



# Newsletter

November - December, 2012

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## President's Message:

Happy New Year! SMAC closed its 2011-2012 year and celebrated the beginning of its new year at the Annual Meeting on October 17. At that time I shared with the attendees our progress against our long range plan, and I was happy to report that we are successfully following the plan that we laid out five years ago.

We are financially self-sufficient. We don't have fund raisers, and rely on your dues to operate. Our events pay for themselves.

Our student outreach programs have grown. We provided two \$1,000 scholarships to worthy students majoring in the fine arts, and the awards are for two years. We established a songwriters contest for students, and that program shows a lot of promise. Student's entries in our Photo and Art shows are at an all-time high.

We have made SMAC a more inclusive organization by appealing to a broader range of individuals. Performances by acts like Laurence Juber have appealed to new members, while favorites like David Wiley continue to delight us.

We established a goal of increasing our membership 5% annually. Since 2009, our members have grown to 480, an increase of 50%. Thank you!

Any good organization survives by change, and we are no exception. Nancy King and Connie Canova have done an excellent job of leading the Lake Players. The play readings, stage productions and musicals that they have staged have delighted us for years. They have decided to move on, although they will still be a part of Lake Players. We thank them for the wonderful shows that they have given us. We are still looking for someone to lead Lake Players, so if you are interested, or know someone that is, please contact me at [detes1@gmail.com](mailto:detes1@gmail.com).

Chuck Lumpkin was elected by the Board to succeed Nancy King as Vice President, and serves along with Marty Bowers as Treasurer and Joyce Dittrich as Secretary.

As we head into another year for SMAC, we are looking forward to many more exciting happenings. Thank you for your continued support!

*Mike Dittrich*



*SMAC Annual Meeting and Arts Expo*

Share SMAC's slogan with your friends and neighbors. "If you aren't a member of SMAC... you should be."



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

Friday September 21st & October 19th at 9:30 AM



## Calendar – Upcoming Events

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



### Nov. 8 – 10: SML Harmeneers

The Smith Mountain Lake Harmeneers will be holding their 18th Annual Show on Thursday November 8, Friday November 9 and Saturday November 10, 2012. The theme for this year's performances is "Barbershop Buffet".

See page 5 for more information.

### Nov. 9-11 & 16-18: Little Town Players

*The Homecoming:* This is a heart-warming, coming-of-age tale.....a play for the entire family directed by Jeff Krantz and staged managed by Melissa Kennedy. The long-running television series "The Waltons" was based on this stage production.

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### Nov. 16 & 17: Lakeside Singers Fall Concert

Lakeside Singers will present "Gospel Music Around the World" on November 16 at 7:00 PM and November 17 at 2:00 PM at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. The program will feature Gospel music from various countries and continents some of which will be performed in native languages.

See page 5 for more information.

### Nov. 18: Bower Center's Educational Series

As part of Bower Center's free monthly Cultural Reflections "A Sunday Afternoon Educational Series" notated Roanoke artist, Betty Branch, will talk about her art and work:

- November 18th at 3:00 PM.
- Bower Center, 305 North Bridge Street, Bedford.
- bowercenter.org

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### Dec. 5 – Jan 12: Bower Center Exhibit

Bedford Photography Club Exhibit.  
Artist reception - Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 p.m.

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### Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>: Bower Center Free Concert

*No Strings Attached* will perform

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### Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: A Christmas Celebration

David Stewart Wiley, Piano  
Philip & Tara Bouknight, vocals  
Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm  
Trinity Ecumenical Parish

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### Dec 15<sup>th</sup>: Bedford Community Orchestra

Join the Bedford Community Orchestra for a special holiday performance featuring all of your holiday favorites for the entire family! What better way to celebrate the season with live music from the BCO!

Holiday Concert: Saturday, December 15th, 7:30pm  
Bedford Middle School Auditorium  
\$10/Adults \$5/Under 12

For more information contact:

- Scott Walter, 540/947-0208
- bedfordcommorch@hotmail.com
- www.BedfordCommOrch.org

### 2013 Concert Series & Special Events

See page 7 for more information

The Lake Players are in need of a person or two to take over running the Lake Players, as Nancy King and Connie Canova have retired from being in charge.

If you are interested, or know someone that is, please contact Mike Dittrich, president of SMAC, at detes1@gmail.com.

Connie and Nancy would like to thank all who have been so supportive of the Lake Players over these last 17 years.



### Welcome to our Newest Members

Warren Bennett

Brenda Haygood

Dee & Arnie Kopf

Ralph & Lorie Long

Merope Pavlids & Peter Emch



## Lake Players: "An Evening with Cole Porter and Friends"

The "Evening with Cole Porter and Friends" was a smashing success. Many people enjoyed wine and cheese at the SML Gallery and then moved to Trinity Ecumenical Parish for the show. Rick Ries was very generous to the Lake Players in letting them use his art gallery. Two hundred fifty people attended the show on October 19th and there were so many people on a "waiting list" that they were told they could come to the dress rehearsal on October 18th and make a donation. Fifty people attended the rehearsal.



## SMAC 23rd Annual Art Show 2012

The Art Show was held October 26, 27, & 28, 2012 at the Resurrection Catholic Church. Thirty eight artists entered the show featuring 94 paintings and twenty two student artists entered the student competition.

Nancy Stellhorn and Mary Lou Koons co-chaired the event, with the Artists on the Loose serving as the committee. Nancy Stark served as judge. Clif Collins entertained the 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.



Mary Lou Koons Judge Nancy Stark



Morgan Robison



Jason DeLong



Whitney Brock



Byron Dickson



Penny Simmons



James Underwood

### Congratulations to our award winning artists!

<b>BEST IN SHOW</b>	David Ovenshire	Earth and Fire
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Acrylic	Robert Sheppard	New London Evening
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Acrylic	Jane Schafer	Down By The Shed
Merit Acrylic	Mary Lou Koons	Speaker Of The House
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Oil	Whitney Brock	Creekscape
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Oil	Carol Yopp	Preening Flamingo
Merit Oil	Patricia Stobel	Lodge Laundry
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Pastel	James Underwood	Sharp Top
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Pastel	Nancy Ostroff	Urn With Flowers
Merit Pastel	Sarah Baskett	Pink Iris
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor	Byron Dickson	Water Skier
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Watercolor	Olivia Smith	Busy Bee
Merit Watercolor	Carol Flieger	All Truckered Out
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Mixed Media	Jason De Long	Next In Line
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Mixed Media	Midge Ovenshire	Strengths
Merit Mixed Media	Parvin Pejman	Connections To Vienna
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Other	Penny Simmons	Seeker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Other	Liz Stouch	Blowing In The Wind
Merit Other	Donna Nevers	A Woman's Work is Never Done

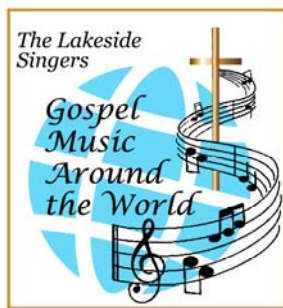


5 RIBBONS FOR JUDGE'S MERIT AWARD	
Marge Holtman	Sunshine
Morgan Robison	Chained Hearts
Nancy Ostroff	Lifting Fog
Leslie Santapaul	West Comes East – Garden City
Harriett Madar	Vase Of Flowers

STUDENT AWARDS		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jordon Kantor	Alex
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Hailey Heck	The Late Great Larry
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Whitney Mullins	Flow Of Fluorescent Drive

STUDENT DIMENSIONAL WORK		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Josephy Gray	Touch Down
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	David Homberger	Sword Of Diego
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Joseph Medlin	My Many Faces

## Lakeside Singers Present "Gospel Music around the World"



Lakeside Singers will present "Gospel Music around the World" on November 16 at 7:00 PM and November 17 at 2:00 PM at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive, in Moneta. The program will feature Gospel music from various countries and continents, some of which will be performed in native languages.

Joining the singers for the second year will be the Ferrum College Collegiates. High Cotton, a Harmeneers quartet, will also take part. Velshera Johnson will return as director and Susan Spataro will be the accompanist on piano and flute. Bob Armstrong will be our drummer once again. Kiana Johnson and Rylee Suon, who have performed with the group since they were little girls, will join us for a special duet, "Child of Peace" and Bob Colia will sing on some of the African numbers.

The Lakeside Singers will be collecting items for the Stepping Stone Mission and Lake Christian Ministries. This year, items for children to be given out during the holiday season, including socks, gloves, hats, underwear, stuffed animals, small toys, coloring books and crayons. Bring your donations to the Sew Sisters at the General Store on Scruggs Road or to the Lakeside Singer concert in November.

Tickets can be purchased at the General Store on Scruggs Road, the Visitor Center at the Bridge, or the West lake Radio Shack. The tickets are \$8.00 in advance or \$9.00 at the door

For information call: Chris Collins 540-721-8425, Ken Nagele 540-297-1058, or Linda Worman 540-204-6876

### SML Harmeneers:

The Smith Mountain Lake Harmeneers will be holding their 18th Annual Show on Thursday, November 8, Friday, November 9 and Saturday November 10, 2012. The theme for this year's performances is "Barbershop Buffet"

The Thursday performance will be held at the Brookville High School Auditorium in Lynchburg, VA at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are available for this performance for \$10.00 (\$12.00 at the Door) from any SML Harmeneer

The Friday and Saturday performances will take place at Trinity Ecumenical Parish in Moneta - 7:00 p.m. Friday and 2:00 p.m. Saturday. Our Special Guest Quartet "Da Capo" will entertain at intermission. "Da Capo" is from the Washington, D.C. area and is a Barbershop Harmony Society national award winning quartet. The price of admission for either of these two performances is \$12.00 (\$15.00 at the door). Tickets are available from any SML Harmeneer, as well as Radio Shack, The General Store and SML Visitor's Center.

The song selections range from spiritual, comedy, country, do-wop, Broadway, patriotic, blues, love songs and more.

We are also very pleased to announce that Velshera Johnson is our new Chorus Director, and she's been working hard with us to provide you with the best entertainment value in the area. She is the greatest!



### A Christmas Celebration: Christmas Music for All Ages

David Stewart Wiley, piano, and Philip and Tara Bouknight, vocals  
Saturday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Ecumenical Parish

"Christmas by Candlelight", the first half of the program, will include traditional favorites such as "I Wonder As I Wander", "O Holy Night", Christmas selections from the "Messiah", a piano solo of "Carol of the Bells" and more. "Wishes and Candles" and "Slumber Song of the Madonna" are beautiful newer pieces that all will enjoy.

The second half of the program, "Christmas with Kris Kringle & Friends" of "Santa's Musical Workshop", includes light hearted Christmas music ("Hello, Santa!" and "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and many more) along with audience sing-alongs.

Tickets are \$20 Adults, \$17 SMAC Members, and \$5 for children 6 and under. Tickets are available at the SML Visitors Center, General Store, Radio Shack and by mail: (SMAC, PO Box 70, Moneta, VA 24121).

For information, please call or email Marty: 540-297-0965, mybowers@moneta-va





## Little Town Players:



It is Christmas Eve, 1933 in rural Virginia, and the Spencer family Olivia (Annette Flagg) and her children Clay-Boy (George Flagg), Becky (Hannah Steele), John-Mark (Austin Orange), Luke (Ethan Vickery), Shirley (Grace Flagg), Matt (Caleb Vickery), and Pattie Cake (Grace Steele) anxiously await the return of their father (Jeff Steele). He has been forced to take a job away from home and has promised to come home for Christmas. But his arrival is in doubt because of an accident and a snow storm. As the family prepares for the holiday, Clay-Boy must set out in a snowstorm to search for his father. In his search he meets various locals from the mountain community, such as Charlie (Bob Holdren), Birdshot (Anthony Garbarini), Sheriff Bridges (Steve Nattas), Ike Godsey (John Langston) and the Staple Sisters (Peggy Cooper and Lyn Long). Adult Clay-Boy (Chris Shepherd) tells the story from his perspective as he remembers this Christmas from years back. Additional cast members include Bob Carson, Jennifer Carson, Molly Gardner, Piper Moore, Raymond Smith, Betsy St. John, Hannah Vickery, Karla Wood and Ingrid Woodford.

This is a heart-warming, coming-of-age tale.....a play for the entire family directed by Jeff Krantz and staged managed by Melissa Kennedy. The long-running television series "The Waltons" was based on this stage production.

Show dates are November 9, 10, 16, 17 at 8:00 pm and November 11 and 18 at 2 pm.

Season ticket holders may begin calling for reservations on Friday, October 26, 2012. All other reservations begin Thursday, November 1, 2012. Please call the box office at 540-586-5881 or <http://www.lynchburgtickets>

### Debbie Laughon received LTP's 2012 Volunteer of the Year Award from Vice President Karen C. Hopkins

Debbie Laughon is the recipient of LTP's 2012 Volunteer of the Year Award. She was presented the prestigious award on opening night of Purlie. Debbie has been active with LTP since 1983 when she first appeared in the ensemble of Annie Get Your Gun and appeared in at least one show per season for many years. She has served as stage manager and now serves as box office co-chair.

Debbie is a member of Bedford Professional Women, serving as past president and currently she is co-chair of the Reality Store committee. She is recorder for Women of the Moose. She is a 4-H All-Star. As a member of Big Island Baptist Church she is in the choir, clerk of the church, secretary of the Mission committee and prepares meals for Food for Friends once a month. Debbie is on the Transition team as well.

LTP relies on its volunteers and could not continue to provide quality theatre without volunteers like Debbie Laughon.



## Bower Center Programs and Events:

### Cultural Reflections:

As part of Bower Center's free monthly Cultural Reflections "A Sunday Afternoon Educational Series", noted Roanoke artist Betty Branch will talk about her art and work on November 18th at 3:00 PM. Bower Center is located at 305 North Bridge Street in Bedford. For more information about her talk or this series you may visit [bowercenter.org](http://bowercenter.org) or call 540-586-4235.

Ms. Branch earned both her BA and MA in Studio Art from Hollins University. She has spent a portion of many years working at Nicoli Studios in Carrara, Italy. And notably, she was the only American Exhibitor invited to the first Salon International de la Sculpture Contemporaine in Paris, 1990.

Over a thirty-year period, she has focused on the female form and has defined female rites of passage in both traditional and unorthodox media-bronze, stone, fiber, ceramic, terra cotta, earthenware, and straw. Branch's award winning art has been exhibited internationally and has been the subject of television documentaries. Her works, from small to monumental, are in many private, corporate, university, and museum collections. She has produced a number of commissioned works, has had solo and group exhibitions, operates her own studio and gallery, has been included in many national and international publications including most recently 'Sculpture Review' and 'National Sculpture Society' and has exhibited in prestigious exhibitions including New York's Annual International Art Exposition, and the Brookgreen Gardens Invitational, SC.



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### Photography Exhibit & Reception at Bower Center for the Arts:

Bower Center for the Arts' next exhibit will be that of Bedford Photography Club and the artists whose studios are in the Center. The exhibit will hang from December 5 – January 12. An artist reception will be on Bedford's Second Friday December 14, 5-8pm. The Center is located at 305 North Bridge Street in Bedford.

### Bower Center Free Concert: **"No Strings Attached"**



No Strings Attached will perform at Bower Center for the Arts in a free concert on Friday December 14th beginning at 8:00 PM. The concert is a gift of the Local Government Challenge Grant and the VA Commission for the Arts. Bower Center is located at 305 North Bridge Street in Bedford.

No Strings Attached is an award-winning quartet formed in Blacksburg, VA. in 1978. Their music has been described as "eclectic jazz on acoustic instruments and world beat." They are a traditional string band that constantly stretches the boundaries of that genre of music. They tour in the United States and Europe.

Visit [www.bowercenter.org](http://www.bowercenter.org) or call 540-586-4235 for more information

### Special Events: 2013 Schedule



**"Let's Dance" Valentines Dance** – February 9<sup>th</sup>, SML YMCA: Bring your sweetheart and your dancin' shoes and enjoy the big band sounds of "Let's Dance."

**Tom Rush** – March 22, Trinity Ecumenical Parish: "If there is such a thing as a folk star, this guy merits the title. Whether performing a heartfelt ballad, singing a down-to-earth blues tune, or weaving an onstage story with strands of humor and wisdom, Rush has been winning audiences over since the 1960's."

"Never miss a chance to see Tom Rush live, he's got that rare one-of-a-kind quality that makes you realize you've seen somebody who really matters."



**Frank Vignola with Vinny Raniolo** – April 11, Trinity Ecumenical Parish: "How versatile is Frank Vignola? He's collaborated with Lionel Hampton and Madonna, covers Mozart and McCartney on the same record, and is one of Les Paul's favorite guitarists."

"Frank Vignola has too much fun onstage to be as serious about his music as he obviously is."

**Steel Drums of Roanoke Summer Fest** – August 11, location TBD: The festive sound of these talented drummers will fill the summer air. Bring a picnic and hear steel drums as they have never been played before. Want to learn how to play the steel drum? We're including a workshop, to be scheduled after the concert! Stay tuned for more details.



**Roy Book Binder** – September 20, Trinity Ecumenical Parish: "The next time Roy Book Binder comes to town, the word should have spread about this entertaining hybrid of folklorist, comedian, blues singer, storyteller and virtuoso guitar picker."

**David Stuart Wiley** – Dates TBD: Each year David surprises and entertains SML listeners with thoughtful blends of classical and contemporary music. He will conduct two programs in 2013, including a Christmas program.



For more information go to the website at [www.smithmountainartscouncil.com](http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com)

### Special Thank You to Connie and Nancy!

17 YEARS! Thanks to Connie and Nancy, we have been entertained because of their love and devotion to the Lake Players. The memories from so many past productions, both big and small, will remind us of their amazing talent. We hope to continue to see them as part of the Lake Players and know that those that step up to take their place leading the Lake Players will be blessed with a well-developed organization of very talented performers.



Thank you Connie and Nancy for everything you have given to the Lake Players and the SML Community.

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