



Newsletter

March - April, 2013

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President's Message:

The Smith Mountain Arts Council is at a crossroads. Membership is at an all-time high. Event attendance has never been stronger. The quality of our events has never been better. The problem we face is recruiting volunteers to run our events.

Our showcase Photo Show, a yearly event for the last 18 years, has been cancelled in 2013. We have been unsuccessful in finding someone to take up the responsibility to chair the event.

There are no upcoming Lake Player productions because we are still looking for people to direct these events. Certainly our volunteers who have dedicated a great deal of their time to produce outstanding events cannot be expected to do so forever.

So, this leaves us to a point of decision. Do we continue to rely on volunteer expertise and without forthcoming volunteers simply cancel? Or, do we look for other options which could include paid staff to head up and coordinate events? If the latter is the way our organization chooses to go, funding paid staff becomes a concern.

Our board will be working hard in the next few months to address these issues. We would appreciate your input. Please email me with your thoughts at detes1@gmail.com

An upcoming key note event includes Tom Rush on March 20 at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. We hope to see you there.

Mike Dittrich

*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 March 15th & April 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).



March 5th: Lakeside Singers

Rehearsals begin for the 25th season
“The Best of the Lakeside Singers”

See page 5 for more information

March 8: Ballroom Dancers

Latin Theme
Lesson at 7:30 followed by general dancing
New London Ruritan Club

See page 6 for more information

March 9: The Rainier Trio

Bower Center for the Arts
Saturday, March 9, 7:30 – 10 pm

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March 17: Cultural Reflections

Bower Center for the Arts- Free Sunday Series
March 17 at 3 pm

See page 5 for more information

March 20: Art Exhibit

Bower Center for the Arts
March 20 – April 27
A judged theme exhibition of 2-D and 3-D art works
Call to Artist : www.bowercenter.org.

See page 5 for more information

March 22: An Evening with Tom Rush

Smith Mountain Arts Council Presents:
“An Evening with Tom Rush”
Friday, March 22 2013.....7 – 9 pm
Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Dr, Moneta

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April 6th: Bedford Community Orchestra

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

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April 11: Frank Vignola & Vinny Raniolo

Trinity Ecumenical Parish from 7 – 9 pm

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April 12: Ballroom Dancers

Lesson at 7:30 followed by general dancing
New London Ruritan Club

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April 13: A Night of Improvisational Jazz

Bower Center for the Arts – On Stage
Karen Nichols & Scott Walter
April 13th at 7:30 pm

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April 14: Cultural Reflections

Bower Center for the Arts - Free Sunday Series
April 14 at 3 pm

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May 25: Let’s Dance

Stars and Stripes Forever: Patriotic Concert
D-Day Memorial in Bedford
7 pm

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June 7 & 8: Lakeside Singers

“The Best of the Lakeside Singers”
Save the Date!

2013: Hotel Roanoke – Tea Dances

Buffet Dinner at 5, Dance from 3 – 9 pm
April 21, June 30, August 18, October 20

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2013 Concert Series & Special Events

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Welcome to our Newest Members

Helen Ardan

Sara Braaten

Richard Berthel

John Dade & Family

Roberta & John Gruber

Michael & Gail McCord

Jay & Linda Walter

Special Events: 2013 Schedule

Smith Mountain Arts Council Presents: An Evening with Tom Rush

Trinity Ecumenical Parish: 40 Lakemount Dr, Moneta

Friday, March 22 from 7 - 9 pm

Tickets: \$17 for SMAC members, \$20 for non-members

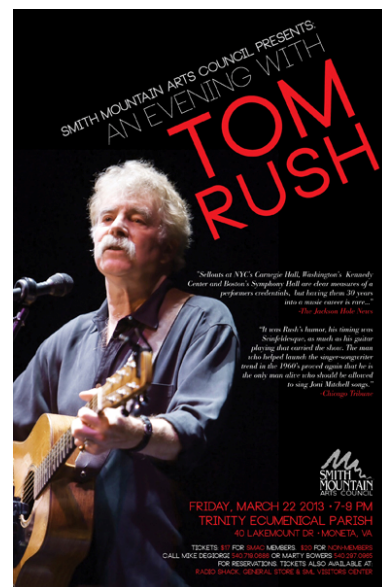
Call Mike DeGiorgi – 540.719.0686 or Marty Bowers – 540.297.0965 for reservations

Tickets also available at: Radio Shack, General Store and SML Visitors Center

"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

See you there!



Frank Vignola with Vinny Raniolo – April 11

Trinity Ecumenical Parish: 40 Lakemount Dr, Moneta

Thursday, April 11 from 7 – 9 pm

Tickets: \$17 for SMAC members, \$20 for non-members

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"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 our website at www.smithmountainartscouncil.com

Bower Center Programs and Events:

Bedford Community Orchestra: The Rainier Trio - Saturday, March 9 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

The Bower Center for the Arts welcomes the Rainier Trio to our stage, and gratefully acknowledges the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts for their support which facilitated this presentation.



As winners of the Ibla Grand Prize Competition in Italy, Kevin and Bryan Matheson are awakening audiences to the music of the violin-viola duo. They received critical acclaim at their Carnegie Weill Recital Hall and have been recognized for their mesmerizing and spirited performances. The duo has teamed up with pianist Brenda Wittwer, as the Rainier Trio. An exciting and energetic group in its fifth season, the trio brings audiences undiscovered gems from the violin-viola-piano trio repertoire. Recently the trio released its first CD including works by Mendelssohn, Glinka, Milhaud and Fuchs. The trio bridges genres from classical to ragtime and tango.

Tickets: \$10 in advance online, \$12 at the door, \$7 students under 18

Cash bar available. Mark your calendar now and join us!

Art Exhibit:

The next art exhibit at Bower Center for the Arts is Look to the East the Orient, the Silk Road, ancient civilizations which begins on March 20 and hangs until April 27th. This will be a judged theme exhibition of 2-D and 3-D art works . A Call to Artist can be found on the Bower website at www.bowercenter.org. Nancy Dahlstrom artist, professor of the Art at Hollins University, gardener and traveler, will judge the exhibit.

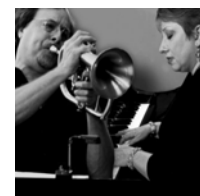
Free Sunday Afternoon Series:

As part of Bower Center for the Arts' cultural Reflections Free Sunday afternoon series on March 17th at 3:00 PM, Sergei Troubetzkoy will speak about the design of objects made out of silver in 19th century America in the "Aesthetic Taste" which was inspired by oriental design. Since Marco Polo's expedition during the 13th century, western design has often been inspired by the Orient. In recognition of the exhibit: "Look to the East: The Orient, the Silk Road, Ancient Civilizations." The Bower Center will be offering programs that examine various aspects of Oriental Culture and its impact on European and American culture.

In the second part of Bower Center's Look to the East Cultural Reflections series Jeannie Larson, author and professor at Hollins University will speak about her novels of China, the book of poems that she translated written by Chinese women, and her travels in Asia. This free program will be held on Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 PM.

A night of improvisational jazz:

The Bower Center for the Arts welcomes Karen Nichols & Scott Walter to our stage on April 13th at 7:30 PM. Jazz trumpet player Scott Walter teams up with pianist and singer Karen Nichols to present a night of improvisational jazz and fresh interpretations of some favorites. Scott plays with several small jazz ensembles and conducts the Bedford Community Orchestra and Sway Katz big Band, and Karen has the piano chair for both ensembles in addition to giving solo concerts. Both are native Virginians, but Scott's travels took him to Texas and New York, while Karen went to the West Coast. Audiences of all ages in all corners of southwest Virginia will not want to miss these two top musicians in concert!



Tickets: \$10 in advance online, \$12 at the door, \$7 students under 18

Lakeside Singers Prepare for Their Twenty-Fifth Season



Rehearsals begin on March 5 for the twenty-fifth season of the Lakeside Singers. We're hoping you'll be ready to join us for the "The Best of the Lakeside Singers." Our music committee has been hard at work choosing selections that represent all the various themes that we have presented over the years. We are happy to have Velshera Johnson as our director and Susan Spataro as our accompanist again this year.

The performances will be on Friday, June 7 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, June 8 at 2:00 PM at TEP. Save the date. If you would like to join us please let us know. It's not too late. For information call Ken Nagele at 540 297-1058. See you in June...

Ballroom Dancers



We have had very good attendance at our dances since we changed the night to the second Friday instead of the third. There were about 40 people in attendance last month. We hope that this will keep up.

On March 8 our dance will still be in the Latin Theme. So far we have had Cha Cha and Rumba. The next dance may be Samba or Salsa.

Our dances begin with an hour lesson at 7:30 and general dancing afterwards. You will be able to practice the steps you learn. We also have a dance host who will dance with the single women.

Dances are held at the New London Ruritan Club on Rt 460 East.

Drinks and snacks can be purchased for \$1.00.

Our dances are casual, dress up or down, whatever allows you to move comfortably.

The next three months dances which begin on April 12, May 10 and June 7 will be Swing/Lindy Dances.

To find more information go to: <http://usadance6042.idnet.org/>

Or To: [facebook.com/SML.USA.Dance6042](https://www.facebook.com/SML.USA.Dance6042)

The Hotel Roanoke is holding Tea Dances:

An elegant buffet dinner is served at 5 pm in the recently renovated Regency Room

The dance begins at 3 pm and goes to 9 p.m. - cost is \$28.00 per person.

The dates are as follows:

- Winter Tea Dance February 24, 2013
- Spring Tea Dance April 21, 2013
- Early Summer Tea Dance June 30, 2013
- Late Summer Tea Dance August 18, 2013
- Autumn Tea Dance October 20, 2013



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! For more information on the BCO visit www.BedfordCommOrch.org or find us on Facebook!



"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!

Let's Dance

Let's Dance is performing on the 25th of May at the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, at 7 p.m. (45 minute concert). They will be playing music from the 40's and will feature a girl vocalist singing *Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree With Anyone Else But Me!!!* Old enough to remember?

Let's Dance will be playing prior to the *Stars and Stripes Forever: Patriotic Concert*. At 8pm the Jefferson Choral Society performs a stirring patriotic concert that will have guests on their feet celebrating the freedoms so many have fought and died to protect. The Jefferson Choral Society concert will include performances by the Jefferson Youth Chorale and Cantate and the Chorus of the Blue Ridge.

Prior to the show, from 7pm to 8pm, visitors can enjoy a moonlight serenade with music by ensemble **Let's Dance** who will perform musical selections from the 1940s. The Memorial will remain open until 10:00pm. Tickets go on sale in April. Adults: \$7.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Students ages 6-18: \$5.00 in advance or \$8.00 at the door. Children under 6 are free. Bring your own chair.

Lake Writers

Lake Writers is pleased to announce the publication of Betsy Ashton's first Mad Max novel. Published by Koehler Books, *Mad Max Unintended Consequences* treats such diverse subjects as traumatic brain injury, mother/daughter estrangement and a grandmother who must decide to change her life completely to raise two grandchildren. These timely topics are woven into a tight story that sets up a sequel.



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.

Lake Players:

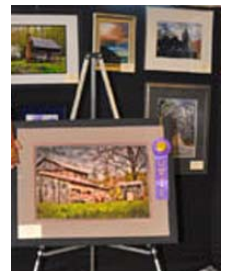


The Smith Mountain Arts Council is in need of one or two people who would be interested in chairing the Lake Players. They would be responsible for organizing the presentation of the shows each year; drama, comedy or musical. There are a couple of people in the community that may be interested in directing one show. We just need the chairs to coordinate the details and either direct or work with interested directors in the community. Please email Mike Dittrich at detes1@gmail.com, if you, or someone you know, might be interested in learning more about what is needed to co-chair this group.

2013 Photo Contest and Show Cancelled:

Due to lack of volunteers to run the show, the 2013 Faber Memorial Photo Contest and Show, normally scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend, has been cancelled.

We are still searching for two people to co-chair this event so we can continue to hold the Contest and Show in future years. This position does not need to be filled by a photographer, but by one or two people that would be interested in organizing the show. There are many who are willing to help anyone who takes on the co-chair positions. If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact pcoriasco@gmail.com 540-420-1018.



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Other Interests: _____

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