



# Newsletter

## January - February, 2013

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### **President's Message:**

Happy New Year to you and your loved ones!

By now you have probably had your fill of the year end "Best of" or "Worst of" lists, or the litany of New Year's resolutions that people feel they need to state publicly in the hopes that the threat of humiliation will somehow enable them to actually keep them. Instead of publishing a list, I am going to ask for your help.

The Annual Photo Contest and Show, and the performances of the Lake Players group have been some of the signature events for SMAC. The Photo Show grows each year in terms of quality, and attracts a diverse audience of photographers and viewers. Lake Players consistently sells out their performances, which have included full productions of plays and musicals. It is hard to think of SMAC and not associate these events with our organization, and yet we find ourselves at a crossroads. We need volunteers who are willing to head each of these two groups.

If you have any interest, please consider stepping up to help keep these wonderful groups going. It is not something that you have to do alone. Those individuals who have led these groups in the past are willing to help keep them going.

You don't have to know anything about photography to run the Photo Show. If you have solid organizational skills, we can help you. We need someone who is willing to coordinate all of the activities. We have the dates, contact information and everything that you need to keep this wonderful show going.

For the Lake Players, we need someone who is willing to coordinate all of the activities necessary to produce a play or play reading. If you don't have a dramatic background, but know how to plan and lead, we can help you. If you have a dramatic background, and would like to direct, you can sign up for one event, or an entire season. We can help you, we need someone to step in and volunteer.

Please consider helping to keep these outstanding groups going. If you know someone who might be interested, let me know. If they are not members, that is ok. I'll recruit them. Most of our Board Members were new members when they assumed their positions.

Thanks for your consideration and best wishes for the New Year.

*Mike Dittrich*

**Happy New Year!**



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### Change of Address or email?

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

Friday January 18<sup>th</sup> & February 15<sup>th</sup> 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).



### January 6 & 7: Open Auditions

Director Karen C. Hopkins will hold open auditions for the adult comedy *The Fox on the Fairway*

Sunday, January 6 and Monday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elks National Home Theatre.

Roles are available for 3 females ages 25 -60, 3 males ages 25 - 60. This show is a fun, fast-paced farce by Ken Ludwig who wrote *Lend Me a Tenor* which delighted LTP audiences in 2009.

For additional information on the show that runs February 22, 23, 24 and March 1, 2, 3, 2013 please go to [www.littletownplayers.com](http://www.littletownplayers.com) or contact the director at [kchop64@yahoo.com](mailto:kchop64@yahoo.com)

### January 13<sup>th</sup>: Cultural Reflections

Bower Center for the Arts continues Cultural Reflections: Examining Art, History, Culture & the Humanities in a free Sunday afternoon series.

The next presentation will be "What is a Masterpiece?" by Patrick Ellis and Mitchell Bond of Goose Creek Studio and Gallery on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

The Center is located at 305 North Bridge Street in Bedford. All are welcome.

### January 26: Concert – Bower Center

The Bower Center for the Arts welcomes New Standard Bluegrass to our stage on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Tickets can be purchased online at [lynchburgtickets.com](http://lynchburgtickets.com) for \$10 or on the evening of the concert for \$12

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### February 9: Valentine’s Day Dance

“Let’s Dance”– February 9<sup>th</sup>, at SML YMCA

Grab your sweetheart and put on your dancin’ shoes! On Saturday, February 9 from 7-10 PM, The Smith Mountain Arts Council is hosting a Valentines Day Dance in the gym at the Smith Mountain Lake YMCA, 293 First Watch Drive.

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### March 22: An Evening with Tom Rush

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Friday, March 22 2013.....7-9pm

Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Dr, Moneta, VA

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### April 6<sup>th</sup>: Bedford Community Orchestra

Concert - 7:30pm at the Bedford Middle School!

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### 2013 Concert Series & Special Events

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### Welcome to our Newest Members

Mickey Babb

Marion Wagner & Jim Bennett

John & Patricia Rust

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

## Lake Players:



The Smith Mountain Arts Council is in need of one or two people who would be interested in running the Lake Players. They would be responsible for presenting 3 or 4 shows a year; drama, comedy or musical. There are a couple of people in the community that are interested in directing a show.

Nancy King and Connie Canova would be happy to meet with anyone interested in taking over this position for SMAC. You can call Nancy at 721-3656 or Connie at 297-6680 for further details

## Lakeside Singers:



The Lakeside Singers will mark its twenty fifth year as a coral group in 2013. We will be performing music from past years and favorites of the members. We are encouraging former singers to join us once again for this special time on June 7 and 8. Velshera Johnson will be directing and Susan Spataro will be the accompanist.

There will be a potluck dinner the last Tuesday in February and rehearsals will begin the following Tuesday in March. If you would like to join Lakeside Singers please call Ken Nagele at 540 297-1058

## Photographer's Corner:

### 2013 Photo Contest and Show



We currently do not have any volunteers to run the 2013 Photo Contest and Show normally scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. We need two people to co-chair the event if we are to continue having the Contest and Show.

Those who chaired it in the past, such as Larry Sakayama and Peter Coriasco, will continue to help, but without a couple of people to run it, it's likely that the contest will not take place in 2013.

Please check your calendars and talk to your photographer friends, call or write if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions.

[pcoriasco@gmail.com](mailto:pcoriasco@gmail.com) 540-420-1018



### 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](mailto: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 our Betsy Ashton, Publicity Director, by the morning after the event takes place.



## Special Events: 2013 Schedule



### For Your Dancing and Listening Pleasure.... Valentine's Day Dance

Grab your sweetheart and put on your dancin' shoes! On Saturday, February 9 from 7-10PM, The Smith Mountain Arts Council is hosting a Valentine's Day Dance in the gym at the Smith Mountain Lake YMCA, 293 First Watch Drive.

Music will be provided by the big band sounds of "Let's Dance" (Note to the ladies: pointy heels not allowed on the gym floor...it's just like high school)

Bring your own wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverage. You can also bring light snacks like chips, pretzels, M&M's. Keep in mind there is no kitchen at the Y, so everyone has to setup their snacks and take care of their own cleanup.

You can buy tickets in advance for \$12.00/person at The General Store, Radio Shack and The Visitors Center at Bridgewater Plaza. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15.00/person (\$12.00 if you are a SMAC member). You can also call Marty Bowers at 540.297.0965 or Mike DeGiorgi at 540.719.0686 to make an advance reservation.

So, bone up on your favorite dance moves and be ready to have a raucous good time. (Chaperones will make sure there is no foolin' around on the dance floor)

### Tom Rush – March 22, Trinity Ecumenical Parish:

Smith Mountain Arts Council Presents: An Evening With Tom Rush  
Friday, March 22 2013.....7-9 pm  
Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Dr, Moneta, VA

"It was Rush's humor, his timing was Seinfeldesque, as much as his guitar playing that carried the show. The man who helped launch the singer-songwriter trend in the 1960's proved again that he is the only man alive who should be allowed to sing Joni Mitchell songs."--Chicago Tribune

"Sellouts at NYC's Carnegie Hall, Washington's Kennedy Center and Boston's Symphony Hall are clear measures of a performer's credentials. but having them 30 years into a music career is rare..."--The Jackson Hole News

Tickets: \$17 for SMAC Members. \$20 for non-members. Call Mike DeGiorgi 540.719.0686 or Marty Bowers 540.297.0965 for reservations and ticket info. Tickets will also be sold at Radio Shack, General Store, SML Visitors Center

See you there!



**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."

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

## **Bower Center Programs and Events:**



Bedford's Bower Center for the Arts staged its first gingerbread house display this December. Three sculptures made up the display — a castle created by Amy McGee and her daughter, and a small cabin and replica of an historic Bedford home, both by Bedford Tourism Director Sergei Troubetzkoy. The News and Advance paper did a story about the exhibit.

One of Troubetzkoy's gingerbread creations is modeled on the circa-1848 John Wharton Cottage, which is next door to the Bower Center. That one, especially, took both time and patience. Sergei noted that the house, even after a lot of research, took him several weeks to complete, having to redo parts. He added that an extra pair of hands would have been helpful.

The Bower Center is hoping that this will become an annual event with many more people getting involved next year. There are plans for a gingerbread house making workshop next fall to help families, groups or individuals begin the process. While the Center does not expect to rival Asheville's Grove Park Inn's contest it does hope to expand the display for the many folks that came to see the exhibit this year.

**New Standard Bluegrass:** The Bower Center for the Arts welcomes New Standard Bluegrass to our stage on January 26th at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at [lynchburgtickets.com](http://lynchburgtickets.com) for \$10 or on the evening of the concert for \$12.

New Standard was formed in October, 2011 at Virginia Tech. It was founded by Zach Brown, Spencer Blankenship and Mason Thomas. Jacob Bly and his banjo were quickly added to the band to create a four-piece band. By November, 2011, Stewart Scales was asked to be a part of the band as the bass player. Currently Zach plays the fiddle, Spencer on mandolin, Mason plays guitar, Jacob on banjo and Stewart on upright bass. New Standard brings together a variety of styles and influences ranging from traditional artists to contemporary bluegrass and gospel artists, honoring those before them such as Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs, Reno and Smiley, and the Stanley Brothers.



**Cultural Reflections free Sunday afternoon series:** Bower Center for the Arts continues Cultural Reflections: Examining Art, History, Culture & the Humanities in a free Sunday afternoon series. The next presentation will be "What is a Masterpiece?" by Patrick Ellis and Mitchell Bond of Goose Creek Studio and Gallery on January 13th at 3:00 PM. The Center is located at 305 North Bridge Street in Bedford. All are welcome.

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

## **Ballroom Dancers**



The SML Ballroom Dancers had a very successful Waltz Dance lesson and a Very good Pot Luck Dinner for our Christmas celebration. We held it at the New London Ruritan Club Everyone seems to have had a good time.



In 2013 our dances will be held on the Second Friday of the month instead of the third. We hope that by doing this we will be able to attract more dancers. As there is a Shagg dance every First and Third Fridays in Lynchburg.

We will also be starting something new. We will have three months of Latin to begin with and will see how this makes out.

## Bedford Community Orchestra

For many of you who have been to one of Bedford Community Orchestra's concerts, you have not only enjoyed our music but also the footwork of our conductor Scott Walter. Playing a musical instrument takes training, practice and skill. Putting over fifty musicians together, all playing different instruments, and different parts takes a different kind of skill. This is the role of the conductor. As musicians we read the music on our stands, interpret the meaning of what the composer is writing, internalize this into ourselves, and then externalize this through our instruments; creating sounds of varying pitches, dynamics, and character. The conductor is connecting to the point behind the music which the composer intended, while at the same time connecting to each musician, and energizing the entire group to collectively create a unique sound. Since we are all separate beings we need to set a specific direction in which the piece of music we are playing is going. What character is this piece about? Is it somber, cheery, thoughtful, comical, intense, or even angry? In order for the orchestra to come together and produce a piece of non-conflictual characters, the conductor steps in. Scott Walter is one of the most animated conductors in our area. Audiences love coming to hear the sounds of the BCO and watch the fancy footwork of Scott up on the podium!

"At the most fundamental level, a conductor must stress the musical pulse so that all the performers can follow the same metrical rhythm. The keeping of this rhythmic beat is accomplished by a stylized set of arm movements..." (Britannica Online).

Join us at our next concert in 2013 on Saturday, April 6th, 7:30pm at the Bedford Middle School!

For more information on the BCO visit [www.BedfordCommOrch.org](http://www.BedfordCommOrch.org) or find us on Facebook!



## SML Harmeneers:



Our Barbershop Chorus serves our local community in and around the Franklin and Bedford County, Virginia areas. We are ALWAYS interested in singing for you, your group, your meeting, your birthday, your special event, or simply just because!

Please contact us if we can share our music with you!  
Over 40 men singing A-Capella making a wonderful sound - in and around our Community!

The Harmeneers' Mission is to sing four-part Barbershop harmony of a caliber that gives enjoyment to our members and audiences while promoting a true spirit of fellowship within our Chapter. In addition to preserving an old American institution, we also engage in a variety of activities that benefit the communities in which we live.



**SMAC MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
FOR USE BY NEW MEMBERS ONLY

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