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Artistic anecdotes

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Richard Pniewski, of Thornton, tells a story Dec. 4 during an (art) Inspired! live lit storytelling night inside the Gaylord Building. MARY COMPTON/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

NEWS COVER STORY

Lockport group dedicated to the art of storytelling

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Everyone has a story to tell. Lisa Colleen and Barbara Eberhard, co-hosts of the new storytelling group (art) Inspired! live lit, are well aware of this.

The group gathers for storytelling nights the first Tuesday of each month, excluding holidays, at Public Landing Restaurant inside the Gaylord Building, 200 W. 8th St. in Lockport. Storytellers at the Dec. 4 event were Colleen, Eunice Jarrett, Richard Pniewski, Mike Speller and Paul Teodo.

"We started this in October," Colleen said. "... We love everything about stories and how they connect people. Barbara runs Gallery Seven, so we're banking on the local artists being interested in this."

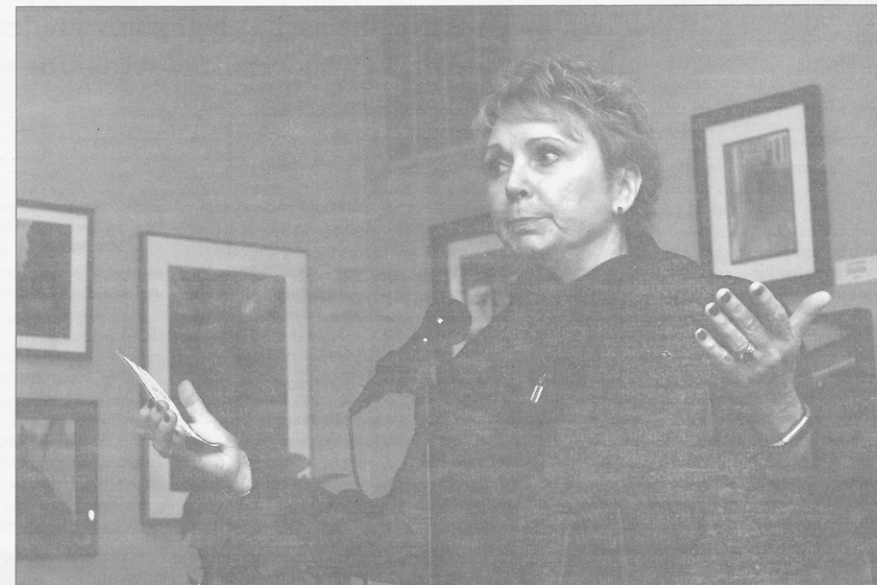
Gallery Seven is also located in the Gaylord Building. Some of the artists have mixed their storytelling with various art mediums.

"It's art inspired, Gallery seven sponsors us," Colleen explained. "For each performance, the storyteller picks a painting or photograph that connects or is inspired by their story. I love how stories help people heal, it also helps them connect with others. There are story telling events every night in Chicago, I wanted to bring it to Lockport so that the local community can experience this."

There is no cost to attend the storytelling shows. They begin with music at 6:30 p.m. and the storytelling begins at 7 p.m.. The show is geared for teens and adults.

Lockport resident Michael Veltman has traveled around a few countries and has a few stories of his own. In Gallery Seven, Veltman has a collage of photographs of people from Chicago and Jakarta, Indonesia featuring people from Nashville, Liberia, Peru and Japan. He calls it "Peace Project." Veltman is to be the storyteller in April.

"I am part of Gallery Seven," Veltman said. "I encouraged Barb and Lisa to bring the storytelling to the gallery here in Lockport. The Inspired! live lit is inspiring the stories being told. It's something that happens in a lot of communities.



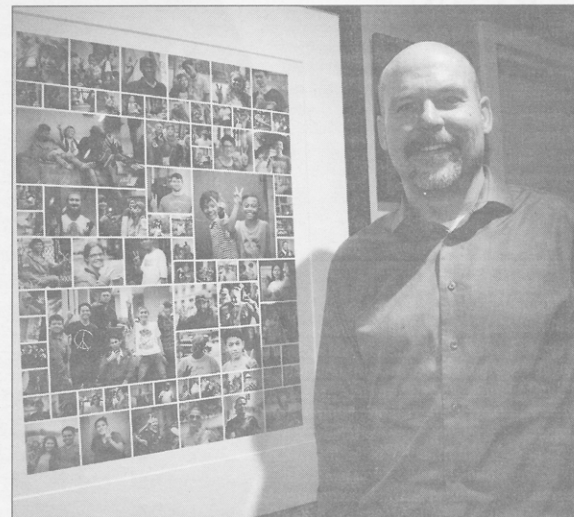
Barbara Eberhard, co-host of (art) Inspired! live lit, speaks at one of the group's storytelling events Dec. 4 at the Gaylord Building. PHOTOS BY MARY COMPTON/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

It's very popular in Chicago. These people are so talented, some of their stories are serious some are funny and they have one thing in common: they're all moving.

According to Veltman's website on his "Peace Project," he explains his art and his story.

"The Peace Project stems from an article study bearing the same name that compares people and cultures from Chicago, Illinois and from the other side of the planet in Jakarta, Indonesia in the hope to understand and discover our similarities and our universal hope for peace," the website states. "... Maybe someday we will figure out that we are all human and understand how much we actually have in common. That there is a oneness to mankind and we all, I hope, have peace somewhere in us."

There are to be upcoming storytelling classes at Gallery Seven in January and February. To enroll in the classes or for more information on (art) Inspired! live lit, visit www.inspiredlivelit.com.



Lockport resident Michael Veltman shows his art project at Gallery Seven inside the Gaylord Building Dec. 4. Veltman is to be taking part in an (art) Inspired! live lit storytelling event in the near future.



ASK YOUR LAWYER
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With winter here, it's time to break out the shovels and salt. If your neighbor refuses to shovel their sidewalk, though, it may be because they believe that they could 'get in trouble' if someone slips and falls on a sidewalk that they tried to clear. Fortunately, in Illinois we have the Snow and Ice Removal Act which shields property owners, tenants, and neighbors from liability for anyone who slips or falls on a sidewalk that they tried to clear of snow or ice. Basically, the law states that we want people to clear their sidewalks and we don't want them scared to do so because they think they might get sued. If, however, your sidewalks are dangerous because of an unrelated issue (such as drain spouts pointed at the sidewalk that create an ice hazard), the Act would not protect you there. Other than that, feel free to shovel away and help out your elderly or disabled neighbors this winter without fear of liability!

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