



Newsletter

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President's Message:

Hits and Misses of the Summer So Far

We are now officially in full swing of the summer season. Homes are filled with parties, guests, and there are a multitude of activities going on each weekend.

Some of the big summer hits so far have been the SMAC Photo Show and Contest and the Lakeside Singers presentation of A Little Bit Country, A Little Bit Rock n Roll.

Peter Coriasco and his volunteers helped pull together a very satisfying exhibition of talent. There was a wide variety of interesting photos, and the judges had a lot of worthy candidates to choose from. If you missed it, make sure that you look for the Show next year.

Lakeside Singers put together a fun combination of Country Music and Rock n Roll. The upbeat performance was most enjoyable, and if you missed it, there is a rumor that they may be back with another performance later this year. We'll keep you posted.

One of the misses of the young summer was the Franklin County Board of Supervisors' decision not to fund the proposed Center for the Arts. Steve Dorr and the rest of Center at the Lake are pressing forward, and hope to secure funding from the Tobacco Commission. It is too bad that the Board of Supervisors didn't see the positive economic effects that the Arts can have on a region.

Finally, don't forget to save the date on October 19th for the Annual Meeting to be held at Resurrection Church. If you missed it last year, you want to make sure that you attend this one. There will be entertainment by SMAC members, good food and a good time.

Mike Dittrich

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



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or email?**

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

Fri. July 15th and Fri. Aug 19th, 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).



July-August: Art Exhibit

A great exhibit “Abstraction” at the Bower Center for the Arts from July 23rd to August 27th. August 12th will be the artist reception. More information on page 4.

July 16th: Cabaret Concert

Marc Baskind will present a concert July 16th at 7:30 pm at the Bower Center. Marc sings blues, rock, ballads and old favorites. The concert will be informal cabaret style. More information on page 4.

August 1st – 5th: Summer Arts Camp

Bower Center for the Arts half day camp for students in grades 3 through 8. The emphasis will be on student selection of art or music studies. More information on page 4.

August 11th & 12th: Lake Players

“Take Me Out to the Ball Game”, The Lake Players presentation of “Home Games”, a romantic comedy by Tom Ziegler, is planned for Thursday, August 11 and Friday, August 12 at 5:30 pm at the Resurrection Catholic Church. Cost is \$6.00 per person. More information on page 5.

Sept. 2nd & 4th: Dynamic Musical Weekend

- **Friday, September 2: Duo Pianos**
David Stewart Wiley & Tracy Cowden
- **Sunday, September 4: Labors of Love**
Philip & Tara Bouknight
Leah Marer Wiley and David Stewart Wiley

More information on page 5.

October 8th: “Beatles” Concert

“A Hard Day’s Night”. A concert by the Beatles tribute band. The concert will be held on the Charity Home Tour Weekend. All Home Tour Ticket Holders will be eligible for a \$3 discount off the \$17 admission price. More information on page 6.

October 19th : SMAC Annual Meeting
Mark your calendars for the annual meeting to be held at Resurrection Church.

November 4th: Coffee House

A coffee house featuring bluesman Scott Perry and the Front Porch Swing.

Little Town Players Announce 2011-2012 Season

- Always...Patsy Cline:
September 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 2011
- A Christmas Story:
November 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 2011
- Arsenic and Old Lace:
February 24, 25, 26 – March 2, 3, 4, 2012
- The Nerd:
May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 2012

For More Information:
Box Office: 540-586-5881
Website: www.littletownplayers.com
Season Ticket.....\$40
Show times: 8 pm Fri & Sat Nights & 2 pm Sun.



Welcome to our Newest Member

Mrs. Trudy Faber

Bower Center for the Arts

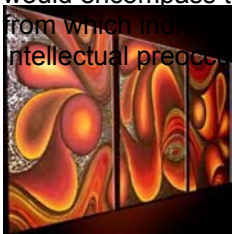
The Louisiana Crawfish Festival was held in Bedford on June 4th. Fun and great food was had by all.



“Abstraction”

Summer will find a great exhibit “Abstraction” at the Bower Center for the Arts. It will hang from July 23rd to August 27th and we are hoping for a variety of media and dimension. Bedford’s Second Friday August 12th will be the artist reception. The Call to Artists can be found on the website, www.bowercenter.org. The deadline to get an entry forms to the Center is coming up quickly – July 2.

Abstract art uses a visual language of form, color and line to create a composition which may exist with a degree of independence from visual references in the world. Western art had been, from the Renaissance up to the middle of the 19th century, underpinned by the logic of perspective and an attempt to reproduce an illusion of visible reality. By the end of the 19th century many artists felt a need to create a new kind of art which would encompass the fundamental changes taking place in technology, science and philosophy. The sources from which individual artists drew their theoretical arguments were diverse, and reflected the social and intellectual preoccupations in all areas of Western culture at that time.



Digital art, computer art, internet art, hard-edge painting, geometric abstraction, photo-realism, pop art, op art, abstract expressionism, color field painting expressionism, color field painting collage, shaped canvas painting and graffiti, are a few continuing and current directions at the beginning of the 21st century.

Summer Arts Camp

August 1st through the 5th will be our familiar half day camp for students in grades 3 through 8. The emphasis will be on student selection of art or music studies with our wonderful teachers from last year, Mr. Lunde, Ms. Stone, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Tickle, Mrs. Hylton and Mr. Craft. You might want to specialize in pottery or painting for two hours and then get a taste of music and drama for the last two hours. The classes will be photography, digital art, mosaics, pottery, painting, drama, music, and a few surprises. The day will begin at 8:00 AM with an outside garden break during the morning and end at 12:00 noon. The week will end with an evening of sharing what we have created and learned with our parents and friends.

The cost will be \$175.00 for the week with special deals for families with more than one child. Limited scholarship funds are available.

Marc Baskind concert July 16th at 7:30 pm at the Bower Center.

Marc sings blues, rock, ballads and old favorites. Tickets can be purchased at Bedford Welcome Center, Arthur’s Jewelry, Bower Center and by phoning 540- 586-4235. The concert will be informal cabaret style



Marc was raised in the heart of the Mississippi Delta (Greenville) and influenced by jazz, blues, and classics. He started guitar at 11, and majored in Tuba, leaving him in love with almost every genre of music. Marc toured with Hamilton, Joe Frank, and Reynolds in 1984, and has been in the studio with such names as Vassar Clements. He currently has guitar, bass, and vocal tracks on six CD’s, and three of his co-writes have been recorded. He plays with multiple groups, from rock, jazz, blues and beach to country and bluegrass, as well as single acts, duos, and trios. Marc also teaches guitar and ear training at Hayden Music in Valley View Mall, Roanoke, VA.

With Marc’s unique and varied music styles, he has become a favorite entertainer for many venues across SW Virginia.

Lake Players Present: "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"



Our presentation of "Home Games", a romantic comedy by Tom Ziegler, is planned for Thursday, August 11 and Friday, August 12 at 5:30 pm at the Resurrection Catholic Church Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6.00 per person.

Mert, played by Kay Degiorgi, supports her Dad, played by Will Hockersmith, a bird and a blind cat by working as a truck dispatcher. Dad was once a Yankee baseball player, spent a year on the bench and retired rather than be traded to Cleveland. He lives in a demented twilight zone, walking around in his uniform and talking to the audience as he would to Casey Stengel.

Mert takes a night school class and falls in love with a successful young executive Frank, played by Mike Dittrich. Frank loves Mert but is not sure he is willing to take on dear old dad!

This will be a full fledged play, lines memorized as well, directed by Nancy King with Penny Larsen as stage manager. Seating is limited to 100 each night.

Reservations are required with Connie Canova at 297-6680 or e-mail at confred@b2xonline.com

Bring your own picnic baskets, your own bottle, and dress for your favorite ball team. (We will provide water, soda and coffee.) "Buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks", well, not necessarily those two items, BUT, we will be selling great hotdogs with all the fixings, peanuts and popcorn at \$1.00 each. "So it's one, two, three strikes you're out at the old ball game"! Call or e-mail now to reserve a place.



Dynamic Musical Weekend:



David Stewart Wiley

"Duo Piano Fireworks: From Sea to Shining C"

Friday, September 2, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Ecumenical Parish
Featuring Tracy Cowden and David Stewart Wiley, duo-pianos.



Come hear two grand pianos, 176 keys dueling in harmony, as we kick off Labor Day weekend with some exciting piano fireworks. Maestro David Stewart Wiley and piano virtuoso Tracy Cowden will collaborate together with this special program. Favorites for two pianos include the Rachmaninoff Romance, Grieg Norwegian Dance, selections from Petrouchka, a Hungarian Dance and the Haydn Variations by Brahms, plus a memorable Gershwin Porgy and Bess Fantasy and piano music from Maestro Wiley's new score to our locally filmed "Lake Effects" movie starring Jane Seymour. If you like piano music, you will love this concert for dueling duo pianos.



Tracy Cowden

"Labors of Love: from Boheme to Bernstein"

Sunday, September 4 - 3-5 PM concert, Trinity Ecumenical Church, Moneta



Leau Marer Wiley

Three vocal stars, Philip & Tara Bouknight and Leah Marer Wiley join Maestro David Stewart Wiley in an afternoon of favorites. This special program features classic "Labors of Love" from beloved hit musicals and the silver screen, along with popular opera arias, duets and trios. Following last year's sold out concert, the Wileys and the Bouknights return with an all-new program for three voices and piano that features the musical expressions of love, and love's labor's lost! Classics include duets from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, Mozart's Don Giovanni & Marriage of Figaro, Bizet's Carmen, Copland's The Tender Land, Bernstein's Candide & West Side Story, and Puccini's La Boheme. Theater classics include beloved themes from Gone with the Wind, Rent, My Fair Lady, and many other expressions of Amore. Get your tickets early, for this popular afternoon concert during labor Day weekend



Philip & Tara Bouknight

For information, contact Marty at 540-297-0965 or email: mybowers@moneta-va.com
Ticket prices are: \$20 each or \$35 per ticket for both performances
Tickets are available by mail: SMAC, P.O. Box 70, Moneta, VA 24121 (please include a self-addressed stamped envelope). Tickets will also be available at the SML Visitors Center, and the General Store.

SMAC Concert: "A Hard Days Night"

SMAC has contracted with the Beatles Tribute band, "A Hard Days Night," to perform at 8:00 p.m. on October 8th, which is the Saturday of Home Tour weekend. The Special Events Committee felt this band would be a great "fit" to the demographic of the people visiting SML for the "Tour" as well as the majority of SMAC members and other SML residents. The concert will be at Dudley Elementary School, beginning at 8:00 p.m. (to give Tour volunteers and attendees time to relax and have dinner after their busy Saturday) and will be 90 minutes of straight music, no intermission, to keep the evening from getting too late.



SMAC members will be able to buy advance tickets by mail during August and September for \$17, which will also be the rate for those who show Home Tour tickets at the door. All others, including SMAC members, will pay \$20 at the door. Buying tickets in advance will save you money and speed your entry to the concert.

You can preview this very popular Beatles Tribute band at www.hdntheband.com. Check it out and then organize some friends and neighbors (a good way to recruit some new SMAC members, perhaps?) to join you for an evening of great music. Watch for advance ticket purchase details in the next SMAC Newsletter on September 1st.

Photo Show a Success

The SMAC 17th Annual John Faber Memorial Photo Contest and Show was held at Trinity Ecumenical Parish May 27 – 30, 2011. 66 contestants entered more than 270 photos and the quality of the entries was, once again, outstanding.

This year judges were Art Cournoyer and Lyn Atkins, both of whom have professional photography and art background. More than 250 visitors attended the three day show.



The Best in Show award went to Andy Boothe for "Old Cars in Barn".



People's Choice, voted by visitors during the show, was awarded to Whitney Blankenship for her "Bootlegger" photograph.



Lyn Atkins and Art Coumoyer



2011 Photo Show



Peter Coriasco with Mrs. Faber and family



SML Ballroom Dancers

The Fund Raiser we had for the Bedford Parks and Recreation was quite successful as we raised about \$1200 towards a wooden floor.

Lakeside Singers Concert – “A Little Bit Country, A Little Bit Rock ‘n’ Roll”

The concert was held on June 3rd and 4th to a packed crowd!



SMAC Scholarship Awards

Each year SMAC awards scholarships to Bedford and Franklin County students who have excelled in the visual or performing arts and plan to major in the arts in college.

Franklin County:

India Tyree was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. She will be majoring in vocal performance.
Troy Hunter Osborne was awarded a \$500 scholarship. His major will be musical theater.
India and Troy were voted most musically talented by their senior classmates.

Bedford County, Staunton River High School:

Taylor Jennings was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. She plays the flute and her major will be music performance.
Codey Turner was granted a \$500 scholarship. His major will be trumpet performance.



Taylor Jennings



Taylor & Codey with Quita Schweizer



Codey Turner

All of these students value the arts and have goals in which they aspire to continue sharing their talents through performance and, in some instances, teaching or mentoring others. SMAC wishes them all success.

Lake Square Dancers

"Lake Square Dancers Caller Emanuel Spickard graduated his class on mainstream dancing on June 7th. The class consisted of Lenny & Sharon Mollo and Jeanie & Steve Miller who have completed many months of lessons. The new graduates were invited and are expected to join the lake Square Dancers in July."



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