



## The Left Bank Shop and Gallery

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### Spring Newsletter 2016

## The Bank Left La Rive Gauche The Left Bank

The First National Bank building, our digs at 158 Main Street, was designed by Elias Jacobs, a local architect. It was built in 1865 and served the community as a bank until the late 1990's. Then the bank left.

The Left Bank, our new name, recognizes that history, it hints at our location near the river and not coincidentally *La Rive Gauche* the famous Left Bank of Paris. We are technically on the right bank of our famous river, but with a bit of artistic license, we are now The Left Bank.

We hope our new name will brand our retail gallery as a fun, friendly shop for everyone to enjoy.

### Spring & Summer Hours

Beginning May 13, The Left Bank will be open seven days a week from 9 until 5. Stop in and see our expanded retail gallery and meet our new staff members.

### Kids!

Join us at The Left Bank Shop and Gallery  
For another summer of  
Funday Mondays



We will once again be set up on the sidewalk in front of the gallery every Monday morning from 9-11 starting June 13 through July 25, (with the exception of July 4). Art activities are free of charge and supervised. Typical projects will take between 30-45 minutes and are focused for preschool through 4th-grade students. Be sure to join us this summer for some creative fun.

### A place for all seasons

In 2015, our retail gallery extended its business hours to seven days a week from mid-May through October. It remained open on Saturdays and Sundays for holiday shopping during November and December.

Every January our Special Events Gallery becomes a classroom. This

winter we had 40 people participate in clay and watercolor workshops. Participants working with clay learned the basics of the potter's wheel and

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slab building while watercolor students experimented with the many techniques used to create a painting.

Thanks to David Prehm, Mike Kabele, Colleen Welter and Steve Solomon for the excellent instruction.

Program funding was provided by generous support from the Steve and Carole Goodale Fund.

March brought 60 students from grades K through 6 to the Center for our Arts Afterschool program. Instructed by Maureen Wild, the children experienced working in different media while exploring art and cultures around the world. Parents and students enjoyed a student gallery show and reception April 29.

Thanks to the McGregor Achievement Club for their support of this program.

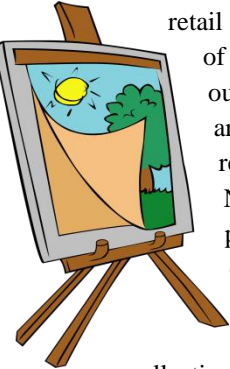
He who works with his hands is a laborer.  
He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman.  
He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist.  
- Francis of Assisi

Did you know? World-renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright once lived in McGregor. A very young Frank moved with his family to McGregor from Richland Center, WI in about 1869. His father, a minister at the time, served a Baptist congregation here.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie School style architecture of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries inspired our Left Bank logo. Thanks to Michael DiFrisco of BrandXcellence for our logo design.

## A new look

To accommodate an expanding selection of art we have enlarged our retail gallery. A portion of what was once our special exhibits area has become retail sales space. New display pedestals and lots of blank walls will allow us to stage a larger collection of local art. New lighting and a revamped checkout area will help us provide better service to our visitors.



Gallery expansion and improvements were possible in part by the generous support of our members. Thank you.

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for news of upcoming exhibits, classes and information on the artists and craftspeople currently showing and selling in our gallery. Like us on Facebook

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## The Left Bank Presents:

A special exhibit May 27 to June 27

*Exploring Folk Art: The magic of everyday life expressed in paintings and crafts*

Rosemaling by Nancy Schmidt  
American Folk Painting by Carol Hartman  
Primitive Folk Art by Teresa Champion  
Pine Needle Basketry by Roberta Condon  
American Folk Painting by Suzanne Aunun  
Paper Collage by Barbara Decker



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Join us at an opening reception Friday, May 27  
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Meet the artists, enjoy refreshments and listen to  
live music by Maritzi.

This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

