



Presidents Message:

As president of this wonderful organization, I am always humbled by the hours spent by our board members planning and executing the rollout of premier events for this community. This is a group dedicated to ensuring the Smith Mountain Lake community receives the best and most captivating shows we can offer. Here are just a few of the upcoming events that I hope you will take the time to see:

A spectacular fusion of harmony and grace: the Ranier Trio and Roanoke Ballet Theatre unite on March 9th! This event is not just a concert; it's a celebration of the arts, an opportunity to witness the magic that unfolds when musicians and dancers unite in a symphony of creativity. Whether you are a seasoned classical music enthusiast or a newcomer to the world of ballet, the Smith Mountain Arts Council promises an afternoon that will leave a lasting imprint on your soul.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to witness the Ranier Trio and the Roanoke Roanoke Ballet Theatre on Saturday, March 9th at 2pm at the W.E. Skelton 4H Center, 775 Hermitage Rd., Wirtz, VA. Secure your tickets now at www.smac-arts.com.

The Smith Mountain Pavilion, with its central location, provides the perfect backdrop for the cultural convergence for our May 11th Smith Mountain Arts Council Expo. Attendees can expect to be immersed in an atmosphere where music, art, theatre, and literature intertwine to show you the diversity of talent we have to offer this community. This will be a collaboration of artistic affiliates and the Arts Council, demonstrating our creativity, celebrating our talents, and welcoming you to celebrate the magic of the arts with us. We are excited to present our first ever Expo to the Smith Mountain Lake Community. You can read more about this event within the newsletter and you should stay tuned for upcoming details!

Sincerely,
Dianna Weiner

President

Smith Mountain Arts Council

Special Events News...

The Rainier Trio and the Roanoke Ballet Theatre are set to enthrall audiences at the W.E. Skelton 4H Center located at 775 Hermitage Rd., Wirtz, with a performance scheduled for March 9, 2024, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.smac-arts.com or at the door, accepting cash, checks, and credit cards.

The Rainier Trio, comprising violinist and violist brothers Kevin and Bryan Matheson alongside pianist Brenda Wittwer, has garnered acclaim for their captivating performances across Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and North Carolina. Their dynamic presence has charmed audiences at prestigious venues such as Musikfest in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Yamaha Hall in Japan. Pianist Brenda Wittwer brings her expertise and passion to the trio, enhancing their mesmerizing performances.

Meanwhile, the Roanoke Ballet Theatre, Roanoke's premier professional ballet company, promises to dazzle with their skilled dancers trained extensively under the guidance of renowned professionals. Led by Executive/Artistic Director Sandra Meythaler and Ballet Mistress Renee Aguilera, the company boasts a diverse repertoire and a commitment to excellence.

In addition to the upcoming performance, the Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) is gearing up for "eXpo SMAC 2024 - A Family Affair," their inaugural exposition for the arts scheduled for May 11, 2024, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the SML Pavilion, 1123 Celebration Ave., Downtown Moneta. The free event aims to introduce the community to SMAC's diverse offerings, including art displays, live entertainment, and interactive activities for all ages.

Volunteer opportunities are also available through SMAC's partnership with The Coves at SML, offering attendees a chance to contribute to the arts while enjoying complimentary access to events. Volunteers assist with various tasks, including parking and hospitality services, with contributions from The Coves supporting SMAC's initiatives.

For more information on upcoming events and ticket purchases, visit www.smac-arts.com regularly. Join SMAC in celebrating the arts and supporting local talent.

Joe Yarbrough, Chair
special-events@smac-arts.com



A Family Affair

Free Event!

Smith Mountain Arts Council Presents:
our 1st Exposition for the Arts
When: May 11, 2024

Time: from 10am - 3pm

Where: SML Pavilion, 1123 Celebration Ave.
Downtown Moneta, Under the BIG White Tent
Why: To introduce ourselves to SML Community

Things to do and see:

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Artmobile on Display
We will be hosting a variety of displays of what we're about:
Arts Show, B# Sharp, Junior Appalachian Musicians, Lake Players,
Lakeside Singers, Lake Writers, The Notables, Photo Club, Photo Show,

Also, many of our affiliates will provide additional displays, Bald Knob Artist, Friends of Moneta Library, Goose Creek Studio, The Harmeneers, Lake Quilters Guild, Little Town Players, SML Center, SML Steel Drum Band, SML Woodturners and the Southwest Virginia Songwriters Association.

Live entrainment to be provided by the Arts Council committees and affiliates as well as some kids activities.

Concessions will be available on site.



PRESENTED BY:



Event partially sponsored by
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A CELEBRATION OF THE SEASONS!

**RANIER TRIO
WITH THE
ROANOKE BALLET
THEATRE**

**MARCH 9, 2024
DOORS: 1 PM / SHOW: 2 PM
SEE SMAC-ARTS.COM FOR TICKET PRICES**

W.E. Skelton 4H Center
775 Hermitage Rd.
Wirtz



Experience the magic of music, moments and monologues in an intimate showcase of talent and emotion.

THE LAKE PLAYERS PRESENT
**MONOLOGUES
SCENES AND
SONGS 2.0**



April 11th@7pm
April 14th@2pm

The Celebration Room
1100 Celebration Ave
Downtown, Moneta
Beer - Wine - Snacks Available
Tickets \$20
Members \$16
Doors open one hour before show!



tickets @ www.smac-arts.com

With
Sue Halloren
James Tarantino
Nancy King
Chris Reidy
Miranda Gordon
Sandy Sampson
John Maresca
Marion Wetcher

Special Guests
Bailey Macasa
Bayley Lindevaldsen
Josh Lindevaldsen

Directed by
Matt Karris



Rock my World

Lakeside
Singers

Rehearsals every Tuesday
starting March 5
Rehearsals at 6 pm at Bethlehem
United Methodist Church
Just show up or email info:smac-arts.com
The show will be June 7 & 8,
2024

The Lakeside Singers are a friendly, fun group that rehearse then perform! Come join the fun!

2024 Quilt Show & Boutique

Quilts for All Seasons

Friday, June 7, 2024 from 10 to 5
Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 10 to 4
Eastlake Community Church
1201 Timberwood Lane, Moneta VA
Entrance Fee \$10



Display of Over 100 Quilts
Raffle for Queen Size Quilt
Gift Basket Raffles

New: Boutique Selling Handcrafted Items

Vendors
- Quilting & Sewing
- Jewelry & Wallets
- And More

Details at lakequilters.org - Lake Quilters Guild @ SML

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Bower center FOR THE ARTS

LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!

YOUTH THEATER

Youth ages 7 and up can immerse themselves in the world of theater and drama as we design, create, and put on our very own production of

THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW

From The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

Students will put together a one act play in all its parts: acting, costuming, creating props and scenery! Whether they enjoy acting, or would have more fun designing sets and costumes- there is a special place for each child's creativity! Taught by instructor Dana Tickle.

Beginning Tuesday March 5th at Bower Center for The Arts
Official production schedule to be planned at the first meeting!

\$125 PER STUDENT

Scan to register at BowerCenter.org today!

305 N. BRIDGE ST, BEDFORD VA | 540.586.4235 | BOWERCENTER.ORG

Quilt Show

The Lake Quilters Guild at Smith Mountain Lake will hold its biennial quilt show on June 7th and June 8th, 2024, at the Eastlake Community Church which is located at 1201 Timberwood Lane, Moneta, VA. 24121. Show times will be Friday, June 7th, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 8th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The theme of the show is “Quilts For All Seasons”, and approximately 100 quilts and quilt-related items will be on display. The show will also include a quilt raffle, gift basket raffles (3 each day), and vendors selling quilting/sewing items, purses, jewelry, and beauty products. Additionally, there is a new feature at the show this year – a boutique with handcrafted items for sale.

Admission is \$10.00 per person.

For additional information please contact us at lqgwebster@gmail.com or visit our website at www.lakequilters.org

Youth Arts Camp

Smith Mountain Arts Council brings you...

July 29-August 2,
2024 8:30-noon

Kaleidoscope
2500 Hardy Rd.
Hardy, VA

This summer, youth ages 8-15 can enroll in a one-week, half-day arts camp.

This is the second year for SMAC to offer this camp. Deemed highly successful in 2023, we are again offering painting, photography, music, acting and writing classes.

\$50 for the week.

To enroll, please visit smac-arts.com





SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
Artisan
CONFERENCE

CAPACITY BUILDING Trainings

Profit Is Not A Dirty Word
March 18 | 6:00pm
Rural Retreat Train Depot
\$10/\$25

Digital Content Creation for Artists
April 9 | 6:00pm
Big Stone Gap Visitor Center
\$10/\$25

From Craft Hobby to Business
April 26 | 1:00 - 5:00pm
SWVA Cultural Center & Marketplace
\$30

Selling in a Big Way; Wholesale & Bulk Sales for Artist
May 14 | 6:00pm
Floyd Center for the Arts
\$10/\$25

Putting All Your Ducks in a Row; Strategic Planning for Artists
June 3 | 6:00pm
Wayne Henderson School of the Arts
\$10/\$25





[Learn More At SWVAarts.com](http://SWVAarts.com)

Bower Center Announces Awards Reception for 10th Annual Curry/Bower Exhibition

Bower Center is the place to be Friday, March 8, 5-7pm for the awards reception for the 10th Annual Curry/Bower Exhibition. 140 artworks in numerous and varied media by area 50 artists, plus a few from IL, FL, and NC, and in the Youth Division, in its second year, there are 10 artworks by 5 young artists.

Gina Louthian-Stanley, an artist and art teacher in Roanoke, who has received numerous awards and recognitions, is the judge and will be here to talk about the exhibit, her selections for awards, and assist with the presentations that begin at 6.

Without the generosity of Dr John Bower, who passed away last year, and Edna Curry we would not be able to serve the immediate and surrounding areas with this exceptional art center and appreciate all the artists who support this exhibit each year. The Youth Division was added in 2023 and we encourage all young artists who are looking to make art an important part of their lives take advantage of the opportunity to show their work in a professional exhibit and be inspired by other artists of all levels of expertise, amateur and professional.

This exhibit will be on view through Saturday, March 30 during Bower Center's public hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11am-3pm, Friday, 11am-5pm, and Saturday, 11am-3pm. There is no admission charge at Bower Center, located at 305 N Bridge St at the intersection of Bedford Avenue.

Bower Center is located at 305 N. Bridge Street and gallery admission is always free. Hours of operation are Tuesday - Saturday, 11 AM - 3 PM and extended hours every 2nd Friday from 5-7 PM. Check the website at www.bowercenter.org for information regarding upcoming concerts, youth summer camps, classes for adults, and events.

Bower Center for the Arts is a 501c (3) organization offering opportunities for the community to gather, foster creative expression, connect, learn, and gain confidence through the process of making and enjoying art.



UPCOMING CLASSES

at Bower Center for The Arts

- ✓ Homeschool Elementary Art Begins March 1st
- ✓ Youth Theater: The Magicians Nephew Begins March 5th | Ages 7+
- ✓ Tai Chi with Scott Larson Begins March 5th
- ✓ All That Jazz! Adult Dance Class Continues March 6th
- ✓ Reading & Writing Poetry Workshop Begins March 7th
- ✓ Needle Felted Daisy Brooch Class 1-Day, March 20th
- ✓ Needle Felted Mushroom Ornaments 1-Day, April 17th
- ✓ Woodys Felt Vessels Class 1-Day, April 27th
- ✓ Felt Cloche Hat Workshop 1-Day, April 28th

Bower center FOR THE ARTS
Bower Center for The Arts
305 N. Bridge Street, Bedford Virginia



youth SPRING & SUMMER ART CAMPS

- ✓ GROW & GROOVE SPRING BREAK CAMP
- ✓ FANTASICAL FANTASY CREATIONS CAMP
- ✓ ANIMAL PLANET CAMP
- ✓ AROUND THE WORLD IN 5 DAYS CAMP
- ✓ THE ART OF SCIENCE CAMP

NOW REGISTERING AT BOWERCENTER.ORG

FOR YOUTH FROM 6-15 YEARS OLD
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

Bower center FOR THE ARTS

Volunteer Spotlight: Marianne Dominy



Meet Marianne Dominy, a lifelong resident of Long Island whose journey from admiring the serene lakeside to residing in her very own "castle on the hill" embodies the spirit of embracing change. Marianne's story is one of passion, dedication, and a profound commitment to serving her community.

With her background as a local seamstress specializing in bridal attire and alterations, Marianne brings a touch of elegance and craftsmanship to everything she undertakes. Her expertise extends beyond the realms of fashion, as she has also made significant contributions to the world of professional theater, serving as a wardrobe supervisor and costume designer at the esteemed Gateway Playhouse.

Marianne's involvement with the Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) speaks volumes about her dedication to community service. As one of SMAC's top volunteers, Marianne has lent her talents to various projects, from crafting exquisite costumes for Lake Players production of Rumors and Monologues, Scenes and Songs to managing the logistics of parking cars at the Coves as part of a SMAC's partnership volunteer program.

What sets Marianne apart is her unwavering attention to detail, ensuring that every task she undertakes is executed with precision and finesse. Whether it's bringing characters to life on stage or ensuring the smooth operation of community events, Marianne's meticulous approach makes her an invaluable asset.

Today, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Marianne for her exceptional talents, her generous contribution of time, and her unwavering dedication to making a difference in the lives of others. Marianne, your commitment to service is truly commendable, and we applaud you for your outstanding achievements. Well done, Marianne!



The Smith Mountain Arts Council has been nominated for a SML Chamber of Commerce Award as non profit of the year. Voting is taking place and winners will be announced at the Annual Chamber Awards Dinner March 21.

Welcome new members!

Karen Campbell
Lisa-Joe Dunham
Ruth Greene
Karen Kesler
Edwin and Bonnie McCarthy
Andrea Smarelli

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 or renew on our website. We look forward to seeing you at SMAC events!



We are so excited to be part of **SML Gives Day this year!** Every dollar you donate to Smith Mountain Arts Council through the SML Gives platform on March 13th will go towards programs that help educate youth in our community.

The Smith Mountain Arts Council, while constantly ensuring the arts in all forms are being brought to the local community, is particularly proud to be striving to find new ways to be serving our youth. We have a successful Scholarship Program that awards two deserving graduating high school students a two-year scholarship, allowing them to pursue education in the arts. We also support the Junior Appalachian Musicians program, which we

have done for almost 30 years, where students grade 4-8 are taught to play traditional old time and bluegrass music. JAM introduces music through small group instruction on instruments common to the Appalachian region, such as fiddle, banjo and guitar. We began a very successful Youth Arts Camp in 2023 for children ages 9-14. Participants signed up for three classes in either painting, acting, singing, photography or writing. Instructors came from our community of local enthusiasts, who taught 2 one-week duration camps. Pictures of the end products can be viewed on our website at <http://www.smac-arts.com>. This program will be offered again this year in July. We are especially proud of the focus we are putting on educating this next generation of up-and-coming artists to carry on the arts in all forms in our community and beyond. Your donations can help support these very important programs.



Time-Sensitive Scholarship Alert:

2024 SMAC Scholarship Program Announcement

Exciting news for high school seniors with a passion for the arts! The Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) is thrilled to unveil its 2024 Scholarship Program, offering two \$2,000 two-year college scholarships to talented students in the Performing, Visual, or Literary Arts fields.

*Key Details:

- *Eligibility: Open to students from specific high schools or homeschooled within designated areas (see list below).
- *Academic Focus: Expanded to include all recognized academic disciplines at two- or four-year accredited colleges, universities, or community colleges.
- *Payment Structure: \$1,000 per year for the first two years of enrollment, contingent upon satisfactory progress.
- *Application Requirements: Complete submissions only; applicants cannot be related to SMAC Board members.
- *Use of Funds: Scholarship amounts exclusively for tuition expenses.
- *Geographic Eligibility: Franklin County High School, Gretna High School, Staunton River High School, Christian Heritage Academy, and SML Christian Academy.
- *Important Note: Unlike previous years, the 2024 scholarships are not restricted to arts majors, aiming to attract a diverse pool of talented individuals.

Don't miss this opportunity to pursue your academic and artistic dreams! Apply now and showcase your creativity to the world. Deadline for applications is **March 31, 2024**

For more information and to apply, visit www.smac-arts.com

This scholarship announcement is time-sensitive, act swiftly to seize this opportunity!



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If your loved one, loved the arts, SMAC can set up a memorial fund to receive contributions in their name.

Affiliates...

Alexander/Heath Contemporary



Alexander/Heath Contemporary, located in downtown Roanoke since 2015, provides local, regional, and national artists for month long exhibitions with a wide variety of work and styles.

Art on 1st



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.

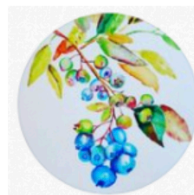
We strive to support established, emerging and aspiring artists through exhibitions and classes. The gallery space can also be rented for photo shoots, critiques, art lectures, and other related activities.

Art Visions Gallery



Art Visions Gallery and Studio was formed by a group of 10 artists to share artistic ideas and visions and to be active participants in the local art community. The Gallery provides a unique venue for these artists to show and sell their work, as well as provide a place for the artists to paint and to conduct classes. We are looking forward to our eleventh year. If you are in the area stop in to browse, watch the artists at work or just chat. We are the only gallery at Smith Mountain Lake, VA

Bald Knob Artists



An art collective from Rocky Mount, Virginia. Blue Ridge Mountain artists in every medium!

Bower Center for the Arts



At the Bower Center for the Arts our mission is to make visual and performing arts available to all residents in our region. We foster creative expression and encourage our community to gather, connect, learn new skills and gain confidence through the process of making and enjoying art.

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.

Goose Creek Studio



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.

Harvester Performance Center



The Harvester Performance Center is an indoor, mid-sized music venue serving Rocky Mount, VA, and surrounding areas with great live performances in all kinds of genres.

Lake Quilters Guild



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.

Left of Center Art Space



Left of Center Art Space has six working studio spaces, a gallery and class space. The artists who make up the center in painting, weaving, and pottery include Meridith Entingh, Miki Overcast-Kallan, Patti Kapral, Kelly Smith-Price, Susanne Sellars, and Susan Egbert.

Affiliates...

The Let's Dance Band



Captivating Big Band Sounds – Crossing the Generations with Music

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.

LinDor Arts

LinDor Arts

LinDor Arts is a fine arts gallery, bringing you the latest works by our better regional artists.

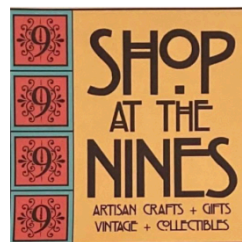
LinDor Arts is involved in our community and participates in or with Roanoke City, Taubman Museum, WBRA TV, Roanoke Sidewalk Art Show, The O. Winston Link & History Museum, Art by Night, Downtown Roanoke Arts Collective and the Eleanor D Wilson Museum at Hollins University.

Little Town Players



"Our Mission is to provide live theatrical productions for the education and enrichment of the community"

Shop at the Nines



SHOP AT THE NINES features a variety of unique artisan crafts from local artists, Fair Trade items, vintage, and much more. If you like original art work, you will find it at 9999 Brook's Mill Road, Wirtz, VA.

Smith Mountain Lake Center



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.

Smith Mountain Lake Harmeneers



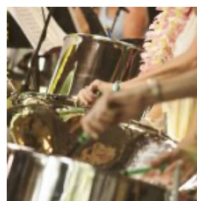
The Harmeneers' Mission is to sing four-part Barbershop harmony of a caliber that gives enjoyment to our members and audiences while promoting a true spirit of fellowship within our Chapter.

Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners (SMLW)



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.

SML Steel Drum Band



Steel Drums took root at SML over 10 years ago after a Roanoke-based steel drum band performed a SMAC-sponsored concert here. Fascinated audience members jumped at the chance to practice and perform at SML. Since then a "beginner" band has formed, and ukulele and marimba ensembles. Performances benefit local charities – over \$100,000 has been donated. Contact Jerry at 540-420-0900 for more info.

Southwest Virginia Songwriters Association



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.

Save the dates!

The Smith Mountain Arts Council is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated "ART SHOW" slated to take place over a captivating weekend from October 18th to the 20th at the Kaleidoscope gathering place, this event promises to be a celebration of creativity and culture like no other!



Recruiting Artists

Adults who would like to work with youth for the summer arts Camp. It is a 5 (Half) day commitment the last week of July.

Particularly need someone to teach youth sketching and painting.

Particularly need someone to teach photography.

Particularly need someone to teach acting.

Also need resource people to give a demonstration of some aspect of art like storytelling or demonstrating an instrument.

Please contact Karen DeBord (debordk@gmail.com)

Indicate your interest area and your experience working with children.

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/>

Sponsorship

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

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.

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

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