

Wednesday, September 22, 2021



Left: Congresswoman Mary Miller speaking at the T.K. Martin VFW Post 10009 9/11 Memorial Ceremony. Right: The T.K. Martin Post 10009 created a large flag display to commemorate the 9/11 attacks twenty years ago. On Saturday morning, they held a ceremony where many spoke on the event.

## The Little Theatre On The Square resumes shows on September 10

Shows at The Little Theatre On The Square will resume after an 18 month hiatus. The Grand Re-Opening took place on September 10 when the theatre presented *Dueling Divas*. Other shows slated for this fall include *The King & Marilyn* from October 8 to October 17, *The Marvelous Wonderettes* from November 5 to November 14 and their holiday extravaganza, *We Need A "Little" Christmas* from December 3 to December 19.

"It was heartbreaking to have to cancel our 2020 and 2021 summer shows due to Covid but we are back and better than ever! We are thrilled we were able to celebrate our "Grand Re-opening" on Friday, September 10 with *Dueling Divas*. It has been a long year and a half and we can't wait to bring the

magic of The Little Theatre back to our Central Illinois friends!"

*Dueling Divas*, a one night only event, showcased two Little Theatre favorites, Lexie Dorsett Sharp and Heather Beck in concert. These ladies, two of the featured musicians in this past summer's First Friday Concert Series at The Little Theatre in such shows as *All Shook Up*, *The Adams Family* and *Chicago* (Dorsett Sharp) and *Mamma Mia* and *Elf* (Beck). In addition to their work locally, both of these talented entertainers have appeared across the United States and the world in a variety of national tour shows. Show time was at 7:30 p.m. and tickets were \$2 0.00.

production of *Million Dollar Quartet*, The Little Theatre is excited to bring Daniel Durston back as Elvis Presley in *The King & Marilyn* for the second fall show. This one of a kind tribute show features both icons together. With hits like *Hound Dog*, *Diamonds Are a Girls Best Friend* and *Love Me Tender*, *The King & Marilyn* brings a recreation of the electrifying music of the 1950's capturing the unique personalities and charm of these beloved stars.

Next up will be *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, a smash off-Broadway hit that takes place at the 1958 Springfield High School prom and ten year reunion where the audience meets Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy and Suzy, four girls with hopes and dreams



After 18 long months, The Little Theater on the Square in Sullivan, IL welcomed guests on September 10 for a grand re-opening performance of *Dueling Divas* which featured Lexie Dorsett Sharp and Heather Beck.

## Local Master Gardeners receive state award for their community efforts

Volunteers of University of Illinois Extension's Master Gardener program were recognized at a virtual awards ceremony on September 10. The annual awards ceremony recognizes the work of the 2,700 volunteers who provide horticulture-related assistance to their communities.

Master Gardeners are trained horticulture experts who serve their communities through service projects and delivery of educational programs. They "Help Others Learn to Grow" by providing research based horticultural information and sound management practices for home and urban landscapes. "Our local Master Gardeners play a vital role in our community", says program coordinator Jenny Lee, "offering educational opportunities and answering many horticultural questions throughout the year."

Master Gardeners are adults of all ages who love gardening and volunteer many hours of service. In 2020, 65 Master Gardeners serving the Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties, donated over 1,600 hours



Pictured are award winners Jeanne Goble, Terry Smith, and Diana Glosser

answering questions, leading programs and volunteering at community garden projects.

Extension would like

to congratulate Jeanne Goble and Terry Smith for being awarded the State Outstanding Master Gardener Award. This award

was established to honor the best of Illinois Master Gardeners, those whose breadth and depth of involvement in the program

are exemplary. Only 1-2 percent of active Master Gardeners in the state are recognized with this award annually.

We would also like to congratulate Diana Glosser for being awarded the Illinois Master Gardener Sustained Excellence Award. This award recognizes previous State Outstanding Master Gardener Award winners who have continued to develop in their Master Gardener career with new responsibilities and initiatives. Their breadth and depth of involvement in the program are exemplary and have continued that level since receiving the Outstanding MG Award.

Glosser, Goble, and Smith were recognized and presented with certificates, pins, plaques, and lawn signs at the Extension office. "We appreciate our volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Master Gardener program", says Lee.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Master Gardener program may reach out using the Become A Master Gardener page at <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms> or emailing Jenny Lee at [jalee73@illinois.edu](mailto:jalee73@illinois.edu).

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