



Newsletter

Nov. & Dec., 2009

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President's Message:

As SMAC embarks a new year, it is worthwhile to reflect on our accomplishments. SMAC sponsored events have attracted record crowds. Our student outreach program is strong. We have added affiliate members, and overall membership continues to increase. Our fiscal condition is in great shape. Many thanks go to my predecessor, Judy Reap, who has been responsible for leading this organization so well for the past four years. Other Board members who have rotated off of the board include Nancy Brown, Liz Stubelt and Elaine Ingram. We appreciate the work that these individuals have done to make SMAC the vibrant organization that it is.

Our challenge is to continue to evolve and further the Arts in the Smith Mountain Lake area. We can only do that with the guidance and support of our members. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to let me or any other board member know what you are thinking. Let your friends and neighbors know about SMAC, and ask them to join our organization. We are still looking for someone to head up the photo show. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, let us know.

Let's get those cards and letters coming!

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Board Meeting Notice

Fri. Nov. 20, at 10:00 a.m.
Trinity Ecumenical Parish - Route 122



Up Coming Events

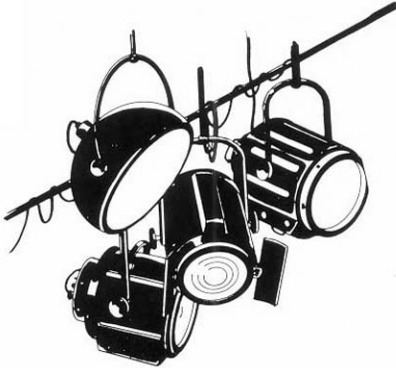
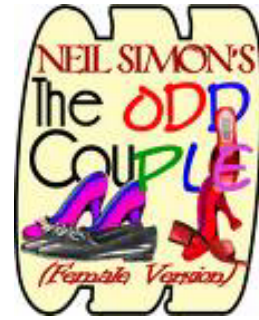
*Make a note on your calendar
more details elsewhere in the newsletter*

"The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon

(Female Version)

Saturday, Nov. 21 5:30pm

Bernard's Landing



Welcome New Members

Peter and Ann Coriasco

James Mullens

SMAC Member Discount Policy

Individual - \$15 to \$24

Discount on 1 ticket to some events

Family - \$25 to \$49

Discounts on 2 tickets to some events

Sustainer - \$50 to \$99

Discounts on 3 tickets to some events

Patron -- \$100 to \$499

1 free ticket per year to some events

Supporter - \$500 to \$999

2 free tickets per year to some events

Sponsor - \$1000 to \$1999

2 free tickets to 2 events per year to some events

Benefactor -- \$2000 and above

2 free tickets to 4 events per year to some events

Share SMAC's slogan with your friends and neighbors.

"If you aren't a member of SMAC... you should be."

Members enjoy discounts at some of the scheduled events



**The
Odd Couple**



By Neil Simon
(Female Version)



Saturday, November 21, 2009 - 5:30pm
Bernard's Landing Conference Center
775 Ashmeade Road Moneta, VA 24121

The Lake Players, seen here rehearsing, are planning their next play reading at the Bernard's Landing Conference Center on Sat. November 21, at 5:30 p.m. This time it will be an Hors d'oeuvre Supper with desserts.

"The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon, female version, is a very funny play as was the original "Odd Couple" with Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. This time the five females are playing Trivial Pursuit and the neighbors are two Spanish brothers. Rita Moreno and Sally Struthers played the original roles.

Cast:

Oliva Madison - the fun-loving slob
Florance Unger - the neurotic neatfreak
Sylvie
Renee
Vera
Mickey
Manolo Costazuela
Jesus Costazuela

Marlene Truesdell
Nancy King
Charlene Maresca
Anne Motley
Lorraine Conary
Frankie Puckett
John Maresca
Tim Ernandes

Reservations and Cost:

Please make reservations with Connie Canova at 540-297-6680 or confred@b2xonline.com and tell us what you will bring - an hors d'oeuvre or dessert.

The cost is \$5.00 per person to cover expenses and drinks.





Winners of SMAC Novel Contest

The Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) and its Lake Writers group have announced the winners of the 2009 SMAC Novel Contest.

Thirteen area writers entered the contest by submitting the first 50 pages of their novels. From these thirteen submissions, the judge selected three finalists. The finalists were then asked to submit their complete novels for final judging.

SMAC Novel Contest Winners (left to right): Betsy Ashton, first place; Judy Reap, SMAC President; Becky Mushko, second place; Jennifer Merritt, third place.

First Place: The first place winner is Betsy Ashton for her novel *Unintended Consequences*. Ashton lives in Moneta, writes for the *Laker Weekly*, is a budding novelist, and is a member of Lake Writers and Valley Writers in Roanoke.

Unintended Consequences features Mad Max Davies, a reluctant boomer grandmother, who finds herself taking care of her grown daughter and two grandchildren after her daughter is badly injured in an accident. She and her grandchildren become involved with solving a murder and exposing why the killer kills.

Second Place: The second place winner is Becky Mushko for her novel *Stuck*. Mushko lives in Penhook, is a retired teacher, blogger, and former columnist. She writes children's literature. She has self-published five books.

In *Stuck*, eleven-year-old Jacie—stuck in grief over her mother's death, stuck at camp with her worst enemy, and finally stuck on a Franklin County farm with her father's new fiancée—helps a ghost who is stuck on earth until she learns what happened to her young daughter.

Third Place: The third place winner is Jennifer Merritt for her novel *Archer's Storm*. Merritt, originally from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, lives at Spring Lake Farm in Moneta with her husband, children, and father-in-law. She is a free-lance writer who makes time to write while chasing after her three young sons.

Archer's Storm, Merritt's first novel, features Archer Brookwood. Nothing extraordinary ever happens to Archer. He dreams of traveling to distant worlds, but one summer he realizes this world is larger than he ever imagined. Magic is as close as his own back yard.

SMAC President Judy Reap presented Ashton with a check for \$1,000 at the SMAC Annual Meeting on October 27. Mushko and Merritt have received checks of \$400 and \$200, respectively.

The judge was Sandra Clayton-Emmerson. Currently the archivist of Manhattan College (New York), she teaches college-level composition and information literacy. A graduate of Walla Walla College and the University of Maryland, Clayton-Emmerson has more than twenty-five years experience as a researcher, writer, college and high school teacher, editor, and archivist. She is the editor and publisher of three collegiate magazines and the author of several annotated bibliographies. Clayton-Emmerson, who critiqued each of the thirteen initial 50-page entries, gave each author feedback, chose the three finalists, and then selected the first, second, and third place winners from the three complete novels, commented at the conclusion of the contest, "This was a lot of fun! I just wish I could read all the novels now!"

The contest was coordinated by Fran Nielsen, a member of the Lake Writers, who found the judge and handled the coordination of the contest.

20th Annual Art Show

The Art Show was held October 23 - 26, 2009 at the Resurrection Catholic Church. A record number of 82 artists entered the show featuring 194 paintings. Student artists entered 10 paintings in the student competition.

Nancy Stellhorn and Mary Lou Koons co-chaired the event with the Artists on the Loose serving as the committee.

Ed Dolinger, the director of Riverview's Artspace in Lynchburg, was the judge for the event and Lillie McAllister entertained our audience on piano throughout the reception.

Smith Mountain Arts Council and Artists on the Loose would like to express our appreciation to Civic Organizations and Businesses that contributed cash awards that were presented to the artists and helped make this show possible.



Artist Awards

	Best of Show					
	Hooker, Myrtle	Baskets	Watercolor			
Acrylic						
1st	Beaman, Barbara	Longing				
2nd	Pejman, Parvin	On the Corner				
3rd	Hamilton, Revelle	Spirit Woman Weaves				
Oil						
1st	Bradbury, Susan M.	Take Sossoff Mommy?				
2nd	Brock, Whitney	Wal-Mart Bags				
3rd	Brock, Whitney	Colors of Douthat				
Pastel						
1st	Underwood, James	Splendor of the Countryside				
2nd	Fletcher, Cheryl	Little Pigeon River				
3rd	Underwood, James	To Be on the Mountain				
Watercolor						
1st	Hooker, Myrtle	Baskets				
2nd	Wang, Aili	Fall Creek II				
3rd	Yeh, Cheng-Fen	Gabriel				
			Mixed			
			1st	Ashton, James	2	
			2nd	Applegate, Suzanne	Getting it Together	
			3rd	Nevers, Donna	Musical Whimsy	
			Other			
			1st	DeLong, Jason	Retired	
			2nd	Romeo, Allison L.	Coming to America	
			3rd	Rooney, Christine	Pasture Oak	
			Judge's Merit Award			
			Hart, Carolyn	Hydrangeas	Watercolor	
			Sayles, Janice	Old China	Watercolor	
			Stellhorn, Nancy	In the Country	Watercolor	
			Stuphin, Yvonne	Amherst Harvest	Pastel	
			Student Artist Awards			
			1st	Farnam, Hilary	In New Light	Graphite
			2nd	Tomlin, Kelly	Seis Caballos	Graphite
			3rd	West, Shane	Utah Highway	Pastel
			People's Choice			
			Nancy Patriarco	Watchful Eyes	Oil	



Westlake Library features Artists on the Loose

The Artists on the Loose will be featured at the Westlake Library from November 3 -December 30. Donna Nevers, the volunteer art show coordinator for the library, announced that the show will include several award winning artists from Bedford and Franklin County.

The Artists on the Loose are a group of 15 women that meet twice a month to paint together, critique their work, encourage and inspire each other. Their members include Rose Mary Atkins, Sue Beckett, Nancy Brown, Marie Campbell, Marge Holtman, Linda Kay Jones, Mary Lou Koons, Shelley Koopmann, Kathy Leitz, Nancy Luce, Donna Nevers, Fran Nielsen, Midge Owenshire, Jane Shafer, Olivia Smith and Nancy Stelhorn.

SMAC Website

In case you haven't noticed, the SMAC Website has a new look. More importantly, the information is up-to-date. With a renewed commitment from the SMAC Board, we'll keep it current, informative, and interesting.

Check us out at:
www.smithmountainartscouncil.com. If you have any corrections or suggestions, or you have trouble viewing the pages (slow page loads, can't see the pictures, etc.) please send email to:
suggestions@smithmountainartscouncil.com.



Help Wanted: Photo Show Chairperson

We are looking for someone to organize and run the Photo Contest and Show for 2010 and 2011. The 2010 Show is currently scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, May 28-31.

The Photo Show Chairperson is also a SMAC Board Member with a typical term of two years.

If you are interested in being the Chairperson or helping in some other way, please contact Mike Dittrich at **detes@jetbroadband.com** or 721-0168.