

# The Marketplace Merchant

AUGUST 2009 ISSUE



## Join us at Alton's Riverfront Amphitheater on Sat, Aug 1st for The BIG GIG Local Music Show

The day of Marketplace's first endeavor at Alton's new amphitheater is upon us & it's shaping up to be quite a concert! Six bands from the Metro-East will be performing their original music from 3pm to 10pm on Sat, August 1st. Here's a quick rundown of the talent that's in store:

3pm—Singer/Songwriter Patrick Read will open the show with an eclectic set.

4pm— St Jack will perform Pop / Rock. In the past twelve months, Songwriter Dan Wenzel has won several songwriting awards from notable magazines and music websites and will be featured this fall on FOX-TV, where his song "Halo" will be promoting their upcoming primetime line-up.

5pm—The Five and Dimers will entertain the crowd with Americana music. Their lyrics are thought provoking and the music is intelligently arranged. The energetic lineup includes guitar, bass, banjo, fiddle, lap steel, and percussion & is not to be missed!

6pm—Get ready to dance to some Reggae Rock from The Dogtails. The group's influences are varied, and they fuse many styles to create a sound that's unique from any other.

7pm—Sol Klinch, a Metal Rock band from Carlinville, has an experimental style and the band's goal is to capitalize on their strong suit of playing live shows & take their music on the road.

8pm—Mark our words, All Fall Down is the "next big thing". They are pushing and shoving to gain a solid piece of ground in the St. Louis rock scene, and have recently played venues including: Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, Busch Stadium, Harrah's VooDoo Lounge and Pop's.

9pm—Headliners Hope & Therapy will close the evening with a full hour of original tunes, and their sound blurs the lines between indie, blues, progressive, soul, jazz, and folk. The vocal prowess, moody minor piano chords, and introspective lyrics of singer / songwriter Hope Gaines are the focus of this ensemble, and the group will be recording their debut studio album this fall.

## Director's Note ~

Would you like to be in-the-know on all of the events going on at Alton's new 4,000 seat performing arts venue? Visit [www.RiverfrontAmphitheater.com](http://www.RiverfrontAmphitheater.com) & click "JOIN OUR MAILING LIST" to sign up and you'll receive news, event updates, special offers and much more via email!

Also, don't forget to visit the Farmers' & Artisans' Market every Saturday morning from 8am-Noon at the corner of Henry St. & Landmarks Blvd. The produce has kicked in to high gear and we have around 25 local farmers & artists vending their wares — the Market gets bigger & better every week!



~ Sara

## Alton Museum of History & Art is now hosting... Friday Nights at the Museum

from 6:30-8:30pm every Friday evening this summer (July 10 - Sept 18)

### ADMISSION COST

\$3.00 - Adults  
\$1.00 - Children 12 & under

Aug. 7th - Professor Showers tells the stories of many Alton schools

Aug. 14th - A pal of Robert Wadlow will share what it was like to be his friend

Aug. 21st - A Riverboat pilot makes a trip down the Mississippi River come to life

Aug. 28th - Come see the pictures and hear the story of the 1984 Olympics with the Showers family

Our history belongs to all of us and we look forward to pondering the stories of the past with you... even as we live tomorrow's history today!

Located at Loomis Hall  
2809 College Ave.

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A community based,  
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organization dedicated to  
securing the economic  
vitality and aesthetic  
quality of the district.



**Downtown Alton is  
a great place to work!**

The owners of Simply Foo Foo recently took their entire staff on a 4-day trip to Cancun, Mexico as a bonus for their hard work. "It was WONDERFUL!" says Amy Mayberry, District Manager, "We all had such a great time and it was very much appreciated by all of us!"

Alton Marketplace would love to share more stories about great downtown employers—please send submissions to: info@altonmarketplace.com & we'll give your fantastic boss some credit!

**Alton Marketplace Partners—News, Sales & Events!**

**Oz Artisan Bakery—**

Is now open for business Wed thru Fri: 10am to 6pm, and Sat: 10am-4pm. Visit 130 Front St. and see what they are cooking up for take out lunches and dinners. Send a message to: Oz@nd2d to get on the weekly menu mailing list!

They have fresh muffins; breads; and assorted baked goods daily. Their selection of freshly prepared foods for this week includes: Greek Lemon Rice soup & Moroccan Couscous salad, sandwiches include: Curried Chicken Salad, Mexican Egg Salad, Oriental chicken Salad, and Smoked Turkey and Cheddar. Dinner Take-Outs in their freezer this week will include: Beef and Eggplant Casserole; Cheese Enchiladas, and Turkey Mole w/corn rice. Let Oz cater your patio brunch, river trip, or picnic at the park; they have entrees, side dishes, salads, breads, and desserts for any occasion

using fresh organic, natural and local products, and they can cater to all budgets! Come check out OZ's booth at the Farmers' & Artisans Market at Henry St. & Landmarks Blvd. every Saturday morning for free samples! For more info, call: 618-576-9255

**Alton Marina—**

Join Karen & her staff at the Marina River Fest on Sat, August 8th at the Alton Riverfront Amphitheater. From 4:30 - 8:30, enjoy a tropical music festival with music provided by Lamina and the Vipers with Paul Light and Jim Stevens. From 8:30 - 9:45, watch & dance to Jimmy Buffet concerts on the BIG screen provided by Outdoor Cinema Events. Keep your eye on the screen, because you might be a star – local Marina & City snapshots will run in a slideshow set to music for a wonderful tribute to the great things happening in Alton. For dinner, enjoy "Wee Willie The Pig Barbeque" Owned by John Grounds, Gene

Smith & Chef Ralph Smith. Visit the beer, soda & tropical drink tent, and shop local vendors' wares!

**Castelli's Moonlight**

**at 255—** A warm welcome to our newest partner who's recently jumped head first into supporting downtown Alton! We owe the crew from Castelli's a big thank you for sponsoring The BIG GIG Local Music show at the Gold level. They will be on hand to serve you dinner at the concert!

**Mark Your Calendars  
for the 3rd Annual  
MISSISSIPPI  
EARTHTONES  
FESTIVAL**

**Sat, Sept 19th 11am-7pm**

**At Alton's Riverfront  
Amphitheater**

**Join Alton Marketplace  
& the Sierra Club  
to celebrate our river  
through art, music,  
and conservation!**

**FEATURING  
JAKE'S LEG  
from 1pm-4pm**

**FAMILY HEALTH, HIV/AIDS AND KIDNEY EXPO**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> 12pm- 5pm at ALTON SQUARE MALL**

Sponsored by the Mexico Village People, in collaboration with (Alton Marketplace Partners): Saint Anthony's Health Center, Alton Memorial Hospital, Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, and the Madison County Urban League.

**FREE SCREENINGS FOR:** Kidney, Breast, Cardiac, Glucose, Blood Pressure, Prostate, Youth Physicals & Immunization, Oral, Heat Stroke, Colon and Respiratory

**FREE LUNCH** prepared by Julia's Banquet Center, and music provided by a FOXY 95.5 Radio Personality! For more info, please call SIHF at 618-463-0649.