



President's Message:

A World With Out SMAC

Joyce and I just returned from a five week trip to the Dominican Republic. There were beautiful beaches, scenic countryside and wonderful restaurants. The weather was perfect. We stayed on the north coast of the island in Sosua, a tourist area with many all-inclusive hotels. There is also a growing community of ex-pats from Germany, Canada, the US, Russia and Eastern Europe.

After a week, we settled into a routine, and began to look for things to do which provided a diversion from the steady diet of sunshine, surf and ocean breezes. We discovered a little café which featured a local jazz trio. They were very talented, but the café was very small, and only a dozen patrons were able to see the trio perform. It would have been so much nicer if there was a venue which could have allowed more people to enjoy the music.

We found a restaurant which featured taxi dancing once a month. That is, they provided accomplished male dancers to be partners for women unable to convince their husbands to dance, or they provided lessons to those wanting to learn. It was fun to watch skilled dancers doing the mamba, the salsa, the tango and other latin dances.

We discovered a local drama group which was presenting a play called "Who's Wife is it Anyway?" Unfortunately, it was scheduled for the day that we left.

The point of this is that even in a small foreign country, with a multi-national flavor, the arts are bubbling up. It is sometimes difficult to discover where fine arts are happening, and sometimes it is limited due to space and venue restrictions. If there was an organization which could work with the varied artistic groups, it would be easier for people to get involved, interest could grow, venues could be expanded, communication would flow and it would be a better place to live. That is exactly what SMAC does, and sometimes you need to step away to appreciate what we do as an organization.

Mike Dittrich

Share SMAC's slogan with your friends and neighbors.

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



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or email?**

Contact: Terry Naylor 297-5495

Board Meetings:
Trinity Ecumenical Parish - Route 122

Fri. March 18th and Fri. April 15th, at 9:30 AM



Calendar – Upcoming Events

SMAC is now signed up for inclement weather announcements. Closings will be broadcast on WSLS TV (Channel 10) and listed on their website (WSLS.com) or at WDBJ7.com (online only).



March 4 - 6: *Bus Stop*

Little Town Players present *Bus Stop*.
More information on our website:
www.littletownplayers.com.

March 8: Student Fiction Contest

The deadline for entries for the annual Lake Writers and Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) writing contest for middle and high school students has been extended. More information on page 4.

March 18: Fine Arts Scholarship

Deadline for applications for Fine Arts Scholarship. More information on page 4.

March 18: Lake Players “*Ten Little Indians*”

“Mystery in March” begins with a potluck dinner, followed by the play reading.
Friday, March 18 at 6:30 pm at Resurrection Catholic Church. More information on page 5.

April 2: Lake Players “*Broadway Encore*”

“Broadway Encore,” will be performed at Mariner’s Landing as a benefit for SML Good Neighbors. More information on page 5.

April 6: Celebrate National Poetry Month

Lake Writers, part of Smith Mountain Arts Council, will celebrate National Poetry Month with readings by local poets on Wednesday, April 6, from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Artisan Center, 224 Franklin St., Rocky Mount.

To sign up to read, please contact Becky Mushko at mushko@embarqmail.com or call 540.576.3339. The event is free and open to the public.

April 15th: Coffee House

Singer-songwriters, Paddy Dougherty of Lynchburg and Tom Kimmel of Nashville, in a Coffee House on April 15th at 7 pm at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. More information on page 4.

April 28:

Nikki Giovanni at 7pm Thursday April 28th in the sanctuary of Trinity Ecumenical Church. More information on page 5.

May 9: Photo Contest - deadline

Deadline for entry forms for the **Photo Contest and Show**. See page 7 for entry form.

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

Little Town Players present *Little Women, the Musical*. Directed by Jeff Wittman Based on Louisa May Alcott’s classic 1869 semi-autobiographical novel, *Little Women the Musical* focuses on the brassy, tomboy-like Jo March, and her family. *Little Women the Musical* is sure to be an enjoyable show for all ages. More information on our website: www.littletownplayers.com.

May 27 – 30: Photo Show & Contest

The 17th Annual John Faber Memorial Photo Contest and Show will be held at Trinity Ecumenical Parish in Moneta on May 27 – 30. The contest is open to all photographers. More information on pages 6 and 7.

June 3rd & 4th : Lakeside Singers Concert

The concert will take place Friday night, June 3rd and Saturday afternoon June 4th. Practices will begin Tuesday, **March 1st**, at 7 p.m., and will continue every Tuesday until the event. To be added to the mailing list, or for more information, call and leave a message for Ken Nagele at 540-297-1058 or email Linda at LJWorman@verizon.net.



Welcome New Members

Susan Morris	Joann Young	Jerry & Karen Over	Dale & Wheat Wallenborn
Jane Duncan Stogner	Roger & CJ Sorensen	Sharon Jones	Peggy Clutz
Lisa Faist	Bob & Luanne Carter	Bonnie & Pegram Johnson	Charles & Jean Driscoll
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Mike & Louise Maloney	David & Donna English	Melissa Stephans	Margaret & Carl Oosterman
Grace & Don Temple	Jim & Elaine Wilson	Ray & Lorraine Judd	Susan Palmer

SMAC Announces Its Annual Fine Arts Scholarship Competition

Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) is pleased to announce that its annual Fine Arts Scholarship is accepting nominations from qualified seniors who attend Staunton River High, Franklin County high, or a private school, or are home schooled. Students must live in the area covered by either of the public high schools to be eligible.



To qualify, students must be dedicated to pursuing a full-time course of study at a 2 or 4 year accredited college, community college or university in the performing arts, visual arts, or any other art related curriculum. Students must register as a full-time freshman and carry a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per semester. For students attending a community college, they must indicate a fine arts specialization at the time of registration to qualify.



Up to \$1000 for tuition will be awarded to each recipient. SMAC may grant multiple awards.

For application forms and competition rules, please speak to your counselor, visit the SMAC web site at www.smithmountainartscouncil.com or contact Quita Schweitzer at 540.296.0560. Beat the winter blues by meeting the deadlines for application. Submit your application to your guidance counselor and to Quita Schweitzer, 3189 Trading Post Road, Huddleston, VA 24104 no later than March 18, 2011. E-mail applications will not be accepted.

Lake Writers 2011 Student Fiction Contest

The deadline for entries for the annual Lake Writers and Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) writing contest for middle and high school students has been extended. Students residing and enrolled in schools in Bedford, Franklin, and Pittsylvania counties and the cities therein, as well as home-schooled students in the three counties and cities, are eligible and must have their entries postmarked by March 8th.



Students compete in two divisions: middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12). All entries must be sent via U.S. Postal Service; no e-mail or hand-written entries will be accepted. Prizes in each division will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. 1st place winners will receive \$100, 2nd place winners will receive \$75 and 3rd place winners will receive \$50. (Honorable mention prizes of \$25 may be awarded at the judges' discretion.)

Complete formatting rules can be found on the Lake Writers website, <http://lakewriters.webs.com/2011studentfiction.htm>. Improperly formatted entries will be discarded. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 8. Send entries to Lake Writers Student Fiction Contest, c/o Becky Mushko, 8 Listening Hill Road, Penhook, VA 24137. For additional information, please contact Betsy Ashton, SMAC PR Director, at 540.297.3585 or betsy_ashton2005@yahoo.com

Coffee House on April 15th - Paddy Dougherty and Tom Kimmel

SMAC will present singer-songwriters, Paddy Dougherty of Lynchburg and Tom Kimmel of Nashville, in a Coffee House on April 15th at 7 pm at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Dr., Moneta, VA.

Paddy had a successful career singing with national bluesman David Bromberg, then formed her own award-winning band and more recently turned to songwriting, recording and performing. Several of her songs have been arranged for full orchestra by legendary hit maker Charlie Calello and performed in concert with Rita Coolidge and The Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra. Paddy also promotes the efforts of children's compositions through the national award-winning songwriting program Kid Pan Alley.



Tom Kimmel is best known as a songwriter. His compositions have been recorded by many popular artists, including Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Linda Ronstadt, Joe Cocker and Randy Travis. His songs have also been featured in television shows including Miami Vice, Touched By An Angel and Dawson's Creek and in films including Twins, Runaway Bride and Serendipity.

For reservations contact Marty Bowers at 540-297-0965 or mybowers@moneta-va.com. Prices are \$12 for SMAC members and \$15 for non-members. Checks (with Dougherty coffeehouse on memo line) can be sent to SMAC, PO Box 70, Moneta, VA 24121. Please include contact information (email address – preferable, or phone number) to confirm receipt of your check. Tickets will not be mailed out. You may reserve tables if all reservations come in at the same time.

Lake Players Opens Its 2011 Season with “Ten Little Indians”

Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) is pleased to announce the opening of its Lake Players 2011 season with a reading of Agatha Christie’s *Ten Little Indians* on Friday, March 18 at 6:30 pm at Resurrection Catholic Church, Route 122, Moneta. ***If you know how this story ends, please don’t tell anyone! Remember, it’s a mystery!***



“Mystery in March” begins with a potluck dinner, followed by the play reading. This performance features Jerry Hale, Penny Larsen, Charlene Maresca, John Maresca, Mike DeGiorgi, Jim Morrison, Doug Conary, Joyce Dittrich, Mike Dittrich, Phil Servidea and Larry Loschert.

For reservations, please contact Connie Canova at 540.297.6680 or confred@b2xonline.com by March 11. Tell her what you will bring (an appetizer, meat dish, veggie dish, salad or dessert). SMAC will provide paper products, soda, water, tea and coffee. Please feel free to bring your own beer or wine. The cost is \$6 per person. For additional information, please contact Betsy Ashton, SMAC PR Director, at 540.297.3585 or betsy_ashton2005@yahoo.com.



Lake Players – “Broadway Encore”

On April 2, the musical review “Broadway Encore,” written by Will Hockersmith, will be performed by the SMAC Lake Players at Mariner’s Landing as a benefit for SML Good Neighbors. Ticket price (\$30 at the General Store, SML Visitor Center and Mariners Landing) includes the two-hour performance, wine, beer, soft drinks and a signature dessert from the chefs at Mariners. Attendees can bring their own picnic supper to enjoy prior to the show.

The show sold out when held last year at Bernard’s. SMAC members who missed it have another chance to see this humorous musical review featuring hits from TONY-Award-winning Broadway shows. Some new material has been added for those who may wish to see the show again. Doors open at 5:30, with the performance beginning at 6:30. For more info, call 719-2308 or 297-1199.

Nikki Giovanni Speaking Event



The Franklin County/The Smith Mountain Lake and Roanoke Chapters of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association are co-sponsoring a speaker event featuring Nikki Giovanni at 7pm Thursday April 28th in the sanctuary of Trinity Ecumenical Church. The Lake Writers of Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) and SMAC members have been cordially invited to attend. SMAC is proud to support this event.

Nikki Giovanni is a world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator. Over the past thirty years, her outspokenness, in her writing and in lectures, has brought the eyes of the world upon her. One of the most widely-read American poets, she prides herself on being “a Black American, a daughter, a mother, a professor of English.” Giovanni remains as determined and committed as ever to the fight for civil rights and equality.

Always insisting on presenting the truth as she sees it, she has maintained a prominent place as a strong voice of the Black community. Her focus is on the individual, specifically, on the power one has to make a difference in oneself, and thus, in the lives of others.

Lively Concert in Moneta

The Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) hosted The Johnathan Dillon Band at Trinity Ecumenical Parish last Friday before a full house.

Johnathan Dillon (center), the 15-year-old bluegrass prodigy from Wirtz wowed the audience of 270+ as the group performed for close to two hours. Here, Dillon is playing the mandolin but switched later to the banjo - just two of the four instruments he is well versed with.

It was quite obvious why he has won first place in competitions in three states.



The event was the first of several Coffee House performances SMAC will host in 2011.



Attention ALL Photographers !!

SMAC's 17th annual John Faber Memorial Photo Contest and Show !

Where: Trinity Ecumenical Parish in Moneta, VA

When: May 27 – 30, 2011.

Entry Deadline: May 9, 2011

So, whether photography is your life, a pastime, or you simply take occasional snapshots, consider entering the SMAC Photo Contest and Show. Visit www.smithmountainartscouncil.com or call Peter Coriasco at 540-420-1018 for more information. See rules and fees below. Entry forms on website.

2011 Photo Contest Rules

Who Can Enter? The contest is open to ALL photographers (casual, amateur and professional).

What Can Be Entered? You can enter up to two (2) original photos in each of the following categories:

- Sunrise/sunset or any other SML area scene
- Architecture
- Landscape and historical locations
- Close-up, Macro or Still life
- People
- Digital manipulation
- Wildlife and pets
- Youth under 18 (or enrolled HS student)

1. For all categories (except Digital Manipulation), photographs should not be altered beyond standard optimization (cropping; removal of red eye; removal of dust and scratches; corrections to color, brightness, contrast; etc.)
2. For the Digital Manipulation category, photos may be manipulated, merged or otherwise altered without limitation.
3. There is a limit of two (2) entries per category per photographer.
4. Photos may be color or black and white. There is no special category for black and white.
5. Previous contest winning photographs may not be entered.
6. SMAC reserves the right to refuse any photograph that it considers inappropriate.

Awards	
Best in Show	\$300
1 st in Category	\$100
2 nd in Category	\$ 50
Honorable Mention	\$ 25

How And When To Enter?

Get an official entry form from www.smithmountainartscouncil.com (or call Larry Sakayama at 540-721-3838 or Peter Coriasco at 540-420-1018), fill it out, and submit it with the proper entry fee to:

SMAC Photo Contest and Show
 c/o Peter Coriasco
 180 Windmere Trail
 Moneta, VA 24121

Entry	Number of Entries	1 or 2	3 or more
F	Non-SMAC Members	\$8 per entry	\$7 per entry
e	SMAC Members	\$7 per entry	\$6 per entry
e	Youth (under 18 years)	\$5 per entry	\$4 per entry
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Entry forms and fees must be received no later than Monday, May 9, 2011.

7. Entries must be adequately framed photos with wire hanger (no saw-tooth hangers). The complete mount (outside dimensions of the frame) may be no smaller than 5" x 7" or larger than 28" in x 30".
Matted only photos are not considered as framed and will not be accepted.
8. Photographs will be received at Trinity Ecumenical Parish (TEP) on Monday, May 23 between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM.
9. Photographs must be picked up at TEP on Monday May 30 between 4:00 and 6:00 PM, or Tuesday May 31 between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.
10. All entries will be displayed for public viewing at TEP on May 28 – May 30.
11. There will be a public reception with award presentations on Friday, May 27 starting at 7:30 PM.

Photographs for Sale: If your entry is for sale, indicate the price on the back of the photo. All sales will be conducted directly between the photographer and buyer.

17th Annual John Faber Memorial Photography Contest and Show

May 27 - 30, 2011

Official Entry Form – Entry Deadline: May 9, 2010



Name: _____ Age (Youth, under 18 or enrolled HS student): _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Member of SMAC Yes [] No []
 Email: _____

Entry Fees:	# of Photo Entries	1 or 2	3 or more
	Non-SMAC Members	\$8 per entry	\$7 per entry
	SMAC Members	\$7 per entry	\$6 per entry
	Youth, under 18 or enrolled HS student	\$5 per entry	\$4 per entry

In the table below, please indicate the number of entries in each category (**maximum of 2 per category**), the title of each entry, the price (if for sale), total number of entries, and the total entry fee enclosed.

Category # and Description	Title of Entries	Price (if for sale)	# of entries (max 2 per category)
1: Sunrise/sunset or any other SML area scene	1.		
	2.		
2: Landscape and historical locations	1.		
	2.		
3: People	1.		
	2.		
4: Wildlife and pets	1.		
	2.		
5: Architecture	1.		
	2.		
6: Close-up, Macro or Still life	1.		
	2.		
7: Digital manipulation	1.		
	2.		
8: Youth, under 18 or enrolled HS student	1.		
	2.		
Total # of Entries			
Total Entry Fee Enclosed (check payable to SMAC)		\$	

Entry Deadline: May 9, 2010
Mail completed form and entry fee to:

SMAC Photo Contest and Show
 c/o Peter Coriasco
 180 Windmere Trail
 Moneta, VA 24121

For contest rules, visit: www.smithmountainartscouncil.com
 (Activities tab and then Photo Contest and Show)
 No Internet access? Contact Larry Sakayama at 540-721-3838
 or Peter Coriasco at 540-420-1018.

Write the following information on the back of EACH entry:
 Name, address, phone number, category, photo title
 and price (if for sale)

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FOR USE BY NEW MEMBERS ONLY

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Home Phone _____ Cell Phone (s) _____
Email _____

Interest: Art Photography Singing Theatre Writing Music
Other Interests: _____

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 Sustainer \$ 50 to \$99
 Family \$25 to \$49
 Individual \$15 to \$24

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