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Enjoy music on the lawn, all summer long!



Somerset County Community Band to present annual Father's Day Concert & Ice Cream Social at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 18.

Annual Father's Day Concert

Somerset County Community Band will present its annual Father's Day Concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 18. The band will also provide free ice cream sundaes to audience-goers.

This is the band's first concert of the summer season, followed by concerts at 7 p.m. July 1 in Windber, and at 5 p.m. July 2 in Meyersdale. See page 4 for the summer schedule.

This year, the band is directed by Jason June and Dan Croft. Dan is one of the band's founders and former director. After spending several years in Belize, Central America, Dan and his wife have returned to their Pennsylvania home.

Bring lawn chairs, a picnic supper, your favorite beverages and enjoy music and ice cream on the lawn!

Mark your calendars ...

What's better than spending a warm summer evening listening to music, enjoying your favorite beverage and food truck fare. NOT A THING! Our Music on the Lawn Series continues with the following:

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17 will feature **Tim & Stacey**. Tim Roberts and Stacey Meyers provide a blend of great vocals and acoustic classic rock standards, originals, and covers of great music that everyone enjoys. Legend's Caribbean food will be on the menu.

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

6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 24 will feature **Randy Myers & The Laurel**. Randy has been strumming his guitar and playing his mouth harp at Laurel Arts for longer than some of us can remember. The Laurel is also a local group featuring a very talented up & coming young vocalist! Perfectly Imperfect Pizza and Vin De Matrix Winery will also be on the grounds.

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 8 will feature **The Sequel**. The Sequel to what, you ask. Come find out, and while you're here, enjoy food prepared by The Fat Squirrel and desserts and coffee by Heirloom Pines Farm.

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 21 will feature **Randy Myers & Day by Day**, one of Somerset's favorite duos. Heirloom Pines Farm will be back as well Vin De Matrix.

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 5 will feature **Whitehorse**. Everybody knows Whitehorse ... why? Because they've been together for over 45 years playing a mix of country, country rock and classic rock. You'll need food and fuel for a night of dancing. To help with that The Hungry Owl, Legend's Caribbean and Glades Pike Winery will be on the grounds. *(continued on page 4)*



Stokes Clarke with his Best of Show photograph.

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends announces winners

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends announces winners of its recent exhibit in the galleries at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. 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 place; Ron Bruner, second place; Carol Saylor, third place, and Ron Bruner, honorable mention.

People: BJ Singo, first place; Stokes Clarke, second place; BJ Singo, third place; and Wendy Hampe, honorable mention.

Black & White: Stokes Clarke, first place; Carol Saylor, second place; Amanda Knepp, third place; Carol Honts Shaffer, honorable mention.

Floral: Stokes Clarke, first place; Ron Bruner, second place; Carol Collins, third place; and Ron Bruner, honorable mention.

Fauna & Birds: Tari L. Long, first place; Stokes Clarke, second place; Flanna Soliday, third place; Alan Gardner, honorable mention.

Nighttime: BJ Singo, first place; Flanna Soliday, second place; Ronald Kuchera, third place; Ronald Kuchera, honorable mention.

Digital: Carol Saylor, first place; BJ Singo, second place; Diana Sanner, third place; Ron Bruner, honorable mention.

General: Diana Sanner, first place; BJ Singo, second place; Diana Sanner, third place; Ron Bruner, honorable mention.

The show also produces pictures for Town Planner, published as a calendar each year. The following will appear in the 2024 publication: Charlotte Pletcher, cover; Charlotte Pletcher, January; Wendy Hampe, February; Ron Bruner, March; Carol Collins, April; Mariellen Mish, May; Ron Bruner, June; Mariellen Mish, July; Charlotte Pletcher, August; Wendy Hampe, September; Susan A. Wilson, October; Ron Bruner, November; and Flanna Soliday, December.

Annual Juried Art Show opens June 20

The 34th Annual Juried Art Show will be exhibited from June 20 through July 27. An awards presentation and opening reception is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 23. The show is open to all visual artists 18 and older. Each artist may submit up to three entries for a non-refundable entry fee of \$20. The work must have been executed within the last two years, and cannot have been exhibited in a previous show at Laurel Arts. At least one piece of work must be offered for sale.

Artist can find the call for entries on Laurel Arts' website. Entries may be dropped off at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 14 and 15 or from 10 a.m. to noon June 17.

Upcoming exhibits ...

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

Linda Harrill Peck August 8-September 7

Linda Harrill Peck is an accomplished artist in several mediums. She has participated in many, many Juried Shows, SCAA shows, and Gallery Committee exhibits. We're so excited to provide gallery space for her upcoming one-woman show!

Opening reception
6 to 8 p.m.
Friday, August 11



**It's not too late to visit the Guild of American Papercutters
Roots and Blossoms Exhibit
through July 15**

The Museum is located upstairs at **The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts**. There is no admission charge, and you can visit during regular gallery hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.



Jaclyn McCusker presents Cindy Breen with the Friend of the Arts award at the recital.

Laurel Arts presents Friend of the Arts award

A few years ago, we established the *Friend of the Arts* award as an extra measure of our appreciation to those who have shown a financial commitment to the arts and Laurel Arts, in particular.

When considering who would be the recipient of this year's award, there really was no question. Cindy Breen has been a board member of Laurel Arts since the 90's, has served as board president for many years, is a vital member of our dance instructor team, and for all the wealth of knowledge and experience she contains, she is still about the most down to earth, accessible, and understanding human being I have ever met. She is a mother, grandmother, business owner, and serves as a board member and volunteer for other local organizations such as The Children's Aid Home and Soroptimist. Somehow, with all of that on her plate, Cindy never misses a beat - I can personally attest to Cindy's engagement and attendance at just about every event that Laurel Arts hosts - and there are a lot!

It has been my honor and privilege to work with, learn from, and grow as a community member, due to the example that Cindy has provided just by being herself and doing what she does best - helping others.

~ **Jaclyn McCusker**, Director of Development

They managed to keep this a secret! I truly appreciate the award. Laurel Arts is very dear to me. The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts is a gem, and Laurel Arts Education and Dancer Center is always buzzing with activity. I'm so proud to have served on the Board of Directors for over 30 years; Dave's been actively (ACTIVELY) involved with the Community Band (an affiliate of Laurel Arts) for over 30 years. Our kids danced, attended summer camps; the grandkids dance, have attended Studio Kids Preschool and summer camps. The art exhibits are incredible; music nights are our date nights ... I'm not sure what we would do without Laurel Arts. So, thank you to our staff, our families, our artists, our dancers, our musicians, our affiliates, our members, our donors, our community for continuing to support Laurel Arts and participate in our incredible programs! You are all FRIENDS OF THE ARTS!

~ **Cindy Breen**

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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 Shoher, 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!

Community Band announces summer schedule

Somerset County Community Band will travel around the county this summer. In addition to its annual Father's Day concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 18, the band will entertain at the following locations.

Saturday, July 1, 7p.m.	Windber 4th of July Celebration
Sunday, July 2, 5 p.m.	Meyersdale 4th of July Celebration
Sunday, July 9, 7 p.m.	Camp PARC
Sunday, July 23, 7 p.m.	Camp PARC
Friday, August 4, 6 p.m.	Stoystown Lions Festival
Saturday, August 5, noon	Confluence 150-year Celebration
Saturday, August 19, 5:30 p.m.	Hidden Valley Homeowners
Saturday, August 26, 6 p.m.	Springs Ice Cream Social
Saturday, September 2, noon	Kingwood Picnic

SCAA to tour Michael Hertrich Gallery

SCAA member Michael Hertrich will lead members on a tour of his new gallery in Uptown Somerset at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. The gallery is located at 127 W. Main Street beside Trinity Park. The Jar Store is also located in the building.



MAKERS MARKET
5 PM - 8 PM

Wednesdays
July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11
@ Dressler
plus food by **Fat Squirrel**

Music on the Lawn, continued from page 1

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 19 will feature **Red Law & The Feels**. Red Law is a group of three siblings who released their first album the end of last year. The Feels is a local acoustic band with lots of instrumentation. Fat Squirrel and Vin de Matrix will be on hand to complement the music.

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, September 16 will feature **Manic Mango**, an eclectic, electric rock duo! Legend's Carribean will spice up the evening with their foods, and Vin de Matrix will provide the "chill."

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

Annual Charity Golf Tournament raises funds for children’s programming

What do you get when you combine 30 sponsors, 60 golfers, 7 dedicated golf committee members, several additional supporters, and 6 day-of volunteers – a golf tournament that raises over \$17,000 for the Dorothy Dressler Scholarship Fund!

We could not have asked for a more beautiful, picture perfect day for our 16th annual golf tournament, which raises funds to directly support our scholarship and children's programming!

We thank each and every sponsor, player and supporter of this event for believing in the impact and importance that the Arts play in the lives of so many young people in Somerset County.

We greatly appreciate the work of our golf committee - the core of this event!

Finally, we need to thank the Somerset Country Club staff (especially Mr. Lester) for preparing food for our tournament players amidst a major water line break - few work harder or are more dedicated than their staff and we cannot thank them enough.



We don't always have beautiful weather for our annual charity golf tournament, but this year, June 2, couldn't have been better.

Tournament sponsors include: Highland Tank, Somerset Trust Co., Whalley Charitable Trust, UPMC Health Plan, Wheeler Family Charitable Trust, Riggs Industries, Knepper Insurance Group, Jeffrey G. Carberry, DMD, Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home, Luther P. Miller Inc., Rotary Club of Somerset, Ameriserv Financial, Inc. Laurel Highlands Financial Services, UPMC Somerset, and William and Bonne Gurzenda.



WE HAVEN'T SET SAIL YET ... so there's still time to get your boarding pass and join us for this year's Nautical Nights set for Friday, June 23 at Indian Lake Lodge. Contact Laurel Arts for ticket prices and more information. It's sure to be a YACHT OF FUN!

Did you know there's a Little Free Library on our front porch (and a piano on the porch, a musical imagination garden in the backyard, photo cut-outs for cool pictures, and an herb garden to explore ...) There's so much to see and do at Laurel Arts. You are welcome to walk the grounds, take a book from the library (leave one if you'd like), play the musical instruments, even have a picnic.



Saluting Somerset Garden Club

(left) AT PATRIOT PARK: Somerset Garden Club president Sheila Croushore and club member Linda Musser were on hand at Patriot Park in Shanksville to assist with the "planting" of a Blue Star Memorial plaque. These markers are part of a National Garden Club program that honors all men and women who serve in the United States Armed Services. Patriot Park Foundation president Randy Musser and other Foundation board members and volunteers worked hard to remove the tree stumps, plant a beautiful dogwood tree, and ensure that the sign was correctly installed. Once some additional landscaping has been added, the official unveiling of the sign will take place later this summer.



(above) AT THE PHILIP DRESSLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Special thanks to Somerset Garden Club members for these beauties! We cannot wait to watch them grow and blossom over the summer. The club's handiwork can be found all over Uptown Somerset and at The Children's Aid Home, making everyone's summer days more beautiful.



IN THE GALLERIES: Tableland Services Early Childhood Education displayed artwork from every child in its three programs at Laurel Arts in May. According to Jill Stahl, Family Services manager, "Through early art experiences, infants and toddlers begin to solve problems and learn creative skills. They learn to express their ideas and share their thoughts. We were thrilled to be able to display this creative artwork and help families make the connection between the arts and developmental domains."

At LAEDC this summer ...

CreARTivity Camps:

Join Miss Marsha and explore the arts.

Art Explorers (children 12 to 18 months) can attend Under the Big Top from 10 to 11:30 a.m. June 29 and 30 or a Colors Camp from 10-11:30 a.m. August 17 & 18.

Art Adventurers (children 18 to 36 months) will also have a chance to experience Under the Big Top from 10 a.m. to noon June 26-28 (3-day session) or from 1 to 3 p.m. June 26-30 (5-day session). Colors Camp for this age group will be 10 a.m. to noon August 14-16 (3-day session) or August 14-18 (5-day session.)

Young at Art (pre-k through 3rd Grade) can attend 5-day camps (from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Camp themes are: Little Picasso & Mini Matisse June 19-23; Operation Celebration July 10-14; Disney Cooking Camp July 17-21; Camp Pura Vida August 7-11; and Enchanted Kingdom August 14-18.

Artolescents (grades 4 through 7) also have 5-days camps to pique their artistic interests. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, they will explore: Lost in Space June 12-16; Young Environmentalists July 24-28; and Food Truck Cooking Camp July 31-august 4.

All camps are located at LAEDC, 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. For more information or to register, call Marsha at 814-442-6217. Camp fees vary. Contact Marsha for details.

Summer Dance Mini Camps:

Buggin' Out, ages 3 to 5 with Miss Cindy: Session 1 is 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. June 28 & 29; Session 2 is 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. August 1 & 2. Campers will hop like a flea, dart like a dragonfly and power lift like an ant ... this dance mini-camp is for boys and girls (caterpillars and butterflies.) Each day will include a take home craft and, of course, dance! Camp fee \$20.

Fancy Nancy's Dance Academy, ages 4 to 6 with Miss Cindy: Session 1 is 5 to 6 p.m. June 14 & 15; Session 2 is 5 to 6 p.m. August 9 & 10. Fancy Nancy loves ballet and you can be a budding ballerina, too. We'll wear tutus and ballet shoes; and we'll learn a dance that you can teach your family. Each day will include a take home craft, and of course dance! Camp fee \$20.

Dance Party in the USA, ages 6 to 9 with Miss Cindy: Session 1 is 5:30 to 7 p.m. June 28 & 29; Session 2 is 5:30 to 7 p.m. August 1 & 2. Come dressed in red, white & blue, and we'll dance our way across the USA! We'll learn some tap steps named after cities, and we'll practice jazz moves to good old rock 'n roll. Each day will include an all-American snack, take home craft, and of course dance! Camp fee \$30.

Hip Hop, ages 9 & up, with Miss Maddie: 6 to 8 p.m. July 25-27. We'll practice hip hop tricks, work on conditioning and learn a hip-hop routine. Open to dancers 9 & up. Camp fee is \$48.

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

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