



March – April 2023

## NEWSLETTER

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## Presidents Letter...

*Spring buds are abloom! In February? Just a reminder to those of us in SMAC that spring is rapidly approaching and we need to be hard at work preparing the season and rolling out events. Keep your eyes on the lookout for information on our annual April Photo Show and the launch of our 2023 Coffeehouse Series featuring Marie Anderson, a local talent you don't want to miss. There will be much more to come this year as we plan our first ever Youth Arts Camp, more coffeehouses, theatrical events, and Lakeside Singers Honky Tonk Concert in June. We are indeed busy working to bring the arts to you. So enjoy this early spring and let's hope it lasts.*

*Dianna Weiner*  
President  
Smith Mountain Arts Council



The SML Photo Club provides creative support of all area photographers. The club meets in the Moneta Library's Community room on the first Monday of each month at 7pm. To join contact Rich at [rich.miller@weichert.com](mailto:rich.miller@weichert.com)



This is a popular, annual, non-juried exhibition of original artwork in a variety of genres by regional artists of all ages. Several cash awards are presented at the opening reception. A People's Choice award is also presented at the close of the exhibition. More info? Contact Marita at [maritacheneysml@gmail.com](mailto:maritacheneysml@gmail.com)



Special Events include the Roanoke Symphony, jazz performances, coffee house concerts and other musical activities. For more info contact Joe at [jyarbrough171@msn.com](mailto:jyarbrough171@msn.com)

# SMACINFO...



The Lake Players meet several times a year to read and perform plays written by well-known playwrights, as well as those written by local talent. To join contact Anne at [damotley@centurylink.net](mailto:damotley@centurylink.net)



The Lakeside Singers is a large mixed chorus made up of local singers who perform popular and traditional music in four-part harmony. The Lakeside Singers puts on an annual themed concert, usually two shows during the first weekend in June. To join contact Karen at [debordk@gmail.com](mailto:debordk@gmail.com)



A group of writers from around the Smith Mountain Lake area. The group includes writers of fiction, nonfiction, drama, and poetry. Some are published writers, and some are aspiring to getting their work published. To join contact Al at [atalwinhoff@gmail.com](mailto:atalwinhoff@gmail.com)



*Are you interested in participating in any of these activities? Point your camera to the QR code (to the left) and visit our website! From there, you can contact us and let us know what your interests are. You can also become a member! You get: discounted tickets to our events as well as advance notices for opportunities, ticket sales and lots of artsy information!*

# OPPORTUNITIES....

**27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
JOHN FABER MEMORIAL  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
CONTEST & SHOW**

**ENTRY DEADLINE  
WED. APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>  
www.smac-arts.com  
(for entry form)**

**BETHLEHEM UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
13586 S. Old Moneta Road • Moneta  
Across from Moneta Library

**FRIDAY - SUNDAY  
APRIL 28-30**  
Awards Ceremony  
Fri., April 28  
Exhibit 10 am - 4 pm Sat.  
and Noon - 3 pm Sun.  
FREE Exhibit Open to Public

**AWARDS**  
Best in Show - \$300  
1st Place in Category - \$100  
2nd Place - \$50  
3rd Place - \$25  
Hon. Mention - Ribbon

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It's time to get ready for SMAC's annual...  
John Faber Memorial PHOTO SHOW!  
The entry forms are due by April 5. The rules,  
categories and entry forms will be posted on the  
SMAC website by Feb. 1. Framed entries delivered to  
Bethlehem UMC on April 25. Opening reception at  
Bethlehem UMC April 28. Exhibition open April 29-30.  
See you there!

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**LAKESIDE SINGERS**

Do you love to sing?  
Would you like the opportunity to be  
part of a 4-part harmony performing  
choir?  
Email: [info@smac-arts.com](mailto:info@smac-arts.com)

Our season begins March 7, 2023, at Trinity Ecumenical Parish with an organizational meeting to sign up and collect music at 6:30pm. New voices are welcome! Rehearsals continue each Tuesday night at 6:30pm for 14 weeks. This culminates in a delightful show held at Trinity on June 2nd and 3rd. Tickets will be for sale beginning in early May on the SMAC website or from any Lakeside Singer.

This year, we are welcoming (back) Velshera Johnson as the Director and Susan Spataro as the piano accompanist. Velshera and Susan make a great team and were affiliated with the singers about 7 years ago. This year's Country-Western Honky-Tonk themed program is sure to be entertaining! For more information, or to join, contact the Lakeside Singers coordinator, Karen DeBord at: [debordk@gmail.com](mailto:debordk@gmail.com)

## E-BLASTS

Did you Know? The more you share and like our eBlasts the more our events are attended and the more SML artists are kept alert on what's happening through SMAC.



Little Town Players

## AUDITION NOTICE

March 12th and 13th  
Auditions 6:00pm 9:00pm | Sign up starts @ 5:30  
@ Little Town Players  
931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford  
(Call backs March 16th)

Directed and Choreographed by: Matt Karris  
Music Director: Johnson Scott

Please prepare a song in the style of the show.  
(Pop, Musical Theatre, RnB).  
Actors are encouraged to sing from the show.  
Please bring sheet music. An accompanist will be  
provided.  
Be prepared to move.

Rehearsal dates: March 20th - May 11th , 2023  
(Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 6pm to 10pm)

Performance dates: May 12th - 21st, 2023  
(Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays)

**All roles open.**



## 2023 SMAC Scholarships

The local schools in Franklin, Pittsylvania and Bedford counties have received the announcement of the 2023 scholarships offered by the Smith Mountain Arts Council. If you know of a high school senior who might be interested in applying for a scholarship, please point them to the website below for more information! Applications must be received by the committee by **March 31, 2023**

SMAC awards up to two \$2,000 two-year college scholarships for high school seniors demonstrating talent in the Performing, Visual or Literary Arts. Eligible students must be attending the following high schools or are home schooled in the geographic areas of these schools: Franklin County High School, Gretna High School, Staunton River High School, Christian Heritage Academy and SML Christian Academy.

<https://smithmountainartscouncil.com/scholarship>



SMAC is so grateful to all our members, renewing and new. Please consider yourselves among friends and art lovers in our organization. If you checked off an interest area when you joined (such as art, music or writing) get in touch with the expert in that area from the list of Board Members in this newsletter so you can receive personalized information about activities and possibilities!

Sheridan Brown, VP Membership

*The Smith Mountain Arts Council  
(SMAC) offers a number of arts  
related services to the community  
including two musical groups the  
B-Sharps and the Noteables, that  
entertain at senior facilities  
throughout the year.*



# special events

## SPECIAL EVENTS / COFFEEHOUSES:

Has spring sprung, maybe not, we'll see what March 2023 has in store for us. Welcome all SMAC members. We are well on our way in planning our 2023 events. Our very 1st event for the season will be April 22, 2023, in Downtown Moneta, 1100 Celebration Ave., Suite 101, located in the lower level, behind the Bull & Docks Restaurant. Our presentation is local artist, Marie Anderson, you can click on her event on our website for additional information.

We're working to add some comedy acts and a variety of different events to our Coffeehouse Series this year. So, stay tuned and be sure to follow us on our website for additional upcoming events in May & June.

As always, we very much appreciate your patronage and support. Stay tuned as we are looking forward for an exciting year, with Coffeehouse events starting in the Spring 2023.

Visit our website [WWW.SMAC-ARTS.COM](http://WWW.SMAC-ARTS.COM) on details of coming shows and purchase tickets for our upcoming events.

Joe Yarbrough, Chair  
Special Events

SMAC Coffeehouse Series presents

# Marie Anderson

2015 SML  
Lyrics on the  
Lake Winner

1100 Celebration Ave,  
Suite 101, Moneta  
(behind Bull & Docks  
Restaurant)

April 22, 2023  
7pm (Doors 6pm)

\$12 SMAC Members  
\$15 General Admission

Visit [www.smac-arts.com](http://www.smac-arts.com)  
for more details.



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## Get Busy at the Bower Center!

Enjoy Live Performances & Exhibits at Your Community Art Center

On Saturday, March 4, you can enjoy two performances by the Tyler Young Artists of Opera on the James. Families can enjoy a FREE family-friendly performance at Noon of The Bremen Town Musicians, an adaptation of the beloved Brothers Grimm fairy tale, it features familiar melodies by Offenbach, Rossini, Donizetti, and Verdi. The story is fun and entertaining, weaving together themes of diversity, tolerance, and the value of cooperation with others.

At 6:30 PM Opera on the James will present an evening concert, From Paris to Rome to Broadway! From contemporary hits to beloved standards to operatic masterpieces and Broadway musicals, the Tyler Young Artists Program has it all. Join us for an hour of great music, live, up close and personal. Tickets are \$15 in advance and at the door.

In addition to our live performances you can experience the visual arts by visiting our two exhibits, the 9th Annual Curry/Bower National Exhibition and in honor of Black History Month, Blacktivism, an exhibit of ongoing artwork consisting of silkscreened portraits that depict thirteen relatively unknown and understudied Black women activists, curated by Veronica Jackson, visual artist and curator.

The 9th Annual Curry/Bower National Exhibition features artwork from across the country in multiple mediums and includes a junior & adult division. This exhibit features more than 100 pieces of artwork from 40 artists representing 6 states. Meet the artists by joining us on Friday, March 10 from 5-7 PM for the Exhibit Awards Reception. This event is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

Bower Center is located at 305 N. Bridge Street and gallery admission is always free. Current hours of operation are Tuesday - Saturday, 11 AM - 3 PM. Check the website at [www.bowercenter.org](http://www.bowercenter.org) for information regarding exhibits including virtual shows, concerts, future classes for youth and adults, events, and to shop online.





This Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) guitar was built as a group project by the **Blue Ridge Luthiers**, an informal group of local instrument makers. The building started in 2017, got interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic and was completed in 2022.

The guitar's shape is based on Gibson's J45 model. It has a Sitka spruce top. The back and sides are made from Amazon Rosewood. The neck is made from mahogany with an ebony fretboard.

The Amazon rosewood and ebony were donated by Allied Lutherie. The mahogany was donated by Hibdon Hardwoods, Inc.

You can learn more about this guitar at:  
<http://blueridgeluthiers.com/Project-JAM%20Guitar.html>



*Jim Mullens,  
Program Director for  
Franklin County VA  
JAM Program, with  
the BRL JAM Guitar*





SMAC currently appreciates all 398 members of our organization. Bouy the spirit of a friend or family members with a gift of SMAC.

<https://smithmountainartscouncil.com/join-renew>

Please let all know that membership in SMAC or joining as an affiliate supporting and sharing artistic endeavors runs October 1-September 30 yearly. Questions about membership status may be addressed to: [smacmembersrock@gmail.com](mailto:smacmembersrock@gmail.com)

## There are five levels of SMAC Membership.

*Become an advocate for the Arts for Life.*

**Individual** – \$25. Join as an individual. You will receive e-blasts, the SMAC Newsletter, advanced notice of tickets to SMAC events and special membership pricing. Your participation fees are reduced because you are a member when you participate in activities such as the art and photo shows.

**Family** – \$35. Join as a family. You and your family members (same household) will receive e-blasts, the SMAC Newsletter, advanced notice of tickets to SMAC events and special event membership pricing. Your participation fees are reduced because you are a member when you participate in activities such as the art and photo shows.

**Patron**– \$50. As a Patron of the arts, you are paying a higher premium to support the arts at Smith Mountain Lake. You will receive recognition through social media and receive e-blasts, the SMAC Newsletter, advanced notice of tickets to SMAC events and special event membership pricing. Your participation fees are reduced because of your membership for participation in activities with an entry fee such as the art and photo shows.

**Sustaining** – \$100. As a sustaining member, you are helping sustain the SMAC organization. You will receive recognition through social media, on the website, and on posters. You will receive e-blasts, the SMAC Newsletter, advanced notice of tickets to SMAC events, and special event membership pricing. Your participation fees are reduced because of your membership for participation in activities with an entry fee such as the art and photo shows.

**(NEW) Student** - \$5. Join as a school age student from ages 12-18. You will receive e-blasts, the SMAC Newsletter, advanced notice of tickets to SMAC events and special membership pricing. *Participation fees are waived and membership free if you apply for a SMAC Scholarship or submit an entry into the Annual Art (October) or Photo Show (April) sponsored by SMAC, you will be sent a letter and membership card that can serve as an indicator for your own community service resume. Once you are no longer enrolled in school or reach the age of 19, students will be required to join another level of membership in SMAC.*



# SMAC AFFILIATES...



**Junior  
Appalachian  
Musicians®**

Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) is a program that teaches elementary and middle school students how to play Appalachian music on guitar, banjo and fiddle. Check out our website for information on classes and schedules. <https://jamkids.org>



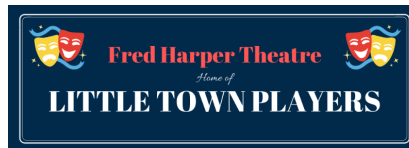
The Smith Mountain Lake Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization working to develop a centrally located, multi-use facility and gathering place for education, entertainment, and community and tourism events. The Center will serve the needs of residents and visitors of Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia, and the surrounding region, and build a stronger sense of community. For more information, progress reports and ways you can help, visit our website at [www.SMLcenter.org](http://www.SMLcenter.org).



An art collective from Rocky Mount, Virginia. Blue Ridge Mountain artists in every medium! Keep your eye out for April show!



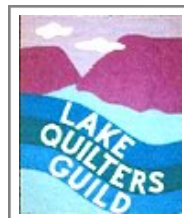
We are an association of approximately 50 members from varying musical backgrounds who like each others' company enough to meet once a month to socialize, talk about songwriting, and critique each others' songs, all in the interest of becoming better songwriters. We are a welcoming, supportive community of people who believe that songs can change the world for the better. If you would like to hang out with us, we would love to meet you. [www.svsasong.com](http://www.svsasong.com)



"Our Mission is to provide live theatrical productions for the education and enrichment of the community". See upcoming audition notice on page 4. [www.littletownplayers.com](http://www.littletownplayers.com)



Most shows are announced and updated on our website weekly. We try to keep our patrons up to speed with low ticket prices, warnings and on-sale announcements, and changes to our shows via social media. <https://www.harvester-music.com>



We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing good fellowship and the interchange of ideas to those interested in the art and craft of quilting. Check out the SMAC website for more info and how you can join.





The Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). We are a group of wood turners that have joined together to share ideas and techniques and to use our knowledge to educate others in the art of the lathe and woodturning. Through our meetings and events, we promote, demonstrate and teach woodturning skills at all levels.



The Let's Dance Band is comprised of professional musicians ages 17 – 93. The group's repertoire consists of popular music from the 1930s to now including Big Band Swing, Jazz, Latin, Funk, and Rock.



*The Friends of the Moneta/SML Library*

We are a small group of volunteers looking for more community members to join us in fulfilling our purpose to support the library financially with programs, books and supplies.



Bower Center for the Arts embodies the belief that the arts hold transformative potential. Article on page 5. [www.bowercenter.org](http://www.bowercenter.org).



**SML Steel Drum and Marimba Band**

Steel Drums took root at SML nearly 10 years ago after a Roanoke-based steel drum band performed a SMAC-sponsored concert here.

Fascinated audience members, many of whom are still with the band, jumped at the chance to practice and perform right here at SML. Since then a second "beginner" band has formed, as have ukulele and marimba ensembles. Performances always benefit local charities and over \$100,000 has been donated so far. New players are welcome: contact Jerry at 540-420-0900 for more info.



Goose Creek Studio offers quality custom framing and hospitable exhibition space featuring regional artists and artists working at the intersection of faith and creative expression. Our gallery features a wide variety of art and crafts from over 30 local and regional artists. We also have an art lover's vintage shop on the second floor.



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.

Smith Mountain Arts Council Affiliates are independent organizations that share the mission of supporting the arts. SMAC and its Affiliates seek opportunities to engage in mutually beneficial activities which further each organization's mission and vision.

## SMAC MEMBERSHIP FORM

FOR USE BY NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Interest: ☐ Art ☐ Photography ☐ Singing ☐ Theatre ☐ Writing ☐ Music

Other Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ONE

☐ Individual \$25 ☐ Family \$35 ☐ Patron \$ 50 ☐ Sustaining \$100 ☐ Donation

Please make your check payable to: "SMAC"

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**PO BOX 70**  
**MONETA, VA 24121**

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