



Newsletter

March & April, 2012

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President's Message:

At the most recent Board meeting two more Affiliates were added to SMAC, Let's Dance and the Sway Katz. That brings the total number of organizations that are affiliated with SMAC to sixteen, an increase of nine in the last three years. Clearly, the interest in Arts in our community is increasing.

If you like to dance, look for information on The Ballroom Dancers or the Lake Square Dancers.

If you are into art, see what is going on with the Bald Knob Artists, the Taubman Museum, the League of Roanoke Artists, Rocky Mount Center for the Arts or the Artisan Center. Creative Outreach will open your eyes to a variety of artistic endeavors throughout the region.

If music is your thing, check out the Harmonizers, the New Crusty Minstrels, the Southwest VA Songwriters Association, the Sway Kats or Let's Dance.

There is a lot going on, and the SMAC webpage is the place to keep up on all of the artistic events. SMAC is proud to be affiliated with so many fine organizations, and I hope that you will give them your support.

Mike Dittrich

A little more about three of our new Affiliates:

Creative Outreach is an informal group that shares "Art Outings". These have included trips to Floyd; one a visit to Charlie Brower's Sculpture Garden and Studio and another a paper making adventure with Gibby Waitzkin. We've also enjoyed exhibits in Bedford, Rocky Mount and Martinsville where we've had private tours with knowledgeable docents. Outings are every month (or so) and entail carpooling from lake locations. Lunch is always at an interesting eatery. For more information contact Leslie Santapaul at LSdesignus@yahoo.com

Bald Knob Artists Group: Almost 90 members including both experienced, professional artists and novices. We meet on the first Wed. of each month at 1 p.m. at the Rocky Mount Public Library. Each month a speaker presents a new technique. Works in progress may be brought for constructive criticism. Contact: L. Santapaul (see above)

Rocky Mount Center for the Arts: A non-profit Arts/Crafts school in the heart of Historic Rocky Mount at "The Grainery". Classes include: stained glass, weaving, pottery, painting, digital photography, jewelry making and sculpture. The gallery displays works of prominent local artists. For class schedules and more info: rockymountarts.org. For Glass blowing demonstrations and private lessons, contact Carolyn Rogers at 483-5815. Studio space is currently available for \$1.00 per square foot per month.



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Board Meetings: Trinity Ecumenical Parish - Route 122

Friday Mar. 16th & Apr. 20th 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 2-4: Little Town Players

Little town Players present *Arsenic and Old Lace*. For reservation please call the box office 540-586-5881 or www.lynchburgtickets.com. Adults: \$12.00 - Children (12 and under): \$10.00.

March 13: Lakeside Singers

The Lakeside Singers begin rehearsals for their spring concert on March 13.

March 20: New Contest for Songwriters

Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) is pleased to announce a new contest for songwriters in middle or high school in Franklin, Bedford and Pittsylvania counties or the cities therein. Entries must be received no later than March 20.

More information on page 4.

March 23: Lake Players "Marriage, Music and More"

A mixture of plays, Irish tunes and stories will be a delight at our March 23rd Lake Players evening at Resurrection Catholic Church at 5:30 p.m.

More information on page 4.

May 2: Concert

Laurence Juber in concert: Wed, May 2nd, at 7pm. Trinity Ecumenical Parish

More information on page 4.

May: Lake Writers

Student Writing Contest winners will be announced mid-May. More information on page 5

May 7: Photo Show Entry Deadline

More information on page 6.

May 11-13 & 18-20: Little Town Players

Little Town Players are excited to announcement that Equity actor Jamie Watson will be returning to their stage to repeat one of his favorite roles, Rick Steadman in *The Nerd* directed by Karen C. Hopkins.

Open auditions for *The Nerd* Sunday, March 18 and Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elks National Home Theatre. More information on page 5.

May 19th: Call for Artist

Call for Artist - Deadline for entry forms is May 19th. Bower Center for the Arts SMAC invitational exhibit. Show June 6 - July 14. More information on page 5.

May 18 & 19: "Margaritaville"

New Crusty Minstrels to Present "Margaritaville" sing-along concert on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19. 7pm at YMCA. More information on page 4.

May 25 - 27: SMAC Photo Show

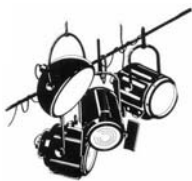
Scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend. We have made some changes, including, a new location and increasing the number of entries per category. Please add smacphoto123@gmail.com to your email contact list to avoid missing important information. Entry rules & form on pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter.

June 1 & 2: Lakeside Singers Concert

The concert is scheduled for Friday June 1 at 7:00 PM and Saturday June 2 at 2:00 PM at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. More information on page 5.

June 6 - July 14: Art Show

Bower Center for the Arts welcomes SMAC for an invitational exhibit. More information on page 5.



Welcome to our Newest Members

Bill & Anne Piatt
Ken & Wendy Ralph

Linda Simmons
Don & Jean-Marie Hershey

Chuck & Helen Kayangi
Jim Mullens

And our Newest Affiliates

The Sway Katz

SMAC Announces a New Contest for Songwriters – Entry deadline March 20.



Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) is pleased to announce a new contest for songwriters in middle or high school in Franklin, Bedford and Pittsylvania counties or the cities therein.

Individual musicians and groups can submit entries for original lyrics and melodies. Songs must be shorter than four minutes, although there is no minimum length. Songs longer than four minutes will be disqualified. Songs can be in any genre and must include lyrics as well as melodies. They must be submitted via email in the MP3 format and include the title and composer, along with a phone number. A separate lyric sheet is required. The contest is limited to one entry per person or group. Songs will be judged based on lyrical quality and interest, catchiness or the complexity of the melody and subject originality. Quality of the performance and recording will not be a factor in the judging.

Middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12) musicians will compete in their grade group. SMAC will award \$300 for first place, \$125 for second place and \$75 for third place in each group. Entries must be received by March 20. Winners will be notified by April 5. For more information, please direct questions and entries to Mike DeGiorgi at mikedegi@aol.com.

Lake Players – “Marriage, Music and More” – March 23

A mixture of plays, Irish tunes and stories will be a delight at our March 23rd Lake Players evening. Marion Wetcher and Bo King will star in “The Blind Date”; Charlene Maresca and John Maresca will star in “Post Its” (Notes on a Marriage). Irish tunes will be enjoyed by all with Linda Leap and Kevin Leap, just back from a trip to Ireland, and accompanied by Elda Nichols. Peggy Clutz and her brother Dennis Crowley will tell some “Stories by The Crowley Kids”.



This will be a heavy hors d'oeuvre and dessert affair. BYOB or your own Irish Brew. Cost is \$6.00 a person. Make your reservations to join us at Resurrection Catholic Church at 5:30 p.m. Call Nancy King at 721-3656 or e-mail nking1@jetbroadband.com

Our next show will be in July and we will have another in October or November.

Laurence Juber Concert: Wed. May 2, 7pm – Trinity Ecumenical Parish

Fusing folk, jazz, and pop styles, two-time Grammy-winner Laurence Juber creates a multifaceted performance that belies the use of only one acoustic guitar. The lead guitarist for Paul McCartney's Wings (with whom he earned a Grammy award), Juber is a world-renowned guitar virtuoso, composer and arranger. www.laurencejuber.com

Tickets are \$20 [\$17 for SMAC members]. Information on when and where to purchase tickets will be posted soon on the SMAC website: www.smithmountainartscouncil.com.



New Crusty Minstrels : “Margaritaville” Benefit Sing-along Concert , May 18 & 19



Mark your calendar for “Good Times at Margaritaville,” on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19. It's a sing along concert led by SML's New Crusty Minstrels (Remember the group from the '60's Hootenanny?) to benefit both Lake Christian Ministries and SML Good Neighbors. The concert will feature favorites from Jimmy Buffet and The Beach Boys, beginning at 7 p.m. Revenues from ticket sales will be split between the charities. Better yet, all added donations made during the concerts will be doubled—by an anonymous patron of LCM and by laker/author David Baldacci for SML Good Neighbors. (Cash contributions will be split between the two and doubled by the benefactors, as will any checks written that evening to “Charity Benefit—Margaritaville.”)

The concert will be held at the SML YMCA gym. Link up with friends to fill a table for 10 (For table reservations, call Connie Canova at 297-6680; then bring picnic super and your favorite enjoy-at-the-beach beverage (Margaritas, anyone?) Hot Shots will also be grilling “Cheeseburgers in Paradise” at the entrance for those who prefer the ease of purchasing ready-to-eat meals.



You already know most of the words to these songs, but lyrics will be projected on the big screen to jog memories. Dress is flip flops, tropical prints or whatever beach wear you prefer—no heels that will scuff or poke the Y's gym floor, please. Tickets are \$15 at The General Store, Radio Shack, SML Visitor Center and ShopRite by March 15. History suggests these shows will sell out quickly, so buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Questions? Call Nancy Woolley, 297-1199 or Jerry & Ferne Hale, 721-7222.

Little Town Players Present:

Arsenic and Old Lace: A delightful comedy. March 2, 3 and 4 - 540-586-5881 / www.lynchburgtickets.com



The Nerd: Equity actor Jamie Watson will be returning to our stage to repeat one of his favorite roles, Rick Steadman in *The Nerd* on May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20. Jamie holds a BA in Theatre from Lynchburg College and further studied with The American Academy of Dramatic Arts and the LAByrinth Theatre Company. His bio includes NY stage and film & television credits. He is incredibly excited for the opportunity to return to his hometown and work, once again, with the folks at Little Town Players. **Audition Alert:** Director Karen C. Hopkins will hold open auditions for *The Nerd* Sun, Mar 18 and Mon, Mar 19 at 7 pm in the Elks National Home Theatre. Roles for 2 females [25 – 45], 3 males [25 – 45], 1 young male [8 -12]. Information: www.littletownplayers.com or by contacting the director at kchop64@yahoo.com

LTP Volunteer of the Year: Kim Snow was presented Little Town Players Volunteer of the Year Award 2011. Kim has been very active with LTP for the past several years. She served as Secretary for their Board of Directors, usher team leader, poster team coordinator, helped with sets and served as general liaison between LTP and the Elks National Home. For 36 years LTP has relied on its volunteers and could not continue without people like Kim Snow.

Lakeside Singers: "Savor the Seventies" June 1st and 2nd

The Lakeside Singers begin rehearsals for their spring concert on March 13. The concert is scheduled for Friday June 1 at 7:00 PM and Saturday June 2 at 2:00 PM at TEP.

This year's theme will be "Savor the Seventies", with selections that span the decade featuring music by entertainers and groups we know you will remember. Our music committee has spent countless hours selecting the tunes that will be performed. So save the date!

We also encourage anyone who sings to join the group and enjoy the music and fellowship that we share.



Bower Center for the Arts: SMAC Invitational Exhibit – June 6 to July 14



Call for Artists! The deadline for entry forms to be received is May 19.

The Bower Center for the Arts welcomes The Smith Mountain Arts Council for an invitational exhibit. Works will be accepted in numerous media including, but not limited to, painting, drawing, print-making, collage, mixed media, photography, mosaics, sculpture, fabric, and glass (stained and fused). SMAC Artists mark your calendars. For complete information about this show go to smithmountainartscouncil.com or The Bower Center at 540-586-4235, www.bowercenter.org or bowercenter@gmail.com

Lake Writers: Student Writing Contest

The Lake Writers Student Writing Contest began in 2006 to honor a deceased member, Dr. Anthony Torre of Roanoke. Because Dr. Torre enjoyed writing memoirs, the first contest required entrants to write an essay about a family, a person or place that had influenced them. For two years, the contest was called the Torre Memorial Contest and was open to students from Roanoke as well as students in Franklin, Bedford, and Pittsylvania. Eventually the contest became the Lake Writers Student Writing Contest and was limited to residents of the three counties surrounding the lake. The 2012 contest requires entrants to write a short story that takes place near Smith Mountain Lake and has one of the following themes: survival, challenge or acceptance.



The contest is divided into two categories: middle school and high school. Home-schooled students, as well as those who attend either public or private schools, are eligible. Members of Lake Writers read the anonymous entries and rank each one. The top-ranked entries are read aloud at a meeting where members decide the first, second, and third place winners. The contest ended on Feb 20th and the winners will be announced in May. First place winners in each division receive \$100, second place \$75 and third place, \$50. Sometimes honorable mentions of \$25 are also awarded.

SMAC Valentine's Day Dance: A Marvelous Evening

SMAC's first-ever Valentine's Dance was held at the SML YMCA on Feb. 11. It was a marvelous evening for the nearly 130 who attended. Volunteers from the Special Events Committee decorated red-covered tables with balloons and Valentine goodies set around a roomy dancing area. Folks came well-equipped with picnic baskets crammed with a range of snacks, hors d'oeuvres, evening meal fare and beverages of choice. Those in attendance clearly came to "cut a rug" as well as to enjoy the music of Let's Dance, a 20-piece orchestra.





18th Annual John Faber Memorial Photography Contest and Show
Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 13586 S Old Moneta Road (new location) *

Memorial Day Weekend: May 25 - 27, 2012 - Free admission and open to the public

Entry Deadline: May 7, 2012

The Annual John Faber Memorial Photo Contest and Show will be held at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, across from Moneta Library* on May 25 – 28, 2012. **Please note new location and schedule.** The contest is open to all photographers – casual, amateur and professional. Photographers at every level are encouraged to enter.

Entry Fees:	Number of Photo Entries	1 - 3	4 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	\$4 per entry	\$3 per entry

[Save money, become a SMAC member – go to <http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com/ab-join.html>]

Mail completed entry form and fee, to be received no later than May 7th:

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

Eligible Entries

- Entries must be adequately framed photos with wire hanger (no saw-tooth hangers).
- Photos on canvas must have a wire hanger but no framing is required.
- The complete mount (outside dimensions of the frame) may not be 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.

Please write the following information on the back of EACH entry: Your name, address, phone number, photo category & title. **Photographs for Sale:** If your entry is for sale, indicate the price on the back of the photo and entry form. All sales will be conducted directly between the photographer and the buyer.

- 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.)
- For the Digital Manipulation category, photos may be manipulated, merged or otherwise altered without limitations.
- There is a limit of four (4) entries per category per photographer.
- Photos may be color or black and white. There is no special category for black and white.
- Previous contest winning photographs may not be entered.
- SMAC reserves the right to refuse any photograph that it considers inappropriate.

For complete contest rules, visit: www.smithmountainartscouncil.com - (Activities tab and then Photo Contest and Show). If you do not have access to the Internet, please Contact Peter Coriasco at 540-420-1018.

The 2012 Photo Show Schedule (New this year)

- Mon, May 7, 2012: Entry Deadline (forms and fees due)
- Mon, May 21, 2012: 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. - Photographs will be received at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, across from Moneta Library*. [Please arrange for someone else to drop off your entries if you are unable to do so at this time.]
- Fri, May 25, 2012, 7:30pm - **Reception and Award Presentation**, Open to the Public.

Public Exhibit (Memorial Day weekend) Free admission and open to the public

- Sat, May 26: 10 A.M – 4:00 P.M.
- Sun, May 27: Noon – 4:00 P.M. – Exhibit closes - Photographs can be picked up between 4:00 and 6:00 P.M.
- Mon, May 28: Photographs must be picked up between 10:00 A.M and 4:00 P.M. on Monday.
 [Please arrange for someone else to pick up your entries if you are unable to pick them up at this time.]

Awards: Best in Show: \$200; 1st in Category: \$100; 2nd in Category: \$50; Honorable Mention: \$25

***Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 13586 S Old Moneta Road, across from Moneta Library, in the Fellowship Hall**

- From Halesford Bridge: the church is located 5 miles north on Moneta Road (Route 122) in Moneta, VA, across from the Moneta Library. Turn right onto South Old Moneta Road.
- From Bedford: the church is located 16 miles south on Route 122 or Moneta Road. Turn left onto South Old Moneta Road which is the following road after Route 608 or White House Road.
- From Route 608 or White House Road: proceed towards Moneta and turn left at the 4-way stop onto South Old Moneta Road. The church will be about a 1/2 mile on the left.



18th Annual John Faber Memorial Photography Contest and Show
Memorial Day Weekend - May 25 - 27, 2012

Official Entry Form – Entry Deadline: May 7, 2012

Name: _____ Age, if Youth under 18 or enrolled HS student: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Member of SMAC Yes [] No []

Email: _____

PLEASE PRINT: Enter below – Title of each entry - Price (if for sale) - Total # of entries - Total entry fee enclosed.

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

SMAC MEMBERSHIP FORM
FOR USE BY NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City & State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone (s) _____
 Email _____

Interest: Art Photography Singing Theatre Writing Music

Other Interests: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE

Benefactor \$2000 or more
 Sponsor \$1000 to \$1999
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 Patron \$100 to \$499
 Sustainer \$ 50 to \$99

Family \$25 to \$49
 Individual \$15 to \$24

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