





ArtLink • A Newsletter for the Members of Laurel Arts • June 2020





# THE LAUREL WITH SPECIAL GUEST CHELSEA BIEHL 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27 on the lawn stage

# Join us as we celebrate our re-opening

Laurel Arts, along with the Mary S. Biesecker Public Library and Somerset, Inc., is pleased to present the first *Music on the Town* event of 2020 ~ LA (Laurel Arts) NIGHTS!

There will be music on the lawn and a song in our hearts on Saturday, June 27. Bring your favorite lawn chair to the Dressler Center and enjoy an evening of music and fun starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tall Pines Distillery, of Salisbury, will be on hand to serve up some delicious drinks. You are also welcome to bring your own food and beverages. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by The Laurel with Special Guest Chelsea Biehl. The Laurel is a rock band based in southwestern Pennsylvania. Members are John Borek, Allison Borek, Dan Hillegas and Scott Ruffner.

This event and future events are made possible through the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies Forging Unity Grant.

*Music on the Town* events are also scheduled for Saturday, July 25; Saturday, August 15; and Saturday, September 19.

**The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts** will reopen to the public Monday, June 29 with modified hours through July. We will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. We will be closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday except for special events. There will not be an exhibit in the galleries until August; the National Museum of American Papercutters is open to the public when the Art Center is open.

#### August 11-September 5 Karen McElfish

Karen works with many different media, including fiber. She is a member of Somerset County Artists Association.

> Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, August 14

#### September 15-October 22 Somerset County Artists Association Member Show

All members are invited to exhibit work. This show will have a variety of art forms and media represented.

> Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, September 18

#### November 3-December 17 Select Pieces / Permanent Collection

Part of Laurel Arts' mission is to collect, preserve and exhibit work of area artists.

Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, November 6



**Reopens June 29** 

Located upstairs at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts

Office/Gallery Hours through July: Noon—4 p.m. Monday-Thursday Closed Friday-Sunday except for special events.

### Anxious for a day at the canvas? Join Al Just for a Bob Ross Workshop

Certified Bob Ross Instructor Al Just has another beautiful piece picked out for students to paint at his workshop Monday, July 13. Al will assist students to create this beautiful floral. Al has been teaching for 15 years and currently offers classes at his studio in Johnstown, Community Art Center of Cambria County and Altoona Penn Highlands Community College. Al has several certifications including Bob Ross, Dorothy Dent, Joyce Ortner and has studied with James Sulkowski, Robert Warren, and Valerie Stewart.



The workshop is a step by step class in creating an oil painting of the beautiful flower filled cart pictured above. This would make an amazing accent piece for spring or summer! The workshop will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 13 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. The fee for the workshop is \$60 nonmembers/\$48 members payable to Laurel Arts. This includes all materials. Students only need to bring paper towels, baby wipes and old rags.

Preregistration is required by Monday, July 6, and students are asked to pay in advance. A minimum of four students is required for the class to run. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register.



Al has another workshop planned for Monday, August 17 (same time and place.) Students will create this lovely sunset. Please register for this workshop by August 10.

### **NEWS FLASH** ... camps are back for the summer ... REGISTER NOW!



We are very happy to announce that we will resume summer camps beginning with Secret Life of Pets June 29-July 3. Be assured that we will follow CDC guidelines. Camps may be cancelled if there isn't sufficient enrollment.

Please register

possible so that

we can prepare

for each camp. Tuition is due

as soon as

You never know what your kids will get their fingers into at Laurel Arts summer camps!

one week before each camp's start date. To register call Marsha at (814) 442-6217.

All camps will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and are appropriate for children K-6th grade. Extended hours before and after camps may be provided as needed for an additional charge. Camps are located at Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center, 601 Georgian Place, Somerset.

Tuition for each camp is \$100 nonmembers/\$80 members plus a \$15 discount for siblings attending the same camp. Price includes all materials (be prepared ... there will be lots of stuff coming home!)

#### Secret Life of Pets Camp • June 29-July 3

During this week's camp, we will learn about all types of perfect pets: Dogs, cats, turtles, mice and more. We'll bake some special treats and take up a collection for our local animal shelter. We may even get a special visit from a furry friend or two.

#### Local Artist's Week • July 6-10

You will be amazed to discover all of the talented artists who live in our area. This week, we will invite them to Laurel Arts to share their talents with our campers. Papercutting, drawing and pottery are just a few of the types of art we will learn about and try this week.

#### Getting to Know Our Community • July 13-17

This week we will learn about some of the history of Somerset and its surrounding areas. We'll learn about famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright, make some delicious treats using maple syrup, and learn about famous people from our area such as Mr. Rogers. For more learning fun, we will spend one day of camp touring local businesses!

#### Survivor Week • July 20-24

Brush up on your camping skills this week! Become part of a team as we will create our own team flags and buffs and work together to complete challenges. Take part in a scavenger hunt and learn to live outdoors. Don't worry, we won't vote anyone off the island but we will vote each day for the most valuable survivor from each team!

#### Gold, Silver and Bronze Week • July 27-31

Did you know July 24, 2020 is the starting date of the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan? This week at camp, we will learn about countries where the Olympic Games have been held. We will create our own Olympic torches and medals and take part in Olympic games. There is no training required to take part in the 2020 Laurel Arts Olympic Games.

#### Museum Week • Aug. 3-7

We will be creating with a large variety of art mediums this week: clay sculptures, watercolor paintings, woodwork, metal, printmaking, and more. We will end the week with our very own museum art show for friends and family to come and see!

#### Favorite Recipes Cooking Camp • Aug. 10-14

Cooking Camp is a favorite at Laurel Arts and this camp fills up quickly. This year we will talk about appetizers, main dishes, desserts, snacks and more. If you love to cook, you will love this camp. If you have a favorite recipe, send it to us at msmarsha@laurelarts.org by August 1. We can't take any recipes after that date. Throughout the week, we will also be organizing all of the weeks recipes into our very own cookbook.



Trolls World Tour is a 2020 American computer-animated jukebox musical film produced by DreamWorks Animation and distributed by Universal Pictures. The film is a sequel to the 2016 film Trolls, directed by Walt Dohrn. The film stars the voices of Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake, Rachel Bloom, James Corden, Ron Funches, Kelly Clarkson, Anderson Paak, Sam Rockwell, George Clinton and Mary J. Blige.

### Trolls World Tour coming to Somerset

Join us for another free and fun activity at 9 p.m. Saturday, July 11 at Laurel Arts (Dressler Center.) Bring your most comfy lawn chair or blanket.

Mary S. Biesecker Library, Laurel Arts and Somerset, Inc. are pleased to present this summer movie as part of their *Films on the Town* series!

This event and future events are made possible through the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies Forging Unity Grant.

More movies are planned in July, August and September, so keep reading your newsletter or visit our Facebook page.

# Studio Kids REGISTERING NOW FOR PRESCHOOL 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Creative hands-on learning in arts \* language \* math \* science \* play

- Half-day and full-day programs. You may choose two-day a week morning or afternoon program or opt for the full-day / three-day program.
- Unique, academic and arts-focused curriculum aligned to state standards, plus keepsake craft projects with Miss Marsha and creative movement activities focusing on gross motor skills with Miss Linda.

**We couldn't say it any better** ... "Our daughter had a wonderful experience as a student at Studio Kids. The focus on arts-based education, social and emotional development, and sensory and dramatic play was the perfect balance of academic kindergarten preparation and fun. We enjoyed watching her grow academically and explore new interests throughout the year. We appreciated the emphasis on physical play with special gym days with Miss Linda, and time every day for physical activity indoors or outdoors. The teachers and staff are wonderful, very warm and caring, making Studio Kids a great place to go for learning and fun. We highly recommend!"

For more information, email angi@laurelarts.org

# Gotta Dance! ... Recital planned for mid-August

Students and instructors will be back together beginning the week of July 6. We are very excited to resume our classes. We will be following Department of Health and CDC guidelines.

Our recital will be the weekend of August 15-16 at a facility at Georgian Place. It's a bit different, we know! But, schools are unable to host outside groups this summer, so we had to improvise. Still, we promise a fun, family-friendly event that will showcase our dancers! '*Cause we gotta dance*!

The new dance year will begin in mid-September with a recital planned for mid-June 2021. We are currently accepting registration for the upcoming year. Disciplines

offered include ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and hip hop; and we plan to offer acro and musical theater classes.

For more information or to register a child for dance classes, please email office@laurelarts.org and we'll send you a registration form.

We have classes for dancers as young as three years old. We also offer classes for children and adults with special needs. Dancers who are at least 12 years old may register for pre-pointe. Dancers who are in Combo 5 or Beginning Level 1 and up may register for pre-company (a class designed to prepare the student for performance company.) Class placement for upper level classes is based on evaluation by our instructors.

#### LOVE TAP? MAYBE IT'S ON YOUR BUCKET LIST ?

We will offer **ADULT TAP CLASSES** from 5:30 to 6:30 Tuesdays from July 7 through August 11, and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturdays from July 11 through August 8. We will be following CDC guidelines with respect to cleaning and social distancing (but mask are not required.) The adult class is for all levels (newbies as well as seasoned tap dancers!) If you need more info, email cindy@atlasprintco.com. Classes are \$6.40 for members of Laurel Arts; \$8 for non-members. You may attend either or both classes; these are drop-in classes, so no need to pre-register.



Bonnie Franklin (star of *One Day at a Time*) has a tap video entitled *I Hate to Exercise, I Love to Tap*. DITTO, you'll see!



## We want you ... to join our Laurel Arts Dance Family! Ballet & Pointe \* Tap \* Jazz \* Lyrical \* Hip Hop \*

Acro \* Musical Theater Combo classes for preschool & primary grades Special Needs (tweens/teens \* adults)

For information call **814-443-1835** email **office@laurelarts.org** 



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