

The Marketplace Merchant

FEBRUARY 2009 ISSUE



Get out your datebooks & pencil in our 2009 Calendar of Events!

We have the dates set in stone for our annual events throughout the coming year – mark your calendars & be sure to attend! If you are interested in helping Marketplace organize any of the events mentioned for spring & summer, now is the time to jump in and call our office to see how you can get involved – many of the committees have already started meeting or plan to get together very soon!

The Farmers' & Artisans' Market committee will be getting together on Saturday, Feb 21st - 10am at KaFer Café on 3rd Street for breakfast & discussion on new activities & other ways to draw

shoppers to the market. Please spread the word to any growers, bakers, artists, or crafters!

The Promotions committee will meet at the

we need help to ramp up the weekend sidewalk sale with other fun activities for shoppers to enjoy!

The Mississippi Earthtones Festival will be making

'09 Calendar at a glance:

Farmers' & Artisans' Market:

- Every Saturday from Jun-Oct!

Celebration of Broadway: 6/13-6/14

All-Wheels Drive-In Car Show: 6/14

Mississippi Earthtones Festival: 9/19

Challenge of the Bluffs Run: 10/3

Tree Lighting & Taste of Downtown: 11/20

Marketplace office on Tues, Feb 3rd to discuss the Celebration of Broadway. Time Machines Unlimited Car Club will once again be assisting with the All-Wheels Drive-In Car Show, but

year's festival, and help is needed with lining up musical acts, exhibitors, and sponsors. Many fantastic events will be held at the amphitheater this summer; we'll keep you posted on the details!

A Turning Point Counseling Moves ~

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors and Licensed Clinical Social Worker of

A Turning Point Counseling & Associates

have moved their offices from the Elfen Building on 3rd street to the Wall Street Building at 322 State Street.

- The new location offers more therapy rooms and ample parking.

- The therapists provide psychotherapy for mental health issues as well as counseling for relationship and family issues, personal growth and career counseling.

- Individual therapists offer specialties in areas including but not limited to:

- ADHD
- mind/body/spirit healing and personal growth
- relaxation therapies such as guided meditation, biofeedback and neurofeedback
- couples counseling
- issues of childhood and adolescents including school related issues and career issues.

For more information,

call: 618-465-9747

or visit:

www.Aturningpointcounseling.net

Director's Note ~

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a wonderful event brought to our community by the Alton Symphony Orchestra. "An Evening with Julius Hunter" will be held on Feb. 21st. Meet Julius at the book signing of Julius Hunter "TV One-On-One" in the Lobby of Lewis and Clark's Ann Hatheway Cultural Center at 7pm, followed by the 8pm performance of "Lincoln Portrait", narrated by Julius Hunter. Tickets are \$20 for adults / \$5 for students K-12, and are available at Halpin Music, Duke Bakery on Henry St., Dick's Flowers and Agha Designs. More info can be found at: www.altonsymphony.org



~ Sara



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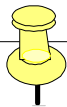
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A community based,
not-for-profit, volunteer
organization dedicated to
securing the economic
vitality and aesthetic
quality of the district.



DON'T FORGET!

Every Wednesday
@ 8:15am Alton Marketplace
showcases one of our
partners on WBGZ Radio!

**If you would to take
advantage of this free
opportunity to spotlight
your business with a live
radio interview,** please call
463-1016 to set up a date!

Tony's Restaurant

Is pleased to offer three Francis Coppola Diamond Collection wines. Claret, Malbec, and Pinot Noir are available for \$6 per glass and \$27 per bottle.

Come in for our new specials on Sundays, Tuesdays, Weds, or Thursdays:

- Pizza special—2-topping 14" pizzas are only \$9.99
- 1/2 lb. Steakburgers and Italian beef sandwiches are only \$2.99

- Bud Light or Miller Lite, 16 oz. drafts for only \$2
MARTINI MADNESS— Try one of our house martinis for only \$4 every Tues, Wed & Thurs!

Choose from: cosmopolitan, grape, cherry, apple, pomegranate, with your choice of vodka or gin.

Lighthouse Media

Center—

Introducing a great new resource for the area!

Located at 115 Market St., the Lighthouse Media Center will be available for businesses or individuals that would like to rent a gathering place for up to

75 people for business meetings, parties, group gatherings, etc. The media center offers a stage perfect for guest speakers as well as a full sound system, and multi-media presentation capabilities. Prepared food may be brought in, or you may choose to have your event catered. Rates are \$15/hour plus a \$50 refundable deposit. For booking information, please call: 618-670-4711 or email: JenningsProperties@sbcglobal.net

Jacoby Arts Center—

The weekend and beyond at the JAC:

Live at the Jacoby

Last Saturday Nights

January 31, 2009

Please join us for the smooth Jazz, Latin and Blues sounds of

Bob & Me

Ellen Martinez, vocals and

Bob Werner, keyboard

7-9 pm — \$8 cover, cash bar

In the Gallery:

Awards of Excellence 2009

Artists Gallery Talk —

Sunday, Feb 1st @ 2 pm

Please join artists John

DenHouter, Jen Flores, Peter Gifford, Christine Ilewski, Hwang Kim and Jeff Vaughn for an informal gallery talk to gain insight into their concepts and techniques. The exhibit continues through March 1.

Argosy Alton—

Presents an acoustic evening with Richard Marx and Matt Scannell of Vertical Horizon. For over 20 years, Richard Marx has entertained the world with his unique talents as a singer, songwriter, and producer. With over 30 million records sold, you don't want to miss this amazing performer as he takes the stage for two nights of chart topping music, such as: Hold On To The Nights, and Right Here Waiting.

Feb 27, 2009 - 8pm &

Feb 28, 2009 - 7pm

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling: 800-711-4263 (from 8am-7pm), or stop by Guest Services today!

The women of the Junior League of Greater Alton cordially invite you to attend the

~ 3rd Annual Red and White Gala, on February 14th, 2009 at Lockhaven Country Club.

The proceeds from this event support the numerous Junior League projects which support the children of the greater Alton area such as: "All God's Children Have Shoes," "Kids in the Kitchen," Riverbend Head Start & Family Services, and the Madison County Child Advocacy Center. The event will include a silent auction and grand prize raffle.

There are multiple levels of corporate sponsorship that are accompanied by event tickets and recognition at and following the event. Additionally, we are seeking donations from merchants of items we can place in our silent auction.

Clearly this is a lean year for everyone, but it seems that the local children's agencies like those that Junior League supports, will suffer disproportionately as there will be even more children in need due to the troubled economy.

The more money we raise through attendance and the silent auction means more money for our local children.

Tickets: \$135/ couple - For more information, please contact Karin Johnes at Karin.Johnes@sbcglobal.net or 466-1281