

Newsletter July & August, 2012

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President's Message:

Summer is here and, as we are at the midpoint of the year, it is a good time to assess our progress so far. SMAC continues to grow, and I have noticed many new faces along with familiar friends at each of events.

Part of this is due to an expansion in the variety of entertainment that we are featuring from our Special Events presentations. The successful Laurence Juber concert attracted many people who had never attended a SMAC event, and they were treated to a world class performance by a finger style virtuoso. A dozen people joined SMAC that night alone!

The 18th Annual John Faber Photography Contest and Show was a huge success. The accommodations at the new location, Bethlehem United Methodist Church, were outstanding. Sixty-six photographers submitted 296 entries, and the quality of work was most impressive. There were also 32 entries from children aged 10 to 17 years.

The Lakeside Singers had another entertaining performance that explored the psychedelic/disco era with their Savor the 70's concert.

Our scholarships this year were expanded to two 2-year \$1,000 awards that went to Ethan Lee of Staunton River High School and Evan Craighhead of Franklin County High School. Congratulations to both of these fine young men. A especial thanks goes to Bob Ayers, who led the selection process.

We also had the first annual student songwriters contest, led by Mike DeGiorgi, and the awards were presented at the benefit for the Student Violin program. First place went to Emily Horton, second place to Zachary Arduca and third place to Luke Fortner. Check out their songs on our website.

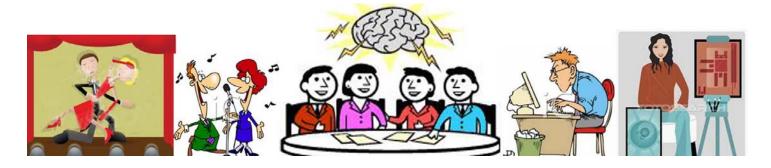
For something completely different, the Walsh Memorial Bell Choir gave a wonderful performance at TEP.

There is a lot to look forward to. Next up is the Lake Players performance of "Fox on the Fairway", a farce by Ken Ludwig. This will be a memorized production, taxing the mental capabilities of the cast. You won't want to miss this one. I am in the cast and have been laughing hysterically during the rehearsals. Come and see if I can keep a straight face during the production!

SMAC continues to expand the variety of programs that it offers and supports, while ensuring that our longstanding programs get better every year. The Board has worked hard to keep our organization serving the interests of our members while expanding that base. If you know of someone who has not yet joined, recruit them!

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



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Board Meetings: Trinity Ecumenical Parish - Route 122

Friday July 20th & August 17th 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 1-14: Bower Center Art Show

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July 7th: Bower Center class

Decorative Gourd Bowls with Mike Connolly. Information on page 5.

July 8 & 9: Audition Alert

Open audition for the musical Purlie at Little Town Players. Information on page 4.

July 12th & 13th: Lake Players

A comedy, "Fox on The Fairway"
Resurrection Catholic Church - 5:30 pm
bring your own golf tote of food, and BYOB. We will
provide dessert, coffee, iced tea, water and soda.
More information on page 4.

July 14th: Bower Center Performance

South West Virginia Songwriters will perform at the Bower Center on July 14 beginning at 7:30 PM. Information on page 5.

July 20th: Ballroom Dancers

Our dance this month will be the 2-Step. Information on page 4.

July 23-27 & July 30-Aug 3: Bower Center

Fourth Annual Summer Arts Camp. Information on page 5.

July 25th: Creative Outreach Trip

Creative Outreach is sponsoring a free trip to several art venues in Lynchburg on Wed. July 25th. Information on page 5.

July 25 - Sep. 15: Bower Center Exhibit

Escapes Judged theme exhibition of 2-D and 3-D art words. Information on page 5.

July 28th & Aug. 4th : Bower Center Workshop

Still Life Oil Painting with Nita Honaker. Information on page 5.

August 17th: Ballroom Dancers

Our dance this month will be the Bolaro. Information on page 4.

August 18th: Car Show for the Arts

Rocky Mount Center for the Arts. Information on page 5.

Aug 28th & Sept 4th: Lakeside Singers

There will be a Potluck Supper on August 28 and rehearsals will begin on September 4. If you have an interest in singing and would like to become a member of the choir please call Ken Nagele at 540 297-1058 for information.

Sept. 7-9 & 14-16: Little Town Players

Purlie – Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

Oct. 17th: SMAC Annual Dinner

Stay tuned for more info...

Oct 19th: Concert

Be on the lookout for more information in the September SMAC Newsletter about "An Evening with Cole Porter and His Friends" on October 19th at Trinity Ecumenical Parish.

Oct. 26 - 28: 23rd Annual Art Show

When: October 26th through 28th

Where: Resurrection Catholic Church Moneta, VA

More info: Mary Lou Koons, Jimmarylakehouse@aol.com

Nov. 16 & 17: Lakeside Singers

Fall Concert will feature gospel music from around the world. Information on page 7.

Notice:

The September – October Newsletter will be delivered on or before Sept. 10th.

Welcome to our Newest Members

Martha Clark Lee Anne & Steve DeMonbreum Bryon Dickson Keith & Susan Erikson

Melvin Fiel Jean & Alan Frederick Russ & Judy Johnson Kathy Meckley

Lars & Cynthia Okeson Bonnie J. Overman Lonnie & Lou Pangburn

Suzanne V. Paddock John & Denise Stroebel

Lake Players Present "Fox on The Fairway" by Ken Ludwig, July 12th & 13th.



The Lake Players, under the direction of Nancy King, will produce the comedy "Fox on The Fairway" July 12th and 13th at Resurrection Catholic Church. The evening will begin at 5:30 pm with a "bring your own" golf tote of food and BYOB. SMAC will provide dessert, coffee, iced tea, water and soda.

The play stars Jim Tarentino, Sandy Sampson, Mike Dittrich, Joyce Dittrich, Kay Degiorgi, John Maresca and Al Fuzi (seen below during a rehearsal session). Connie Canova is stage manager.

"Fox on The Fairway" takes audiences on a hilarious romp which pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors and over-the-top romantic shenanigans, it's a furiously paced comedy that recalls the Marx Brothers classics. A charmingly mad cap adventure about love, life and man's eternal love affair with......golf!

For reservations to this fun evening of entertainment call Connie at 540-297-6680 or e-mail at confred@b2xonline.com. Space is limited so get your reservations in early.

The cost will be \$10 per person due to the costs incurred to produce the show.









The actors and director are working hard to bring you a fun and entertaining evening - Don't Miss It!

Little Town Players: Announces 2012-2013 Season

- Purlie Directed by Bob Carson
 September 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16, 2012
- The Homecoming Directed by Jeff Krantz November 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18, 2012
- The Fox on the Fairway Directed by Karen C. Hopkins February 22, 23, 24, March 1, 2 and 3, 2013
- 9 to 5, The Musical Directed by TBA May 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26, 2013



Open Audition: Director Bob Carson will hold open audition for the musical Purlie on Sunday, July 8 and Monday, July 9, at 7:00 p.m., in the Elks National Home Theatre. There are roles available for men and women of various ages. Please be prepared to sing a selection of your choice. You may be asked to sing a song from the show as well. An accompanist will be provided

Ballroom Dancers: SML Ballroom Dancers will hold their monthly dance on July 20th.



Our dance this month will be the Two-Step with Coach Bob. [This is not our regular teacher, who has another commitment this month.] The lesson will begin at 7:30 until 8:30, followed by general dancing until 10:30.

Everybody is welcome, if only to come and watch. We will always have a host to dance with single ladies. Please come and enjoy and evening of dancing.

Our August dance will be on the 17th. It will be on the Bolero. Theme will be Sultry Black.

We meet at the New London Ruritan Club @12411 E Lynchburg Salem Tpke, Forest Va. (Route 460 E). Turn at the third driveway East of the Sheetz station.

Admission is \$7.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members and \$5.00 for students

Chips, candy, water and soft drinks are available for \$1.00.

More information may be found on:

Facebook.com/SML.USA.Dance6042 Website: http://usadance6042.idnet.org/ Email:sml6042@gmail.com

Rocky Mount Center for the Arts'

"Car Show for the Arts" will be on Aug. 18th at the Benjamin Franklin Middle School. Admission is free and there will be many artists and fine craft vendors both outside and in the gym. Spaces are still available and cost only \$20 or 25. This event will support the "Young At Art" program: summer and after school art instruction for Franklin County youth.





The Grainery: Classes for adults and children are currently offered at The Grainery - 220 Franklin Rd. in Rocky Mount. Pottery, weaving, stained glass, painting and drawing are offered this summer and beyond. Call 483-1317 or rockymountarts.org.

Creative Outreach - Sponsoring a Free Trip

Creative Outreach a SMAC affiliate is sponsoring a free trip to several art venues in Lynchburg on Wed. July 25th. Carpools will leave from two lake locations at 9 a.m. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. Contact Leslie Santapaul at LSdesignUS@yahoo.com for more details. Put "C.O. Trip" in the subject line.

Bower Center for the Arts:



SMAC Invitational Exhibit – June 6 to July 14: Exhibited are more than 50 pieces of two and three dimensional art. Works in numerous media including, but not limited to, painting, drawing, print-making, collage, mixed media, photography, mosaics, sculpture, fabric and glass (stained and fused). A lovely reception, planned by the artists on Bedford's Second Friday evening was attended by quite a large number of people who enjoyed art work, music

and good refreshments. For more information about this show go to smithmountianartscounsil.com or The Bower Center at 540-586-4235, www.bowercenter.org or bowercenter@qmail.com

After many votes for People's Choice the ballots were counted and the winner is Midge Ovenshire for her entry "Creative Energy". Congratulations Midge and you may pick up your two tickets to any concert of your choice at the Center.

July 7 – 9am to 4pm - Decorative Gourd Bowls with Mike Connolly :

Students will try different finishes on gourd to determine which to use for their project. This gourd will have a woven top embellishment. \$55 (includes supplies and use of tools). Bower Center for the Arts 305 North Bridge Street Bedford (540)586-4235 www.bowercenter.org

July 14 at 7:30 PM - South West Virginia Songwriters will perform at the Bower Center. This cabaret style concert is being co-sponsored by the Bower Center and the Bedford Friends of the Library. Come out and hear



being co-sponsored by the Bower Center and the Bedford Friends of the Library. Come out and hear some great songs, written right in the backyard of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Members of the Southwest Virginia Songwriters Association (SVSA) will perform, in the round, a collection of original songs that range from folk to jazz and funny to poignant. Tickets can be purchased online at lynchburgtickets.com or the Bower Center.

July 28 and August 4th - Still Life Oil Painting with Nita Honaker Saturday workshops 1 to 5 pm \$100 August 5th Sunday workshop. Check website for supplies to bring. Nita teaches oil painting in an old master's style. Learn to see how light affects objects in still life set-ups. Bower Center for the Arts www.bowercenter.org or 540-586-4235

July 25 to September 15 - Escapes Judged theme exhibition of 2-D and 3-D art words.



Everyone has a magical place to mentally escape. Let your imagination soar and illustrate where you seek inspiration in this exiting and inspiring exhibit. Check our website bowercenter.org to download Call for Artists. The exhibit will hang from July 25 to September 15. The artist reception will be part of Bedford's Second Friday on August 10th from 5pm to 8pm.

July 23rd - 27th and July 30 - August 3rd from 8:30 AM to 12:30: Summer Arts Camp

The Bower Center is welcoming back your favorite teachers and classes for the Fourth Annual Summer Arts Camp. The camp, which costs \$175 for the week, features classes in pottery, drawing, painting, photography, mosaics, digital art and papier mache. Students have the opportunity to select those classes in which they are the most interested and which provide the most challenge. Students who are going into the 3rd grade up to the 8th grade are eligible for the camp. More information and registration forms can be found on the website at bowercenter.org.



Annual John Faber Memorial Photography Contest and Show

A Huge success! The accommodations at the new location, Bethlehem United Methodist Church, were outstanding. Sixty-six photographers submitted 296 entries, including 32 entries from children aged 10 to 17 years, and the quality of work was most impressive.

2012 AWARD WINNERS

SUNRISE, SUNSET or any SML Scene

1st Place: Pidge Morgan

"From the Dock - Saunders Cove"

Sponsor: Trudy Faber 2nd Place: **Peter Coriasco**

"Full Moon Rising Over Indian Ridge" Sponsor: Artfully Framed at the Lake

Hon. Men.: Robert Luce "Bettys Creek Rainbow"

Sponsor: Prudential Waterfront Properties

LANDSCAPE, HISTORICAL LOCATIONS

1st Place: **Andy Boothe** "Azalia's in the Fog"

Sponsor: Smith Mountain Arts Council

2nd Place: Eric Gray

"Barns"

Sponsor: Artfully Framed at the Lake

Hon. Men.: **Jean Wibbens** "Whisper Down the Lane" Sponsor: Kitty's Little Book Shoppe

PEOPLE

1st Place: Bill Palmer

"The Excuse"

Sponsor: Smith Mountain Arts Council

2nd Place: **Lee Niebuhr** "Reflecting With Jack"

Sponsor: Per and Eileen Hultquist

Hon. Men.: Pidge Morgan

"Holy Man"

Sponsor: Kitty's Little Book Shoppe

WILDLIFE, PETS

1st Place: Peter Coriasco

"The King at Rest - Masai Mara, Kenya"

Sponsor: Faber CPA Firm, LLC 2nd Place: **Michael McCormick**

"Regal"

Sponsor: Sam's Club Hon. Men.: **Pidge Morgan**

"Elephant Tears"

Sponsor: Debbie Robbins - State Farm Ins.

ARCHITECTURE

1st Place: Pat Lester "Chicago Reflections"

Sponsor: Artfully Framed at the Lake

2nd Place: **Pidge Morgan** "Inside the Tomb"

Sponsor: Haywoods Jewelry - Westlake

Hon. Men.: **Jen Chaconas** "Choose Door #1?"

Sponsor: Joann Van Vechten Realtors

CLOSE-UP, MACRO, STILL LIFE

1st Place: Carl Boast

"Iced Berries"

Sponsor: Smith Mountain Arts Council

2nd Place: Lee Niebuhr

"Generation 5"

Sponsor: Leigh and Colyn Howard Realtors

Hon. Men.: Jean Wibbens

"Dandy"

Sponsor: Moneta Farm and Home Center

DIGITAL MANIPULATION

1st Place: Carol Frye "Petals Reaching Out"

Sponsor: Smith Mountain Arts Council

2nd Place: Bill Palmer "Standing Guard" Sponsor: Print-n- Paper Hon. Men.: Jean Wibbens

"Rick's"

Sponsor: Phil Hager Insurance Agency

YOUTH

1st Place: Elizabeth Kuharski

"The Sky's the Limit"

Sponsor: Smith Mountain Arts Council

2nd Place: **Emily Dorothy** "Spring Awakens" Sponsor: The Little Gallery Hon. Men.: **Christa Caighead**

"Strange by Design"

Sponsor: Debbie Robbins - State Farm Ins.

BEST IN SHOW:

Jean Wibbens "Old Soldier"Sponsor: Charlie and Lib Walker



Photographer's Corner: Help Wanted - SMAC Needs Photographers



SMAC is compiling a list of photographers who can be recruited to take photos at SMAC events. If you're interested in helping out, please let Peter Coriasco know (pcoriasco@gmail.com) and he'll add you to the list. If there are certain events that you'd like to cover (Lake Players, Art Show, etc.) let him know that, too.

Those volunteering must be able to manipulate their photos as required (size, color corrections, etc) and deliver them to Betsy Ashton, SMAC's Publicity Director, by the morning after the event takes place.

B Sharps:

The B Sharps is a group of men and women who sing together to those folks living in nursing homes and senior facilities. We sing the old songs that are familiar to our audience and encourage them to sing along with us. We mix in music from the movies and Broadway, hymns, and patriotic songs and, of course, seasonal songs to be enjoyed by all.

Our practice is held on the last Wednesday of the month at Resurrection Catholic Church at 9:30 a.m. We sing out on the first Wednesday of the month in Moneta, Bedford, Rocky Mount, Roanoke, and Lynchburg. Each time we sing in two places and enjoy lunch together in between. Our last sing-out for the season was on June 6. We will begin again on August 29 for a rehearsal at Resurrection.

If you are looking for a group of people who enjoy bringing a little joy to the lives of others, please come join us. You will find that we usually go home with the greatest blessing. For more information call Barbara Dice (721-8041) or Dottie Nagele (297-1058



Lakeside Singers: Presented "Savor the Seventies" for their annual spring concert. They sang a collection of seventies music that brought back memories of a decade of change in the U.S. There were short skits that recalled events of the seventies, including a special moment of recognition for the Vietnam Veterans in the audience. JT Spataro performed a guitar solo of Classical Gas and received a standing ovation for his performance. The concert ended with a crowd pleasing rendition of YMCA that the singers and audience participated in with enthusiasm.

The Lakeside Singers are preparing for their fall program which will be on Friday Nov 16 and Saturday Nov 17. The program will feature gospel music from around the world and the Lakeside Singers will be joined by guest performers from our area. Velshera Johnson will be directing the choir and Susan Spataro will be the accompanist.

There will be a Potluck Supper on August 28 and rehearsals will begin on September 4. If you have an interest in singing and would like to become a member of the choir please call Ken Nagele at 540 297-1058 for information.

New Crusty Minstrels: "Margaritaville"

"Good Times at Margaritaville," the recent sing-along benefit concert, led by SMAC affiliate "The New Crusty Minstrels," was a huge success. Held in the SML YMCA gym- converted-to-concert-hall with Caribbean decorations, the SMAC stage and rented tables/chairs, the facility suitably accommodated the 350+ who attended each of the two concerts, including the demand for space to dance.

Everyone had a great time joining in the singing, with words to beach music favorites projected overhead. "The most fun we've ever had at a concert," one enthusiast gushed to the band after the concert.



Attendees were also generous, filling the donation baskets with cash and checks (which were doubled by generous benefactors) that brought the after-expenses contributions to Lake Christian Ministries and SML Good Neighbors to a total of over \$40,000. Members of the New Crusty Minstrels are "recovering" from the intensity of their performing experience and considering whether leading another sing-along concert is in the future.



SMAC Sponsored Concert:

The Walsh Memorial Bell Choir from Morris Plains, New Jersey, performed at TEP on Wed. June 27th to a huge crowd.

Their performance was excellent and all who attended were treated to an entertaining and wonderful musical experience. The Choir played a variety of music with great dexterity---their arms crossing and bell ringers changing places mid-measure to perform their musical wizardry. A total of eight octaves of handbells and chimes were used in their performance.

"Let's Dance", a 17 piece dance band

Substitute players are needed to fill in from time to time. On occasion substitutes become full time members when a full time member drops out. Our substitute list is quite long, but we still encourage musicians from the area to contact us if they would like to play our "big band" kind of music. If interested, contact Art Guiffre at 721-8942 or at artguiffre@gmail.com.





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