

Laurel Arts

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Help Laurel Arts CHALK the BLOCK!

The 7th Annual **Chalk the Block** festival will transform the sidewalks of Uptown Somerset into a patchwork of colorful murals. Using chalk, in the ancient tradition of street painting, artists will create original works or reproduce famous works in a visual explosion of color.

Somerset Inc. encourages your children to highlight their artistic talents and enthusiasm by entering the youth chalk artist competition. Laurel Arts is coordinating this aspect of the annual festival.

Artists can begin their work as early as 7 a.m.; judging will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22. First place will receive \$50; awards for second and third places will be announced.

Young artists will be asked to create artwork in a designated space on the sidewalks on the Uptown Somerset diamond. Registration is FREE and chalk will be provided on a first-to-register, first-serve basis.

Each artist will receive the following, depending on age:

- Kids (5-8): Set of Crayola chalk
- Tweens (9-13): Set of Crayola chalk plus a small set of pastels
- Teens (14-17): Set of Crayola chalk plus a medium set of pastels

We ask that a parent or guardian be present at all times. All art must be family-friendly; imagery deemed inappropriate will be removed. No political or discriminatory imagery of any kind will be permitted.

The theme for the children's artwork is **Aquatic Life** which can include sea creatures, ocean adventures, scenery and more. The options are endless!

To register, visit www.somersetinc.org/chalktheblock and click on Youth Artist Competition. Both online registration and a mail-in registration form are available.

Upcoming exhibits ...

Through July 27 34th Annual Juried Art Competition

This show will features works from local and regional artists.

Linda Harrill Peck August 8-September 7 Soft opening 12 to 5 pm July 30

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 exited to provide gallery space for her upcoming one-woman show!

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

SCAA Members Exhibit September 12-October 5

Somerset County Artist Association will host its annual exhibit of work by the group's membership. Laurel Arts is proud of its affiliation with SCAA; we have incredibly talented artists in our neighborhood!

Opening reception
6 to 8 p.m.
Friday, September 15

Haunted, The Sequel October 10-November 2

The galleries at the Dressler Center got a little creepy last year during Haunted! We can't wait to see what The Sequel brings.

Opening reception
6 to 8 p.m.
Friday, October 13
(yes, it's Friday the 13th!)

Ligonier artist Shelley Poli wins Best of Show at 34th annual juried art competition

Kristin Miller, juror for the 34th annual juried art show, commented that it is a "stunning exhibition. Very thoughtful work! Chosen works demonstrate emotion, passion, connection to the subject matter, and create feelings for the viewer. Each piece has a spirit which tells a story. All work demonstrated is fabulous and terribly difficult to choose. All deserve congratulations for a job well done!"

The exhibit will be on display through July 27 during regular office / gallery hours, during Makers Market July 12 and during upcoming Music on the Lawn concerts.

Awards were presented to the following artists:

Best of Show: **Shelley Poli**, Ligonier, *Watching*, Pastel on Sandpaper

1st Place: **Kathy Trexel Reed**, Berlin, *Woodlands Triptych*, Hand-cut paper

2nd Place: **George Radeschi**, Bedford, *B222*, White Oak and Goncalo Alves

3rd Place: **Randy Myers**, Somerset, *Tureen Set*, Stoneware Pottery

Ralph Welsh: **Alan K. Lichtenfels**, Johnstown, *Chicken Not So Little*, Metal

Jeanne & Earl Berkey Watercolor: **Shirley Tataleba**, Berlin, *Hidden Stream*, Watercolor

Digital: **Zone Patcher**, Conemaugh, *Impression of Indestructible Meditation on Supposed Metamorphosis*, Photo Manipulation

Photography: **Ron Bruner**, Rockwood, *Asian Lantern Swan*, Photography

Honorable Mentions: **Kevin Kutz**, Bedford, *Ship Hotel Service Station*, Watercolor; **Jane Crise**, Somerset, *Pond Cleaner*, Oil; **Dai Morgan**, Pittsburgh, *Twisty Turny Up and Down*, Acrylics; **Lydia Mack**, New Florence, *Kudu Blue*, Oil on Canvas.

To see all the entries online visit laurelarts.org/scaa-34th-annual-juried-art-exhibit/.

If you would like to purchase a piece that is for sale please visit The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts during regular office / gallery hours (see below.)

A visit to the art center never disappoints!

The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts is a great place to visit. In addition to our three galleries on the first floor, the National Museum of the Guild of American Papercutters is on the second floor. The Gallery Shoppe at Dressler has a wonderful selection of unique and artistic gifts in all price ranges. Make a point to stop by soon. You won't be disappointed!

**Office/Gallery Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday**

Galleries are also open during Makers Makers Market and during Music on the Lawn concerts.



Shelley Poli, Ligonier, *Watching*



Kathy Trexel Reed, Berlin, *Woodlands Triptych*



George Radeschi, Bedford, *B222*



Randy Myers, Somerset, *Tureen Set*



Zone Patcher, Conemaugh, *Impression of Indestructible Meditation on Supposed Metamorphosis*



Shirley Tataleba, Berlin, *Hidden Stream*



Ron Bruner, Rockwood, *Asian Lantern Swan*

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!

Music on the Lawn ...

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:

7 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, July 21 will feature **Randy Myers & Day by Day**, one of Somerset's favorite duos. Heirloom Pines Farm will be on hand 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.

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 2 will see Skinny's BBQ back along with Glades Pike Winery. Band to be announced.

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, September 16 will feature **Manic Mango**, an eclectic, electric rock duo! Legend's Caribbean 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.



Wednesdays

July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11

@ Dressler

plus food by **Fat Squirrel**

ATTENTION YOUNG MUSICIANS: We are looking for some young musicians to play during Makers Market. We have the following dates available: July 12 (5-8pm), August 9 (5-8pm), September 13 (5-8pm), and October 11 (5-8pm). If you know someone who may be interested, email lamakersmarket@gmail.com for more details.

More about CHALK the BLOCK!

The 7th Annual **Chalk the Block** festival will be Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23. In addition to the art competitions, there are 16 professional chalk who will be demonstrating their work, including our own Laurel Arts board president **Erin Mayak**. The festival will also include live music, food trucks, children's activities, and free art space for those who want to try their hand at chalk art.

In addition to coordinating the Youth Artist Competition, Laurel Arts is contributing a few more activities to the weekend.

It's a Parade!

We're having a parade Friday evening, July 21. Theme is SO-Colorful (SOMerset COunty Colorful). Line-up will be at Wheeler Medical Center on South Center Avenue beginning at 5 p.m. The parade will start at 6 p.m. For information, contact Laurel Arts, 814-443-2433.

Following the parade, join Laurel Arts for Music on the Lawn featuring ...

3 days of art!

Enjoy an entire weekend of art beginning Friday with the Laurel Arts SO-COLORful parade and Music on the Lawn at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts.

Saturday will feature 16 professional artists, live music including seven acts and street performances, kids and emerging artists competitions, and a Kids Zone. In

addition to the 5K, there will be four musical acts, more street performances, a STEM Rocks kids area and Taste of Scouting.

All weekend, there will be food trucks and artist/artisan vendors.

5K Run/Race

The 4th Annual Chalk the Block 5K Run/Race is set for Sunday, July 23. Registration will begin at 8 a.m.; the race will start at 9 p.m. at Union Street Playground (340 W. Union St., Somerset.)

You can register for the race through Eventbrite or print a registration form. Go to somersetinc.org/chalktheblock and click on the 5K run/race link.

Registrations received by July 8 are guaranteed an event tee with exclusive 5K design in your preferred size; day of registrations is also available, but a shirt is not guaranteed.

Awards will be presented for Top 3 Overall Finishers Male & Female in Run & Walk. Top Finisher Medals will be presented for each age group plus bonus prizes. Age groups are 10 & under, 11-15, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+.

Contact Lee Hoffman, leehoffmanrog@gmail.com, or call / text 814-279-1733 with questions.

Chalk the Block is a project of Somerset Inc.



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Laurel Arts dedicates the Imagination Garden

Laurel Arts dedicated the Imagination Garden to our director Jaclyn McCusker on June 13. The Imagination Garden was one of Jaci's earliest projects as our director. A mother and music-lover, Jaci wanted to make a visit to Laurel Arts both fun and educational for children of all ages. The garden features a variety of music makers, not to mention colorful benches, whimsical flowers, and beautiful bird houses, all just up the hill from the art center, past the garage painted to replicate paper cutting. Maintenance director Mike Baker also deserves kudos for his upkeep of this special place.



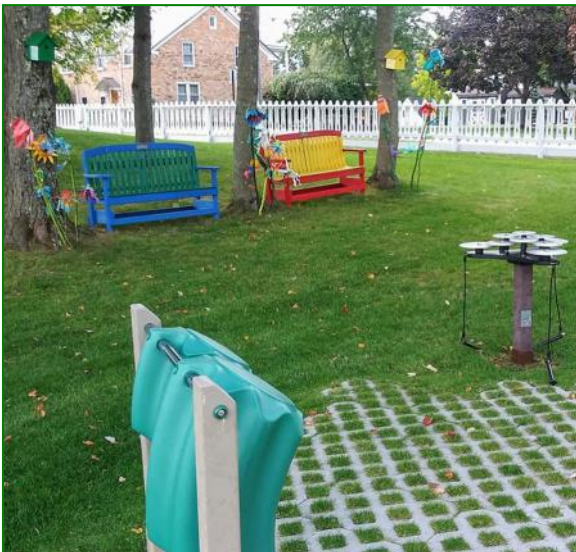
Maintenance director Mike Baker with Jaci McCusker following the dedication.



Laurel Arts board members in attendance with Jaci are, from left, Robin Henley, Cindy Breen, Jeff Johnson, Fred Rosemeyer, Erin Mayak, Sharon Clapper and Rebecca Frola Biss.



The plaque reads: *The Imagination Garden, installed in 2019, is a space that combines the beauty of nature with engaging and whimsical musical instruments. This space was created to serve as an artistic gathering place for people of all ages. This project was funded through the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance and the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies.*



See what our Imagination Garden grows!

The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts presents...

HAUNTED

Tuesday, October 10th - Thursday November 2nd
Opening Reception Friday, October 13th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The Sequel

Special Effects Makeup
Artists, Monster Makers,
Fabricators, & Prop Makers

WE WANT you!

Calling all monster makers, etc.

Laurel Arts will once again transform the galleries at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts during the month of October. ***Haunted: The Sequel*** will showcase the art forms of special effects makeup, fabrication and monster making, prop making, and other skillful techniques used in the world of the Haunt.

Are you a Special Effects Makeup Artist, Monster Maker, Fabricator, and/or a Prop Maker? A call for entries is available at laurelarts.org/artist-call-for-entries/ to view and download. A maximum of 6 pieces may be entered; entry fee is \$25 for 1 to 3 pieces; \$35 for 4 to 6 pieces. At least one half of entries by any artist must be for sale.

Drop-off is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, October 4 and 5, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 7. Two-D pieces must be wired and ready for hanging. There are no size restrictions for free-standing pieces except to note that some doorways are only 32 inches wide and there are several steps to maneuver.

Workshops and speakers will be scheduled throughout the exhibit which will run from October 10 through November 2. An opening reception is planned from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, October 13 with certain creepy crawly, but not nasty nor nauseating foods and beverages of which (not witch) our ghoulish visitors may partake.

Our Dressler staff ...

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