



Newsletter

Nov. & Dec., 2010

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President's Message:

Happy Birthday SMAC! Our organization has come of age, as we celebrate our 21st birthday.

SMAC has supported the arts in and around the Lake, and we will continue to do so as part of our mission. A lot of changes can occur in 21 years, and we want to make sure that we are doing our best to serve the needs of our members, as well as the surrounding community in which we live.

We have put together a survey form, which asks what you think of the things that SMAC supports, and to get your input on those things that you like to see more of or less of.

We are soliciting responses from non-members, to see what others are thinking. By looking at the needs of members as well as non-members, we can make sure that we are doing what you want us to do, and also what potential members are thinking about.

So go to our webpage, smithmountainartscouncil.com, and take a few minutes to complete the survey. Help us to make sure that SMAC continues to grow and is the organization that you want it to be.

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. Nov. 19th and Fri. Dec. 17th, at 9:30 AM



Calendar – Upcoming Events



November 1-30: Art Exhibit

Jane and Joe Stogner will have a combined exhibit at 2nd Helpings Gallery, the old Sears Building, Williamson Road, in Roanoke. This exhibit runs from Nov. 1 to 30 with an Artists Reception from 2:00 to 4:00 on November 6th.

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.

More information on page 5.

November 6: Art and Craft Sale

Pre-holiday Art and Craft Sale --- local artists and crafters will have a Preholiday Sale at the Morris Building, South Main Street in Rocky Mount, across from Franklin County Courthouse.

Saturday, November 6th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

November 7 – 17: Artists Show - cancelled

The Logan Gallery Show at North Cross School, for November 7 to December 17th has been cancelled by the school.

November 16: Multimedia Presentation

Fred First, an author and photographer from Floyd County, will offer "Language and Art of Earthcare: A Multimedia Presentation in Language and Light" at the Westlake Library, Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 2:00 p.m.

More information on page 5.

November 16: Art Gallery Opens

The Artisan Center will open a gallery for 32 local and regional artists on November 16th on Rt. 40 West, Franklin Road, in Rocky Mount. Contact Mary Wray (540) 915-4139 for more information.

November 19: Lake Players

The next production of the Lake Players, "Laughter is The Best Medicine", will be on Friday, Nov. 19 at Resurrection Catholic Church fellowship hall.

Social time starts at 5:30 pm.

More information on page 4.

December 1-29: Bald Knob Artists Show

The Westlake Library will hold a Community Art Show, not judged or juried, just a fun show to feature local and regional artists. Penny Simmons is coordinating this event.

The Community Art Show will run from Dec. 1st to Dec. 29th. Penny can be reached at (540) 890-8555 to enter this Community Art Show.

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

Little Town Players present *Bus Stop*.

Directed by Les Epstein. www.littletownplayers.com

February 2011: Lakeside Singers

The annual Potluck Supper to reunite our group and meet new singers will be held at the end of February. More information on page 4.

May 13 - 15 & 20 - 22, 2011:

Little Women, the Musical

Little Town Players present *Little Women, the Musical*.

Directed by Jeff Wittman More information on our website: www.littletownplayers.com.



May 2011: Photo Show

The annual Photo Show will again be held over Memorial Day Weekend. A co-chair for this event is needed.

Please contact Peter Coriasco at pcoriasco@gmail.com if interested.

June 3rd & 4th, 2011: Lakeside Singers

2011 production - Rehearsals will begin in March. New singers are always welcome.

More information on page 4.



Lakeside Singers

The Lakeside Singers Leadership Team will begin planning in the fall for their 2011 production to be held on June 3rd and 4th at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. If you are interested in working with the team please call co-coordinators, Ned Coryell at 540-525-3884 or Ken Nagele at 540-297-1058.

The Leadership Team will meet in November. The annual Potluck Supper to reunite our group and meet new singers will be held at the end of February. Music will be distributed at that time. Rehearsals will begin in March. New singers are always welcome.

Call Ken or Ned to get your name on the mailing list. Also, for your information, there is a DVD of the 2010 production, Kidz @ Heart, available at Radio Shack in Moneta just in case you missed it.

Lake Writers sponsor writing contest

The Lake Writers and SMAC sponsor a writing contest each year for Middle and High School students in Pittsylvania, Franklin and Bedford counties. This year the contest has been extended to the city of Danville, which is surrounded by Pittsylvania county.



Chuck Lumpkin and Joyce Dittrich were invited by Dr. Sue Davis, the superintendent of the Danville Public Schools, to a city-wide teacher and principal's meeting at the Danville School board office on Wednesday, October 13th. The purpose of the meeting was to present to the English teachers the 2011 Writing Contest rules, which are now published at <http://lakewriters.webs.com/2011studentfiction.htm>.

Chuck and Joyce gave a presentation of SMAC's goals and the broad scope of all the art groups represented by SMAC and a short description of each art group. The presentation described the Lake Writers as having several published authors. Chuck pointed out that the Lake Writers group is open to anyone who aspires to write poems, novels, essays or short stories or seeking help in how to promote their work.

Lake Players present: "Laughter is The Best Medicine"



The next production of the Lake Players will be on Friday, Nov. 19 at Resurrection Catholic Church fellowship hall. Social time starts at 5:30 pm.

"Laughter is The Best Medicine" is the show, the cast includes Phil Servidea, Donna Proctor, Chuck Lumpkin, Tim Ernandes, Judy Reap and Connie Canova under the direction of Nancy King.

This will be an evening of local lakewriters works by Judy Reap and Jim Morrison, stand up comedy routine and old radio skits.

A "pot luck" supper will precede the entertainment.

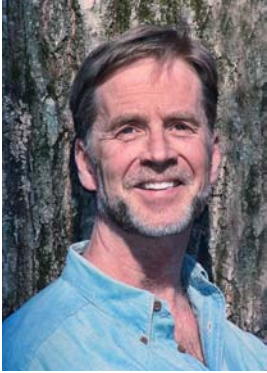
Please call Connie Canova for reservations at 540-297-6680 or e-mail at confred@b2xonline.com. Let her know if you will be bringing an hors d'oeuvre, meat dish, veggie dish, salad or dessert.

Please note that this will be a BYOB; paper products, soft drinks and coffee will be provided.

Cost is \$4.00 per person.



Author/Photographer, Fred First, Coming to Westlake Library, November 16



Fred First, an author and photographer from Floyd County, will offer "Language and Art of Earthcare: A Multimedia Presentation in Language and Light" at the Westlake Library, Tuesday, November 16, a 2:00 p.m. Featuring a 15-minute visual tribute to the landscape of southwest Virginia, the program encourages a renewed appreciation of and commitment to reconnect with the rich, natural habitat of the area.

The free, public event, is being co-sponsored by the Friends of the Franklin County Library and the Smith Mountain Arts Council. The event will be part of the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library, and there will be a short business meeting.

Fred First is author of two books, "Slow Road Home: A Blue Ridge Book of Days", and "What We Hold In Our Hands: A Slow Road Reader". More than 30 of his essays have been broadcast on the local National Public Radio Station, WVTF. First writes a free-ranging, regular column for the Floyd Press and Roanoke's Star Sentinel. His landscape and nature photography has been featured in Blue Ridge Country Magazine, Smith Mountain Laker Magazine, and elsewhere. He completed a Grayson County free-lance photo-assignment for Landscape, a collaboration between the Nature Conservancy and National Geographic. His images and words are available for browsing (since 2002) at fragmentsfromfloyd.com.

Professionally, First taught biology at Wytheville Community College and Radford University and recently retired from his second career as a physical therapist. He serves on the board of directors for SustainFloyd and lives in the hinterlands of northeastern Floyd County.

Following the presentation and discussion, the Friends will serve refreshments. The Westlake Library is located in the Westlake Towne Center. For further information, call the Westlake Library at 483-3098, ext. 3.

Little Town Players Presents: Love, Sex, and the I.R.S.

Little Town Players presents Love, Sex and the I.R.S., a wild farce filled with twists of fate, sight gags, mistaken identities, and hilarious comic lines, is a must see. Jon Trachtman (Greg Ritchie) and Leslie Arthur (Jeff Roberts) are out of work musicians who room together in New York City. To save money, Jon has been filing tax returns listing the pair as married. The day of reckoning comes when the Internal Revenue Service informs the "couple" they're going to be investigated by Mr. Spinner (Jeff Krantz). Leslie masquerades as a housewife, aided by Jon's fiancée, Kate (Wendy Wilson). Complicating matters further, Leslie and Kate are having an affair behind Jon's back. Jon's mother Vivian (Bonnie Ellefson) drops in unexpectedly to meet her son's fiancée and Leslie's girlfriend Connie (Jenn Abbott) shows up demanding to know why Leslie has changed and won't see her anymore. Adding to the hilarity is the apartment building's janitor Jansen (Danny Grigsby).



Love, Sex, and the I.R.S. is directed by Karen C. Hopkins and stage managed by Stan Butler. Come ready to laugh.....laugh.....laugh.

Season ticket holders may begin calling for reservations on Friday, October 22, 2010. All other reservations begin Thursday, October 28, 2010. Please call the box office at 540-586-5881 or www.lynchburgtickets.com for reservations.

Adults- \$12.00 Children 12 and under - \$10.00.

Season tickets may still be purchased at a reduced price by calling the box office.

SEE YOU AT THE THEATRE!!!

Smith Mountain Arts Council - 21st Annual Art Show 2010

The Art Show was held October 22 - 24, 2010 at the Resurrection Catholic Church. 73 artists entered the show featuring 165 paintings. Student artists entered 8 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. David Eakin, a member of the Virginia Watercolor Society and an associate member of the National Watercolor Society served as judge.

Clif Collins entertained our audience on piano throughout the reception.

Smith Mountain Arts Council and Artists on the Loose would like to express their appreciation to the 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

Whitney Brock Sonoma Bubbles Oil



Oil

1st Anna S. Wentworth Rehearsal
 2nd Stephen Roberson The Path
 Merit/3rd Philip O. Sheriden Coming Storm

Acrylic

1st Marty Watson Boundry Waters, MN
 2nd Martha H. Rhodes Ancient Dwellers
 Merit/3rd Susan M. Bradbury Rebecca

Watercolor

1st Janice Sayle O, Say Can You See
 2nd Myrtle Hooker Highlands
 Merit/3rd Leah Thompson Memories of Italy

Pastel

1st Cheryl Fletcher The Boat Shop
 2nd James Underwood Determination
 Merit/3rd Grace Johnston Sunset Over the Blue Ridge

People's Choice

Jason DeLong Reflections

Mixed Media

1st Jason DeLong Reflections
 2nd Nancy Stellhorn Sidewalk Superintendents
 Merit/3rd Nonna Ramsey Nevers Structures II

Other

1st David Overshire Study in Porcelian # 3
 2nd Gina Louthian- Stanley Moonlit Canyon
 Merit/3rd Carolyn Rogers Clear Tumor Family

Student Awards

1st Gabi Pendleton Lock & Keys Pastel
 2nd Jade Dickson Jarodd Graphite
 3rd Rebecca Bradbury Castles in the Sky Acrylic
 Merit Mary Funk Over the Water Fall Graphite

Judges Merit Awards

Nancy Brown Ice Shards
 Mimi McHale Old City by the Sea
 Adele Thornton-Lewis King of the Mountain
 Allison L. Romeo Manimals



Gabi Pendleton



Clif Collins



Mary Lou Koons



Mimi McHale



SMAC member featured in International Artist magazine

Whitney Brock, local artist living at Smith Mountain Lake has won several awards at the SMAC sponsored Art Show.

Whitney's painting "The Red Apple" appears on the cover of International Artist magazine issue number 75 this month. Each year, only 6 artists in the world have this opportunity. Whitney, who has won many times at the SMAC Art Show, says she knew about the article but had no idea her painting was going to be featured on the cover. The 10 page article entitled "Natural Evolution" details her perspectives and inspirations. The magazine features some of the greatest artists of today. Whitney says she was honored to have been selected, which was a line item on her "Bucket List". "The Red Apple" sold at the SMAC art show for \$2,000.



Annual Meeting and Picnic - a Fun-filled Evening !

The annual meeting and dinner of the Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) was held last Thursday at Resurrection Catholic Church in Moneta. Celebrating 21 years of SMAC's serving as an umbrella organization for the arts in the area, guests enjoyed home-made food with an Italian theme and home-grown talent.

Local authors read excerpts from their work, wood-crafters showcased their wares, artists displayed their wide range of creativity. Music was featured by the Noteables and also original songwriters. Skits from recent play productions were also on the bill. It was a night of the essence of SMAC: Bringing together what makes us human --The Arts



SMAC secures grant for local school performances

A third generation scion of the legendary Carter Family and his trio presented an interlude of Appalachian Mountain music with haunting vocals and traditional instruments Friday September 24th at Moneta and Body Camp elementary schools in Bedford County. The trio accompanied their vocals with a contingent of instruments such as guitars, mandolins, a hybrid of a guitar and banjo called a banjitar, and of course, the time-honored Appalachian autoharp, an instrument made famous by the Carter Family, including June Carter Cash and her country music superstar husband, Johnny Cash.

Violin Virtuoso is a symphonic trio that performed at Lee Waid and Rocky Mount elementary schools on Monday September 27th for more than 600 children.

These four performances were funded by a grant from the Virginia Commission of the Arts and the Smith Mountain Arts Council.



"Love of Broadway" CDs for sale ...

"Many people asked about a CD of the "Love of Broadway" program that Philip and Tara Bouknight and David Wiley performed at Trinity Ecumenical Parish on Sept. 5th. The recording by Harold Thompson, of Blackwater Recording, Inc., turned out very well and CDs of the performance will be made available. We cannot "sell" them but are suggesting a donation of \$10 to cover production costs. Any profit will go to music education in the local public schools. If you would like a copy of this CD please e-mail donfink@earthink.net, or call Carolyn at 721-2904, or Marty Bowers at mybowers@moneta-va.com or call 297-0965 and give your name, phone number and e-mail address. Deadline for placing orders is November 10th. That way they will be available in time for Christmas gifts. We will make arrangements to have pickup points at the Moneta and West Lake libraries on dates to be announced. If you know of anyone who would like a copy of the CD, and is not a member of SMAC, please pass on this information to them."

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