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### Art Palette

#### Orange Branch

**Library**, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 31300 Chagrin Blvd., Pepper Pike: Artwork by Bethlehem Christian Academy grades 4-8 students, through Feb. 27. Info: 216-831-4282; [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org).

**Valley Art Center**, 155 Bell St., Chagrin Falls: "It's Secondary," focus on orange, green and purple, through March 4. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Call 440-247-7507.

#### Fairmount Center for the Arts

Gallery, 8400 Fairmount Road, Russell: Dimensions of Humanity – "The Mind in Bloom," by Dairoll Medrano, through March 13. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. Call 440-338-3171.

**Hamlet Atrium**, Hamlet Village, 200 Hamlet Hills Drive, Chagrin Falls: "Foot Notes," artwork by Valley Art Center students of Darlene Jackson, through March 15. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Free. Call 440-247-4676.

#### Florence O'Donnell Wasmer Center

Ursuline College, 2550 Lander Road, Pepper Pike: UC Vibe, student art show, through April 3. Free, wheelchair accessible, free parking. Gallery hours: noon-5p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Visit [www.ursuline.edu](http://www.ursuline.edu).

### Music Notes

#### Valley Lutheran Church

87 E. Orange St., Chagrin Falls: Chagrin Concert Series, chamber music, 3 p.m. March 1. Free, donations accepted. Visit [www.chagrinconcertseries.org](http://www.chagrinconcertseries.org).

#### West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road, Russell: Maple Town Tune Traders open jam session, 7-10 p.m. Feb. 26. Six 15-minute performances by singers, musicians; sign-up at 7 p.m. Followed by audience sing-along, open jam session. Snacks to share welcome. Wheelchair/stroller accessible. Call 440-564-9449 or visit [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org).

### Stage Lines

#### River Street Playhouse

56 River St., Chagrin Falls: "The Real Inspector Hound," through March 7. Performances: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. Tickets: \$12. Box office open 1-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Info: 440-247-8955, [www.cvlt.org](http://www.cvlt.org).



Photos by Madelyn Hastings

The Paris Room recently opened in Chagrin Falls. The entrance faces the parking lot off of West Washington Street.

# French-inspired food

Writer pens new chapter in life with Paris Room café

By BARBARA CHRISTIAN

The Left Bank came ashore in Chagrin Falls this month with the opening of the Paris Room and, as the name implies, its menu has a French accent.

Owner Sali McSherry described the Paris Room fare as "French-inspired comfort food" but parlez vous Francais is not necessary to enjoy the dishes that she, foodie friend Gerry Koprowski of Trifles Catering and Chef Vince Rocco have created.

These range from Ms. McSherry's original rustic French lamb meatloaf and delicate crab cakes to Trifles' classic beef bourguignon, signature hot chicken salad and pot de crème. Almost everything on the menu has been named after legendary artists, writers and musicians who were once inspired by the City of Light.

There is "Antoine de Saint-Exupery," a traditional onion soup and the "Henry Matisse," Faroe Island salmon with a delicate lemon chive butter and many others. A children's menu also is available.



Harry Bacharach plays piano and sings at the Paris Room.

The Paris Room features a full-service bar and live music – including jazz and blues – to entertain diners on select evenings.

Among the signature drinks are the Madam Springs "Champagne" cocktail with pome-

granate juice, "the French Connection," a cognac with amaretto and ice and the "Virginia Collins," named for Ms. McSherry's mother who passed away recently.

Lest patrons feel a tad intimidated by the French vibe, the down-to-earth Ms. McSherry is eager to point out that she last studied French in high school and when she does have a little time to study, her borrowed Rosetta Stone language tapes won't gather any more dust.

"I want people to be comfortable and at home here and feel they can gather, hang out, talk and enjoy," she said.

Ms. McSherry said her restaurant and the menu are "evolving." Patrons will see new items on the menu as she and her staff move forward.

### The particulars

Located in the yellow building (circa 1883) just off the West Washington parking lot in downtown Chagrin Falls, the Paris Room interior features the building's original stone and

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# 10th annual Solon show puts focus on photography

By SUE REID

SOLON — For the 10th year, photographers take center stage in a competition that brings communities together through art.

Applications are being accepted from both professional and amateur photographers for Focus 2015, hosted by the Solon Center for the Arts and the Beck Center for the Arts.

Past shows have had more than 200 photography entries in a variety of divisions and categories, including people and portraits, nature and landscapes, travel and botanicals.

Maria C. Klein, SCA's art department coordinator, said the event has grown from the early days as the Solon Photo Club contest to a six-community show. Partner cities and agencies include Aurora Parks and Recreation, Beck Center for the Arts, Brecksville Center for the Arts, Twinsburg Parks and Recreation and Streetsboro Parks and Recreation.

Photographers throughout Northeast Ohio are encouraged to enter their work, and many return year after year, Ms. Klein noted.

"Previous participants look forward to entering every year," she said. "It's always interesting to see."

The photos are never the same year to year, "which is the fun part of it," she said.

The amateur division draws families where both parents and children enter; and seasoned professionals return each year with a goal to win in their category.



"The Dahlia" by photographer Rick Wetterau earned best of show at Focus 2011. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the photography competition, which recognizes both amateur and seasoned photographers.

"It's encompassing on many different levels and is a real community event," Ms. Klein said.

Deadline for applications is March 21 and they can be found online at [www.solonarts.org](http://www.solonarts.org) or by visiting any of the Focus 2015 partner cities. Photos for entry into the contest may be dropped off

until April 14 at the Solon Community Center.

Photographers may submit up to three photos for the exhibition, and registration is \$10 per photo and can be done in person, by mail or online. Registration online is \$11 per photo.

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