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Beautiful white silica sand beaches wrap around the picturesque lake at Klondike Park near Augusta.

## **Paint Your County Parks Art Competition Offers \$1,000 Purchase Prize**

**St. Charles County, Missouri** – Attention all Missouri and Illinois artists! The St. Charles County Parks Department and the Foundry Art Centre invite you to participate in the Paint Your County Parks competition. The art contest is free to enter and will begin on August 1, 2014. This competition will expose the area's vibrant arts community and highlight the beauty and benefits of St. Charles County Parks. First place will receive a \$1,000 purchase prize for their work. Artists may use watercolors, oils, gouache or acrylics to paint a county park. The deadline to submit your painting is October 31, 2014.

The juror for the competition will be Janet Fons, an artist with extensive professional experience as a graphic artist and art director, whose work has been exhibited and collected nationally. Janet is also the founding member of Art Group 360, a group of local artists who collaborate and create thematic group exhibitions. Janet will select three paintings for awards; one purchase prize of \$1,000 and two honorable mentions will be awarded at a reception on Thursday, November 6. The winning painting will hang at the County Parks Administration Office, located at 201 N. Second Street St. in St. Charles for all to see.

Artists may paint any of the 10 County Parks currently open to the public which include: Louis H. Bangert Memorial Wildlife Area (Bangert Island), Broemmelsiek Park, St. Charles County Heritage Museum at Heritage Park, Hideaway Harbor Park, Indian Camp Creek Park, Klondike Park, Matson Hill Park, Quail Ridge Park, Towne Park and Youth Activity Park. To register, contact (636) 255-0270, ext. 112.

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