



# Newsletter

## May & June, 2010

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### **President's Message:**

The effects of the economy are taking a toll on the arts. The Virginia Commission for the Arts has had their funding cut by 20%. School districts across the state are looking to cut music and art programs to save money. SMAC serves as a coordination body and provides opportunities for cultural enrichment and pleasure in the visual, performing and literary arts while securing resources and community support for community events. Our role becomes more critical as government and education is looking for ways to spend less on the Arts.

The activities sponsored by SMAC have certainly not been cut back. Recent events such as the Lake Players, the Elisabeth von Trapp concert were outstanding. The upcoming Photo show promises to be the biggest and best. Our commitment to the Arts is unwavering, and with your support we will continue to foster an artistic environment in spite of economic uncertainty.

So get out. Participate in and enjoy the many artistic opportunities that SMAC has to offer.

*Mike Dittrich*

*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.*



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### Board Meetings: Trinity Ecumenical Parish - Route 122

Fri. May 21, at 10:00 a.m.  
Fri. June 18, at 10:00 a.m.

## Welcome New Members

Rusty & Carol MacMullan

Jim & Betty Reynolds

Paul & Ellen Servidea



## Calendar – Upcoming Events



### **May 4-June 1: Provence Show.**

Nineteen artists will present paintings of the Mediterranean Coast and villages in the Luberon Mountains. Along with the Provence Art Show will be a new release of "America in Pictures" prints by the National Endowment of the Humanities Grant program. The prints are provided thru a grant awarded to Westlake Library received by Assistant Librarian, Pam Palmer. See page 7 of this newsletter.

### **May 10: Photo Contest – Entry deadline**

Deadline for entry forms for the **Photo Contest and Show**. See website for more information: [www.smithmountainartscouncil.com/](http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com/)

### **May 14-16 & 21-23: Don't Dress for Dinner!**

Little Town Players present the comedy *Don't Dress for Dinner*. May 14, 15, 21, 22 at 8:00 pm and May 16 & 23 at 2:00 pm. Shows are performed in the Little Town Players Theatre at the Elks National Home. More information on page 5 of this newsletter and on our website: [www.littletownplayers.com](http://www.littletownplayers.com)

### **May 17 & 18: Bald Knob Art Workshop**

at the 4H Center - Instructor Vera Dickerson  
Oil & acrylic; Cost \$100;  
Contact Phil Sheridan - 721-4106  
or Katy Sulzman 493-4280.

### **May 21<sup>st</sup>: The Foxtrot**

Dance lesson - Foxtrot with social dancing to follow. 7:30 to 8:30 at the Forest Recreation Center  
Taught by Jose Zuniga. More information on page 6 of this newsletter.

### **May 24<sup>th</sup>: Photo Contest - Drop-Off Date**

Photographs must be dropped off at Trinity Ecumenical Parish on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> between 10 AM and 6 PM.

### **May 28 – 31: Photo Contest and Show**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual John Faber Memorial Photo Contest and Show. See website for more information: [www.smithmountainartscouncil.com/](http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com/)

### **June 4 & 5: Lakeside Singers Concert**

Performances will be on Friday June 4 at 7:30 PM and Saturday June 5 at 2:00 PM at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. Limited Seating. More information on page 4 of this newsletter.

### **June 4- June 29: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juried Art Show**

3rd Annual Juried Westlake Library Art Show with proceeds going to the Westlake Library Capital Campaign. Over 30 judged award winning art works will be exhibited in the new Westlake Library Gallery. Dr David Webster of SML and The University of West Georgia is this year's show judge. See page 6.

### **June 18<sup>th</sup>: The Samba**

Samba dance lesson at Forest Recreation Center  
Taught by Jose Zuniga. More information on page 6 of this newsletter.

### **June 30-July 30. "Pastel Paletts X Five"**

Five area award winning pastel artists will show in the Westlake Library Gallery. SML Lake artists Larry Beard, Sue Beckett and Shelley Koopman, along with Mary Ann Meador of Roanoke and Christine Rooney of Lynchburg will be featured.

### **August 13: Musical Tribute to Broadway**

Lake Player's event at Bernard's Landing. More information will be in our next newsletter. You can also check updated information about this on our website. [www.smithmountainartscouncil.com/](http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com/)

### **August 15: Sunday Music Recital 3 PM**

Julee Hickcox, Roanoke Symphony Orchestra flutist, and Mike Havens, guitarist. More information on page 5 of this newsletter.

### **September 10- 12 & 17-19: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof**

Little Town Players present *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.  
Directed by Jeff Krantz [www.littletownplayers.com](http://www.littletownplayers.com)

### **November 5-7 & 12-14: Love, Sex and the I.R.S.**

Little Town Players present *Love, Sex and the I.R.S.*  
Directed by Karen C. Hopkins.  
[www.littletownplayers.com](http://www.littletownplayers.com)

### **February 25-27 & March 4-6, 2011: Bus Stop**

Little Town Players present *Bus Stop*.  
Directed by Les Epstein. [www.littletownplayers.com](http://www.littletownplayers.com)

### **May 13-15 & 20-22: Little Women, the Musical**

Little Town Players present *Little Women, the Musical*.  
Directed by Jeff Wittman More information on our website: [www.littletownplayers.com](http://www.littletownplayers.com).

## SMAC Lake Players



Our March 19th Lake Player's event of "A Little Laughter and Night Music" was well received by the full house in attendance at Bernard's Landing Conference Center. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious, and the two comedies and original music very entertaining. The newly purchased Smith Mountain Arts Council's platform stage made its debut to the delight of the audience, actors and musicians.

The evening began with the comedy "**Laundry and Bourbon**" by James McLure, starring Joyce Dittrich, Sandy Sampson, and Marion Wetcher. The three women worked well together and did a super job in their roles. Next Chip Conway, Mike Dittrich, Mike DeGiorgi and Larry Sakayama had us tapping our feet to their fine **original musical numbers**. The evening ended with the comedy "**I'm Herbert**" by Robert Anderson. Will and Mary Hockersmith portrayed their roles well and made the comedy quite a hoot.

It was indeed an entertaining evening with much laughter and wonderful music.



The next Lake Player's event will be a Musical Tribute to Broadway on August 13th at Bernard's Landing Conference Center. More information will be in our next newsletter. You can also check updated information about this on our website.



## Lakeside Singers



## Concert in June

The Lakeside Singers concert from Disney, Wizard of Oz, Suessical, West Side Story, and other music we have heard growing up.

*"Kidz @ Heart"* features music

Velshera Johnson is returning as director and Susan Spataro as accompanist.

Performances will be on Friday June 4, 2010 at 7:30 PM and Saturday June 5, 2010 at 2:00 PM at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. Limited Seating.



## Elisabeth von Trapp

A near sell-out crowd enjoyed a wonderful concert by Elisabeth von Trapp at Trinity Ecumenical Parish on Friday, April 23rd. Elisabeth, granddaughter of Baron and Maria von Trapp of 'Sound of Music' fame, accompanied herself on the guitar and banjo as she thrilled the audience with a wide variety of popular, old-time and show time favorites. She interspersed her singing with delightful reminiscences of growing up as part of the large musical von Trapp family.

Phrases frequently heard as attendees enjoyed refreshments following the concert included, "please bring her back again" and "the best program ever!"

## Musical Recital

Sunday, August 15, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.

Some of you will remember when we presented Julee Hickcox and Mike Havens here a few years ago. Julee plays the flute and piccolo for the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Mike is an accomplished guitarist. They have been performing their special duet program for several years. Mike evokes extraordinarily beautiful sounds from his guitar. Julee's mastery of the flute is unmatched.



"Mark your calendars and then watch for program and venue details in the next SMAC Newsletter!"

## Little Town Players Presents *Don't Dress for Dinner*

By Marc Camoletti

Directed by Jayne Brill



In a converted English farmhouse, Bernard (**Micah Crizer**) is hoping to entertain his chic Parisian mistress, Suzanne (**McKinley Tucker**) for the weekend. He has arranged for Cordon Bleu chef Suzette (**Tara Cumella**) to furnish the gourmet delights. He is sending his wife, Jacqueline (**Jackie Fields**) off to her mother's, and has invited along his best friend, Robert (**Gregory Richie**) as a suitable alibi. And just when you think it can't get any more confusing, George (**Jeff Roberts**), Suzette's boyfriend, shows up. It's foolproof; what could possibly go wrong? Right!

Well, supposingly, Robert turns up without knowing why he's been invited - Robert and Jacqueline have a secret - or how about the cook being mistaken for the mistress, who can't cook? Mix all these ingredients and you have a perfect recipe for an evening of hilarious confusion as Bernard and Robert improvise at breakneck speed!!!

If you liked last season's comedy-farce *Lend Me a Tenor*, you'll be glued to Marc Camoletti's funny adult comedy *Don't Dress for Dinner*.

Adult tickets - \$12.00. Please call the box office at 540-586-5881 for reservations. Tickets may also be purchased through [www.lynchburgtickets.com](http://www.lynchburgtickets.com)

May 14, 15, 21, 22 at 8:00 pm and May 16 & 23 at 2:00 pm. Shows are always performed in the Little Town Players Theatre at the Elks National Home.

## **Ballroom Dancers**



### **The Foxtrot – May 21st**

The next dance lesson, the Foxtrot, will be taught by Jose Zuniga be at the Forest Recreation Center.

The class will take place on May 21st from 7:30 to 8:30, with social dancing to follow.

### **The Samba – June 18th**

On June 18th there will be a Samba lesson at the Forest Recreation Center, which will also be taught by Jose Zuniga

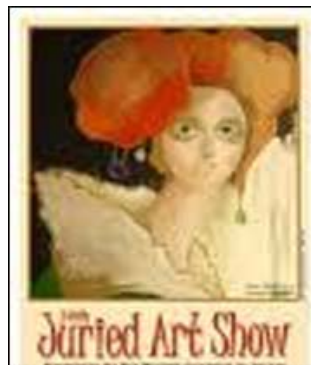
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## **USA Ballroom Dancers**

Jose Zuniga has taught Ballroom Dancing since 1979. He was manager of an Arthur Murray Studio in Greensboro, N.C. Jose, who teaches both American and International styles of dance, also teaches social and competitive dancing.

Jose has done outreach programs at Danville High Schools. He and his wife have performed at the Grove Park Inn, Ashville, N. C, and also at the Greenbrier in West Virginia. He also teaches in Roanoke and Lynchburg.

His studio is called "The Dance Space" and is located at 1010 Piney Forest Rd, Danville, Va. Phone: (434)836-3437.



## **Westlake Library 3rd Annual Juried Art Show**

Dates for the 3rd Annual Westlake Juried Art Show are June 4 thru June 29, 2010. The "Call for Entry" forms are available at the Westlake Library. Entries are due with fees Thursday, May 6. Artists may submit three original artworks, completed in the last 3 years and not shown in any previous SML art show. No artworks from workshops accepted and maximum size allowed is 36" x 42", including the frame. Entry fees are \$15 for 1<sup>st</sup> entry, \$10 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and \$10 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cash awards will be presented for Best in Show, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Merit. Remaining proceeds will benefit the Westlake Library Capital Campaign.

David Webster, Professor of Art Education at University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia and summer SML resident will judge the show. Webster served as Fulbright Exchange Professor at both Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke and Glenville State College, Glenville, WV. He received both his BA and Master's degrees in England, and his PhD at Florida State University, Tallahassee.

## **PAINTING AND DREAMING IN PROVENCE**

VERA M. DICKERSON

Westlake Library will host an exhibit of paintings based on a two week workshop held in May, 2009 led by artists Vera Dickerson and Robin Poteet from The Studio School in Roanoke. The group of 34 painters, spouses and friends settled into the relaxed pace of village life on a renovated estate at the edge of Noves, a town of 4000 near Avignon. Days, almost entirely blue-skied, were filled with visits to local weekly markets, climbing to ruined chateaus or abbys, painting in the old streets or just relaxing at a cafe while watching a game of patanque. Life can be hard!

Nineteen of those artists now present their interpretations of those blissful days. Those exhibiting are Vera Dickerson and Robin Poteet, with their group of Nancy Brown, Carole Davis, Julie Gale, Revelle Hamilton, Myrtle Hooker, Vivian Nelson, Donna Nevers, Pam Ogden, Suzy Peverall, Cathy Powell, Sally Randles, Martha Rhodes, Marvi Stine, Petie Stringfellow, Bill and Linda White.

These images will take the viewer along tree-lined lanes to overlook old tile roofed villages, up streets where the bakeries provide the staples of life twice daily, into the vividly colored markets, along the Mediterranean coast and into the perched villages of the Luberon mountains.

The exhibit will hang from May 1 to June 1, 2010, open during library hours.



A view from a hilltop town toward Mt Ventoux



A flower vendor at the Sunday market,  
Isle sur la Sorgue

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