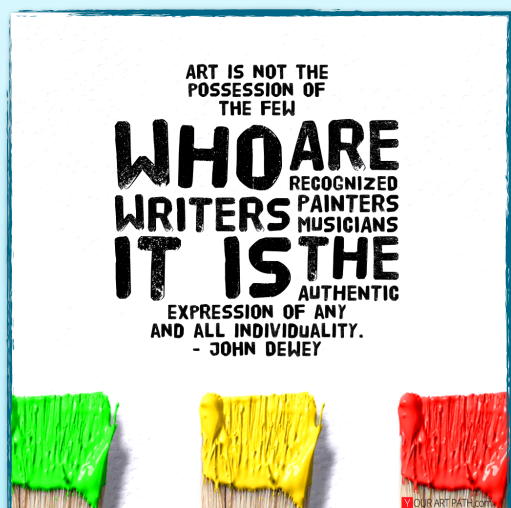




## President's Message ...



**T**he Smith Mountain Arts Council mission is all about building the arts community around Smith Mountain Lake. We are fortunate to have a culturally diverse, talented local population of artists of all ages from literary, musical, visual and theatrical backgrounds. This year we are not only broadening our offerings to include comedy, magic and dance, are reaching out to our membership to become more active in our local art scene, but we also are introducing a

new Youth Arts Camp the end of July, beginning of August to expand our youth outreach. Each of these initiatives are intended to increase the significance of art and creativity in our lives, enriching our souls, allowing us to step back and take a break from our day to day activities and breathe away the stress. I hope you enjoy a wonderful and safe July 4th holiday with friends and family. Come out to the SML Pavilion on July 8th at 7pm to see the SML Boomer Band performance to benefit SMAC. Always a great time with 50's, 60's & 70's music to sing and dance to!

Dianna Weiner  
Smith Mountain Arts Council President

# The Lakeside Singers end season with a Yee Haw!

The 2023 season for the Lakeside Singers ended with a big “yee haw” as they presented their “Gone Country” show to over 300 people. The Lakeside Singers had a chorus of 36 participants singing four-part harmonies. If you are interested in singing with this community group in the future, contact Karen DeBord ([debordk@gmail.com](mailto:debordk@gmail.com)) to be added to the informational email list. Rehearsals will start Mid-February 2024 and culminate with a concert June 7th and 8th, 2024.







## Lake Quilters Guild at Smith Mountain Lake

**T**he Lake Quilters Guild (LQG) at SML is a nonprofit organization and has been serving the SML area for over 30 years. LQG welcomes everyone interested in the art and craft of quilting, and encourages interested individuals to attend monthly meetings where they will learn about LQG, see a presentation from a professional quilter, a local quilt shop owner, or one of the members, and see a "Show & Tell" presented by the members displaying their latest quilt or quilt-related items.

As a special service to the community, LQG members make quilt items for donation to various charitable organizations around the SML community. These items include quilts and quilt-related items such as baby quilts, comfort quilts, wheelchair lap quilts, fidget quilts for memory patients, dog beds, pillow cases, and teddy bears. We contribute to local hospitals, local nursing homes, local domestic shelters, local assisted living, and local animal shelters.

LQG also provides educational programs that are typically run through our Community Out-Reach Exploration Events (CORE) program. CORE enables LQG to host various training programs that offer the SML community an opportunity to learn more about quilting practices. These CORE events currently take place at the SML/Moneta Library. Additional information about the next CORE program may be found at <https://bedford.librarycalendar.com/event/stitch-it-dont-ditch-it>

LQG has three major events coming up within the next year. The next CORE Program is on July 20, 2023, at 5:00 pm at the SML/Moneta Library. During the months of September and October, LQG will host a mini quilt show at the SML/Moneta Library. LQG's major quilt show will happen in June of 2024 and will be at the Eastlake Community Church. This is LQG's largest quilt show that is presented every other year and features more than 150 quilts made by members of the guild.

For additional information, please visit our website at [www.lakequilters.org](http://www.lakequilters.org) or check out our Facebook page – Lake Quilters Guild at SML



# An Evening of Music and Laughter

The Lake Players' "An Evening of Music and Laughter" was well received by the sold out audience. It was indeed a fun-filled evening of music as well as comedic excerpts from "The Odd Couple" and "Exit Laughing."

## Music Acts:

Mike Degiorgi and Sue Halloran

Scott Sayre

Tim Ermandes and accompanist Kim Carter

## "The Odd Couple"

Renata Scruggs

Marlene Truesdell

Tim Ermandes

John Maresca

## "Exit Laughing"

Diane Burakow

Nancy King

Marion Wetcher



THE LAKE PLAYERS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PLANNING STAGES FOR THEIR FIRST LARGE SCALE MUSICAL THE ADDAMS FAMILY, SET TO BE PRESENTED IN OCTOBER. CASTING INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED IN SEPTEMBER. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A PASSION FOR THEATRE, WE'RE ASSEMBLING A PRODUCTION TEAM AND SEEKING VOLUNTEERS WITH EXPERIENCE OR INTEREST IN THE VARIOUS POSITIONS BELOW. IF YOU'D LIKE TO GET INVOLVED, FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO US AT [smacmembersrock@gmail.com](mailto:smacmembersrock@gmail.com)

THE LAKE PLAYERS



OCTOBER 2023

STAGE MANAGEMENT  
LIGHTING  
PROJECTIONS  
SOUND DESIGN/ENGINEER  
HAIR AND MAKEUP  
PROPS DESIGN  
TECHNICAL DIRECTION  
SCENIC ARTIST  
ELECTRICS  
ASST STAGE MANAGER  
WARDROBE ASSISTANTS  
RUNNING CREW

OCTOBER 2023





## Explore volunteer opportunities available to members of the Smith Mountain Arts Council!

### Welcome new members!

Paula Adams  
Scott Bailey  
Michelle and Robert Bartsch  
Kimberly Carter  
Rebecca and Randy Conklin  
Karlyn and Les Daenzer  
Rebecca Fisher  
Kathryn and Steve Gardner  
Kate and Dan Holdegrev  
Greg Kendall  
Nancy and William King  
George Lewis  
Ulla and Ed Linenthal  
Nancy and Tommy Mills  
Edie and Jim Morrison  
Nat Ostroff  
Robert Smith  
Jan Stinette  
Mary J. Thomas  
Paula White

Together our members create artful experiences and memories at Smith Mountain Lake. You are a gift to us and we value your membership. Thank you! Membership in SMAC can increase accountability for the board. Members can feel more involved in the nonprofit, which can lead to increased giving. Members are invited to SMAC Board meetings at 9:30 am the third Friday of each month at TEP Church.

Sherry Brown, VP Membership

The Arts Council is currently seeking volunteers for various roles, including assisting with the Art Show, supporting the Lake Players production of The Addams Family musical and also providing help during membership drives and events hosted by SMAC

Art Show - Oct. 16-22, 2023

Lake Players - Sep/Oct. Addams Family

Membership Tent - Any event hosted by SMAC

SMAC Membership Drive - Month of September

If interested in any or all, email:  
[smacmembersrock@gmail.com](mailto:smacmembersrock@gmail.com)

Immerse yourself in the artistic and creative atmosphere, gaining exposure to diverse forms of expression, contribute your skills and passion to the arts community and make a meaningful impact. Network with fellow artists and performers and art enthusiasts fostering valuable connections.



# SPECIAL EVENTS / COFFEEHOUSE/ CONCERTS

**W**elcome SMAC family. We will start our season off with the SML Boomer Band, benefits concert on July 8<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Moneta in the newest venue, the SML Pavilion, playing your favorite 50's & 60's music. So come and join us with dancing and sing-a-longs.

**September, 16.2023**, The Panini Brothers, Downtown Moneta, 1100 Celebration Ave., Suite 101, located in the rear lower level, behind Bull Docks Restaurant and Mayberry Pizzeria and Ice Cream Parlor.

**October 21,2023**, The Southwest Virginia Songwriters Association will be performing in Downtown Moneta, 1100 Celebration Ave., Suite 101, located in the rear lower level, behind Bull Docks Restaurant and Mayberry Pizzeria and Ice Cream Parlor.

**On November 11, 2023**, we're excited to be presenting Chris Michael, a comedian and magician entertainer. He will be performing at the Westlake YMCA, 293 FirstWatch Dr., Moneta. Be sure not to miss this exciting event. "You can call him a magician/comedian if you want, but the better title is mind-bending showman."

**December 15, 2023**, Of course, our annual Home for the Holidays, Christmas Concert with David Stewart Wiley, Maestro of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, being held at Trinity Ecumenical Parish @ 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta.

**March 9, 2024**, we're excited to present the Rainier Trio and the Roanoke Ballet Theatre performing at the W.E. Skelton 4H Center, at 775 Hermitage Rd., Wirtz, for a 2:00pm performance.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTINITIES

We recently started providing volunteers in support of The Coves Amphitheater working various events throughout their 2023 season. This is a win-win opportunity for those who wish to volunteer. For each person that volunteers their time a donation of \$50.00 per individual will be donated to SMAC.

I want to give a huge shout out and a BIG THANK YOU, to Karen Debord, Marianne Dominy, Jerry Hale, Tommy Mills, Jack Phillips, Diane & Doug Ryan, Renata & Billy Scruggs, Diane Wallace, Dianna Weiner, and yours truly, who have volunteered at The Coves Amphitheater, this season. For the month of June, The Coves have donated \$800.00 to SMAC.

If any SMAC member has an interest to volunteer send an e-mail to: [info@smac-arts.com](mailto:info@smac-arts.com), for further details. Please include Volunteering at The Coves in the subject line.

In addition, we're reaching out to our members to help assist in promoting the Smith Mountain Arts Council. We have recently purchased a 10' x 10' SMAC Branded Pop-Up tent. We are seeking volunteers to staff our tent for concerts, festivals, and special events. If any SMAC member has an interest to volunteer send an e-mail to: [info@smac-arts.com](mailto:info@smac-arts.com), for further details. Subject Line, SMAC Marketing Tent.

We're also looking for a few Pirates dressed in their "Best Slops" to participate at the Pirates Family Fun Night @ SML Pavilion on July 14<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please contact us [info@smac-arts.com](mailto:info@smac-arts.com)

Keep an eye out for our e-Blast for volunteer opportunities and updates. As always, we very much appreciate your patronage and support. Stay tuned as we are looking forward to an exciting year.

Visit our website [WWW.SMAC-ARTS.COM](http://WWW.SMAC-ARTS.COM) to purchase tickets for our upcoming events.

Joe Varborough





**SAVE THE DATE!!!**



**THE 34TH ANNUAL  
SMITH MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL ART SHOW  
OCTOBER 20, 21 AND 22ND 2023**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2023 6:00 - 8:00 PM. - OPENING RECEPTION AND AWARDS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 10:00 A.M - 4:00 PM. - GALLERY VIEWING**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 NOON - 2:00 PM. - GALLERY VIEWING**

**THIS YEAR'S SHOW WILL BE JUDGED BY TRACY BUDD, BOTH AN ARTIST AND INSTRUCTOR FROM ROANOKE, VIRGINIA. THE SHOW WILL BE HELD AT KALEIDOSCOPE CHURCH, 2500 HARDY RD, HARDY VIRGINIA. THIS LOCATION IS 2.4 MILES FROM THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE ON BOOKER T WASHINGTON HIGHWAY.**

**ALL ARTIST ENTRY FORMS WILL BE DUE BY OCTOBER 1, 2023. ALL ART WORK NEEDS TO BE PICKED UP AT THE CLOSE OF THE SHOW AT 2:00 PM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22.**

**RULES AND ENTRY FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON AT [WWW.SMAC-ARTS.COM](http://WWW.SMAC-ARTS.COM)**





## Youth Arts Camp

SMAC will be offering a youth arts camp this summer for the first time. Campers may attend either one week or two weeks. July 24-July 28 and July 31-August 4 are the dates that the camp will be held for half days at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. To enroll, go to [www.smac-arts.com](http://www.smac-arts.com). The cost is \$50 for one week of \$90 for two weeks for youth 9-15.

For additional information email Karen DeBord, camp Director at [drdebord@gmail.com](mailto:drdebord@gmail.com)

## Upcoming events at Bower Center!

### July |

10th-14th - Fabulous Fiber & Yarnspirations Summer Art Camp  
17th-21st - From Feathers To Folklore Summer Art Camp  
24th-28th - The Art of Good Health Summer Art Camp  
July 27th - August 8th - Mosaics Basics Class (6 Sessions)

### August |

August 19th - **Art of Pairing: Tacos and Tequila!** Bower Center Annual Fundraiser  
August 26th - **Kinnfolk**, Celtic Duo IN CONCERT!

Information, registration, and tickets for all of these events are found on our website: [BowerCenter.org](http://BowerCenter.org)



## The SML Steel Drum Band

The SML Steel Drum Band partnered with FOE Ladies' Auxiliary to organize and perform a charity benefit concert at the SML Pavillion on Saturday of Father's Day weekend. They performed to an enthusiastic audience of about 250 and raised over \$4600 to be used by Lake Christian Ministries and Food 4 Kids in their programs to address food insecurity in our area. The venue proved to be an excellent one for a steel drum concert and there is already talk of making this an annual event!

## 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.

*Next meeting is July 3, 2023 and will host a guest presenter, Ed Tepper.*

*After retiring from corporate life, Ed's passion became creating photographic stories of ordinary people going about their regular lives. He calls it "Candid Social Documentary Photography." "Candid" because most of the time the people in the photo don't know he's there so they can't put on an act for the camera. "Social" because his photos are about people. "Documentary" because his photos show real life. He hopes that his photos impact you, the viewer. Ed actively gives back to his community by donating his time and talents to organizations like the American Red Cross and the Richmond SPCA. He is on the Board of Photos for Purpose, a charitable organization which helps children in foster care learn life skills through photography. To see more of his photos, Ed invites you to visit his website at [EdTepperPhotoArt.com](http://EdTepperPhotoArt.com) or his Instagram account @EdTepperPhotoArt.*



# SMACinfo



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)



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)



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 [maritacheneymsml@gmail.com](mailto:maritacheneymsml@gmail.com)



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)



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)



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!***



# 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>



Art On 1st is a gallery that features the paintings of Annie Schultz and the photography of Rick Sheridan. In addition, we feature art in a variety of media from other artists and photographers.



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.svsasongs.com](http://www.svsasongs.com)



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).



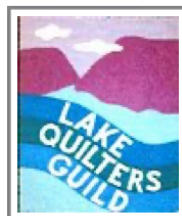
"Our Mission is to provide live theatrical productions for the education and enrichment of the community". See upcoming audition notice on page 4.  
[www.littletownplayers.com](http://www.littletownplayers.com)



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>



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



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.

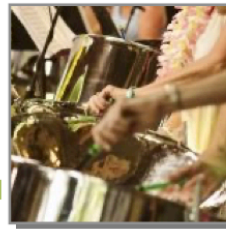


**The Friends of the Moneta/SML Library**

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.





## MEMBERSHIP

Members get advance e-mail notices of opportunities and ticket sales, as well as discounts on tickets and entry fees. Don't lose out! You can join/renew on our website. We look forward to seeing you at SMAC events!

## 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.

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## SMAC WEBSITE

Don't forget to check it out! Not only can you find the latest Upcoming Events, you can also purchase tickets and find our latest Newsletters.

[https://  
smithmountainartscouncil.com/](https://smithmountainartscouncil.com/)

## SPONSORSHIP

The Smith Mountain Arts Council is seeking event sponsors. Contact Karen DeBord ([debordk@gmail.com](mailto:debordk@gmail.com)) if you are interested in sponsoring an event. Amounts from \$20-\$2000 are accepted!

## SMAC MEMBERSHIP FORM

FOR USE BY NEW MEMBERS ONLY

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE

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

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