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February 2009

SDI ANNUAL MEETING

SDI Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon is 11:30 - 1:00 Tuesday March 3 at Martinelli's Little Italy. Tickets are \$12/guest and are available at SDI, 205 W Ash, (785)-825-0535.

Friends of the River Foundation consultant, Don Brandes, Design West Studio, Denver, CO is guest speaker. Don is a landscape architect specializing in river development.

There will be NO ticket sales at the door. Reservations are due by February 26!

Project Open Accepting Applications

Helping Entrepreneurs Succeed.



Project Open is for you if you want to start your own business **or if you already own and operate a start up business.** Project Open is accepting applications NOW.

Project Open is designed to build on our small business legacy by encouraging and supporting entrepreneurs in the Salina Area. The project will help provide education in best business practices to establish or expand small businesses. The project also includes extended business support and mentoring services.

Educational opportunities are available from KSBDC and FastTrac® (see related article **FastTrac®**) coursework. Entrepreneurs who successfully complete the educational component are eligible for business support services. Project Open business support includes competitive grants and mentoring support. Eligible entrepreneurs may apply for a one time grant for expansion or startup of up to \$5,000. Project Open extends further support by providing participants with a network of experienced, successful business mentors they may rely on after the courses end and they continue building their business.
Project Open Partners

Join a Committee

SDI Standing Committees

SDI has three standing committees. Any SDI member/partner is welcome to join a committee to help champion a healthy, vibrant downtown community!

Business Support and Recruitment meets
4:00 PM the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Communications and Advocacy meets as needed.

Destination Marketing meets at noon the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Volunteers encouraged

785-825-0535

What's Ahead

- Feb 19 - Business Support & Recruitment Committee Meeting 4:00 PM
- Mar 3 - SDI Annual Meeting 11:30 Martinelli's Little Italy
- Mar 5 - BID/SDI Exec Board Meeting 2:30
- Mar 5 - First Thursday Art Rush 5-7 PM
- Mar 6 FastTrac registration deadline
- Mar 10 - Lee District/SDI Board Meeting 3:30
- Mar 11 - Destination Marketing Committee - Noon
- Mar 16 - DIP Applications due
- Mar 19 -Business Support & Recruitment Committee Meeting 4:00PM
- Apr 3 - First Thursday Art Rush 5-7 PM

- City of Salina
- Salina Area Chamber of Commerce
- Salina Economic Development Incentive Council (SEDIC)
- Salina Downtown, Inc.
- North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC)
- Cloud County Community College Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC)

Contact Project Open for additional information:

Project Open
785-827-9301
e-mail open@salinakansas.org

FastTrac® in Salina

Registration is open

FastTrac®, a program of the Ewing Kauffman Foundation, is being offered for the first time in Salina beginning in March.

FastTrac® is one of the educational options of Project Open. FastTrac® participants need to be serious about business. FasYou will be committing nearly 40 hours to learning plus additional time to develop your business plan. If you are willing to WORK, you will come away from FastTrac® with a sound base in best business practices, a fully developed business plan (including a marketing plan) and a core network of area business professionals.

Special thanks to Brown Mackie College for their facility for this program.

Please contact [FastTrac® in Salina](#) for complete details.

DIP Application Deadline March 15

\$50,000 available for facades

The Business Support and Recruitment Committee is accepting applications for Development Incentive Program. Complete guidelines and applications are available on at www.salinadowntown.com or by request at Salina Downtown, Inc., 205 West Ash Street. (785) 825-0535.

Lee District

Window Contest

Congratulations to Simply Baby and More! Their window was the winner in this contest. The American Heart Association volunteer judges also want to award an honorable mention to the Quilting Bee and to thank all the participating merchants.

Mokas, Lisa Duong will be one of the Salina Entrepreneurs speaking to SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) at KSU Salina at 10:30 Wednesday February 18. Lisa, thanks for your support of young entrepreneurs in Salina. Also keep watching for Mokas Afterhours. Lisa and Anna are adding evening service soon!

Thiessen-Elise Salon, 134 S Santa Fe, is brand new to the Lee District. You can contact them at 820-8220. Please stop in and welcome them to Salina. They are the first tenants in the newly renovated KRESS building (formerly Brown-Mackie).

2009 Spring Poetry Series at Mokas

- April 7 - Patricia Traxler @ 7:30
- April 14 - Carl Adamshick @ 7:30
- April 21 - Bruce Bond @ 7:30
- April 28 - Donna Trusell @ 7:30

At the Stiefel

- Thursday's classic movies @ 7:00 pm \$5
- Mike Finnegan & The Phantom Blues Band - Feb 14
- Leahy - Mar 1 @ 7:30
- The Prairie Trio - Mar 4 @ 7:30
- Bonnie Raitt - Mar 6 @ 7:30
- Salina Choral Festival - Mar 10 @ 7:30

At Salina Art Center

Exhibitions

Dec 11 - Feb 15 Phantasmagoria: Specters of Absence
Featuring work by artists who draw on forms of representation linked with the tradition of fantasy and magic used by phantasmagoria and reframe them around contemporary issues.

Mar 5 - First Thursday Art Rush

Mar 8 - Second Sunday - Held each month at the ARTery. Children & families explore art together.

Jan 20 - Mar 12 - MultiARTS

Classes for preschoolers

Films Showing at the Art Center Cinema:

Feb 13-19 I've Loved You So Long

Feb 20-26 Rachel Getting Married

Check website for show times www.salinaartcenter.org

At the Salina Community Theatre

Feb 13-Mar 1 - Sweeney Todd

Mar 13-15 - The Spring Thing

Available Properties

Retail (Flexibility)

109-111 N. 7th, Rick Weber, 825-2177*

210 E. Iron, Wayne & Peg DeBey, 827-0351

134 S. Santa Fe, Brian Richardson, 452-1130 [Click here for floor plans](#)

145 B S. Santa Fe, Mike Bostater, 825-2188

201 S. 5th, Jim or Jeff Maes, 493-8500*

208 A E. Walnut, Jim or Jeff Maes, 493-8500*

Office

100 N. 7th, Norm Yenkey, 825-8996

157 S. 7th, Jim or Jeff Maes, 493-8500

209 W. Ash, Jim Ravenkamp, 493-6065

112 W. Iron, Norm Yenkey, 825-8996

119 W. Iron, 8th floor Farid Afani-Ruzid, 1-785-392-2130

131 N. Santa Fe, 1st & 2nd floors, John Vanier, 404-2111

155 A N. 7th, Randy Graham, 825-8100

156 S. Santa Fe, second floor, Chuck Carroll, 826-0767

227 N. Santa Fe, 3rd flr, ste 302 & 303, Ken Bieberly,
823-9221

200 S. Santa Fe, Chuck Carroll, 826-0767

204 S. Santa Fe, Chuck Carroll, 826-0767

215 S. Santa Fe, Suite 203 & 206 Laura Skidmore,
643-7221 [Click here for details](#)

210 E. Walnut, Doug Snyder, 493-0530

Restaurant/Office/Flex

100 N. 5th, Ben Frick, 820-9002

Storage

138 S. 4th, Bill Medina, 825-4561

Loft or Office

134 S. Santa Fe, Brian Richardson, 452-1130

Parking Lot

117 N 7th, Rick Weber, 825-2177*

Business for Sale

Carol Lee Donuts, 825-5926

*Property for sale only

If you own available property in the Lee District that is not listed please contact Salina Downtown Inc. at gosalina@salinadowntown.com or call 785-825-0535.