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Attached photos are of 2020 and 2022 Inductees

Festive Gala to Celebrate Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame 2020 and 2022 Inductees to be held March 31 at Villa Olivia, Bartlett

A festive gala banquet will be held Friday, March 31 at Villa Olivia to honor the Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame's 2020 and 2022 inductees. The celebration spotlights talented and influential artists with a connection to the Fox Valley area. The 2020 inductees are Patrick F. Beckman, Kevin Braheny Fortune, and Jeffrey Hunt, all in the performing arts; and visual artists Vincent S. Chiaramonte and Joel C. Sheesley. The 2020 banquet was postponed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. 2022 inductees are Lucille and Sten Halfvarson, performing arts; Olive Beaupré Miller and Charles Pierce Burton, literary arts, all deceased; and visual artist Joseph Morton (Mort) Luby. For more information, email info@fvahf.org.

The festivities begin at 5:30 pm with a cash bar at beautiful Villa Olivia, 1401 W Lake St, Bartlett. The \$75.00 tickets include dinner and entertainment. Each inductee will be introduced and receive an engraved plaque to be displayed at Hemmens Cultural Center. For reservations or more information, email <u>info@fvahf.org</u>.

The Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame recognizes artists associated with the Fox Valley by birth, education, residence or service, who have achieved international or national acclaim. Candidates should have completed 20 years in their professional field and received recognition for excellence. The honor is for living artists or can be awarded posthumously.

The Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame (FVAHF) was a dream of Lucille Halfvarson and other arts leaders that took tangible form during the millennium (2000) celebrations in Aurora, Illinois. The committee that worked on this project evolved into the Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame; a nonprofit organization that gives public recognition to artists associated with the Fox Valley. A second objective of the FVAHF is to ensure a strong cultural legacy for future generations. For more information, please email <u>info@fvahf.org</u>.