintings often blend personal narrative into these commentaries, addressing interconnectivity and tension with the natural world.

Midtown Theaters

Omaha Community Playhouse

6915 Cass St. 402-553-0800

www.omahaplayhouse.com

Howard Drew Theater

Murder Ballad—October 14 to November 20

Murder Ballad is an intimate musical with an indie rock style that tells the dramatic tale of a love triangle gone wrong. Sara, a young mother and wife, seems to have it all but longs for her dangerous past. As she begins a love affair with an old boyfriend, events unfold, and the audience is along for the ride with every twist of the story.

Hawks Mainstage Theater

A Christmas Carol—November 18 to December 23

Ebenezer Scrooge and company return with Charles Dickens' classic tale of Christmas past, present and future. Scrooge's transformation from miserly to enlightened gets the full Playhouse treatment, with beautiful costumes, exquisite music, perfectly crafted sets and special effects second to none. First staged in 1976, the event has become one of Omaha's favorite holiday traditions.

Shelterbelt Theatre

3225 California St. 402-341-2757

www.shelterbelt.org

Next production in January.

SNAP Productions

3225 California St. 402-341-2757

www.snapproductions.com

Hand to God—November 18 to December 11

This dark comedy reveals the story of a confused Christian teenager in Texas whose life is taken over by a foul-mouthed Satanic sock puppet. The play combines a dead father, one messed up family, a girl who just wants to help, a school bully who always gets his own way, and a man of the church offering comfort. Throw in one hand out-of-control hand puppet and you have the makings of what the New Yorker called "Sesame Street meets The Exorcist."

Blue Barn Theatre

1106 S. 10th St.

402-345-1576 www.bluebarn.org

The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged)—November 25 to December 19

Welcome to the Annual Holiday Variety Show and Christmas Pageant at St. Everybody's Non-Denominational Universalist Church, where all faiths are welcome because we'll believe anything. But there's a problem: none of the acts scheduled to perform have arrived, so three members are pressed into service to perform the entire Variety Show and Christmas Pageant by themselves. The Ultimate Christmas Show is an irreverent yet heartwarming trip through the holidays.

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

3114 Harney Street All are welcome

For more info visit. www.firstuomaha.org

People's Film Festival

Monday, Nov. 7 at 7pm in the Common Room. Movie: The Best Democracy Money Can Buy. Go here:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5347158/> to read more.

BLM Book Discussion Group

Monday, Nov. 7 at 7pm in the Whitney Young Classroom.

We will be exploring the book *Waking Up White and Finding Myself In The Story of Race* by Debby Irving. Go to this webpage for info: <http://www.debbyirving.com/the-book/>.

Please contact René Harper with any questions or concerns you may have: sweetnlow@cox.net. Here is also a link for the Amazon store where it can be purchased: <https://www.amazon.com/Waking-White-Finding-Myself-Story/dp/0991331303>.

Tolerant Atheist Group

Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7pm in the Common Room. We welcome all who are curious. Our discussion will be kicked off by brief comments from attendees at our Oct. meeting wherein we started discussing our views for TAG and its role in our lives. Discussion deepened to the question of how our Atheism (in a broader sense, Humanism) affects our dealing with death, suffering, and meaning. The doors open at 6pm for those interested in "Bring Your Own Dinner", socializing and conversation. Questions? Contact: tag@firstuomaha.org.

Class: White Privilege 101

Friday, Nov. 18 at 6pm in the Common Room. Social Justice Empowerment Network: White Privilege 101 goal is to teach language, concepts, skills and tools to be able to recognize and effectively understand how privilege presents itself in every day life. 10 spots are available. RSVP to sweetnlow@cox.net.

People's Film Festival

Monday, Nov. 21 at 7pm in the Common Room. Movie: Consumerism & The Limits to Imagination. Go here for details: <http://shop.mediaed.org/consumerism--the-limits-to-imagination-p79.aspx>.

Eclectic Book Review Club

Sixty-seven years later and currently meeting at the Field Club of Omaha, the 122 member club is announcing the following fall schedule:

Nov 15 – Mike Kelly, World-Herald columnist will review his book, "Uniquely Omaha."

The monthly meetings, which include lunch and a book review, are held at noon at the Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Ave. The cost is \$13 per person per month.

To reserve a seat, call Rita at 402-553-3147. Reservation deadline is Monday morning prior to the Tuesday meeting.



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Does prayer make a difference?



International speaker, Leide Lessa, is a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science healing and a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

Saturday, Nov. 12, at 4:00 pm

The Thompson Center
6705 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE
FREE and open to the public

*You are invited
to share
The Gifts of Christmas*



For four consecutive Sundays beginning November 27 at 10:30 a.m. and following Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., the gifts of **Joy, Hope, Peace and Love** will be addressed.

December 11:

10:30 a.m.—Children's Christmas Program
12:00 p.m.—Advent Workshop

December 17:

11:00 a.m.—Blue Christmas Service

December 18:

10:30 a.m.—Chancel Choir Cantata, "Journey of Promises"
7:00 p.m.—Annual Wassail and Carol Sing

December 24:

4:30 p.m.—Music Prelude
5:00 p.m.—Candlelight Service

December 25:

10:30 a.m.—Christmas Day—He is Born!



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You're invited to the
MBA Meeting Nov 23, 2016

No December meeting

Noon, UNMC private dining room, just \$10. for lunch.
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