



Laurel Arts arts for everyone ArtLink • A Newsletter for the Members of Laurel Arts • April 2023

## *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 Diibouti, 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.



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.

# Also Saturday, April 22 Follow the Uptown Earth Day Trail

Join us for the 2023 Uptown Earth Day Trail from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22. Participants will follow the Earth Day Trail map through town learning about the earth, conservation, sustainability, and how important it is that we are all invested in caring for our planet, our community, and ourselves.

Participants can read the story stroll, Lela and the Butterflies, and visit 15 locations (collecting a sticker at each stop) for educational and free activities provided by earth-conscious local organizations and businesses!

The trail starts at Mary S. **Biesecker Public Library and** ends at One Free Spirit **Boutique/The Wellness** Community where Laurel Arts will be your host.



All are welcome, but this free and fun event is ideal for families with pre-k and grade school children to enjoy!

Speakers in the Park will be scheduled throughout the day. Visit Somerset Inc.'s Facebook page for more info. Now through 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.

May 16-June 8 Laurel Highlands Photo Friends This exhibit is a photo contest sponsored by Laurel Highlands Photo Friends.

June 20-July 27 34th Annual Juried Art Competition Multi-media & open to all artists, 18 & older. This show will feature works from local and regional artists

> **Opening reception** 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 23



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

# *Off the Wall ~ dimension and diversity*

A new and unique exhibit will be on display through May 4 in the galleries at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. *Off the Wall* features three-dimensional artwork from artists working in the tri-state area. You can view all of the pieces on our website, https://laurelarts.org/off-the-wall/. But, they are so much more impressive in person; you really need to walk around many of the pieces to truly appreciate them. The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Alison Leer took the lead on this exhibit and was assisted by Sharon Phillippi, Dave Greene, and Kathy and Bob Reed.





Pictured top left, Best of Show, Norman Ed from Johnstown, *Walk*, ash wood, plywood, paint, pedestal included.

Middle horizontal, 1st Place, Peter Pasqua from Uniontown, *Scenic Relief*, Mantle Beam, Poplar Wood.

Upper middle, 2nd Place, David Greene of Rockwood, *The Sadness of War*, Spalted Maple & Acrylic.

Upper right, 3rd Place, Dan Sorg of Scottdale, *Perception*, steel sculpture.

Lower right, Honorable Mention, Alan Lichtenfels of Johnstown, **Phil**, metal sculpture



View the show at laurelarts.org or better yet visit the galleries and see them for yourself!

# What's up ... there's just so much!

#### Common Threads, 9 am to 4 pm Saturday, April 22

A fiber event co-sponsored by Laurel Arts and Somerset Historical Center, Common Threads is a educational event for fiber artists and those who appreciate fiber arts. And, when we say fiber, we mean all sorts of fibers from wool to cotton to wood to paper ... you'll find products for sale that you can use to create your own works of art, clothing or jewelry. You'll also find finished pieces for sale (it's a great shopping experience, as well.) Admission is only \$5, and lunch is available for purchase from The Fat Squirrel.

### Maker's Market, 5 to 8 pm Wednesday, May 10

Last year, we officially launched our Makers Market on the lawn of The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts to an overwhelmingly positive response! This year, the planning committee, comprised of local vendors, artists, and makers, has more in store including live demonstrations, music, and lots of vendors!

We love supporting our local makers, creators, artists, and vendors! We welcome you to our beautiful location the second Wednesday of the month beginning May 10 to support local, try something new, and get creative! There's no admission and parking is free.

Whether you are a vendor or just interested in finding out more about the 2023 Makers Market season, please contact us at 814-443-2433!

#### Annual Dance Recital, noon and 4 pm Sunday, May 21

Our dance program plays an important part in allowing us to fulfill our mission of making the arts available to everyone! Our dancers, ages 3 years old to 76 (yes, one of our special needs students is 76 years old), have been working for nine months to prepare what will be two great shows, one at noon and another at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at Rockwood Area High School. Tickets are available at Laurel Arts Education and Dance Center during regular office hours and at the door the day of the show.

#### Charity Golf Tournament, noon Friday, June 2

The 16th annual charity golf tournament benefitting our scholarship program and other arts opportunities for children is set for Friday, June 2 at Somerset County Club. New this year is a Ladies Division. Registration and lunch are at noon; scramble begins at 1 p.m. For more information (to play or to become a sponsor), call 814-443-2433 or email jmccusker@laurelarts.org.

### Nautical Nights, Friday evening, June 23

AHOOOOOOY!!! We are EXCITED to announce that we are setting sail once more for a boatload of FUN at Nautical Nights. This yacht-rock theme dinner dance party benefits Laurel Arts. Two packages are available. The first includes a Bon Voyage Party beginning at 5 p.m. with two free cocktails, a special raffle, appetizers and an early preview of auction items (\$99 / person.) The dinner and dance party, beginning at 6 p.m. is \$65 per person and includes dinner, auctions, surprises and entertainment. Tickets and info @ laurelarts.org or 814-443-2433.

### 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. 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.

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

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

Laurel Highlands Chorale spring concert, *From Stage and Screen*, will be presented at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7 and at 7 p.m. Monday, May 8 at Somerset Church of the Brethren, Berlin-Plank Road.

Selections from the musical theatre stage such as *Phantom of the Opera, Hamilton* and *Wicked,* along with selections from the musical film screen such as *The Greatest Showman* and *Wizard of Oz* will be presented. There will be special entertainment during intermission.

The chorale is under the direction of Jan Burkett, and members are happy to welcome Rick Kimmel back as accompanist.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door or from any chorale member. Please contact Dorene Friedline, 814-926-3610 or 814-442-0460 for tickets or more information.

#### 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.

For additional details including entry fees, editing guidelines, size requirements, and registration forms see the *Call for Entries* at www.laurelarts.org.

#### Garden Club plans annual Plant Sale May 20

Somerset Garden Club's annual plant sale will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 20 on the grounds at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. On May 25, club members will be uptown doing their annual planting and beautification project.

#### Community Band invites musicians to join

Somerset County Community Band have began rehearsing for the summer season. The band's first performance will be a joint concert with Johnstown Christian School at 7 p.m. May 18. The annual Father's Day Concert will be at 6 p.m. June 18. Anyone interested in joining the band can email Dave Breen, photo@davebreen.com or call 814-701-1515 for more information.

#### Somerset County Artists Association to meet April 25

SCAA member Shelly Poli of Ligonier will present a program using black sandpaper and white, gray and black pastels to create pieces that look like photographs at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. Upcoming meetings/programs include: Kim Williams, Acrylics, May 23; Hertrich Gallery Tour, June 27; annual picnic, July 25; Chuck Percherke, August 22; annual banquet, September 26; and election officers, October 24.

# Get ready ... summer's coming!

**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.

#### **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. Registration is required one week before. Text or call 814-442-6217 or 814-443-1835 to register. THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023 AT 6 PM – 8 PM

## Flavors of Summer - Cupcake & Wine Pairing

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 6 PM

We are excited to offer another Cupcake & Wine Pairing with Lee Hetrick of Vin De Matrix Winery at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 11 at 601 Georgian Place. She will guide participants through the best flavors of wine to enjoy with a variety of six cupcakes. Cupcakes will be baked by Stacie Custer of Stacie's Sweets & Eats. The flavors will all be themed for the tropical days of Summer!

The cost includes the wine tastings along with 6 Summer cupcake samples. Participants will also take home a 6pack of full size cupcakes, one of each flavor and a keepsake stemless glass. Fee is \$28 payable to Laurel Arts plus \$8 payable directly to Vin De Matrix Winery.

Registration is required by May 3. Students must pay 50% of the total tuition and materials upon registration. This is non-refundable. Call/text 814-442-6217 or call 814 -443-1835 to register.

#### **Desert Terrarium Workshop**

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2 – 4 PM

We have offered the Succulent Terrarium classes in the past and have decided to try something new! This time we will be planting a desert of cactuses from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at 601 Georgian Place.

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 to 4 cactuses to place in their project.

Cost for the class is \$16 members / \$20 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$35 materials fee payable to Marsha Schmuck. Registration is required by May 1 so that supplies can be ordered in time. Call/text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register. A 50% deposit is required at the time of registration.

#### Ice Cream Making Workshop

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2 – 4 PM

What could be more refreshing than a summer afternoon of ice cream making? Join instructor Liz Miller and learn to make classic vanilla ice cream, strawberry sorbet, caramel sauce, chocolate sauce, and two toppings. Liz will guide students through each recipe and, of course, provide taste tests of each!

The class takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10 at 601 Georgian Place.

Cost for this workshop is \$20 members / \$25 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$20 materials fee.

Registration is required by Saturday, June 3. Students need to pay 50% of the total tuition and materials fee at registration. This is non-refundable. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835 to register.

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

# Music, music, music ...

#### **Attention Food Truck Vendors:**

We are planning our LA Nights Music Series (Music on the Lawn), and we are looking for local food trucks, food vendors who can set up on the lawn, breweries, beverage vendors ... the list goes on! If you offer food or beverages for sale, we'd like to talk with you.

We have several dates open. For more information contact Sharon Phillippi, sharon@laurelarts.org or call 814-443-2433 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday 4 to 8 p.m. or Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our tentative schedule for summer music is:

5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27 The Evergreens with Matt Otis and The Sound

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10 Robin Chambers & Bjorn

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17 Tim & Stacey

6 p.m. Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day) Somerset County Community Band & ice cream social

6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 24 Randy Myers & The Laurel

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 8 Work in Progress

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 5 Jeff Perigo & Whitehorse

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 19 The Feels

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, September 16 Manic Mango

Follow Laurel Arts on Facebook for more information on our music series as it becomes available.

## Wish List ...



Imagination Garden

Spring is certainly in the air and so is music! We are excited to announce the return of our outdoor music garden.

As always, this space is open to the public and can be enjoyed by visitors of all ages!

We are thankful to The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies and Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance for their support of this project; and to Mike Baker, maintenance director, caring for our imagination garden.

FYI ... there is also a free little library on our porch, and you're welcome to play the piano that is also located there.

Don't let those coupons, BOGO offers, etc. go to waste. We can always use boxes of tissues, paper towels, napkins, sandwich bags (quart, sandwich & snack size), aluminum foil, wax paper, plastic wrap, disposable wipes, glue sticks (disappearing purple), dry-erase markers, dishwashing detergent, paper plates, plastic cups, and disposable flatware. You may drop off donations at the Dressler Center or the Education and Dance Center. May seem like small things, but they are greatly appreciated!

We also need the following for summer camp ... canvases - any size, paints - all colors, chalk pastels, liquid watercolors, foam sheets - assorted colors, white cardstock, black cardstock, clay pots (mostly 4 inch), buttons, beads, pom poms, tissue paper - all colors, white glue, and glue sticks. We'll be repurposing glass quart jars, large aluminum cans and toilet paper rolls.



Our Performance Company had a fantastic showing at Encore Dance Competition March 17-19 in Johnstown. Twenty dance studios attended and performed over 600 dances.

Dancers will travel to New Castle April 22-23 to compete at Ticket to Broadway.

A special shout-out to senior **Emily Hostetler** who received a Platinum adjudication, a 1st place in her category, and a Discovery Spotlight Scholarship for her Jazz Solo. She also received a Diamond adjudication, a 1st place in her category for her lyrical solo. Because she did more than one solo, she was eligible for the Super Solo Overall awards where she came in 5th place.



Senior dancer and company member **Bena Croushore** was named 1st Maid of Honor at the 2023 Maple Queen Contest.



#### Education & Dance Center staff ...

Amanda Bergstresser Dance Creative Director

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> Angela Horner-Parrish Office Assistant

> Dance Instructors Cindy Breen Megan Edwards Melissa Gindlesperger Aubree Maus Olivia Ream Bethany Thomas Madison Troy

Angela Fullard Preschool Teacher

> Patricia Ohler Preschool Aid

Marsha Schmuck Preschool Aid Classes & Programs Coordinator Summer Camps Instructor Fundraising Coordinator



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### Somerset Area School District Exhibit Winners





















#### **Best of Show**

KindergartenHattie Miller1stIan Shaffer2ndRhys Kister3rdAlexia Hogarth4thCadence Shaffer5thLeanna Pletcher

Cardinals with Pine Tree Painted Paper Weaving Watercolor Painting Birch Tree Painting Guitar Collage Wool Landscape

6th 8th
9th
10th
11th 12th

James Walker	
Paige Hartman	

Olivia HayClay PlanterEmily LensbouerName Logo RelHazey SpikerOil PastelElizabeth MerrbachColored pencil

Cityscape Printmaking A Unique Perspective Charcoal & Colored Pencil Clay Planter Name Logo Relief Print Oil Pastel Colored pencil

### Somerset Area School District Exhibit Winners, continued

**Faculty Award** Kindergarten Kindergarten 1st 1st 2nd 2nd **Faculty Award** 3rd 3rd 4th 4th 5th 5th **Faculty Award** 6th 6th 8th 8th 9th 9th **Faculty Award** 10th 10th 11th 11th 12th 12th Principal's Award (Spangler) Kindergarten 1st 2nd Principal's Award (Cacciotti) 3rd 4th 5th Principal's Award (McGough) 6th 8th 9th Principal's Award (Shirley) 10th 11th 12th **School Board Award** Kindergarten 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 8th 9th 10th 11th

12th

Name Addison Alexander Samuel Emswiler Maci Shaulis Sydney Bergman Urijah Miller Krya Harbaugh

Ava Wozniak Jaxson Hochard Teyla Knopsnyder Jacob Reedy Kayley Barron Ariyanah Jensen

Talon Cook Layla Baker Emmalee Gonzalez Chloe Sorensen Josette Smith Makenzee Garletts

Riley Holmes Katherine Romesburg Madison Ohler Hazey Spiker Olivia Showman Lauren Lepley

Weston Halle Savannah Pritts Elliott Kuna

Audriella Tedrow Destiny Martin Elixany Cortes

Zephyra Wheatley Neha Rigo

Natalie Riggs Layla Lytle Elizabeth (First name only)

Nolan Uphouse Colt Shipley Harper Crissey Aubrey Baer Destiny Martin Reese Cramer Salvatore LaNasa Carter Thompson Olivia Hay Sydney Grosholz Isabella Bhullar Hailey Beal Title/Description Matching Mittens Snowman Drawing Heart Design Hand Design Owl Collage Matisse Fish Bowl

African Mask Japanese Sumi-E Painting Yarn Weaving Pop Art Name Wool Landscape Pencil Sculpture

Pastel Pumpkin Drawing Optical Illusion Drawing Colored Pencil Watercolor Zentangle Oil Pastel - Cat Contour Drawing - Guitar

Memory Drawing - Cat Acrylic Painting - House Paper Mache Bowl - Bee Still Life Drawing Oil Painting - Face Acrylic Painting - Girl

Monet Water Lily Pond Leaf Printing Silhouette Drawing

Birch Tree Painting Tree Painting Notan Design

Karma Wike Pastel - Midnight Pumpkins Charcoal/Colored Pencil - Profile of a Skull Painted Pillow

Impressionism Painting Oil Pastel - Bee Oil Painting - Elephant

Snowman Drawing Insect Collage Sunset Silhouette Bamboo Painting Picasso Portrait Food Drawing - Crab Cityscape Printmaking Watercolor Zentangle Oil Pastel - Dog Surrealism Drawing Paper Mache Bowl Painted Chair - Tree