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What a beautiful day for planting flowers! And that's exactly what members and Friends of Somerset Garden Club did at locations throughout town just in time for Memorial Day. Thank you to club members for *painting* the town with such beautiful colors.

Laurel Arts affiliates share their talents with the community

The Somerset County Community Band will host its annual Father's Day Concert and Ice Cream Social at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 19 on the lawn stage at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. The band is also scheduled to perform at the following locations this summer:

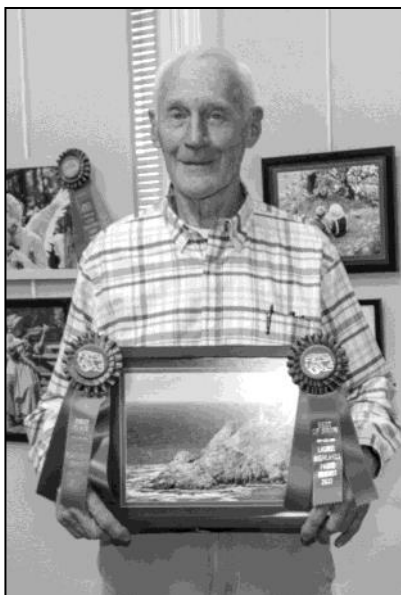
Sunday, July 3, 5 pm	Meyersdale Fourth of July
Sunday, July 10, 7 pm	Camp PARC
Sunday, July 24, 7pm	Camp PARC
Friday, Aug. 5, 6 pm	Stoystown Lions Festival
Saturday, Aug. 6, 6 pm	Shanksville Community Day
Saturday, Aug 20, 5:30 pm	Hidden Valley
Saturday, Sept. 3, noon	Kingwood Picnic
Thursday, Sept. 8, 7 pm	New Centerville Jubilee
Saturday, Sept. 17, time TBA	Scarecrow Festival, Georgian Place

New members are always welcome. To learn more contact Dave Breen, photo@davebreen.com.



Members of Somerset County Community Band,
Father's Day, 2021

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!**



Stokes Clarke with his award winning photo.

Upcoming exhibits ...

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

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends announces winners

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends (formerly Laurel Highlands Photo Club) announces winners of its recent exhibit in the galleries at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts, May 12 through June 8. Best of Show and several other awards were presented to Stokes Clarke. The complete list of award winners is as follows:

Best of Show: Stokes Clarke

Scenic: Stokes Clarke, first; Ron Bruner, second; Alan Gardner, third; and Flanna Soliday, honorable mention.

Floral: Stokes Clarke, first; Charlette Pletcher, second; Mariellen Mish, third; Michele M. Walters, honorable mention.

Digital Art & Alternative Processing: Susan Wilson, first; Ron Bruner, second; Susan Wilson, third; Carol Saylor, honorable mention.

People: Ron Bruner, first; Michael Maloney, second and third; Mariellen Mish, honorable mention.

Fauna & Birds: Stokes Clarke, first; Charlotte Pletcher, second; Tari Long, third; Jill Carlson, honorable mention.

Black & White: Stokes Clarke, first; Trudy Jones, second; Carol Saylor, third; Charlotte Pletcher, honorable mention.

Nighttime: Ron Bruner, first; Mariellen Mish, second; Carol Saylor, third; Ron Bruner, honorable mention.

General: Carol Saylor, first; Michael Maloney, second; Carol Saylor, third; Ron Bruner, honorable mention.

Town Planner 2023 winners: Carol Saylor, cover; Susan Wilson, January; Wendy Hampe, February; Ron Bruner, March, April and May; Carol Saylor, June; Charlotte Pletcher, July; Flanna Soliday, August; Wendy Hampe, September; Charlotte Pletcher, October; Flanna Soliday, November; and Carol Saylor, December.



Laurel Arts Gallery Committee members presented donations to Somerset County Mobile Food Bank and The Humane Society of Somerset County from proceeds raised at Soup'er Bowl. Each organization received \$800 to assist their efforts in the fight against hunger. Pictured, left to right, are Joy Knepp, Bridget Mayak, Dave Greene (Mobile Food Bank), Alisa Mosholder Murphy (Humane Society), Jane Holt, Kathy Reed, and Susan Wilson. Missing from the picture was Erin Mayak.

The Metropolitan Edison Company/Pennsylvania Electric Company
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND

Grant assists Laurel Arts with energy upgrades

Laurel Arts is excited to announce a recent grant award in the amount of \$46,608 from the Met-Ed Penelec Sustainable Energy Fund via The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, in support of the "Artistic Energy - Facility Improvements and Efficiency Upgrades" initiative.

These funds will be used toward the purchase and installation of upgraded/energy efficient lighting and temperature controls at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts and Laurel Arts Education and Dance Center, as well as solar panels - all of which will reduce energy costs and emissions!

After installation, we look forward to providing educational workshops about the impact of solar and doing our part to ensure we are operating in a manner that benefits our area and our planet for generations to come!

Thank you to The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, Met-Ed Penelec Sustainable Energy Fund, Envinity and our partner in facility improvements and IT services, Mary S. Biesecker Public Library and Morgan Simmons.



From our partner in facility improvements and IT services, Mary S. Biesecker Public Library and Morgan Simmons: We're making progress with our solar panels! Thanks to the folks at Envinity for their ongoing help to provide these installations in the library parking lot. They will enable the library to conserve energy and create a more sustainable and cost-effective platform to help serve our community into the future. Stay tuned for further updates as construction continues.

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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.

Somerset Garden Club to host meeting

Somerset Garden Club will host the District VI Garden Club meeting September 9 at the Heritage by the Hayloft in New Centerville.

Somerset Garden Club did the uptown planting, and it's looking good. Thank you to the borough workers for taking wonderful care the planters.

Somerset Garden Club has received a great honor, winning three first prizes for a club its size for its Facebook page, webpage, and newsletter at the Spring Convention of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. The State Garden Club submits its winners to the National Garden Club, and Somerset Garden Club also won First Prize from the National Garden Club in each of the three categories. Jan Szych does this work for the Garden Club. Members are so proud of her!

Fall bulb sales will start later this summer. Ask any garden club member for more details.

We're 'plotting' to start a Creative Writing Club

Laurel Arts is 'plotting' to start a Creative Writing Club and/or Workshop. In order to get started, we are asking anyone with an interest to let us know what day/time works for you. We'd also like to know what you would like to get out of a creative writing club and/or workshop. Are you interested in fiction, non-fiction, public reading opportunities and/or would you like to know about the publishing industry? Email office@laurelarts.org with any information about your interests that you'd like to share.

Instructor Maeve Stoltz is the perfect individual to head this new offering with years of experience in writing. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing and has published short stories in *Voices From The Attic* and *Ten/10 Anthology* (Carlow University Press), and *NeverwasEarth* (Air & Nothingness Press). She has several book reviews in *Coal Hill Review* (Autumn House Press) and has been a member and writing mentor for the Madwomen in the Attic workshops (Carlow University) for the last eight years (virtually for the last five).

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Remember to name Laurel Arts as your charity of choice!

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

arts for everyone!

Take a break & paint

Bob Ross Painting Workshop with Al Just MONDAY, JULY 13, 10 AM – 3 PM

Create the oil painting pictured in this Bob Ross style workshop. The class takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 11 at 601 Georgian Place.

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



Preregistration is required by Tuesday, July 5, 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.

Bob Ross Painting Workshop with Al Just SATURDAY, JULY 30, 10 AM – 3 PM

Create the oil painting pictured above in this Bob Ross style workshop. The class takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 30 at 601 Georgian Place.

The fee for the Saturday workshop is \$52 members / \$65 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 Saturday, July 23, 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.

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). 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

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Summer means music on the lawn stage

LA Nights continues through the summer with a variety of entertainment. 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:

- 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
- 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**



We are SO thankful for Mike Baker, Mr. All Things Maintenance at Laurel Arts. Recently, STS Arborists cut down/trimmed some trees at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. Mike requested that they leave some of the pieces behind, because, of course he had plans. Thank you, Mike, for the care, dedication, and attention to detail that you give to our building and grounds. Be sure to attend an LA Nights event and enjoy the new benches handcrafted by our own Mike Baker.

Wool Braided Rug Workshop, continued from page 5

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.

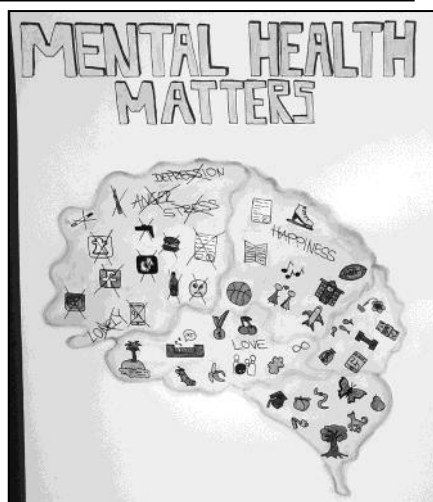
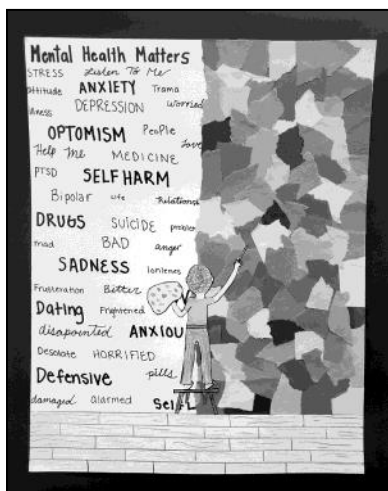
Laurel Arts congratulates winners in May's Mental Health Awareness exhibit

May was Mental Health Awareness Month and Laurel Arts was proud to be a partner in a student exhibit at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts.

This juried exhibit featured artwork submitted by ninth through 12th grade students attending Somerset County schools.

This year's theme was **Mental Health Matters: Listen to Me**. Ribbons and prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The Best of Show winner teamed up with Tattoos by Artful Alex to replicate their artwork as a chalk mural in uptown Somerset. The exhibit was sponsored by Cornerstone Community Services.

Winners were: Best of Show, Aleigha Reiber, 12th grade, Berlin Brothersvalley High School; First Place, Brooke Wagner, 12th grade, Rockwood Area School District, entitled *I'm Fine*; Second Place, Alex Singer, 9th grade, Somerset Area School District; and Third Place, Marie Laczkowski, 11th grade, Berlin Brothersvalley High School.



Clockwise: Aleigha Reiber, BOS;
Brooke Wagner, 1st; Marie
Laczkowski, 3rd; and Alex Singer, 2nd.

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We're accepting registrations now for 2022-23. Don't wait! Email office@laurelarts.org or call 814-443-1835 for registration forms and more information.

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Indian Lake Lodge Friday, June 24!*

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