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Our first of the season ...
LA NIGHTS
Presents: **THE RUGG BAND**
FEATURING
JOHN LARIMER

Allison Borek

Summer means music on the lawn at Laurel Arts!

First up: The Rugg Band featuring John Larimer and Allison Borek Saturday, May 28

Join us as we kickoff our free outdoor music series, LA Nights, with The Rugg Band, Allison Borek, and special guest John Larimer from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 28 on the lawn stage at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts.

As always, LA Nights events are free to attend and open to the public. We are proud to host these events for the communities we serve while supporting local musicians in the process.

You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, snacks and beverages. Food and beverages may also be available for purchase on the grounds.

Our summer music series is made possible by funding from The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, specifically the Alan & Lana Miller Fund.

Mark your calendars for these additional summer music events:

- JD & Cindy (and guests) from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 4 with Legends Caribbean Grill and Vin De Matrix
- The Evergreens & Whitehorse from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 18 with Legend's Caribbean Grill, Rusty Musket and The Fat Squirrel
- Somerset County Community Band at 3 p.m. Father's Day, Sunday, June 19 with free sundaes courtesy of the Community Band
- Randy Myers & The Laurel from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 2 with The Fat Squirrel
- Tim & Stacey & Day by Day from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 16 with Legend's Caribbean Grill and Vin De Matrix

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Upcoming exhibits ...

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends Exhibit

May 12-June 8

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends (formerly Laurel Highlands Photo Club) is an affiliate of Laurel Arts. This exhibit is also a photography contest open to all ages and abilities. Visit the galleries to see the people, places, animals, and more through the lens of local photographers.

**Reception 6-8 p.m.
Friday, May 13**

SCAA 33rd Annual Juried Art Competition & Exhibit

June 21-July 28

This will be a multi-media exhibit of some of the finest artwork being produced in the region.

**Reception & Awards
6-8 p.m.
Friday, June 24**



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

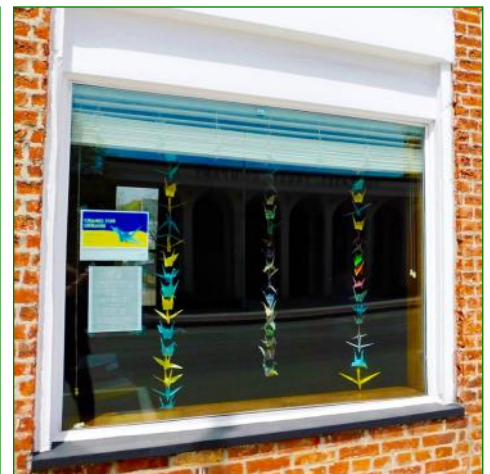
Office/Gallery Hours:
11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Monday-Thursday
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturday



Rise Up

by Linda Coddington

Rise Up by Linda Coddington is an 11x14 print on archival matte paper ready to frame. A limited number of prints are available for purchase at the Dressler Center. Prints are \$35 with the proceeds earmarked for charities raising funds for the Ukraine. For more information, stop by the Dressler Center or call 814-443-2433.



Clockwise, cranes made at Confluence Art Center; and in Somerset cranes hanging at Nicholas Carroll's music studio; a large crane (one of many cranes) at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church; cranes at Great Day Juice Company; and more cranes at Atlas Printing Co.

Thank you!

There are an amazing number of people in our community who support the arts, and Laurel Arts in particular, in various ways. They continue to support us through their memberships, they purchase tickets to our events, they make monetary donations as well as donations of products and services, they give of their time, and they share our story with family and friends.

This month, we want to recognize the **Alan L. and Lana J. Miller Family Fund of The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies** for the recent grant award of \$1000 which will be used for LA Nights music on the lawn.

We also want to thank **Bob McVicker** and **SDC** for their support of our upcoming fence repairs. Lowe's Home Improvement has also made a donation toward the cost of lumber.

Somerset FOE #1801 recently helped us coordinate a barbecue chicken fundraiser with proceeds to be used to assist performance company dancers with their summer trip to a national dance competition.

To the members who attended our recent mixer, thank you for coming, and a huge thank you to board members and friends of Laurel Arts who provided the refreshments.

Our Pretty in Pink Purse Party was a huge success thanks to chair **Robin Henley**. We also had tons of help from board members and other volunteers as well as many sponsorships that made this event one for the books. The **Somerset Garden Club** made and donated the gorgeous centerpieces for the event.

Please know that we appreciate everyone who helps us in our mission ***to enhance the quality of life in our community by offering an array of arts and educational opportunities and making them assessable to all!***

Congratulations!

We congratulate our summer intern **Christine Troll**. Christine is a junior interdisciplinary arts student and was among 42 students honored by the University Pittsburgh at Bradford at its annual Honors Convocation April 8. Christine received the junior Academic Excellence Award and the Robert C. Laing Creative Art Award for Art.

Be on the lookout for ...

... more cranes. With the help of **Somerset, Inc.** and volunteer **Ann Ferry**, the cranes made during the work sessions at the Dressler Center will fill windows in what is known locally as the Brinker Building and some other uptown locations. We are also collecting donations for Brother's Brother FDN and World Central Kitchen.

For more information about the Cranes for Ukraine, stop by the Dressler Center or call 814-443-2433.

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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 Kathy Martin, 814-443-3054.

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 are at 7:15 p.m. Thursdays 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.



Club member Jan Szych talks to a family about Douglas Tallamy's Homegrown National Park at the Earth Day Celebration in uptown Somerset.

Somerset Garden Club Plant Sale & Flea Market to be Saturday, May 21 (9 a.m. to noon)

Somerset Garden Club has traditionally had its annual Plant Sale the Saturday before Mother's Day, but according to members, "We've changed our plant sale to May 21, because it snowed on us two years in a row!"

The Club won three first prizes at Pennsylvania Garden Club Federation convention in early April for the club's social media page, website, and newsletter. Jan Szych is the member responsible for this work, and the club is proud of her meticulous, creative work!

The Club also received a grant from the National Garden Club for its garden program at The Children's Aid Home. The club maintains a PSU certified pollinator garden on the grounds. Members also do programming with the residents on Fridays during the summer, teaching native gardening, good gardening practices, food independence, while nurturing the garden and the children, themselves. The money can be used for gardening and programming.

The Garden Club did an interactive activity at Earth Day, based on the work of Douglas Tallamy's *Homegrown National Park* body of work. Participants did a scavenger hunt for painted rocks which depicted keystone-native species on which our local food chain depends. They received a little envelope of native flower seeds and an Earth Day themed prize.

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

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Upcoming classes & CreARtivity Camps for kids

Recycled Tire Ladybug Planters

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 6 – 8:30 PM

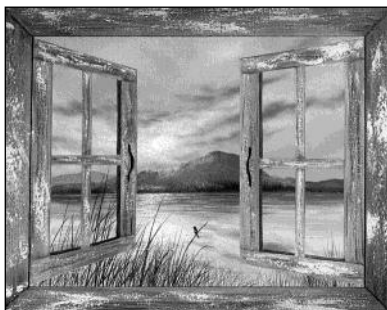
Join Instructor Marsha Schmuck to craft this creative piece for your garden or flowerbed. Paint, a tire, and brushes will be provided as students are guided in making their own unique ladybug. Once you get it home, you can fill it with dirt and your favorite flowers, vegetables, or use it as a sandbox for a little one. This class is designed for teens through adult but younger painters can take part if accompanied by a helper adult. Class takes place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 27. Cost for the class is \$20 members or Laurel Arts / \$25 non-members payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$20 materials fee payable to Marsha Schmuck. Please call/text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 by Friday, May 20. Pre-registration is required.



Bob Ross Painting Workshop with Al Just

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 10 AM – 3 PM

Certified Bob Ross Instructor Al Just has another beautiful piece picked out for students to paint this month! Participants will re-create an oil painting of the beautiful scene pictured. The class takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, June 13 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset.



The fee for the workshop is \$48 members / \$60 nonmembers 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, June 6, 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.

Please consider supporting **Laurel Arts** by ordering through **smile.amazon.com** and note Laurel Arts as your charity of choice.

ART Explorers 12-18 months

June 9 & 10, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Five Senses Camp

June 30 & July 1, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Land, Sea & Sky Camp

August 18 & 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Jungle Safari Camp

ART Adventurers 18-36 months

3-day and 5-day sessions

June 6-8, 10 a.m. to noon or

June 6-10, 1 to 3 p.m.

Five Senses Camp

June 27-29, 10 a.m. to noon or

June 27-July 1, 1 to 3 p.m.

Land, Sea & Sky Camp

August 15-17, 10 a.m. to noon or

August 15-19, 1 to 3 p.m.

Jungle Safari Camp

Young at ART Pre-K - 3rd Grade

June 20-24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Shark Week**

July 11-15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Christmas in July**

July 18-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Holidays Cooking Camp**

August 8-12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Builders Camp**

ARTolescents 4th - 7th Grade

June 13-17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Wonders of the World**

July 5-8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Welcome to HogwARTS**

July 25-29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Animal Planet**

August 1-5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Recipes of the Stars**

For complete information about the camps, including tuition and how to register, visit Laurel Arts' Facebook page or laurelarts.org (offering / youth / summer camps.) You can also call / text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433.

LAUREL ARTS PRESENTS

THE HERB MCDOWELL MEMORIAL JAZZ NIGHT

Featuring
Kenny Blake

May 21, 2022
7:30 pm
Somerset Country Club
Tickets are \$35

Tickets can be purchased at Laurel Arts and the Somerset Country Club.

Planning to dine? Contact the country club to make reservations.

Proceeds benefit the Herb McDowell Scholarship Fund



The Herb McDowell Memorial Jazz Night SATURDAY, MAY 21

We hope you will join us for the 2nd Annual Herb McDowell Memorial Jazz Night, in honor of the late, Herb McDowell, and in celebration of all things music - in particular JAZZ!

The incomparable, Kenny Blake, will perform at the Somerset Country Club.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at Laurel Arts or the Somerset Country Club. Proceeds from the event will go directly to establishing the Herb McDowell Scholarship Fund, which will serve local students engaged in school music programs.

Please contact the country club to make reservations if you wish to dine prior to the event.

We hope you will join us for an evening of amazing music and to celebrate one of our local music makers and educators!

Summer means music

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- The Feels from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 30 with Vin de Matrix
- Performers TBA from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 13 with Legend's Caribbean Grill and Vin de Matrix
- Chalk & The Erasers from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, August 27

UPCOMING EVENTS ...

Our annual charity **GOLF TOURNAMENT** is set for Friday, June 3 at Somerset Country Club. Proceeds from the tournament support the Dorothy Dressler Scholarship Fund and other children's programming. For more information about the golf tournament, contact Laurel Arts, 814-443-2433.



AHOY!! Who is ready to set sail on the **SS NAUTICAL NIGHTS**? Set the course for a YACHT of FUN and support the arts at the same time!

Nautical Nights is schedule to launch at 6 p.m. Friday, June 24 at Indian Lake Lodge. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. There will be live auctions beginning at 8 p.m.; entertainment provided by The Steel City Yacht Club starts at 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$55 per person. Groups of 10 may reserve a table for \$650. Contact Laurel Arts, 814-443-2433, for more information.

There will also be some amazing items raffled off at this event - think getaways and so much more!

Want to join us later in the evening and enjoy the band? No problem! Admission after 9 p.m. will simply be a request of donation at the door.

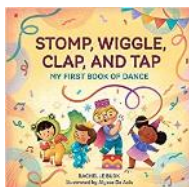
Become the captain of your own nautical adventure, purchase a ticket and have a yacht of fun! Contact Laurel Arts for tickets or visit <https://square.link/u/fXBsZaaC>. The link is also on our Facebook page.

A special thank you to the Indian Lake Lodge for being a valued supporter and partner of this event!

Pop-Up Summer Dance Camps

(2-3 year olds/Mommy & Me)

Teddy Bear Ballet, June 23, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Class includes story time, craft and a snack. Students will also receive a brand new **Ballerina Teddy Bear** as a keepsake from their first dance class. Class fee: \$27 members of Laurel Arts; \$30 non-members. **THIS CLASS IS LIMITED TO 4 STUDENTS.**



Stomp, Wiggle, Clap & Tap, August 2, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Toddlers are little motion machines, and we'll have them (and you) stomping, wiggling, clapping & tapping! Dance class includes story time, craft and a snack. Class fee: \$12 members of Laurel Arts; \$15 non-members.

(4-6 year olds)

Animals Boogie & Dinosaurs Rap, July 20-21, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

On day 1, we'll shake, swing, leap, stomp, slither and sway as we do the Animal Boogie. And, on day 2, we'll jump, thump, tap, bellow and roar as we Rap with the Dinosaurs. Dance class includes story time, craft & snack each day. Class fee: \$24 members of Laurel Arts; \$30 non members.

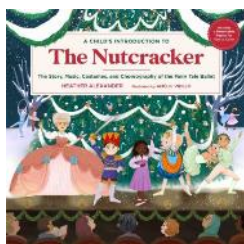
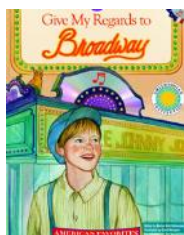


Super Heroes Dance, Too!, August 10-11, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Learn the dance moves that Super Heroes do! Leap, run, skip, hop, jump, wiggle, turn, punch, crawl, roll ... they do it all! Dance class includes story time, craft & snack. Class fee: \$24 members of Laurel Arts; \$30 non members.

(6-9 year olds)

Broadway Bound, June 28, 29 & 30, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Give Our Regards to Broadway! We'll spend our three classes learning a Broadway-style dance to perform for family and friends. We'll also learn about Broadway musicals, make a poster to promote our performance, and enjoy a snack each day. Class fee: \$24 members of Laurel Arts; \$30 non members.



Christmas in July—A Child's Introduction to the Nutcracker, July 26, 27 & 28, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Of course, we'll work on our pli  , relev   and saut  . We'll also learn about the *The Nutcracker* ~ the story, music, costumes and choreography of this fairy tale ballet. Crafts and a daily snack are also included. Class fee: \$24 members of Laurel Arts; \$30 non members.

To register for for more information, email office@laurelarts.org or call 814-443-1835.

Tap FUNdamentals (for tappers or students new to tap) Mondays, July 25, August 1 & 8, 5 to 6 p.m. (8 & up). Class fee: \$8 members of Laurel Arts & Laurel Arts dance students; \$10 non-members. To register, email office@laurelarts.org or call 814-443-1835.

Visit Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center on Facebook for other summer happenings and/or to register for our fall dance season.

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