

Newsletter#

May - June 2016

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President's Message:

Dear Fellow SMAC Members,

The spring/summer SMAC season is in full swing and there is a lot going on!

Congratulations to John Layton, whose spectacular wildlife photo "Takeoff and Landing" won Best in Show at the 21st annual SMAC/John Faber Memorial Photo Contest and Show, and to Holly Adams, whose "Reflections" won the special SML 50th anniversary prize for "Celebrating Smith Mountain Lake." See the whole list of winners in this newsletter.

I am looking forward to seeing you at SMAC's exciting upcoming events: the Panini Brothers play a benefit concert at the Harvester for our Junior Appalachian Musicians program; Lake Players present a dinner variety theater, with the play "Across the Cove" by Judy Reap; The Roanoke Symphony Orchestra comes to the Lake to celebrate the 50th anniversary with us; Lakeside Singers' concert celebrates water; the exciting vocal trio String of Pearls makes their Lake debut; and Lake Writers bring us four of our favorite authors and two Comedy Café presentations!

Get all the dates and details in this newsletter. You can also check our website - www.smithmountainartscouncil.com – for information and to purchase tickets by PayPal.

Thank you for being a member of the Smith Mountain Arts Council!

Kathryn Orth

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Welcome to our Newest Members:

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Contact: Terry Naylor 297-5495

Board Meetings: Trinity Ecumenical Parish - Route 122

Fri May 20 & Jun 17 at 9:30 AM



We have vacancies for a couple of SMAC Board members. If you are interested, please contact Barb Nocera at bdnocera@aol.com.



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).

Be sure to print this page so you don't miss these events!



May 6: Jam and the Panini Brothers

The Junior Appalachian Musicians program. (JAM's) Panini Bros perform for a Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) benefit May 6th at 7:30PM at The Harvester Performance Center in Rocky Mount VA
More information on page 4

May 7: Lake Players Dinner Theatre

"Across the Cove" a variety show, and, of course, a delicious meal prepared by the chefs of The Waterfront Country Club. Held at the Waterfront Country Club. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Cash bar
Buffet dinner at 6:30 pm
More information on page 4

May 13 & 14: New Crusty Minstrels Concert

SML's New Crusty Minstrels will present their next sing-along, dance-along, "nosh-with-friends" concert on May 13 & 14 as a signature event for SML's 50th Anniversary Celebration and also as a benefit for SML Good Neighbors.

Tickets sales & table reservations can be made using the SMLGN website: www.smlgoodneighbors.org

More information on page 4

May 20: "Salute to SML's 50th Anniversary" David Wiley and the Roanoke Symphony,

7:00 pm at Resurrection Catholic Church in Moneta
More information on page 5

May 31: Lake Writers Present Sharyn McCrumb

Lake Writers celebrate 50th Anniversary of Smith Mountain Lake with book talk, discussion, and signing with famed Appalachian writer, Sharyn McCrumb
Free, 4 - 5:30pm at Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Jun 3 & 4: Lakeside Singers Concert

This year is the 50th Anniversary for Smith Mountain Lake so the program will build on the anniversary and feature lake and water selections.
More information on page 5

Jun 3-5, 10-12: Little Town Players Guys and Dolls

More information: www.littletownplayers.com

Jun 9: Lake Writers Present Kathleen Grissom

Lake Writers celebrate 50th Anniversary of Smith Mountain Lake with book talk, discussion, and signing with NYT Best Selling Author of The Kitchen House. Ms. Grissom will be talking about and signing her new book. Free, 4 – 6 pm at Westlake Library, Westlake Center

June 10: "String of Pearls" concert

7 pm at TEP, Featuring Three superb female singers who blend vintage harmonies with modern jazz, swing and Brazilian.
More information on page 5

Let's Dance Band: The Let's Dance Band is off on another busy year with the following schedule of Performances for 2016:

May 19 5:30 to 8:30 pm Taubman Museum in Roanoke

May 28 7:00 to 9:00 pm D-Day Memorial Concert with Jefferson Choral Society.

June 25 6:30 to 8:00 The Bent Mountain Center

Aug. 6. The Roanoke Valley Cotillion Club Hotel Roanoke

Aug. 13 D-Day Memorial, *Spirit of '45 Concert*

Dec. 2 5:30 to 8:30 pm Taubman Museum
Dickens of a Christmas Night

Harvester: www.harvester-music.com

Wed	May 4	8pm	Stephen Kellogg
Fri	May 6	7:30pm	Panini Brothers (JAM benefit)
Sat	May 7	7:30pm	Legacy Motown Revue
Tue	May 17	8pm	The Jayhawks w/ Folk Uke
Thu	May 19	8pm	The Seldom Scene
Fri	May 20	8pm	Samantha Fish
Fri	May 20	8pm	The Black Lillies
Sat	May 21	7:30pm	John Anderson "Acoustic Tour"
Wed	May 25	8pm	The Zombies
Fri	May 27	8pm	Suzy Bogguss
Wed	Jun 1	8pm	The Wailers
Fri	Jun 3	8pm	Scythian
Thu	Jun 9	8pm	The Indigo Girls
Fri	Jun 24	8pm	Marty Stuart and Superlatives
Fri	Jul 1	7:30pm	The Embers

The Junior Appalachian Musicians program. (JAM's) – May 6th

Panini Bros perform for a Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) benefit

May 6th from 7:30 - 9PM at The Harvester Performance Center in Rocky Mount VA

The tickets are \$22.00. They are on sale at the Harvester website: harvester-music.com.

Contact Jim Mullens jhmullens@yahoo.com, 540 420 9167

This benefit is to help fund the JAM program which pays instructors to conduct small leveled based lessons once a week for 2 hours at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Rocky Mount. The students play guitar, banjo and fiddle. The students are in grades 4-8 and come from Franklin County. All proceeds will go to the JAM program so it can

continue lessons throughout the school year and offer a summer camp for 10 weeks. JAM is a nonprofit group that is sponsored by the Smith Mountain Arts Council.



The Panini Bros. will perform one set then the JAM students will play for 30 minutes. Then the Panini Bros will complete the entertainment with one more set. The Panini Brothers play a mixture of blues, jazz, rock, Americana, and a few tunes set in Franklin County.



Lake Players: Dinner Theatre “Across the Cove” on Saturday, May 7th

On Saturday, May 7, the Lake Players of the Smith Mountain Arts Council will celebrate Smith Mountain Lake’s Anniversary with a Dinner Theater production of a variety show featuring an original play, “**Across the Cove**”, by Judy Reap, a musical review of sixties songs by Sue Halloran and Ken Hitchcock, Junior Appalachian Musicians, dramatic readings from the Lake Writers new anthology “Reflections of Smith Mountain Lake” and , of course, a delicious meal prepared by the chefs of The Waterfront Country Club.

Waterfront Country Club: Doors open at 6:00 pm Cash bar Buffet dinner at 6:30 pm

Cost: \$40.00 - Tickets will be available through the SMAC website on April 1



The Lake Players April 1st presentation of “**Evening of Lighthearted Fun and Foolery**” was well attended and well received. It was a fast paced evening of short comedy sketches, skits and music. This lighthearted 90 minute fare of frivolity was entertaining, funny, and enjoyable. It was indeed an A-1 performance.



Cast: Connie Canova, Bo King, Nancy King, Kevin Leap, Linda Leap, Charlene Maresca, John Maresca, Phil Servidea, Jim Tarantino, Michelle Tarantino and Linda Worman



New Crusty Minstrels Concert: “Celebrate the 60’s” on May 13 - 14

Celebrate the 60’s with the New Crusty Minstrels, May 13 and 14, at the SML YMCA. A 50th Anniversary Signature Event: Music for dancing and sing-along from SML’s first decade of “Making Memories at the Jewel of the Blue Ridge.”

Reserve a table with friends, BYO food and beverages of choice or Hot Shots meals will also be available to purchase. Good seats and tables still available, but don’t wait any longer! Music for sing-along and dancing that you (or maybe your mom!) grooved on during high school, performed by your SML neighbors.



Tickets- \$25 at smlgoodneighbors.org or The General Store, Stacey’s Sweet Spot or on-line at smlgoodneighbors.com Call 297-9361 to reserve a table. Other questions- 721-7222.

Ticket proceeds benefit SML Good Neighbors Summer Camps and contributions made at the concert are DOUBLED by David Baldacci, so be generous and help us max out his “Up to \$10,000” promise!—be generous and help us reach our goal of \$40K!

Special Events: David Wiley and the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra - May 20th

"Salute to Smith Mountain Lake's 50th Anniversary", Wiley and RSO present American Classics from Bernstein to Rodgers – 7pm on Friday, May 20, Resurrection Catholic Church
David Stewart Wiley and 26 Roanoke Symphony musicians present a tribute to SML's 50th Anniversary, including world premiere of Maestro Wiley's composition just for the occasion. Other selections include favorites from West Side Story, The Music Man, a military services tribute and more.
Gold premium tickets (\$60 for SMAC members, \$67 for others) include preferred up-front/center seating plus "Afterglow: Meet the Musicians" wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at Bridgewater Bay; regular concert-only seating is \$32 for SMAC, \$40 for others. Tickets at SMAC website plus General Store, Print-n-Paper, Visitor Center, Smith Mt. Flowers.



Special Events: String of Pearls Concert – June 10th



7 pm, Friday, June 10 at Trinity Ecumenical Parish

Three superb female singers who blend vintage harmonies with modern jazz, swing and Brazilian. Bonus: one of them is the lake's own NYC transplant, Sue Halloran. One reviewer stated, "They kept the audience entertained throughout the evening with their light banter, laughter and charm."

Tickets – \$17 for SMAC members, \$25 for others, on sale now at SMAC website plus outlets or phone Marty 297-0965.

Lakeside Singers: June 3rd and 4th



The Lakeside Singers has over 60 members this year preparing for the Spring concert. They can be found weekly, diligently rehearsing new music for this year's concert at the lake. The Lakeside Singers, a community group of volunteer singers, will hold their concert honoring the 50th anniversary of Smith Mountain Lake. June 3 at 7:00 pm and June 4, at 4:00 pm.

The new Director is Josh O'Dell. Josh is currently the Minister of Music at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church and Karen DeBord is this year's Lakeside Singer's organizer

The theme for this year's concert is Wake the Mountains, Rock the Shores and will be a "water" concert honoring the 50th anniversary of the Smith Mtn. Lake. There will be music that will suit everybody's preferences from rock to gospel. There will be opportunities to handclap, laugh, toe tap and smile throughout the concert.



Tickets will be \$12.00 and will go on sale May 1 through Lakeside Singer members, in local outlets and online at <http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com>

SML Ballroom Dancers: USA Dance Smith Mountain Lake Chapter invites you to join our Monthly 2nd Friday Dances @ The New London Ruritan Club, Route 460: 3 driveways east of the Sheetz at the intersection of routes 811 and 460. [facebook.com/USADanceChapter6042](https://www.facebook.com/USADanceChapter6042) <http://usadance6042.org/>



Music starts about 7:00. Lesson begins at 7:30 starting with beginner steps and adding more challenging steps through 8:30. Then we turn down the lights for social dancing 8:30 - 10:30 Individuals and couples welcome.

Chips, candy, water, and soft drinks are available for \$1 each and proceeds benefit the Ruritan.

\$10 USA Dance Members, \$12 Non-Members, \$5 Students (non-member groups of 3+ \$2 off). Come to a dance FREE – Just join at USADance.org and bring your receipt to the next dance. Members also come free on the month of their birthday!!

May 13 SALSA / Beginner Mambo @ 6 Theme: Latin & Flowers galore

June 10 FOXTROT Theme: Celebrate Summer

July 8 East Coast Swing / Lindy Theme: Sock Hop

2016 SMAC John Faber Memorial Photo Contest Award Winners

<u>Category</u>	<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Title</u>
Best in Show	John Layton	"Takeoff and Landing"
Celebrating Smith Mountain Lake	Holly Adams	"Reflections"

1. Smith Mountain Lake Scenes

1 st	Susan Halloran	"Winter Fog at SML"
2 nd	John Layton	"Morning Row"
3 rd	Larry Sakayama	"Morning Mist"
HM	Kathryn Orth	"Self-portrait with Kayak"

2. Landscapes/Seascapes/Sunrise/Sunset

1 st	Alan Raasch	"Walk on Water"
2 nd	Alan Raasch	"Cypress Sunset"
3 rd	Kathy Coulahan	"Old Barn"
HM	Kenneth McCreedy	"Nightfall at Fairystone Park"
HM	Robert Miller	"Night on the James"

3. People/Portraits

1 st	Michael Nekic	"Salem Fair 2015"
2 nd	Peter Coriasco	"Village's Only Water Source"
3 rd	Robert Miller	"Potter's Hands"
HM	Peter Coriasco	"Young Monks, Myanmar"

4. Pets/Wildlife

1 st	Michael McCormick	"Rooster"
2 nd	Pidge Morgan	"Giraffe Dance"
3 rd	Tamara Key	"Going Green"
HM	Susan Halloran	"Winter Light Snow"
HM	David Lanowitz	"Brodie"

5. Architecture

1 st	Alan Raasch	"Ruined"
2 nd	Debbie Cressell	"Lines"
3 rd	Jean Wibbens	"Alone, Eastern State Penitentiary"
HM	Alan Raasch	"Cooper River Bridge"

6. Close-up, Macros, Still Life

1 st	Jean Wibbens	"The Barber's Chair at . . ."
2 nd	Carla Laseter	"Heart of a Gardenia"
3 rd	Haley Fredericks	"Mia's Eye"
HM	Robert Luce	"Great-Grandad's Water Skis"
HM	Kathy Coulahan	"Padlocks"

7. Digital Manipulation

1 st	Alan Raasch	"Rooted BelAir"
2 nd	Alan Raasch	"Rocket 88"
3 rd	Haley Fredericks	"Magic in the Kitchen"
HM	Michael Nekic	"Warehouse"

8. Youth

1 st	Oriel Soltysik	"Through a Window to the Morning Sea"
2 nd	Zachery Key	"Snowscape"
3 rd	Aaron Turner	"Fall Hues"
HM	Hunter Deyerle	"Autumn's Edge"

9. Humor

1 st	Tandy Amburgey	"First Kiss"
2 nd	Kathy Coulahan	"Sunbathers in the Sand"
3 rd	Alan Raasch	"Improvise"
HM	Tandy Amburgey	"We Are So Cool"

Smith Mountain Arts Council Affiliates

Smith Mountain Arts Council Affiliates are independent organizations that share the mission of supporting one or more of the performing, visual, or literary arts. The Smith Mountain Arts Council and its Affiliates seek opportunities to engage in mutually beneficial activities which further each organization's mission and vision.

Artists Center Along Crooked Rd: www.virginia.org/listings/Shopping/TheArtisanCenterAlongtheCrookedRoad/ The Artisan Center Along the Crooked Road promotes and highlights many of the things that make this region special by featuring the work of local and area artists. Pieces include such works as pottery, glass, leather, photography, jewelry, gourds & books by local authors. While shopping at the center, one can also find a variety of antiques, home decor, souvenirs, delicious food items and gifts. The Artisan Center is located in the center of Downtown Rocky Mount, Virginia and showcased on the 'Round the Mountain Artisan Trail, Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network and is also located on The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail. We strive to provide an enjoyable atmosphere, friendly service and some of the most unique gifts and books that a person would be happy to take home as a reminder of their visit to Franklin County.

Bald Knob Artists: The Bald Knob Artists group was organized about eight years ago by area residents interested in creating and promoting art.

Bedford Community Orchestra: www.bedfordcommorch.org - The Bedford Community Orchestra was founded in 1989. The orchestra, under the direction of Scott Walter, provides a Spring and Fall Concert Season.

Bower Center for the Arts: www.bowercenter.org - The Bower Center for the Arts, under the umbrella of the Wharton Memorial Foundation, is a non-profit art center nestled in the heart of Bedford, Virginia at the corner of Bridge Street and Bedford Avenue.

Creative Outreach: A casual, social gathering of artists; from potters to poets.

Harmeneers: <http://www.smlharmeneers.com/> - This group of more than thirty men from Lynchburg and the Smith Mountain Lake area perform four-part harmony in the grand tradition of a-capella barbershop singing.

Harvester: www.harvester-music.com - Look who's playing in Rocky Mount! With over 150 musical performances from Rock to Country, Americana and beach music, it's the newest venue to see your favorite artists and bands! Find out more at www.harvester-music.com.

League of Roanoke Artists: <http://www.leagueofroanokeartists.com> - The League of Roanoke Artists (LRA) is the largest independent art organization in the Roanoke area. The LRA has been devoted to expanding opportunities for artists and those that wish to support art for over fifty years.

Let's Dance Band: www.theletsdanceband.com - A band whose goal is to promote and keep "Big Band" music alive for future musicians, both pros and non-pros, to perform and enjoy.

Little Town Players: www.littletownplayers.com - Celebrating 35 years of live theater in Bedford.

New Crusty Minstrels: The New Crusty Minstrels is an informal group of instrumentalists and vocalists who periodically stage concerts, typically in sing-along format, to benefit SML-area charities.

Opera Roanoke: operaroonoke.org - New collaborative partnerships with the Taubman Museum of Art and Virginia Western Community College, host of the Met "Live in HD" broadcasts, find Opera Roanoke thriving in the heart of a vibrant community.

Parrot & Toucan Steel Bands: <http://www.parrotpanband.com/> The Parrot Pan and Toucan Steel Bands are the newest performing ensemble joining the vibrant arts scene at Smith Mountain Lake. The ensembles learn and share the sounds of the steel drum from Trinidad. Music ranges from standard island tunes to latin, rock and of course Buffett! The band was formed in 2013 from interested people attending a summer concert by Roanoke's Panamanian Steel Band. The bands are under the direction of Richard 'Pandaddy' Rudolph.

Rocky Mount Center for the Arts: rockymountarts.org - The Rocky Mount Center for the Arts' mission is to showcase, facilitate, and educate, to support artistic endeavors and rural creativity in the community and region.

SML Ballroom Dancers: <http://usadance6042.idnet.org> - Smith Mountain Lake USA Dance Chapter 6042 is a group of couples and singles who are passionate about ballroom dancing. Each dance is preceded by a lesson taught by local instructors/professionals

Southwest Virginia Songwriters Association (SVSA): svsasongs.com - The Southwest Virginia Songwriters Association is a group of amateur and professional songwriters with the common goal of improving songwriting and performance skills.

Sway Katz Jazz Orchestra: www.swaykatz.com - The Sway Katz Jazz Orchestra is a 19-piece ensemble. Its repertoire includes more than 200 jazz, latin, R&B, and funk tunes as well as popular ballads and swing standards.

Westlake Ringers: <http://westlakeringers.org/> The Westlake Ringers, based in Moneta near Smith Mountain Lake, is a community handbell choir dedicated to the mission of sharing the joy of handbells in the Smith Mountain Lake area. Formed in 2014, the choir consists of fifteen regular members and several substitutes, and currently performs on five octaves of handbells and five and a half octaves of hand chimes

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