



Newsletter

May - June, 2013

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President's Message:

So what exactly does a SMAC membership get you?

A SMAC membership is an intangible thing in many ways. After all, you don't get a membership card. There is no physical evidence that you are a SMACer. Sure, there are some great benefits, reduced admissions to many events, advanced updates on Arts activities in our area, the opportunity to participate in a wide range of related activities, but there is no outward sign that indicates that you belong to SMAC.

There are no bumper stickers.

We don't have an office.

There are no telephones or copy machines.

There is the spirit of enhancing our lives through the Arts. Whether it is music, drama, comedy, singing, writing, dancing, photography, painting, or other expressions of art, SMAC has something for you.

It is a spirit of volunteerism. SMAC does not have a staff. It is a group of people like you, who choose to support the Arts, by participation, involvement and financial backing.

We don't have fundraisers. Your dues and donations are what keep this organization afloat financially. Your spirit is what keeps this organization alive.

Thank you.

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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Friday May 17th & June 21st 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).



May 4: Cinco de Mayo Celebration

7 pm at Bower Center in Bedford

The Lynchburg Salsa Group will teach a class in the art of Salsa and provide music for dancing.

This is Bower's first pre-Cinco de Mayo celebration. Snacks and a light Mexican meal will be provided by the Center, Sangria and other drinks can be purchased.

Come and enjoy the evening. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Call 540-586-4235 for more information.

May 5: Cultural Reflections at Bower Center

3 pm – Free

See page 6 for more information

May 10: Ballroom Dancers

We will be doing the Lindy.

At the New London Ruritan Club on Rt 460 East.

Lesson at 7:30pm with general dancing until 10:30pm.

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May 10: Education in the Arts Exhibit

Bower Center for the Arts will be hosting Bedford County High School and Middle School Art Exhibits. Awards will be presented at an artist reception on Bedford's Second Friday, May 10th beginning at 5pm until 8pm. The Middle Schools will exhibit their work in the later part of the month with an artist reception on Friday evening May 17th.

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May 11: Sway Katz Concert

Trinity Ecumenical Parish at 7:30pm

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May 25: Cajun Crawfish Boil – Bedford

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May 25: Let's Dance

Stars and Stripes Forever: Patriotic Concert

D-Day Memorial in Bedford at 7:00 pm

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May 31, June 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 [Date Change]

Little Town Players Presents

9 to 5: the Musical

See page 4 for more information

June 7: Ballroom Dancers

This month we will be continuing our Lessons on Swing. Held at the New London Ruritan Club on Rt 460 East. Lesson at 7:30PM with general dancing until 10:30PM.

See page 6 for more information

June 7 & 8: Lakeside Singers

"The Best of the Lakeside Singers"

June 7th at 7 pm and June 8th at 2 pm

See page 4 for more information

2013: Hotel Roanoke – Tea Dances

Buffet Dinner at 5, Dance from 3 – 9 pm

June 30, August 18, October 20

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2013 Concert Series and Special Events

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2013 Lake Players

The Lake Players Will Go On!

See page 4 for more information

Oct. 25 & 26: Charity Dance/Concert

Mark your calendars and get a group of friends organized for an evening of dancing, listening and singing along to 50's and 60's chart toppers, led by Laker favorites The New Crusty Minstrels.

See page 5 for more information

Oct 25 - 27: The 24th Annual Arts Show

Save the date for the annual Arts Show.



Welcome to our Newest Members

Lee & Betsy Bowman

Trish & Jim Chidester

Dan & Nan Jones

William & Barbara Nocera

Lake Players: The Lake Players Will Go On!



As most of you know, Nancy King and Connie Canova stepped down from running The Lake Players but they knew the show must go on. Nancy and Connie put out an "open call" for people interested in any and all aspects of keeping the Players on the stage and, as is always the case with this remarkable team, they succeeded.

Kay DeGiorgi has taken over the role of Coordinator for The Lake Players and will hold a seat on the Board of SMAC. Kay is putting a committee together to run The Lake Players and expects the first production to be in August or September of this year. The goal is two shows in 2013, probably starting with a play reading, and having a full schedule of plays and play readings in 2014.

Anyone interested in being a part of the committee or volunteering at events, please contact Kay at 540-400-9055. Expect to see some amazing talent!

Little Town Players Presents *9 to 5: the Musical*

Pushed to the boiling point by their boss, Franklin Hart, Jr. (Stan Butler), three female co-workers, Violet (Lisa Butler), Judy (Christa Woome) and Doralee (Taylor Sumler) concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. They conspire to take control of their company and learn there is nothing they can't do.....even in a man's world. Set in the late 1970's, 9 to 5: The Musical is a hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era. Outrageous, thought provoking, and even a little romantic, 9 to 5: The Musical is about teaming up and taking care of business. A funny, cautionary tale, with wonderful music and lyrics from Dolly Parton which includes 9 to 5, Here For You, Let Love Grow and Get Out and Stay Out. Additional cast members include Julie Austin-Witcher, Carly Aznavorian, Jennifer Brown, Matthew Burnette, Bob Conley, Gilbrith Gogel, Melissa Kennedy, Lozarius Little, Joey Miller, Greg Ritchie, Edwin Taylor, Dylan Toms, Brently Winstead.



Taylor Sumler, Stan Butler, Christa Woome, Lisa Butler

9 to 5: The Musical, directed by Linda Conley will have you singing along as you enjoy one of the funniest musicals ever written. *****LTP is the first community theatre in the area to produce this song filled show*****

Dates: May 31 - June 1, 2, 7, 8, 9

*******PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN SHOW DATES*******

Season Ticket holders may begin calling for reservations Friday, May 17, 2013.

All other reservations begin Thursday, May 23, 2013.

Please call the box office at 540-586-5881 or <http://www.lynchburgtickets.com/karen/>

THE BEST OF THE LAKESIDE SINGERS - 25 YEARS



Get ready for this year's Lakeside Singers' program.

Friday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 8 at 2:00 p.m. – get your tickets early.

This year we are presenting THE BEST OF THE LAKESIDE SINGERS in honor of twenty-five years of music. The singers are enjoying our practices because every single song is one of our favorites, and we think you will enjoy them too. Velshera Johnson is directing, Sue Spataro is our pianist and we are happy to have Bob Armstrong on the drums and J.T. Spataro on guitar. We even have a few surprises in the wings so please plan to join us at Trinity Ecumenical Parish on the first weekend in June.

Call our coordinators, Ken Nagele (297-1058) or Chris Collins (721-8425) if you have any questions.

Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemont Drive, Moneta

Tickets are \$8.00 in advance or \$9.00 at the door

Purchase tickets at:

The Westlake Radio Shack; SML Visitor Center at the bridge; The General Store on Scruggs Road

See you at the show!

Special Events: 2013 Schedule

For more information go to our website at www.smithmountainartscouncil.com



Folk legend **Tom Rush** kept a near capacity crowd at TEP laughing and tapping along to every song from his incredible repertoire.



Vinny Raniolo, Mike DeGiorgi, Frank Vignola

Frank Vignola and Vinny Raniolo

Guitar virtuosos Frank Vignola and Vinny Raniolo played to a small but appreciative TEP crowd on April 11. Highlights included a blazing rendition of Flight of the Bumblebee and jazzed up versions of Beethoven's 5th and Mozart's Gminor Symphonies. Pictured to the left with SMAC Special Events Chairman, Mike DeGiorgi.



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."



The New Crusty Minstrels: "*Where Were YOU, '52 - 62?*" - October 25 and 26



The original New Crusty Minstrels [Oct 2010]

Mark your calendars and get a group of friends organized for an evening of dancing, listening and singing along to 50's and 60's chart toppers, led by Laker favorites The New Crusty Minstrels. "Where were you, 1952-62?" will feature dozens of the tunes that ushered in the Rock 'n Roll period of your musical memory. Whether you were in grade school, high school, or at your mom's knee as she watched American Bandstand, these tunes are still rattling around in your head! As always, the Crusty Minstrels will have lyrics displayed above the stage for sing-along ease.

Plan to join the fun! Tickets sales and all contributions will benefit SML Good Neighbors and Lake Christian Ministries. Watch for more details in future SMAC newsletters.

For more information, go to: <http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com/af-New%20Crusty%20Minstrels.html>

Bower Center Programs and Events:

Cultural Reflections series Mourning & Remembrance - On Sunday May 5th at 3:00 pm Bower Center for the Arts in Bedford will present another in their free Cultural Reflections series Mourning & Remembrance Part 1: Symbolism & Iconography used in 19th Century Cemeteries. Sergei Troubetzkoy, Bedford Director of Tourism, will present a program that includes the creation of Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1831 as America's first "garden" or "rural" cemetery. This program will briefly examine the development of the rural cemetery movement, and with the manner in which the departed family members were remembered through the use of symbolism and Iconography in the design of tombstones and other monuments. Call 540-586-4235 for more information.



Cinco de Mayo Celebration On Saturday May 4th at 7 pm at Bower Center for the Arts in Bedford the Lynchburg Salsa Group will teach a class in the art of Salsa and provide music for dancing. This is Bower's first pre-Cinco de Mayo celebration. Snacks and a light Mexican meal will be provided by the Center, Sangria and other drinks can be purchased. Come and enjoy the evening. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Call 540-586-4235 for more information.

Education in the Arts Exhibit For the third year, Bower Center for the Arts will be hosting Bedford County High School and Middle School Art Exhibits. The three high schools, Liberty, Staunton River and Jefferson Forest will exhibit first. Revelle Hamilton, James Underwood, Karen Carter, Dotti Stone, Patrick Ellis and Pat Dougherty will judge the work in a variety of categories. Awards will be presented at an artist reception on Bedford's Second Friday, May 10th beginning at 5pm until 8pm. The Middle Schools will exhibit their work in the later part of the month with an artist reception on Friday evening May 17th.

Cajun Crawfish Boil May 25th

Mark your calendar for Wharton Memorial's Fifth Annual Crawfish Dinner, generously sponsored by Dr. John Bower and Edna Curry. Join us for live Zydeco music and the party of the year in Bedford! The dinner will be held on Saturday evening, May 25th in the beautiful Wharton Garden. Just in case of rain the festival will be held in the old Murray Bolling building at 317 Jackson Street—just across the street from Bower Center and behind Dave's Auto. The food is fabulous and a rare treat in these parts. Large freshwater crawfish are brought to Bedford live and boiled on the spot. Chicken gumbo and red beans & rice are made from old Louisiana recipes. Crawfish étouffée, a dish found in both Cajun and Creole cuisine, is most popular in New Orleans and in the bayou country of the southernmost half of Louisiana! Last but not least, save room for corn on the cob.



The tickets are \$30 in advance at lynchburgtickets.com, Bedford Welcome Center, Aylor's in Forest, Bower Center and \$35 at the gate. Call 540-586-4235 for more information.

Ballroom Dancers

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, 12411 E Lynchburg Salem Tpke, Members \$7.00, Non-Members 10.00 and students \$5.00 with ID.

Drinks and snacks can be purchased for \$1.00.

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

The Lessons will be:

May 10 and June 7: Swing/Lindy Dances.

July 12, Aug 9, and Sept 13: Country Dances.

Oct.11, Nov.8 and Dec.13: Smooth Dances - Like Foxtrot and the Waltz..

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

- Early Summer Tea Dance June 30
- Late Summer Tea Dance August 18
- Autumn Tea Dance October 20



Concert - Sway Katz

Music for listening and dancing

When: May 11, 2013, 7:30pm

Where: Trinity Ecumenical Parish

Cost: \$10 for adults and \$7 for students

More info: www.swaykatz.com

Let's Dance: Stars and Stripes Forever: Patriotic Concert

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.

For more information: Contact alicecheek@dday.org or Jrey5110@aol.com.

2013 Photography 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 will need two people to co-chair the event if we are to continue having the Contest and Show in the future. Those who chaired it in the past, such as Larry Sakayama and Peter Coriasco, will continue to help, but new blood will be needed to run it once again in 2014.

Please check your calendars and talk to your photographer friends and don't hesitate to call or write if you would like to volunteer in the future or if you have any questions.

For more information, please contact Peter Coriasco – pcoriasco@gmail.com - 540-420-1018

Little Town Players - Recognized

Elks National Home Open House

Little Town Players were well represented at the Elks National Home Open House held on March 24th. In spite of the snow there were a number of people in attendance. Several visitors made comments about what an asset LTP is to the Elks Home and surrounding area.



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Other Interests: _____

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