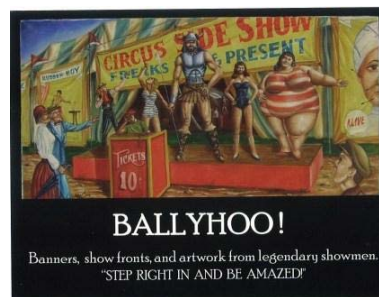


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“BALLYHOO” on Display! Spotlight on Ted Campbell

Some people collect coins and others collect snow globes, but it takes a truly dedicated man to collect sideshow memorabilia. Ted Campbell, maintenance technician at Batavia Enterprises, gives 100% to everything he’s involved with and it shows in his incredible collection.

Once he realized he was witnessing the end of the traditional sideshow, the end of an era, his collection began. Mummies, paintings, swords that have been swallowed, and countless pictures, autographs and more come from 22 years of Campbell’s passion for sideshow memorabilia. He doesn’t just collect the items either; he learns the story behind each one and has even created friendships with the artists and their families. Campbell’s favorite showman is Captain Don Leslie and believes his life was so fascinating that it should be made into a movie. Leslie was a rare showman who started at the age of 15 and worked as a sword swallower, fire eater, tattooed man, human blockhead and more until his death at the age of 68. His favorite item is a painting done by Jack Sigler that depicted a classic ten in one sideshow with performers on the bally, Sigler banners in the background and all the nuances of the fair. Campbell was able to display a portion of his collection at Allen and Pepa Architects’ Suite at 6 West Wilson in Riverside Commons, owned and managed by Batavia Enterprises, on February 5th, 2010. The show brought in a large audience that was not only amazed by the sights and stories Campbell was able to present, but left with a common desire for the days of true sideshow artistry to present itself once more.

A week after Campbell’s art show he taught a class at WaterStreet Studios titled, “Art from the Midway – History of Circus and Carnival Sideshow Artists and their Works” to 25 art students and enthusiasts. He showed and explained over 100 PowerPoint slides that contained banners and show fronts made by various artists; many of which he personally owned at some point in time. Campbell is always interested in sharing his passion for sideshow history and displaying his vast collection, and when asked if he will do another class or show he just smiles and says, “Step right this way and be amazed!”

Ted Campbell is a man not only dedicated to his collections, he is a man dedicated to his family and to his work. Campbell will be celebrating his 20th year with Batavia Enterprises this November and we are proud to have him a part of the “BEI family.”

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