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Woodstock, IL 60098

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*41st Annual*

# *C*reative *L*iving *S*eries

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## The Woodstock Fine Arts Association

is an organization of volunteers in support of the arts and the Opera House. Funds are raised for scholarships and Opera House restoration. Programming efforts includes a three-concert classical music series and a school children's performance series that introduces students throughout the area to the appreciation of the performing arts.

### Creative Living Series Committee:

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### BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

- Phone: (815) 338-5300
- Hours: Monday - Saturday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM and 2 hours before performances
- Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted

### POLICIES

- No exchanges or refunds.
- \$2 handling charge on all phone orders and mail orders.
- Performances are subject to change.
- \$2.00 surcharge per ticket has been added to the series ticket price. This charge has been authorized by the City of Woodstock with all proceeds being applied to the construction fund for the Opera House Annex Project.

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# Creative Living Series

All Programs Begin at 10:00 a.m. • Coffee and Conversation Offered at 9:00 a.m.

## Sylvia Weinstock

**PÂTISSERIE PERFECTED**  
October 21, 2004

The author of *Sweet Celebrations*, Sylvia Weinstock designs and fashions cakes using flour, fillings, buttercream, sugar paste and food coloring much like Vera Wang uses fabric, texture, color and cut to create haute couture. No one counts calories or contemplates carbohydrates when the occasion to consume a Weinstock creation comes along. Providing cakes for the rich and famous and sophisticated, Weinstock believes "every baker has to start someplace," so she shares some of her secrets, triumphs and disasters.

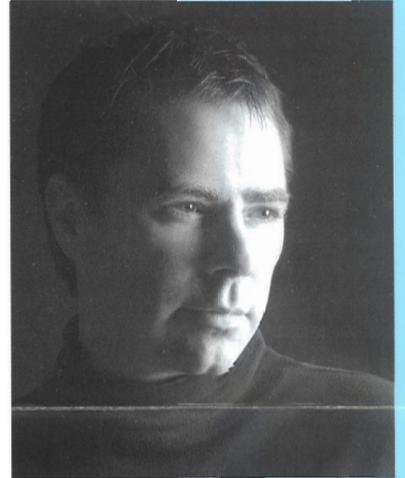


Patty Daniels

## Stephen Pitken presents Gee's Bend

**PHOTOGRAPHIC  
PRESERVATIONIST**  
February 17, 2005

Well-known Rockford photographer Stephen Pitken has a deep appreciation for the self-taught artist whose creations carry history and relay a message. The quilt makers of Gee's Bend, Alabama, are just that sort of artist. The marriage between Pitken and the now famous Gee's Bend involved a most circuitous courtship but resulted in the incredible photographs found in four books, including *The Quilts of Gee's Bend*.



## Amy Dickinson

**ADVICE  
COLUMNIST**  
November 18, 2004



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Meet the *Chicago Tribune's* new advice columnist Amy Dickinson, an established writer with small-town sensibilities, a degree in English from Georgetown University, and a variety of life experiences as well as a wealth of resources to call upon. All this, along with her no-nonsense, often feisty responses to readers' problems, contributes to the growing popularity of her column, "Ask Amy."

## Steve Belinkie, M.D.

**MEDICAL HISTORIAN**  
March 17, 2005

How many U.S. Presidents had tuberculosis? Can having asthma or gout affect a president's decisions? Steven Belinkie, chief of plastic surgery at St. Francis in Connecticut, has made an avocation of studying and speaking on the various ailments and afflictions of our presidents, offering startling facts and astounding insights. Recognized as an expert



practitioner and teacher in the field of plastic surgery, Belinkie's lecture will prove edifying and entertaining.

## Shulamit Ran

**CONSUMMATE  
COMPOSER**  
January 20, 2005

Born in Israel and composing by age nine, Shulamit Ran, a gifted pianist, won the 1991 Pulitzer Prize for *Symphony*. Ran's musical compositions give each instrument its own voice, often plaintive, sometimes discordant. Reaping countless accolades and producing more than a dozen recordings, Ran has also served as composer-in-residence for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Lyric Opera of Chicago. She will share her musical experiences, and musicians shall perform excerpts of her work.



## Audrey Sutherland

**AUTHOR AND  
ADVENTURER**  
April 21, 2005

Fiercely independent and the personification of "rugged individualism," octogenarian Audrey Sutherland has been paddling her own inflatable kayak in the waters off Hawaii, Alaska and the South Pacific since 1962.

Sutherland's last appearance at the Creative Living Series demanded an encore. Her life and adventures illustrate her belief that "The only real security ... is the skill and humor and courage within, the ability to build your own fires and find your own peace."



## Past Guests Include:

Carol Marin, Charlie Trotter, Colin Cowie, B. Smith, Calvin Trillin, Dr. Michael Roizen, Nuala O'Faolain, Jane & Michael Stern, Mike Reid, Beverly Sills, Martha Stewart, Shelley Berman, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Beatrice Welles, Wally Phillips, Joan Benny