



Newsletter

November – December 2015

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President's Message:

Dear Fellow SMAC Members,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to lead the wonderful group of talented people who make up the Smith Mountain Arts Council!

I want to extend special thanks to outgoing president Chuck Lumpkin, outgoing vice-president Anne Motley (who will remain on the board as Lake Players representative), and Mike DeGiorgi, who is stepping down from the Special Events Committee. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

In recent events, the Lake Players had sell-out crowds for their performances of "Drinking Habits," and the Art Show just wrapped up its 26th annual competition with an extraordinary collection of entries. Congratulations to both these groups.

We have a busy and exciting year ahead of us.

Don't miss our next SMAC event, "Home for the Holidays: A Bouknight and Wiley Family Christmas," Friday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., at Trinity Ecumenical Parish.

Several big events are in the works for 2016, when SMAC will join in the celebration of Smith Mountain Lake's 50th anniversary. You will be getting more information about a special Roanoke Symphony Orchestra concert here at the Lake; a Lake Players performance of Judy Reap's play "Across the Cove"; and a SMAC Special Event concert by jazz trio String of Pearls.

The Photo Show moves to April, the Lake Writers are working on an anthology of non-fiction and poetry about the lake area, and the Lakeside Singers have planned a program featuring lake and water selections.

And all that is only the first half of the year!

As we celebrate SML's anniversary, please also be mindful of our Youth Outreach Programs. We are discussing a fundraising event to help provide financial support for the Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) program and the competitive SMAC Scholarship program for talented local students entering college.

Renewing your membership, if you have not already done so, is a big help with all our programs. You can also make tax deductible donations by check or by PayPal.

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

Kathryn Orth

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Board Meetings: Trinity Ecumenical Parish - Route 122

Friday Nov 20 & Dec 18 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).



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

Nov 13: SML Ballroom Dancers

Music and dancing 7:30 – 10:30pm: Rumba lesson
More information on page 4

Nov 13-15, 20-22: Little Town Players

Southern Hospitality, third in the Dearly Beloved trilogy
More information on page 5

Nov 20 & 21: SML Harmeneers Concert

"It's A Great Day For The Irish"
Sat, Nov 20 at 7pm
Sun, Nov 21 at 2pm

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Dec 11: Home for the Holidays Concert

A Bouknight & Wiley Family Christmas
Friday, December 11, 2015 at 7 pm
Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Moneta
More information on page 4

Dec 4: Let's Dance

Roanoke's Dickens of a Christmas
Taubman Museum
5:30 to 8:30 pm
More information on page 5

Dec 11: SML Ballroom Dancers

Music and dancing 7:30 – 10:30pm: Waltz lesson
More information on page 4

2016

Mar 18-20, 25-27: Little Town Players

On Golden Pond
More information: www.littletownplayers.com

Apr 22-24: SMAC Photo contest

SMAC's Annual John Faber Memorial Photo Contest and Show has moved to a new date! The popular show, traditionally held on Memorial Day weekend, will take place April 22-24, 2016.

More information on page 5

May 13 & 14: New Crusty Minstrels

SML's New Crusty Minstrels will present their next sing-along, dance-along, "nosh-with-friends" concert on May 13 & 14, 2016 as a signature event for SML's 50th Anniversary Celebration—and also as a benefit for SML Good Neighbors.

Over forty hits from the 1960's will be featured. The concert will again be held in the SML YMCA gym; "Premier Tables" will be offered to early reservers to accommodate those who like to be close to the stage and dance floor

Jun 3 & 4: Lakeside Singers Concert

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

More information on page 7

Jun 3-5, 10-12: Little Town Players

Guys and Dolls
More information: www.littletownplayers.com

Harvester: www.harvester-music.com

November

Fri, Nov. 6: Harvester Dinner Theater @ the Cafe presents Underhill Rose

Sat, Nov. 7: Jerry Steinberg & His Dixie Bluegrass Boys

Sat, Nov. 7: Paul Thorn

Sun, Nov. 8: Dar He : The Story Of Emmett Till

Fri, Nov. 13: Martinsville Horrorfest Invades The Harvester

Fri, Nov. 13: After Jack

Tue, Nov. 17: The Wood Brothers w/ openers The Rigs

Wed, Nov. 18: Madeleine Peyroux

Thu, Nov. 19: David Wax Museum w/ opener Anthony D'Amato

Fri, Nov. 20: Cracker w/My Radio

Sat, Nov. 28: Hackensaw Boys

December

Fri, Dec. 4: Jethro Tull's Martin Barre & Band

Thu, Dec. 10: Steep Canyon Rangers

Fri, Dec. 11: Dr. Ralph Stanley

Sat, Dec. 12: Christmas with The Embers 2015

Sat, Dec. 12: Samantha Fish on the Landing Pad Stage

Sun, Dec. 13: Judy Collins

Fri, Dec. 18: Brass 5

Welcome to our Newest Members:

Denise Swayne	Vicki Gardner	Elizabeth Garrett	Patricia & Paul Greier	Dorothy Meaden	Randi Paul
Carol Plaskon	Katie Sayers	Kathleen Taylor	Dale & Wheat Wallenboen		Dianna Weiner



SMAC Board Member Role Changes and Vacancies for 2016

People are changing roles at SMAC. After eight years as SMAC's webmaster Larry Sakayama is taking on a new challenge. As director of communications, he will be responsible for SMAC's interactions with the newspapers, submitting press releases, sending out e-mail blasts to the membership, and a host of other tasks too numerous to mention. Reach Larry at larrysak3@yahoo.com.

Betsy Ashton stepped down as secretary to take over the new website as webmaster. SMAC is using a different program to manage the website, membership roles, email lists and event registrations among other functionality. The rollout has been a bit bumpy, but as errors are discovered, they are being fixed quickly. To add events, pictures, news and changes, please reach Betsy at betsy_ashton2005@yahoo.com.



Interested in helping shape the future of SMAC? We will have a couple vacancies for Board members of SMAC beginning in January. If you are interested in being considered, please contact Barb Nocera, nominating committee chair, at bdnocera@aol.com. Our monthly Board meetings are held the third Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Ecumenical Parish.

We are also looking for a leader for our Special Events Committee. Training will be provided. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please let us hear from you so the fabulous local events we all enjoy can continue.

Special Events: A Bouknight & Wiley Family Christmas

Save the Date and Reserve Your Tickets for *Home for the Holidays - A Bouknight & Wiley Family Christmas* Friday, December 11, 2015, 7 pm at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Moneta

Tickets: \$17 SMAC members, \$25 non-members, \$10 children 12 and under
Tickets via PayPal or credit card at smithmountainartscouncil.com
Tickets also available at General Store, Print-n-Paper and the SML Visitor Center.

More info at smithmountainartscouncil.com
Questions/more info: Contact Marty Bowers 540.309.1676



SML Ballroom Dancers: www.usadance6042.org



Nov 13 : Music and dancing 7:30 – 10:30pm: Rumba lesson
FALLING LEAVES DANCE! Wear your fall colors to warm up this dance!
We start the evening with a RUMBA lesson followed by 2 hours of social dancing.

Dec 11: Music and dancing 7:30 – 10:30pm: Waltz lesson
WINTER WHITE SNOWFLAKE DANCE! Another chance to dress up a bit for this elegant dance.
Stay tuned, we may have this dance at a different location or another dinner dance.
We start the evening with a WALTZ lesson followed by 2 hours of social dancing.

Location: New London Ruritan Club, 12411 E Lynchburg Salem Tpke, Forest, VA

Cost: \$10 USA Dance Members, \$12 non-members, \$5 Students (groups of 3+ \$2 off)

More information: Contact: Cindy Zerfoss, 434-426-9787 or cindyzerfoss@gmail.com ,

Annual membership is \$25 and chapter 6042 provides 2 opportunities each year for members to come to a dance FREE

- Join at USADance.org and bring your receipt to the next dance.
- Members come free on the month of their birthday!!

The Smith Mountain Arts Council - Art Show

The SMAC 26th annual Art Show had 131 entries from 54 different artists ranging over 7 categories of beautiful artwork. Lawrence Bowden of Lynchburg was this year's judge.

The youngest artist, 13 year old Midora Firebaugh, won first place in the student category with her Oil entry entitled "Bonsai on the Balcony". Best in Show and first place in the "Other" category went to Nancy Luce with her Stained Glass entry entitled "Celebration". The People's Choice Award went to Whitney Brock with her Oil entry entitled "Chesapeake Tradition", which also took first place in that category.

The remaining categories first place winners included: Denise Swayne (Watercolor), Susan Bradbury (Acrylic), Sarah J. Baskett (Pastel), Donna Ramsey Nevers (Mixed Media) and Jasen Gillespie (Student Dimensional Art).

Besty Ashton, Chuck Lumpkin, Joe Curcio and Midora Firebaugh won door prizes, donated from Nancy Luce, CJ's Coffe Shop and the Willard Companies (2), respectively.



2016: Calling All Photographers!

SMAC's Annual John Faber Memorial Photo Contest and Show has moved to a new date! The popular show, traditionally held on Memorial Day weekend, will take place April 22-24, 2016.

Since SML celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2016, we will mark the milestone with a special award for the photo that best conveys the theme "Celebrating Smith Mountain Lake." Photographers at all levels of expertise are invited to enter.

Stay tuned for further information and the Rules and Entry forms in the January SMAC newsletter.

Let's Dance:

The Let's Dance Band performed at the Bent Mountain Center on October 17 located at Bent Mountain, Va.

Our next gig is the Taubman Museum in Roanoke, Va on Friday night December 4 from 5:30 to 8:30 for the opening night of Roanoke's Dickens of a Christmas. The band will perform Christmas as well as familiar big band selections. We will end our year with a New Year's dance for the 300 club in Salem, Va.



Little Town Players Presents *Southern Hospitality*

Little Town Players present Southern Hospitality
November 13,14,15 & 20,21,22, 2015



Directed by Karen C. Hopkins and stage managed by Stan Butler, Southern Hospitality, third in the Dearly Beloved trilogy, will have you rolling in the aisles with laughter. If you liked Dearly Beloved and Christmas Belles you'll love Southern Hospitality.

Season Ticket holders may begin calling for reservation Friday, October 30, 2015. All other reservations begin Thursday, November 5, 2015. Please call the box office at 540-586-5881 or www.lyncburgtickets.com

The Junior Appalachian Musicians program. (JAM's):

The Junior Appalachian Musicians program is now housed in the East Hall at Benjamin Franklin Middle School. There are 37 students enrolled playing the guitar, banjo and fiddle. Students also learn traditional Appalachian dances at the end of the hour and a half lesson.

Students performed in October for the Brickhouse Church of the Brethren to benefit a food drive for children at Boones Mill Elementary School.

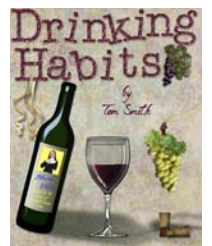
We look forward to playing for all the SMAC members in the near future and want to thank SMAC for their constant support.



Lake Players Serve Merry Mayhem in the Comedy “Drinking Habits”

Bravo to The Lake Players of SMAC for their recent production of “Drinking Habits,” a farce written by Tom Smith, performed at Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

The story was set in the 1960s at the Convent of the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing, where some of the nuns were secretly making and selling wine in order to keep the convent open. The fun started when reporters Paul and Sally, played by Mike Dittrich and Mimi McHale, arrived in search of a story for their newspaper. Forced to disguise themselves as clergy, they kept the audience laughing with improbable identity and costume changes. Penny Larsen as Mother Superior, Anne Motley as Sister Augusta, and Pam Gabriel as Sister Philamena added to the hilarity with their efforts to keep Rome from closing down the convent. Becki Fuzi was endearing as the sweet, naïve novice, Sister Mary Catherine. Her admirer George, the amiable groundskeeper at the convent, was played by Jim Tarantino. John Maresca portrayed Father Chenille, parish priest and amateur magician, with amusing sleight of hand.



Mistaken identities, family secrets, long-lost loves, suspicions of spies from the Vatican, all made for outrageous plot twists before the story was brought to a surprising and satisfying conclusion. From their laughter and applause, it was obvious the audience thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Nancy King did a fine job of directing the comedy. The costuming by Connie Canova was very well done, especially with all the quick changes required by some members of the cast. Stage managers Joyce Dittrich and Charlene Maresca, as well as backstage crew members Shirley Sorrentino, Michele Tarantino, Elda Nichols and Al Fuzi, also deserve credit for their contributions to the production. We are fortunate to have such a talented and hardworking drama society at Smith Mountain Lake.



Nancy King, Director

SML Harmeneers present "It's A Great Day For The Irish"

"It's A Great Day for the Irish" is the theme of Smith Mountain Lake Harmeneers' Chorus annual show.

Our show will again be performed at TEP on Friday, Nov 20 at 7 pm and Saturday, Nov 21 at 2 pm.

Tickets are \$10 advance purchase and are available at Print & Paper, the General Store and the SML Visitors Center.



Friday, Nov. 20th
7:00 PM
Saturday, Nov. 21th
2:00 PM
Trinity Ecumenical Parish
in Moneta
Featuring Guest Quartet
"Forecast"
Tickets are \$10.00 in advance
or \$12.00 at the door
Children ages 12 & under admitted FREE to all shows!

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(540) 721-9600
(Smith Mountain Lake Area)
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smlharmeneers.com

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Bower Center for the Arts enriches the cultural life of Bedford and Central Virginia through the arts by fostering creative expression, offering diverse educational opportunities, and preserving historic venues. For more information about Bower Center for the Arts, please visit 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.

Since 2006 the Center has worked toward providing a cultural arts center in Bedford and continues to build upon that foundation to provide an atmosphere of learning and personal growth through entertainment and education in the Visual and Performing Arts. Music and art classes are offered to children and adults.

The second annual Summer Arts Camp provided two weeks of quality in-depth art and music experiences for area students. Studio space is used by several artists who work and teach at the Center. Musical performances and special events round out our offerings.

Lakeside Singers

The Lakeside Singers will perform a concert June 3 and 4th, 2016 at Trinity Ecumenical Parish.

This year is the 50th Anniversary for the Smith Mountain Lake, so the program will build on the anniversary and feature lake and water selections. Save these dates now and start recruiting your singing friends and have them save the date too!



The Lakeside Singers is a large mixed chorus made up of local singers who perform popular and traditional music in four-part harmony. It puts on an annual themed concert, usually two shows during the first weekend in June.



If you sing and would like to join Lakeside Singers please call Sandra Richardson at 540 297-6555, Linda Martin at 540 721-1841 or email Ken Nagele at dckn316@aol.com for information.

Join SMAC or renew membership via PayPal or credit card: <http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com/ab-join.html>

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