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## Scoop'er Bowl is back!

Mark your calendars ~ Laurel Arts' Mud Ladies will be back Saturday, August 13 with more one-of-a-kind handcrafted bowls at the second annual Scoop'er Bowl.

For a donation of \$20, attendees may select their favorite clay bowl to take home while they enjoy a bowl of ice cream and a drink. A toppings bar will be available.

The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on the lawn at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. No advance tickets will be sold, and cash payment is requested.

Proceeds will benefit the clay studio and on-going programs.

**Red Law** will also be performing on the lawn stage that night. Plan to bring lawn chairs, perhaps dinner (before ice cream) and enjoy a evening at Laurel Arts. LA Nights is a summer lawn concert series made possible in part by The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, specifically the Alan & Lana Miller Fund.

And, remember, while **food feeds the body, ART feeds the soul.**



Laurel Arts Mud Ladies (seated) Erin Mayak, Jane Holt, (standing) Susan Wilson, Joy Knepp, Bridget Mayak and Kathy Reed.



## Laurel Arts hosts Makers Market

Laurel Arts was excited to host its first Makers Market July 13. If you had a chance to visit, you had the opportunity to purchase flowers, artisan food, jewelry, handcrafted clothing, cutting boards, wine, pottery, art work and more.

Three more Makers Markets are planned. The first will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 13; the second from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 14; and the third from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 12.

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5-8 PM Wednesday, Aug. 10

5-8 PM Wednesday, Sept. 14

5-8 PM Wednesday, Oct. 12

## Upcoming exhibits ...

### ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES EXHIBIT

**August 9-September 8**

Laurel Arts will exhibit works made by five distinguished artists who have passed away. Family members and friends of Ralph C. Welsh, III, Olga Poggi, Paul D. Beal, Anna Marie Schnur, and Kathleen Kase Burk will be lending selected works from their personal collections along with narratives and personal artifacts from the artists' lives. Please be sure to stop by the galleries during this exhibit to view work by these now-deceased but well-remembered artists.

#### Reception

**6-8 p.m. Friday, August 12**

### SCAA MEMBERS EXHIBIT

**September 13-October 6**

Members of Somerset County Artists Association will exhibit their recent works.

#### Reception

**6-8 p.m. Friday, September 16**



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**



Pictured are winners of the recent Somerset County Artists Association Juried Art Exhibit. They are (from left, front) Judy Musser, Bridget Mayak, Peggy Black, Mary Beth Landis, (back) Linda Harrill Peck, Kathy Reed, Jon Miller, Bruce Patterson and Donald Patcher. *Photo by Dave Greene*

## Winners of annual Juried Show announced

Somerset County Artists Association hosted its annual Juried Art Show recently. Artists from throughout the region participated, and the show featured both two and three dimensional art. Winners were:

Best of Show: **Judith Musser**, *Serendipity*, Acrylic/Mixed Media

First Place: **Randy Myers**, *Topsey-Turvey Has Me Upside Down*, Clay/Stoneware

Second Place: **Peggy Black**, *60 ° Maneuver: Indigo Shibori 4*, Fiber

Third Place: **Linda Harrill Peck**, *The Barn*, Papercutting

Photography Award: **Mary Beth Landis**, *Mosley Safe*

Ralph Welsh Award: **Bridget Mayak**, *Bird Stack #1*, Clay, Metal & Cement

Digital Award: **Jon Miller**, *Somerset Historical Center*

Watercolor Award: **Bruce Patterson**, *Untitled*

Creative Colors Award: **Donald Patcher**, *Theme from Visionary Muse*, Digital 3D fractal

Honorable Mention: **Joy Knepp**, *Elements Unite*, Flamework & Electroformed Glass jewelry

Honorable Mention: **Todd Pinkham**, *County Fair*, Oil on Canvas

Honorable Mention: **Kathy Trexel Reed**, *Off the Map (Ongoing Artist's Book)*, Mixed Media cut paper collage

***You're invited ...*** to attend our music nights on the lawn, visit our imagination garden, explore our outdoor art installations and enjoy our gallery exhibits. ***Summer is a great time to visit Laurel Arts!***

## *In memory of a true friend of the arts!*

**Alan Luther Miller**, 81, of Somerset, died June 12 at The Patriot. Alan and his wife Lana have been long-time supporters of Laurel Arts.

Alan was born January 19, 1941 in Somerset. He was the son of Luther P. and Mary (Bittner) Miller. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter-in-law Gayle Miller, and is survived by his wife, the former Lana Jean Maurer to whom he was married 60 years, children Troy A. Miller and Melanie P. Miller both of Somerset, granddaughter Lauren P. Caimano and husband Jacob of Greenburg, and brother Roger Miller and wife Gaye Sandler of New York City.

Alan was a 1959 graduate of Somerset High School and attended the University of Pittsburgh, he worked until his retirement as owner/operator of Luther P. Miller Inc. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, past board member of Somerset Trust Co., Somerset Hospital, and past member of Somerset Rotary Club. He enjoyed traveling, skiing, and sailing.

The family suggested that memorial contributions be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 918 Tayman Ave., Somerset or to The Community Foundation of the Alleghenies, 216 Franklin St Suite 400, Johnstown, PA 15901.



Laurel Arts presented this Friend of the Arts Award to the Miller Family in early 2020.

## *Join us for the two more LA Nights*

LA Nights continues with two "Nights" in August. Music on the lawn 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:

- **Red Law** and another group TBA from 6 to 9 p.m. **Saturday, August 13** with Legend's Caribbean Grill and Vin de Matrix. Scoop'er Bowl is 5 to 7 p.m. (see page 1 for more information.)
- **Chalk & The Erasers** from 5 to 8 p.m. **Saturday, August 27** with The Fat Squirrel and Rusty Musket.

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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, 814-701-1515, email photo@davebreen.com.

### ***Visual Arts***

**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.

## Garden Club plans fall bulb sale

Somerset Garden Club will be starting its Fall Bulb Sale soon. Please see a Garden Club member to buy some interesting and very high quality bulbs from Van Engelan's.

The Garden Club hosted the Johnstown club at the Hayfoft for its annual joint meeting with a small Horticulture Show. Judges were Lois Dupre Shuster, Rani Murali, and Charlotte Chrissey.

Dr. Paul Douglas Newman of UPJ's history department will attend the August 8 meeting to discuss "What the Indians Grew" in the local area. He is an expert in local history. On September 12 Patti Flowers Jacobina from The Ligonier Weeders and Seeders will discuss microplastics, their impact and what gardeners should be doing to help with the environmental issues.

Amanda Dowie Dried Floral Arrangement Show will be October 3. John Lechlitter, AIFD Manager/Designer of Lea's Floral Shop and Teleflora Educator, will do a Design Presentation at the Fall Banquet at Somerset Country Club.

## Come hear the band!

Somerset County Community Band will perform at the **Stoystown Lions Festival, 6 p.m. Friday, August 5** at Stoystown Lions Park just off Rte. 30. The Lions Festival features food, tractor pulls, children's activities, and flea market. It runs from Thursday, August 4 through Sunday, August 7.

The band will also perform the following day, **6 p.m., Saturday, August 6 at the Shanksville Community Picnic**. Food, children's activities, basket raffle, and fire trucks are also featured at this community event held at Shanksville School.

At **6 p.m. Saturday, August 13**, the band will play at an ice cream social on the **Springs Festival Grounds**, Springs, PA. The band performs at 6 p.m.

Members will entertain at the **Kingwood Picnic, Kingwood, PA (Rte. 281 South) at noon Saturday, September 3**. The Kingwood Picnic will celebrate 101 years at the Kingwood Grove and features traditional favorites with a noon dinner chicken barbecue, pies, hamburgers, hot dogs, hot coffee, ice cream, sodas, french fries, pizza and funnel cakes. Entertainment and food, while supplies last, will continue all day.

The band will play at the **New Centerville Jubilee at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 8**. The Jubilee is an annual event that runs Wednesday through Sunday, September 7 through 11 featuring antique steam engines, tractor and truck pulls, a variety of entertainment, and lots of festival food and vendors.

The Scarecrow Festival is back this year and is scheduled for Saturday, September 17. The band is also hoping to present a concert during the festival, concluding its summer season.

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

*arts for everyone!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW ...

*Plan now to attend these special fall workshops*

### Handmade Paper Workshop

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24, 2022, 10 AM – 4 PM

During this all-day workshop, participants will learn paper making from self-taught paper maker Katy DeMent ([www.thepaperlady.com](http://www.thepaperlady.com)). Students will have a crash course in building equipment and making pulps from plants and recycled fibers, while creating handmade paper sheets with a variety of embellishments including color, texture and collage.



Here is what the day's schedule will look like:

10 am – Intro to paper making; sharing examples, brief history of communication and the history of paper making, prep materials

10:30 am – Do you want to make personal molds to take home for future paper making? (materials cost \$35 each for this or we just use mine)

11 am – Making and dyeing pulps from natural and reclaimed materials and fibers, sharing examples of plant fiber varieties

Noon – Sheet forming with texture color and random inclusions

12:30 pm – Press and hang up to dry

1 to 1:30 pm – Short lunch break

1:30 pm – Collage ... participants may create handmade papers in a larger format while designing a wet on wet collage (can include vintage items from home)

3 pm – How to “depost” and get it all home to dry.

The fee for this all-day workshop is \$68 members / \$85 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts. Pre-registration is required by September 1. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835 to register. Class takes place at 601 Georgian Place.

### Wool Braided Rug Workshop

BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPT. 20, 2022, 1 – 2 PM

BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPT. 20, 2022, 6 – 7 PM

Instructor Lisa Meyers will be offering another of her beautiful rug making classes this fall. This is a class that teaches a machine free, gadget free, ancient method of making braided rugs. Braided rugs and other homemade rugs are ultimate recycling projects. Going back to prehistory, mankind has always recycled. These rugs, when cared for properly, become heirlooms. Learn all the techniques and problem solving skills needed to create a quality rug. Since this is a craft, the skills will be developed in each student according to their needs. The "Art" part is in the selection of color combinations.

The first lesson is one hour or so to go over all the proper materials, needles, thread, thimble, scissors and a lesson on color theory to help you personalize your project. No need to bring anything unless you want to make sure it is correct. Handouts are given with each night's lessons. This is a very important and can not be missed. There will be plenty of time for questions.

\*\*\*Please do not buy any materials ahead of this lesson. After the information session in the first week, students will be responsible for purchasing any materials needed for the project. This is not included in the class fee.

You may start a 3' X 5' rug or a 10" X 16" place mat. Either will give you the knowledge and experience to make as many rugs as your heart desires!

First class takes place on Tuesday, September 20 at 1pm to 2pm. **The following 4 classes** will be September 27, October 4, 11, and 18 from 1 to 3:30 pm. (She will also be offering an evening class from 6 to 8:30 pm on the same dates.)

Cost for the class is \$52 members / \$65 nonmembers. Fees for materials are not included in the cost. Preregistration is required. Call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 or text/call 814-442-6217 to register. Class takes place at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Former students welcome to visit, show off your work or ask a question.

**FOLLOW LAUREL ARTS ON FACEBOOK TO GET UPDATES ON CLASSES & WORKSHOPS!**

# Laurel Arts Performance Company competes at Nationals

Members of Laurel Arts Performance Company made their first trip to a National Dance Competition in early July. The event was in Ocean City, Maryland. Laurel Arts is extremely proud of our performance company dancers. Results from Nationals are as follows:

## SOLO PLACEMENTS

**Clare Troll**, Platinum adjudication, first place overall for Novice Teen Solo and Top Billing for highest overall score for all Novice Solos 13 & up.

**Caroline Troll** – High Gold adjudication and 10th place overall for Intermediate Teen Solos.

**Bena Croushore** – High Gold adjudication and seventh place overall for Intermediate Senior Solos.

**Ashlyn Bittner** – High Gold adjudication and eighth place overall for Intermediate Senior Solos.

**Ashley Ciepiela** - High Gold adjudication.

**Ella Peck** - High Gold adjudication.

**Alana Kreger** - High Gold adjudication.

## DUO/TRIO PLACEMENTS

**Junior Company Ballet** - High Gold adjudication and fourth place overall for Novice Teen Duos/Trios; dancers were Tiana Augustine and Kelci Leasure.

**Senior Company Jazz** - High Gold adjudication and sixth place overall for Novice Teen Duos/Trios; dancers were Emily Hostetler, Ashley Ciepiela and Emma Klahre.

**Senior Company Ballet** - High Gold adjudication and seventh place overall for Novice Teen Duos/Trios; dancers were Emily Hostetler, Bena Croushore and Caroline Troll.

**Petite Company Lyrical** - High Gold adjudication and sixth place overall for Novice Junior Duos/Trios; dancers were Mina Knepp, Kyleigh Bailey and Hailey Bowlby.

## GROUP PLACEMENTS

**Petite Company Tap** - High Gold adjudication and third place in category, ninth place overall for Novice Junior Small Groups; dancers were Courtney Anderson, Hannah Spiri, Auzalie Minor, Brooke Fullard, Hailey Bowlby and Kyleigh Bailey.

**Junior Company Hip Hop** - High Gold adjudication and fourth place overall for Novice Junior Small Groups; dancers were Tiana Augustine, Kylee Mallory, Mirabella Tweardy and Kyleigh Bailey.

**Junior Company Lyrical** - High Gold adjudication and first place overall for Novice Teen Small Groups; dancers were Tiana Augustine, Teegan Pugh, Clare Troll, Mirabella Tweardy and Isabelle Schmuck.

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**Senior Company Tap** - Platinum adjudication and first place overall for Intermediate Teen Small Groups; dancers were Ashlyn Bittner, Ashley Ciepiela, Emily Hostetler, Bena Croushore and Alana Kreger.

**Senior Company Hip Hop** - High Gold adjudication and seventh place overall for Intermediate Teen Small Groups; dancers were Clare Troll, Caroline Troll, Emily Hostetler, Isabelle Schmuck, Faith Custer and Teegan Pugh.

**Senior Company Lyrical** - High Gold adjudication, second place in category and ninth place overall for Intermediate Teen Small Groups; dancers were Ashlyn Bittner, Alana Kreger, Emily Hostetler, Emma Klahre, Ella Peck, Caroline Troll and Ashley Ciepiela.

**Petite Company Ballet** - High Gold adjudication; dancers were Courtney Anderson, Reese Demchak, Hylie Skavang and Hannah Spiri

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**Emily Hostetler, Teegan Pugh & Clare Troll** earned scholarships from Ticket to Broadway for being standouts in the classes in which they participated at the competition. **Senior Company Tap and Clare Troll's solo** were asked to return for "The Callback Battle" because their scores place them in the top five for all dances 13 & over for their divisions.

## NOW REGISTERING

**Want more information on our art-based preschool or our award-winning dance program?** We're accepting registrations now for 2022-23. Don't wait! Email [office@laurelarts.org](mailto:office@laurelarts.org) or call 814-443-1835 for registration forms and more information.

Studio Kids offers parents' a choice for preschool: a two-day half day program or a three-day full day experience. The two-day half days are Tuesday and Thursday, mornings or afternoons. The three-day full day meets on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays.

All sessions are taught by Angi Fullard. Angi has been with Studio Kids since we opened in 2009. One grandparent said, "It's just amazing how well-prepared our grandchildren were for public school. They excelled in kindergarten. They read well, they are curious, and they LOVE art!"

Our dance program has been operating for over 30 years and has been located at 601 Georgian Place since 2009. We have three studios and classes for children 3 years old and up. Our younger dancers take combination classes (tap, ballet, creative movement or jazz.) They may add acro and/or hip hop. Our more advanced dancers may elect to take tap, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and theatre dance. All of our students must take ballet.

In addition, we offer classes for teens and adults with special needs as well as an adult tap class.

For more information about our preschool and dance programs, call 814-443-1835 or email [office@laurelarts.org](mailto:office@laurelarts.org).

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