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Upcoming events to benefit Laurel Arts

Enjoy an evening out or an afternoon with friends

A friend of Laurel Arts and local musician, "Bam" Furman is throwing a bash and you are invited to attend.

Bam Bash '22, a music event to benefit Laurel Arts, will begin at 3:30 p.m. and run until 12:45 a.m. Saturday, February 26 at Glades Pike Tavernne on Route 31 just west of Somerset. There will be a \$5 cover at the door (to benefit Laurel Arts), food and drink specials, and a 50/50.

The line-up includes: Nick Hoffman, 3:30 to 4 p.m.; Chris Daugherty, 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.; Council of Trent, 5 to 5:30 p.m.; John Larimer, 5:45 to 6:15 p.m.; Cliff & Rebecca, 6:30 to 7 p.m.; Allison Borek, 7:30 to 8 p.m.; JD & Cindy, 8:15 to 9 p.m.; Jeff Perigo & Friends, 9:15 to 10:15 p.m.; The Feels, 10:30 to 11:30 p.m.; and Day by Day, 11:45 p.m. to 12:45 a.m.

Laurel Arts appreciates Bam, the musicians, and Glades Pike Tavernne for their generosity.

Diamonds might be a girl's best friend, but a Michael Kors purse is a close second! **Pretty in Pink Purse Party** is scheduled from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 27 at Bakersville VFD Banquet Hall.

Tickets are \$35 per person (must be at least 21 years of age to attend) and can be purchased at both Laurel Arts locations. There are only 250 tickets available (no tickets will be sold at the door,) and 10 designer purses will be given away. Winners need not be present to win.

BAM BASH '22
02.26.22 / 3:30PM - 1AM / GLADES PIKE TAVERNE

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50/50 RAFFLE

A BENEFIT FOR LAUREL ARTS
\$5 COVER

FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS

**PRETTY IN PINK
PURSE PARTY**

MARCH 27 2-4:30 P.M.
BAKERSVILLE VFD HALL

To Benefit

Laurel Arts
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Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Drawings begin at 2 p.m. and go off every 15 minutes. Additional prizes/raffles include: 50/50 drawings, door prizes, pick of the table raffles, and basket drawings. Snacks and refreshments are included in the ticket cost.

The funds raised from this event will go directly to keeping the ARTS ALIVE in Somerset County!

Upcoming exhibits ...

Somerset County Jr/Sr High School Art Exhibit

Through February 24

Students in grades 6-12 explore art through various mediums. Their work demonstrates how children grow as artists.

Somerset Area School District Art Exhibit

March 8-24

The galleries will feature the artwork of Somerset Area School District Students, K-12.

**Reception 2-4 p.m.
Sunday, March 13**

Dynamic Auction Group is hosting an on-line auction to benefit Laurel Arts. If you have a piece or pieces you'd like to donate for the auction, please contact Laurel Arts, 814-443-2433.

Thank you!



Located upstairs at
**The Philip Dressler Center
for the Arts**

Office/Gallery Hours:
11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Monday-Thursday
Noon to 4 p.m.
Saturday

Exhibit showcases exceptional talent

The current exhibit at Laurel Arts showcases incredible student artwork from across Somerset County! As you walk through the galleries, you will be in awe of what these young people have accomplished! See photos on the next page.

The galleries are open during regular office hours, and there is no charge to visit. A virtual tour is available at <https://laurelarts.org/somerset-county-jrsr-virtual-show/>.

Of special note are the following winners: 1st Place, Isaac Boring, Grade 12, Conemaugh Township, Bees (Digital Painting); 2nd Place, Caroline A. Troll, Grade 10, Somerset Home School student, The Beauty of God's Creation (Mixed Media); and 3rd Place, Emmaleigh Lushko, Grade 12, Johnstown Christian School, Firework Ocean (Fired Clay.)

An honorable mention was presented to Taylor Lambert, Grade 11, North Star School District, Untitled (Acrylic on Paper) and to Tessa Westley, Grade 12, Berlin Brothersvalley, Harry Styles (Portrait.)

Somerset County Artists Association selected seven additional artists to be recognized for their exceptional work. They are (in no particular order) Marie Laczkowski, Grade 11, Berlin Brothersvalley, Ostrich (Scratchboard); Lillian Lambert, Grade 7, North Star, Pointillist Leaf (Sharpie/Tempera Paint); David Stanley, Grade 10, Conemaugh Township, How Stout Brown Trout (Ink and Watercolor); Lauren Lepley, Grade 11, Somerset Area, Portrait (Mixed Media); Clarry Speelman, Grade 12, Turkeyfoot Valley, Castle (Drypoint Intaglio Print); Emma Engleka, Grade 12, Johnstown Christian School, Beautiful Crazy (Pointillism in Marker); and Elissa Cramer, Grade 12, Rockwood Area, Samurai Starry Night (Acrylic Painting.)



Photograph by Bridget Mayak, one of the amazing clay artists

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**Soup'er Bowl
is back**

**Saturday
March 19**

**Laurel Arts Education
& Dance Center**

Watch for more details as they become available on www.laurelarts.org or our Facebook page



Left: 1st Place, Isaac Boring, Grade 12, Conemaugh Township, Bees (Digital Painting.) Immediately below: 3rd Place, Emmaleigh Lushko, Grade 12, Johnstown Christian School, Firework Ocean (Fired Clay.)



Middle: 2nd Place, Caroline A. Troll, Grade 10, Somerset Home School student, The Beauty of God's Creation (Mixed Media;)



Above: HM, Tessa Westley, Grade 12, Berlin Brothersvalley, Harry Styles (Portrait.) Right: HM, Taylor Lambert, Grade 11, North Star School District, Untitled (Acrylic on Paper.)



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Our Affiliates

NOT ALL AFFILIATES ARE MEETING REGULARLY. CONTACT INFORMATION IS INCLUDED FOR EACH GROUP SO PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Botanical / Culinary Arts

Somerset Garden Club: Contact Andrea Falchek, 814-442-4359, andreafalchek@yahoo.com. Meets 2nd Monday, 11 am, Dressler Center.

Needle / Fabric Arts

Crochet Guild: Contact Sheena Pile at 444-2419.

Knitting Guild: Contact Lee Ann Schrock, leann265@yahoo.com, 814-233-6434.

Performing Arts

Laurel Highlands Chorale: Contact Jan Burkett, 443-3085 for more information.

Mt. Union Sacred Harp Singers: Rehearsal 2nd Thursdays of the month, Kingwood Church of God (Jan-Mar), Mt. Union Church (other months).

Roof Garden Barbershop Chorus: Contact Lee Hoffman, 814-279-1733, or Larry Shober, 814-267-4042. Rehearsal 7 p.m. Tuesday evenings at Grace United Methodist Church, Somerset.

Somerset Auxiliary JSO: Contact Sam Hanson, 814-754-5230, or Gay Reed, 814-279-7134.

Somerset County Community Band: Rehearsals will resume at 7:15 p.m. March 17 at Somerset Junior High School. Contact Dave Breen, 701-1515, email photo@davebreen.com.

Visual Arts

Gem & Mineral Club: Contact Sue Bittner, 445-6085, or Bob Tutko, 814-886-9418.

Somerset County Artists Association: Contact Dave Greene, 814-442-3934.

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends: Contact Ron Bruner, rbruner@zoominternet.net

Woodcarvers: Contact Jeff Baltzer, 814-442-6617.

JSO to present family concert: Movie Magic

Round up your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and neighbors to enjoy music from movies and shows they love, including Frozen, The Lion King, The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Hamilton, and How to Train Your Dragon. In fact, children are encouraged to dress as their favorite movie characters.

The concert will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center, Johnstown. Children 12 and under are free, older students are \$10, and adults are \$40.

To purchase tickets, visit the www.johnstownsymphony.org. The University of Pittsburg at Johnstown requires that face coverings be worn while indoors at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center.

Community Band rehearsals to begin March 17

Somerset County Community Band will begin rehearsals for its summer season Thursday, March 17 at Somerset Area Junior High School. Rehearsals are at 7:15 p.m. Thursdays throughout the spring and summer.

Just prior to the first rehearsal there will be a pizza party / social at 5:30 p.m. in the junior high cafeteria for band members and anyone interested in joining the band or finding out more.

For information on the community band, contact Dave Breen, photo@davebreen.com, 814-701-1515.

Garden Club to meet

The Garden Club of Somerset will meet Monday, March 14 at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. Business meeting is set for 11 a.m., followed by a light lunch at noon. Deb Cook, a board member of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. will present the program: What it means to be a Soroptimist. There is a Soroptimist Club in Somerset, of which Deb is a member. She is also a Penn State Master Gardener.

The Garden Club will install new officers April 11, and the annual plant sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 7 at Dressler.

Laurel Highlands Chorale thinking SPRING!

Members of the Laurel Highlands Chorale are thinking Spring and preparing for their annual Spring Concert. The concert is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, May 1 and 2 at Somerset Church of the Brethren.

Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Many thanks to our affiliates for all they do to promote our mission of ...

arts for everyone!

Here comes spring and spring-themed classes

Beyond Sourdough Workshop

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 5 – 7 PM

You have the sourdough starter and make all the bread. But what else have you tried? Join instructor Pam Frola and her assistant Becca Frola-Biss on a beyond sourdough discovery! Learn how to make crackers, waffles, apple fritters, strawberry shortcake, and so much more!

Workshop will run from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4 at Laurel Arts. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$20 members; \$25 non-members plus a materials fee of \$5 payable to Pam Frola. Call/text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register by February 26.

Spring Wreath Making Workshop

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2 – 4 PM

We are excited to have Barb Cass of Barb's Country Creations back with another beautiful piece! She will be teaching students how to create an amazing spring wreath similar to the one pictured. The wreath is made of mesh and ribbon in lovely pastel colors with spring umbrellas, rain boots, and flower prints. The center includes a sweet little troll equipped with a watering can and the phrase "Happy Spring."



Class takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. The fee for this workshop is \$20 members; \$25 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$48 materials fee payable to Barb Cass.

Preregistration is required. Call/text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register by March 6.

Bob Ross Painting Workshop with Al Just

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 10 AM – 3 PM

Certified Bob Ross Instructor Al Just has another beautiful piece picked out for students to paint this month! Al has been offering Bob Ross Painting workshops for many years. This workshop will be a step by step class creating an oil painting of a beautiful seascape.

The class is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, March 14 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset.

The fee is \$48 for members; \$60 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts. This includes all materials. Students need to bring paper towels, baby wipes and old rags.

Preregistration is required by Monday, March 7 and students are asked to pay in advance. A minimum of 4 students is required for the class to run. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register.



Succulent Terrarium Workshop

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2 – 4 PM

Join Instructor Marsha Schmuck for an afternoon of fun terrarium building. You'll choose items to make your own unique terrarium and learn how to take care of it. If you'd like to bring small items or trinkets to place in yours, feel free to do so. Students will each be given a large bubble bowl, rocks, dirt, and a variety of three to four succulents to place in their project.

The workshop will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 20 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. The cost for the class is \$16 members; \$20 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$35 materials fee payable to Marsha Schmuck. Preregistration is required by March 6 so that supplies can be ordered. Call/text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register.

Spring Celebration

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 10 AM – NOON

Join Instructor Marsha Schmuck for a celebration to welcome spring. Students will take part in crafts, games, and creating a snack, all with a spring theme. A mixed media bird's nest, a snack for the backyard birds, and a nest we can eat are just a few of our projects.

Workshop will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 26 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee is \$16 members; \$20 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$10 materials fee payable to Marsha Schmuck

Preregistration is required by Saturday, March 19. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register.

Spring ahead and register for April classes, too

Laura Schrock's Spring Card Making Workshop

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 6 – 8 PM

We are excited to have Laura Schrock back to share her talents for creating detailed and amazing cards. She will instruct class participants in completing a variety of Spring-themed cards perfect for that special someone. Card making is a fun and very popular workshop offered by Laura just a handful of times each year. Her class always fills up quickly so don't miss out. There is a limit of 12 participants. Preregistration is required.

This workshop will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 at Laurel Arts. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$12 members; \$15.00 nonmembers, plus a \$12 materials fee payable to Laura Schrock.

To register, please contact Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 or call/text 814-442-6217.

Bob Ross Painting Workshop with Al Just

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 10 AM – 3 PM

Certified Bob Ross Instructor Al Just has another beautiful piece picked out for students to paint this month! This workshop will be a step by step class creating an oil painting of a soaring eagle.



The class is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, March 14 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee is \$48 for members; \$60 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts, and includes all materials. Students only need to bring paper towels, baby wipes and old rags.

Preregistration is required by Monday, April 4 and students are asked to pay in advance. A minimum of 4 students is required for the class to run. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register.

Zumba Class

SATURDAYS 10 – 11 AM

Zumba combines Latin and international music with dance moves to provide an aerobic workout. Aerobic exercise can help you reach a healthy weight, strengthen your heart, and even improve your mood.

Join Zumba Certified Instructor Sharon Parra each week or when it's convenient for your schedule. Sharon is a

former dance student at Laurel Arts where she took a variety of classes for seven years. She also studied dance for a short time in Hawaii. She will be teaching Zumba with us and at MorGainz Fitness in Somerset.

These are drop-in classes, 10 a.m. Saturdays, at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. The cost per class is \$8 for members / \$10 non-members. Contact us at 814-442-6217 or 814-443-2433 for more information or to become a member of Laurel Arts and receive 20% off all classes.

Adult Tap Class

SATURDAYS 9 – 10 AM

Is learning to tap on your bucket list? We offer tap classes for adults (pre-teens and teens are also welcome to attend) from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturdays at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset.

The class is designed to be fun for beginners as well as for tappers with previous experience (adults who took tap when they were kids, current students, etc.) We have some tap shoes available for you to borrow if you don't have your own.

The cost per class is \$6.40 for members; \$8 for nonmembers. This is a drop-in class; no need to register in advance. For more information, contact instructor Cindy Breen, 814-701-1699 or via email cindy@atlasprintco.com.

Learn to play the guitar ...

Guitar lessons are offered at Laurel Arts on Wednesdays, taught by Bob Bretz. Bob has decades of experience and teaches all styles of guitar.

Contact Bob directly, 814-421-8134, for more information.



We also offer piano ...



Jade Boyer has over 20 years experience in piano. She studied at the Suzuki School of Music and has had several private teachers. She is available to give lessons on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center. For more information on signing up for lessons with Jade, text/call Marsha at 814-442-6217.



Congratulations to **Madison Troy** (in circle), former LADC performance company member, on her senior dance recital at Shippensburg University February 11 and 12. This was Maddie’s fourth year as a member of the In-Motion Dance Troupe at Shippensburg. This year, she choreographed *Crazy for You* and danced in 11 of 14 dance numbers. Maddie is majoring in middle level math and science education with a minor in disability studies. She has also been a peer teacher leader, is a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honors Society, and has served as vice president of Collegiate Middle Level Association (CMLA).

Summer’s coming and so is music, music, music

Summer’s coming, and Laurel Arts is working on its summer music series. Below are the times and dates with a list of the artists who are scheduled to date. Mark your calendars and plan to spend some summer evenings with your friends at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts.

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| 5-8 p.m. Saturday, May 21 | to be announced |
| 6-9 p.m. Saturday, June 4 | J.D. & Cindy (and guests) |
| 6-9 p.m. Saturday, June 18 | The Evergreens & Whitehorse |
| 3-5 p.m. Sunday, June 19 | Father’s Day Concert |
| | Somerset County Community Band |
| 6-9 p.m. Saturday, July 2 | The Laurel |
| 6-9 p.m. Saturday, July 16 | Tim & Stacey |
| 6-9 p.m. Saturday, July 30 | The Feels |
| 6-9 p.m. Saturday, August 13 | to be announced |
| 5-8 p.m. Saturday, August 27 | to be announced |
| 5-8 p.m. Saturday, September 10 | to be announced |

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