

ELI Weekly

The Artistic Side of Springfield

This Friday will be the monthly First Friday ArtWalk downtown. If you have never gone and are looking for something new to do, now is a great time to check it out. If you have gone before—go again. Many of the exhibits frequently change. The event always draws a huge crowd. During the ArtWalk, you can visit any of the art galleries downtown during the special hours of 6-10 PM. In addition to viewing great local art (paintings, photography, blown glass, sculptures, etc.), you can listen to live music at some of the venues. It's fun and it's free! In case you don't know where to go, below is a partial list of the participating venues.

MSU Art & Design Gallery—located at the corner of Jefferson and Walnut.

Current exhibit: "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby"—90 contemporary American illustrators have created self-portraits of themselves as children. It's supposed to be very funny!

Hawthorne Gallery—214 E. Walnut St.

Current exhibit: Live Painting, Sculpture, and Music — Watch both a painter and a bronze sculptor demonstrate their crafts live. Also, enjoy live harp and guitar music.

Susan Sommer-Luarca Fine Art Gallery — 221 Park Central South (in the square)

Current exhibit: "Legends" — See the original paintings done of NFL stars unveiled live at this year's Super Bowl. That's right—she went to the Super Bowl and sat on the sidelines to draw! Sommer-Luarca is also the USA's Official Olympic Team Artist for the Beijing Olympics. Pretty cool!

Keyes Gallery — 229 S. Market Ave.

Current exhibit: See a diverse assortment of works. Check out their great gift shop containing many unique art-related items!

Randy Bacon Studio & Gallery—600 W. College St. (near the bus station)

"Never Too Late" — Check out the debut of mixed-media and acrylic paintings by Springfield native and realtor-turned-artist Doug Jones. Also on display, as always, the photography of Randy Bacon.

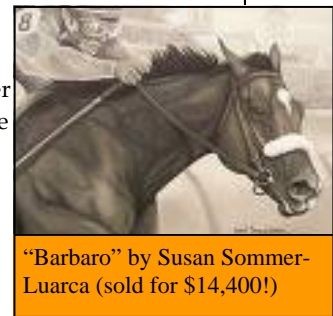
Springfield Hot Glass Studio — 314 S. Campbell

Current exhibit: "St. Patrick's Preview" — Springfield Hot Glass will be making emerald green glass creations in honor of upcoming St. Patrick's Day. This is always an interesting stop on the ArtWalk!

Springfield Pottery — 416 S. Campbell Ave.

Current exhibit: "Fine Crafts" — Springfield Pottery features the work of over 40 artists in clay, metal, wood, glass, etc.

These are only a select few of the galleries you can visit on ArtWalk Friday. It's a really great event, so check it out!



"Barbaro" by Susan Sommer-Luarca (sold for \$14,400!)



Activities This Week

Wednesday, Mar. 5 & Sunday, Mar. 9

Movie on Campus: "I Am Legend"

9:00 PM at the Plaster Student Union Theater; FREE with ZipCard

Friday, Mar. 7

First Friday ArtWalk

Downtown Springfield art galleries

6-10PM; FREE



For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab

Announcements



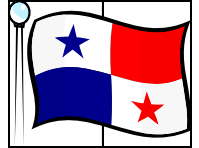
- **The Association of International Students wants you!**

Do you want to meet new friends, celebrate different cultures, and help plan events for MSU? Then AIS is the organization for you! AIS meets every Tuesday at 5:00 at the Student Union, room 312. During meetings, the group discusses and plans upcoming events such as the annual banquet and show, sports night, movie nights, potluck dinners, and more. If you are an active paid member, you are even eligible to apply for a \$300 scholarship. What are you waiting for? Check it out! For more information, e-mail ais@missouristate.edu. Or see their website: www.organizations.missouristate.edu/ais.

Did You Know....

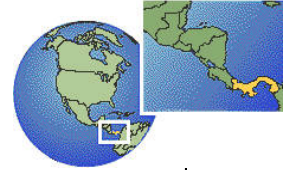
A few interesting facts about Panama:

Before the Panama Canal was built, the only way to get from one side of the Americas to the other by ship was to sail all the way around the tip of South America. Since the Canal connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, a huge impact has been made on the shipping industry. The Panama Canal opened in 1914.



In 1999, Mireya Moscoso became the first female president of Panama.

The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute is headquartered in Panama. The Institute is a leader in the field of research of ecology, behavior, and the evolution of tropical organisms.



What's Showing at The Moxie?

The Moxie is downtown's independent cinema located near the corner of Walnut and Campbell.
This week:

- The Kite Runner



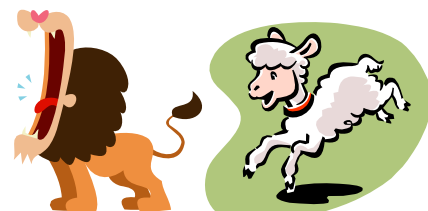
See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Degrees: High/Low

Forecast for March 3-9

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	34/19	01/-7 —rain, chance of ice
Tuesday:	34/19	01/-7
Wednesday:	43/24	06/-4 —chance of rain/snow
Thursday:	36/22	02/-6
Friday:	35/17	02/-8
Saturday:	44/29	07/-2
Sunday:	53/36	12/02



There is a saying about March weather:
In like a lion, out like a lamb. I guess we will see if it's true!

Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or weather channel.