

# Laurel Arts

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**ArtLink** • A Newsletter for the Members of Laurel Arts • March 2023

## Soup'er Bowl 2023 set for noon to 2 p.m. March 18

**Soup'er Bowl 2023** will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center, 601 Georgian Place. The event is modeled after the popular Empty Bowls dinners that take place worldwide to fundraise for food-related charities in order to raise awareness and help end hunger.

Admission is \$20 and tickets are only available at the door. Admission includes a simple meal of soup, bread, a cookie and a beverage. Attendees will also select a unique, handmade clay bowl to take home to serve as a reminder that "Soup feeds the body, but ART feeds the soul!"

The soups and cookies are being donated by several local restaurants, and the clay bowls were handmade by the Mud Ladies, local artists/art teachers who volunteer their time and talents to make this special event happen. All proceeds are split between Laurel Arts and a local food pantry or similar charity.

Take-out or dine-in, either way, you won't be disappointed.



Find a colorful addition to your pottery collection.



Joy Knepp, one of Laurel Arts' Mud Ladies, works on one of 200+ bowls available at Soup'er Bowl 2023.



## We're Wild About Bags

Laurel Arts is **Wild About Bags** as we prepare for our second annual purse party set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at Bakersville Banquet Hall.

Tickets are \$35 with 10 opportunities to win a designer handbag. Tickets are available from any Laurel Arts board member as well as at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. You do not need to be present to win; but you must be at least 21 years of age to purchase a ticket.

The grand prize is a four-piece Coach set (tote, corner zip wristlet, crossbody and mini umbrella, all in a stunning leopard print.) An additional 20 designer bags will be on the Pick of the Table. There will be a 50/50 drawing, basket raffles, food and beverages.

## Upcoming exhibits ...

**March 7-23**

### Somerset Area School District

Visit the galleries to see art created by students in the Somerset Area School District. Student art will hang from ceiling to floor as we present the work of students grades K-12.

**Reception**

**2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 12**

**April 4-May 4**

### Off the Wall: A 3-D Exhibit

Instead of walking up to art in our galleries, what if you could walk through it, around it, maybe even under it. Join us as we go Off the Wall: A 3-D Exhibit.

**Reception**

**6-8 p.m. Friday, April 7**

**May 16-June 8**

### Laurel Highlands Photo Friends

This exhibit is a photo contest sponsored by Laurel Highlands Photo Friends. For more information, see page 4.



Visit the  
Guild of  
American  
Papercutters  
*Roots and  
Blossoms*  
Exhibit  
Now through  
July 15

The Museum is 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**



## Congratulations to our senior high art show winners:

The High School Art Exhibit showcased work by Somerset County high school students. Ten art teachers participated, contributing 64 individual pieces of art.

Congratulations to our winners: Caroline Troll, *Set Your Heart on Higher Gifts*, a junior homeschool student (upper left); 2nd Place : Mia Rouse, *Kit Kat*, a junior at Conemaugh Township (upper right); and Harlie Sanner, *Spidey Sense*, a junior at Rockwood Area (left).

Honorable Mentions were awarded to Brady Guindon, *Trophy Buck*, a senior at Berlin Brothersvalley; and Elizabeth Merrbach, *Portrait*, a senior at Somerset Area.



Instead of walking up to art in our galleries why not walk through the art as it's displayed on the floors, pedestals, tables and ceiling! Join us for this unique experience April 4 through May 4.

**Call for Artists!** Please contact Alison at 814-443- 2433 to discuss entering your pieces into this amazing exhibit. Drop-off dates are March 29, 30 or April 1. Pick up date is May 6.

# Thank you

We don't say this often enough! Thank you to our members, our donors, our staff, our families who enroll their children in our programs, our classmates, our volunteers, our artists, our affiliates, our COMMUNITY!

Our mission is to make the arts accessible to everyone. Your memberships and sponsorships certainly help us do just that. We hope that those of you who participate in our programs find value and enjoyment in what we offer. Please know that your participation also helps us to continue to provide quality programming for your family, friends and neighbors.

As you read this newsletter, we hope you'll consider attending one or more of the events we have planned, spending time strolling through our galleries, taking a class or workshop, joining one of our affiliated groups, maybe evening LARPing (see page 8) on a Saturday afternoon.

Is there something you'd like to suggest we offer? Would you like to teach a class? Do you know someone who would appreciate a membership? Would you like more information about any of our affiliates? Please don't hesitate to contact us. Call 814-443-2433, stop by the Dressler Center, or email [jmccusker@laurelarts.org](mailto:jmccusker@laurelarts.org).

So, one more time, THANK YOU for your support and enthusiasm.

## Staffing updates

Roslyn Pugh has joined the Laurel Arts family as a part-time bookkeeper. She is excited to add to her already full plate. Roz enjoys staying busy. She is the wife to Albert, and mom to Bailey and Brynn. Albert works for the PA Turnpike; Bailey is Active Duty Navy, and Brynn is a CO at the County Jail. Albert also owns The Puddle and Bert's BBQ. Roz is a licensed insurance agent working for R&B Insurance. She also enjoys her time as Community Manager at Uptown Works, a local co-working space. She is working to start her own business as a virtual assistant, allowing her to grow and help other small business owners in assisting with needs that they may have, from insurance to bookkeeping. As an International Exchange Coordinator for Education First, she enjoys finding host families for local exchange students and following them on a journey around the world. She is excited about some lifestyle changes that have allowed her to be flexible with her time. Roz is looking forward to a fun adventure with Laurel Arts.



Roz Pugh

Elizabeth Miller's new position is as administrative assistant at Laurel Arts Education and Dance Center. Her office hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

## Our Dressler staff ...

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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 Sheila Croushore, 814-233-7679, sheshore@ymail.com. Meets 2nd Monday, 11 am, Dressler Center.

### ***Needle / Fabric Arts***

**Crochet Guild:** Contact Kathy Martin, 814-443-3054. The Guild meets at 2 p.m. on the second and third Tuesdays of the month.

**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 beginning March 16. Contact Dave Breen, 814-701-1515, email photo@davebreen.com.

### ***Visual Arts***

**Somerset County Artists Association:** Contact Dave Greene, 814-442-3934. **Annual Critique, 6 p.m. March 21 at the Dressler Center.**

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

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

## Laurel Highlands Photo Friends plans Photo Contest

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends, a Laurel Arts affiliate group, has issued a call for entries in its 2023 photo contest which is open to all photographers. Entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 11 and from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. May 13 at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. Photos will be exhibited at the art center from May 16 through June 8.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places as well as Best of Show. Categories are: Scenic, Floral, Fauna & Birds, People, Digital Art and Alternative Processes, Black & White, and Nighttime with a maximum of two entries per category. All prints must be 11 x 14 inches; smaller prints must be matted to 11 x 14. The preceding dimensions do not include the frame. All entries must be framed and have a horizontal wire on the back for hanging. (Digital matting is acceptable.)

For additional details including entry fees, editing guidelines, size requirements, and registration forms see the **Call for Entries** at [www.laurelarts.org](http://www.laurelarts.org).

## Sheila Croushore to lead Somerset Garden Club

The Garden Club Board has appointed Sheila Croushore as Vice President, which is a president-elect position. She will become club president in April. Members are so grateful and excited that she'll be lending her considerable knowledge and skills, after serving as State President of the Garden Club.

The club's annual plant sale will be Saturday, May 20 on the grounds at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. The club is also gearing up for its Spring uptown planting project.

## Community Band invites musicians to join

Somerset County Community Band will begin spring rehearsals Thursday, March 16 at Somerset Junior High School. Band members and anyone interested in joining the band are invited to attend a pizza social at 5:30 p.m. prior to rehearsal which will begin at 7:15 p.m. For more information, email Dave Breen, photo@davebreen.com or call 814-701-1515.

## Chorale to present *From Stage and Screen* May 7 & 8

Laurel Highlands Chorale is excited to bring songs ***From Stage and Screen*** at its spring concert. Included will be a selection of songs from past decades of musicals: Broadway's *Parade!*, *Lady Be Good*, and *Hello Dolly*; and, from the big screen: *Mamma Mia*, *Hamilton*, and *The Greatest Showman*, to name a few.

Shows will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7 and 7 p.m. Monday, May 8 at Somerset Church of the Brethren, Berlin-Plank Road. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door, or from any chorale member. For tickets, or more information, contact Dorene Friedline at (814) 926-3610 or (814) 442-0460.

# Think Spring ... longer days means more time to ...

## SPRING DAY CAMPS

Laurel Arts is hosting a series of day camps designed for children ages 4-5 and 3 and under if accompanied by an adult. The class would also be suitable for homeschooled children up to 3rd grade. The sessions will include crafts, games, recipes, and story time. Classes will be 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday mornings. The cost per month is \$32 members / \$40 nonmembers and includes 3 sessions. Preregistration is required seven days before the first session of each month. Call/text 814-442-6217 to register.

### Celebrate Spring Day Camp

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 15 & 22, 10 AM – NOON

Join us for a "Think Spring" theme this month. We will plant some flowers and learn how they grow. We will also craft and create snacks all about the upcoming season including birds, butterflies, flowers, and more.

### Easter and Earth Day Camps

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 12 & 19, 10 AM – NOON

Our first session of the month will be all about Easter. Take part in a special egg hunt, egg dying and bunny crafts. The next two classes will celebrate Earth Day. We will recycle and turn some unexpected items into creative crafts!

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**IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE:** \*\*Registration and a 50% non-refundable deposit are required to book Laurel Arts classes and camps. This 50% non-refundable deposit will be for the entire class, including the material fee. Example: \$25 tuition and \$20 material fee = \$45 total class fee; deposit due upon registration will be \$22.50.

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### Bob Ross Painting Workshop with Al Just

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 10 AM – 3 PM

The March class will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, March 20 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, March 13 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 814-443-1835 to register.

### More Bob Ross with Al Just

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 10 AM – 3 PM

The class takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, April 17 at 601 Georgian Place. 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, April 10 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 814-443-1835 to register.



### Spring Needle Felting

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1 – 3 PM

Join instructor Loretta Radeschi as we hop into Spring with a needle felting class featuring three dimensional objects such as bunnies, birds or a spring piece of your choice. No experience necessary in needle felting. Loretta will walk students through creating their piece. Feel free to bring a picture of what you would like to make.

The class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at 601 Georgian Place. The cost for the workshop is \$20 members/\$25 nonmembers plus a \$5 materials fee payable to Laurel Arts. Preregistration is required. Text or call 814-442-6217 or 814-443-1835 to register.

### Wool Braided Rug Workshop

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1 – 2 PM

Instructor Lisa Meyers is offering another one of her beautiful rug making classes this spring. 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

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# ... learn, laugh, craft and enjoy the arts

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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 session and cannot 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 from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 7. We will not meet on March 14. This will give students an extra week to gather supplies. The following four classes will be from 1 to 3:30 p.m. March 21, 28, April 4 and 11. (She will also be offering an evening class from 6 to 8:30 p.m. 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 814-443-1835 or text/call 814-442-6217 to register. Classes take place at 601 Georgian Place. Former students welcome to visit, show off your work or ask a question.

## **Crochet Basics for Beginners/Intermediate** WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Have you always wanted to learn to crochet and didn't know how to get started? Join Instructor Tami Skavang for a four-week session to learn the basics. Tami will show students a variety of stitches: chain stitch, single crochet, double crochet, triple crochet, half double crochet. Learn to read patterns and what the crochet abbreviations mean so you can continue to crochet on your own after the classes. Work each week to complete a beautiful project of your choice. Prior students or those that have crocheted before can also attend to further their knowledge.

Classes take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays March 8, 15, 22, 29 at 601 Georgian Place. The cost for the class is \$52 members/\$65 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus \$8 materials fee (includes yarn and crochet hook.) Preregistration is required. Text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register.

## **Spring Slime Laboratory**

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 10 AM – NOON

Join instructor Marsha Schmuck in her laboratory at Laurel Arts to create some messy spring-themed slime recipes. A flower pot of dirt slime, a beautiful rainbow slime, and a fluffy Easter-inspired slime are just a few of the concoctions to be made. The class will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 11 at Georgian Place.

The cost for the workshop is \$20 members/\$25 nonmembers plus a \$15 materials fee payable to Laurel Arts. Preregistration is required one week before class date. Text or call 814-442-6217 or 814-443-1835 to register.

## **St. Patrick's Day Cake Decorating Workshop**

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2 – 4 PM

Instructor Stacie Custer will show students how to decorate an adorable cake just in time for St. Patrick's Day. Stacie has her own bakery in Somerset, Stacie's Sweets and Eats. She has experience in making a variety of cakes, cookies, and sweets for any and all events. Students will be guided to decorate a six inch double layer cake. Please specify if you would like chocolate, burnt sugar, or white cake when registering.

The class takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at 601 Georgian Place. Cost for this workshop is \$20 members/\$25 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$25 materials fee. Preregistration is required by Sunday, March 5. Text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835 to register.

## **Stained Glass Workshop**

BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 13, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Join talented stained glass artist Dottie Borosky for another fun and productive workshop. She will walk students through the process to create their own unique stained glass piece. These are six-week sessions March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 10, 17. Classes run from 6:30 to

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# More classes & workshops ...

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8:30pm at 601 Georgian Place. Class fee is \$57.60 for members/\$72 for non-members. There is also a materials fee (cost depends upon the project). Call/text 814-442-6217 for more information or to register. Preregistration is required.

## Squishmallow Inspired Clay Creations

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Join instructor Marsha Schmuck to make Squishmallow inspired clay creations. We will be using air dry clay to make an adorable plate along with other small figurines. Students will be able to get creative and craft their favorites. Feel free to bring along a photo of one you'd like to make. This is a two week class. During the first week, we will shape our creations. The second week, we will paint them with acrylic paints.

The class will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fridays, March 24 & 31 at 601 Georgian Place. Cost for the workshop is \$20 members/\$25 nonmembers plus a \$15 materials fee payable to Laurel Arts. Preregistration is required one week before. Text or call 814-442-6217 or 814-443-1835 to register.

## Gob Making Workshop

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2 – 4 PM

Gobs or whoopie pies? What do you call them? Join instructor Marsha Schmuck for an afternoon of Gob Making. Learn to make chocolate gob cakes and icing from scratch just like your grandma used to make. Once you see how easy it is, you'll be making them on your own. Each participant will get six gobs to take home.

The class will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at 601 Georgian Place. Cost for the workshop is \$20 members/\$25 nonmembers plus a \$15 materials fee payable to Laurel Arts. Preregistration is required one week before the class is to start. Text or call 814-442-6217 or 814-443-1835 to register.

## Pysanky Egg Workshop

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 5:30 – 8 PM

Pysanky is a traditional craft originally done in Ukraine and Poland. Join instructor Alicia Shussett as she helps you create a beautiful pysanky eggs. Students will learn to add patterns using the traditional method involving

wax and various colors of dye. This class is just in time to decorate or to make a gift for someone special for Easter. Class takes place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 20 at 601 Georgian Place. The fee is \$36 members/\$45 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$7 materials fee. Preregistration is required. Call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835 or text/call 814-442-6217 to register.

## Succulent Terrarium Workshop

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 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 3-4 succulents to place in their project.

The workshop takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at 601 Georgian Place. 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 20 so that supplies can be ordered in time. Call/text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register.

## Disney Cooking Class Series for Adults

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 25 & MAY 2, 6 – 8 PM

Join instructor Marsha Schmuck for this three-week cooking series, all with Disney inspired recipes. First session we will make Princess & the Frog Beignets. the following week will have a Beauty and the Beast theme with the Grey Stuff as seen in the movie along with Cheese Souffles. The third week will be Lady and the Tramp spaghetti with homemade meatballs. We will work together to create the dishes each week and enjoy a taste test at the end of the night!

The fee for the class is \$48 members/\$60 nonmembers plus a \$30 materials fee. Classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, April 18, 25, and May 2 at 601 Georgian Place. Preregistration is required one week before. Text or call 814-442-6217 or 814-443-1835 to register.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Registration and a 50% non-refundable deposit are required to book Laurel Arts classes and camps.



## LARPING LIVE- ACTION ROLE PLAYING

SATURDAYS ON THE LAWN AT  
THE PHILIP DRESSLER CENTER FOR  
THE ARTS STARTING MARCH 25  
AT NOON. EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME TO JOIN THE FUN!



## WHAT IS LARPING?

Live action role-playing; a fantasy role-playing game in which participants dress in costume, use props, and act out roles.



# CreARTivity ...

## Sign up now for our Summer Camps

Camps are located at Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center, 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Registration is due no later than two weeks before the start of each camp so that supplies can be ordered in time. Tuition is due one week before each camp.

**TO REGISTER:** Call Marsha at 814-442-6217 or register in person at Laurel Arts, 601 Georgian Place, Somerset, 814-443-1835 Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Art Explorers (12-18 months)

Introducing art to young children can help build fine motor skills, promote creativity, prepare them for writing, and so much more. Through themed workshops, little artists will be introduced to many different art media. They will also play games, create snacks, read stories, and more! We ask that parents stay with their children as they create and explore. Workshops are 90 minutes each for two days. Tuition is \$24 members of Laurel Arts / \$30 non-members.

**FAIRYTALE CAMP:** 10-11:30 am June 8 & 9. Decorate a gingerbread house for Hansel & Gretel, bake an apple treat for Snow White, and plant some magic beans like Jack. This week we'll read some magical fairytales and create snacks, games, and crafts to go with them.

**UNDER THE BIG TOP:** 10-11:30 am June 29 & 30. Join us for the Greatest Camp on Earth under the big top at Laurel Arts. Make snow cones and candy apples, craft your own unique clown, and try your hand at walking on stilts.

**COLORS CAMP:** 10-11:30 am August 17 & 18. We will use a rainbow of shades to craft, take part in a scavenger hunt, and create some colorful snacks. We will also mix things up a bit to make some new colors.

### Art Adventurers (18-36 months)

Each session lasts two hours and is filled with art projects designed for small artists. Participants will have a chance to experiment with creativity while enhancing fine motor skills. Our sessions are not just limited to art but also include games, stories, and cooking/baking. Choose a three-day morning session or a five-day afternoon session. We ask that children who are not

potty trained be accompanied by an adult. Tuition is (3-day Session) \$35 members / \$44 non-members; (5-day session) \$48 members / \$60 non-members

**\*See Art Explorers for camp descriptions**

**FAIRYTALE CAMP:** 10 am-Noon June 5-7 OR 1-3 pm June 5-9.

**UNDER THE BIG TOP:** 10 am-Noon June 26-28 OR 1-3 pm June 26-30.

**COLORS CAMP:** 10 am-Noon Aug. 14-16 OR 1-3 pm Aug. 14-18.

### Young at Art (Pre-K-3rd Grade)

Students will use a variety of art media to create themed projects, make delicious snacks, and participate in fun games. From painting, clay work and drawing to printmaking and fiber arts, each week will bring new art adventures and a chance to make new friends! All camps run from 9 am to 4 pm Monday-Friday. Tuition is \$100 members / \$125 non-members.

**LITTLE PICASSO & MINI MATISSE:** June 19-23. Students will develop painting, drawing, and other skills while learning about the masters, such as Picasso and Matisse. Create a water lily garden like Monet, use Van Gogh's Sunflowers to inspire a colorful flower arrangement, and paint above you as Michelangelo did at the Sistine Chapel.

**OPERATION CELEBRATION:** July 10-14. Take part in a fun-filled week of celebrating including a camp-wide birthday party. Design a miniature parade float, create a dragon for Chinese New Year, and craft a rainbow for St. Patrick's Day.

**DISNEY COOKING CAMP:** July 17-21. We'll cook up some delicious recipes this week, all from your favorite Disney movies. We'll make beignets for Princess & the Frog, spaghetti for Lady & the Tramp, tea sandwiches for Alice in Wonderland, and so much more.

**CAMP PURA VIDA:** August 7-11. For the people of Costa Rica, "Pura Vida" is an expression of happiness and living life to the fullest. We will learn more about their way of life during this week's camp. Travel to the rainforests for

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## CreARTivity, continued

some interesting animal crafts and on to the ocean for some more art inspiration. Create a food dish from pineapples and bananas as we learn about the plantations on which they are grown.

**ENCHANTED KINGDOM:** August 14-18. The world of mythical creatures in fairy tales and stories will be the center of this week's camp. From dragons, princesses, and trolls to unicorns and fairies, we will definitely use our imagination.

### Artolescents (Grades 4-7)

Students will not only use their creativity to complete advanced art projects but will also learn about famous places, unique animals, and a variety of art mediums. All camps run from 9 am to 4 pm Monday-Friday. Tuition is \$100 members / \$125 non-members.

**LOST IN SPACE:** June 12-16. In a galaxy far, far away known as Laurel Arts, campers will create art from beyond; planets, galaxies, sun, moon, stars and more. Join forces as we set aside one special day for all things Star Wars!

**YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS:** July 24-28. It's EnviroART week! Build a birdhouse, learn about ocean animals and how we can help them, and use recycled items to create works of art. We'll do our part for the environment as we make our own art supplies including homemade paper, paints, and more.

**FOOD TRUCK COOKING CAMP:** July 31 - August 4. There is nothing more convenient than a kitchen on wheels! What's cooking on our Food Truck? Could it be pizza, tacos or pierogis. Maybe sweet treats such as crepes or doughnuts. We will definitely try a variety this week!

## Summer Camps wish list ...

- ☐ Canvases - any size
- ☐ Paints - all colors
- ☐ Chalk pastels
- ☐ Liquid Watercolors
- ☐ Foam sheets - assorted colors
- ☐ White cardstock
- ☐ Black cardstock
- ☐ Clay pots (mostly 4inch)
- ☐ Buttons
- ☐ Beads
- ☐ Pom poms
- ☐ Tissue paper - all colors

- ☐ White glue
- ☐ Glue sticks

### Recyclables

- ☐ Glass quart jars
- ☐ Large aluminum cans
- ☐ Toilet paper rolls

Call Marsha at 814-442-6217 for more information about our summer camps wish list or email office@laurelarts.org.

Tickets are on sale now for Laurel Arts Father Daughter Dance ...

## Love You to the Moon & Back

4 p.m. Sunday May 7 @ Oakhurst Grille & Event Center  
\$45 per father-daughter couple (to purchase tickets call 814-442-6217 or email office@laurelarts.org for details)



## **Common Threads** to be Saturday, April 22 at Historical Center

Laurel Arts and Somerset Historical Center are partnering to present our annual **Common Threads Fiber Arts Symposium** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at Somerset Historical Center. Regional fiber artists will be set up throughout the day demonstrating a wide variety of historical and contemporary fiber arts techniques, selling their handmade products, and providing hands-on activities for participants.

Lindsay Ketterer Gates will be the keynote speaker at this year's symposium. She is the executive director of Touchstone Center for Crafts and an accomplished fiber artist. Her work is in the permanent collection of the American Embassy in the Republic of Djibouti, The Museum of Art and Design in New York City, and the Yale University Art Gallery, as well as other international collections. She's been featured on the cover of Metalsmith Magazine and on the pages of American Craft Magazine, FiberArts, Fiber Art Now, Surface Design Journal, and Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot Magazine.

The backdrop for the symposium is the Visitor's Center at Somerset Historical Center. The museum tells the story of farm life in southwestern Pennsylvania.



Pictured are pieces by fiber artist Erin Mayak.

Lunch will be available for purchase from Fat Squirrel. The symposium is open to the public. Admission is \$5. Act 48 credits are available for teachers.

For more information, visit [www.laurelarts.org](http://www.laurelarts.org).

## **Looking ahead ...** mark your calendars for upcoming events

Our annual **golf tournament** benefitting our scholarship program and other arts opportunities for children is set for Friday, June 2 at Somerset County Club. More information will be available soon.



Laurel Arts **Makers Market** will be back the second Wednesday of the month from May through October. You'll have the opportunity to purchase flowers, artisan food, jewelry, handcrafted clothing, cutting boards, wine, pottery, art work and more. Laurel Arts is looking to expand this year's Makers Market with even more art, artisan food products, produce, and plants. Vendor applications will be available soon at [laurelarts.org](http://laurelarts.org).

And, who doesn't love a **Parade**! We are planning to organize a parade for Friday, July 21 (the weekend of Somerset Inc.'s Chalk the Block.)



AHOOOOOOY!!! We are EXCITED to announce that we are setting sail once more for a boatload of FUN at **Nautical Nights**. Stay tuned for more information and prepare ye' mates for a YACHT OF FUN!

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Common Threads April 22  
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