

FALL 2021

From the Executive Director Amy Fracker



I would like to share how grateful and excited I am to be named Executive Director of Riverside Arts Center and share over 25 years of progressive experience as an innovative and visionary leader in the arts, education and non-profit sectors. I am deeply committed to building strong, more vibrant communities through the arts, and equally committed to helping organizations advance and make a bigger impact for the communities that they serve.

We have some wonderful news as we transition out of the pandemic and open our doors. Riverside received generous state funding that supports much needed facilities upgrades. This investment by the state reinforces confidence in Riverside to continue working with the creative community, organizations and businesses in our area to create innovative and unique opportunities.



Riverside Arts Center began in 1995 to spur the cultural and economic revitalization of downtown Ypsilanti with an emphasis on the arts. Located in the historic Masonic Temple and adjacent Detroit Edison building, Riverside has continued to support local artists, community theater, and dance. In the post-COVID world we are excited to open our doors with new community engagement and partnerships.

HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY!



The New Operations Manager

Need help or
questions answered?

Call us at (734) 480-2787
or email

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Maggie Spencer

WE'VE GONE SOLAR



Thank you to Solar Ypsi!
The Solar Moonshot program funded a 12kW solar installation on the roof of the Riverside Arts Center. Solar Ypsi is a grass-roots effort in Ypsilanti, MI dedicated to the use of renewable energy sources.

Thank you for your leadership and guidance

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Artists in Residence

Riverside Arts Center's summer Artists in Residence program brought new and local artists to Riverside. This year's residency program included opportunities in dance and visual arts. Riverside looks to continue this program in 2022.



Two of the resident artists summer 2022: Peter Sparling (top left) and Sherika Unique (bottom right)

Fall Workshop



In collaboration with Nellie's Lavender Estate, a working herbal & lavender farm, guests created pumpkin succulent centerpieces using natural materials.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 14

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2:00-3:30



Herbal Wreath Workshop

CRAFT A GORGEOUS FRESH CULINARY HERBS WREATH/CENTERPIECE FOR THANKSGIVING

TICKETS \$45
INCLUDES: WORKSHOP, ALL FRESH ORGANIC HERBS, SUPPLIES, WINE TASTING & CHARCUTERIE



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December 12



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SUNDAY DEC 12TH - 10 AM - 4PM

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