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Hello **OCTOBER**



Join us as we usher in the season with music, food and fun!

OCTOBER 6

Join Laurel Arts for another **JAZZ NIGHT** featuring Kenny Black Trio, Jessica Lee and Mark Strickland. The show is set for 7 p.m. Friday, October 6 at Somerset Country Club. Tickets are \$20 per person. Contact Laurel Arts for tickets (814-443-2433.)

If you'd like to have dinner prior to the show, please contact Somerset Country Club to make reservations.

Thank you to Brian Zeigler for helping us orchestrate this event, and to our sponsors Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Mosholder Insurance Agency, Luther P. Miller, and Riggs Industries.

OCTOBER 10

Somerset Auxiliary of Johnstown Symphony Orchestra will host **TASTE OF THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 10 at Green Gables Restaurant in Jennerstown. Tickets are \$35. To purchase, visit sajso.com.

Enjoy signature dishes from local restaurants. You may BYOB. There will also be a raffle and silent auction. All proceeds benefit Johnstown Symphony Orchestra.

OCTOBER 11

Just imagine the wonderful baked goods, candies, jellies, jams, flowers, soaps, leather goods, and more to be available at our October **MAKERS MARKET** on the grounds of The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. The market opens at 5 p.m., and there's plenty of parking. Fat Squirrel will be on hand if you're hungry! And, you

can get a start on holiday shopping. Makers Market has been very successful this year; don't miss your chance to check out the locally grown and hand-made products available.

OCTOBER 13

HAUNTED *The Sequel* will provide a ghostly presence in the galleries at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts as they are transformed to showcase the art forms of special effects make-up, monster-making and other skillful techniques used in the world of the Haunt. An **OPENING RECEPTION** (including spooky refreshments) is planned from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, October 13.

OCTOBER 14

HAUNTED ARTS is planned for the following day, October 14 and will include pumpkin carving, spooky podcasts, costume contests and prizes, vendors, and live music. Join us in the afternoon for lots of family friendly activities and continue into the evening with music on the lawn.

Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate an early Halloween with Laurel Arts.

OCTOBER 15

Roof Garden Chorus will presents its **ANNUAL BARBERSHOP SHOW** at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 15 at Grace United Methodist Church. Tickets are available from members. Contact Lee Hoffman, 814-279-1733, or Larry Shober, 814-267-4042, for more information.

Upcoming exhibits ...

SCAA Members Exhibit Through-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!)

Don't Feed the ART November 14-December 14

Artists will flock together to create this animal-friendly art exhibit. Other animal-related events are planned. You will PAWS-ively have a howlin' good time!

Opening reception

6 to 8 p.m.
Friday, November 17

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.

The exhibit 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. A related event, Haunted Arts, will be held October 14 with a variety of activities for children and adults.

Artists, animal lovers: This exhibit is for you!

Laurel Arts is excited to present **Don't Feed the Art**, an exhibit of art featuring animals from man's best friend to man-eating sharks. We are looking for artists to create pieces in 2-D and 3-D. A maximum of 6 entries per artists will be accepted. Entry fee is \$25 for 1 to 3 pieces; \$35 for 4 to 6 pieces. 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.

Drop-off is 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, November 8 and 9, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, November 11. Pick-up will be Saturday, December 16. For more information, visit laurelarts.org for the Call for Entries brochure.

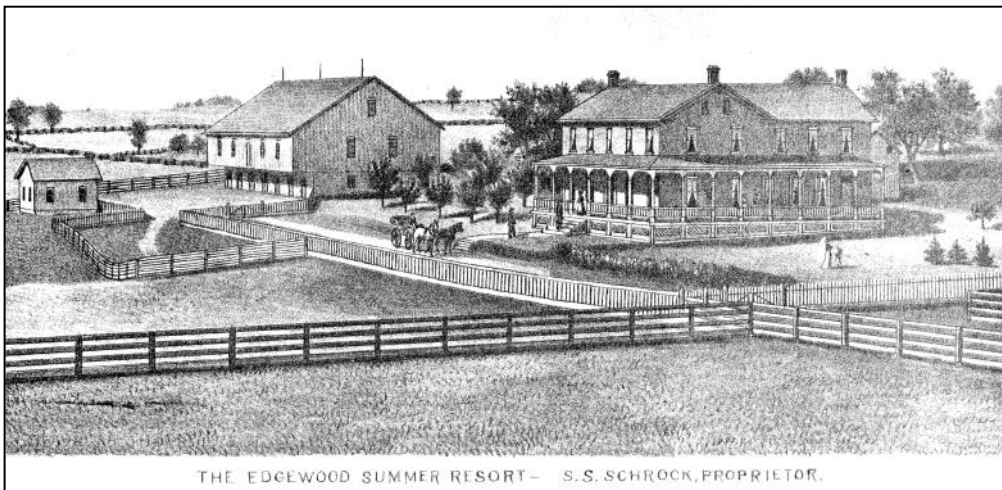
For the duration of the show, November 14 through December 14, a variety of animal-related events are planned. An opening reception will be hosted from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, November 17.

Take time to explore The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts

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.

**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.



A quick walk down memory lane ... Dorothy Dressler, pictured above, donated her house to Laurel Arts in 1976 with the understanding that it would become The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. Mrs. Dressler was born on Halloween, October 31, 1906 in Hanley, Straffordshire, England. The house has ties to Captain Peter Ankeny, an early figure in Somerset history. Pictured are the front of the house, what we call the kitchen gallery and the main gallery. What do you think? Will Mrs. Dressler come back during her birthday month to HAUNT the galleries?

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Our Affiliates

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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 will resume at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, October 19 at Somerset Junior High School to prepare for Rhythms of Christmas. 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.

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Jazz Night ...

Tickets are available for our next Jazz Night featuring the Kenny Blake Trio, Jessica Lee and Mark Strickland at 7 p.m. Friday, October 6, Somerset Country Club. Contact Laurel Arts for tickets which are \$20 per person. Contact Somerset Country Club if you'd like to have dinner prior to the show.

Jazz Night sponsors are Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Mosholder Insurance Agency, Luther P. Miller, and Riggs Industries.

Barbershoppers to perform

The Roof Garden Chorus will host its annual show at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 15 at Grace United Methodist Church. The chorus has been resilient through some tough times, not the least of which was the pandemic. Their director resigned in January, and they've been rehearsing with an interim director. So, this will be a celebration of their members and the ability for the group to persevere. For tickets or more information, contact Lee Hoffman, 814-279-1733, or Larry Shober, 814-267-4042.

SAJSO plans Taste of the Laurel Highlands

The Somerset Auxiliary of Johnstown Symphony Orchestra will host its 12th Taste of the Laurel Highlands from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 10 at Green Gables Restaurant.

Tickets are \$35. For tickets, visit sajsso.com. Included in the ticket price will be tastings of signature dishes from various restaurants. There will also be a silent auction and raffle.

Somerset Garden Club plans fall events

The Garden Club's Fall Luncheon and Amanda Dowie Awards is scheduled for noon to 3 p.m. Monday, October 2 at Somerset Country Club.

Club members will meet from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, November 6 to place seasonal greens in Uptown Somerset in preparation of the holiday season.

The club's Annual Wreath Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, November 28 at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. Contact club members for more details.

Community Band to begin rehearsing

Somerset County Community Band has completed its summer season, but will begin rehearsing October 19 for Christmas. The band is a big part of Laurel Arts' Rhythms of Christmas show planned for December 9. Anyone who enjoys playing instrumental music is invited to join. Email photo@davebreen.com.

Fall into the season with great classes & workshops



Since the beginning of this school year, we've had the pleasure of offering classes and workshops on a variety of topics from learning to crochet to making apple dumplings. Follow Laurel Arts on Facebook for the most up-to-date information on upcoming classes.

Fall Air Dry Clay Creations for Kids

Fridays, September 22 & 29, 6-8 pm

Join Instructor Marsha Schmuck for fun with air dry clay as we create items for fall. We will use a pinch pot technique to create a pumpkin, craft some mini leaves we will turn into magnets, and shape a few other fun pieces. This class is a two-part class. The first Friday we will be making the items and the second week we will be painting them with acrylic paints. The class will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Fridays September 22 and 29 at 601 Georgian Place. Cost is \$28 members / \$35 nonmembers plus a \$15 materials fee. We ask that 50% of the fees are paid at the time of registration. This portion is non-refundable. Please call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts 814-443-1835 to register by September 16.

Pressed Flower Frames

Sunday, September 24, 2 to 4 pm

Join instructor Marsha Schmuck for the afternoon and create beautiful pressed flower frames. Students will choose from a variety of flowers that are already pressed and place them inside a hanging glass panel. This class is suitable for ages 12 through adult. Class takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, September 24 at 601 Georgian Place. The cost is \$24 members / \$30 nonmembers plus a \$20 materials fee. We ask that 50% of the fees are paid at the time of registration. This portion is non-refundable. Please call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts 814-443-1835 to register by September 16.

Candy Apples, Caramel Apples & Carmel Corn

Saturday, September 30, 2 to 4 p.m.

Join Instructor Liz Miller for an afternoon of creating a few favorite fall snacks. Students will learn to make Candy Apples, Caramel Apples, and Carmel Corn perfect for the season. The class will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, September 30 at 601 Georgian Place. The cost is

\$20 members / \$25 nonmembers plus a \$10 materials fee. We ask that 50% of the fees are paid at the time of registration. This portion is non-refundable. Please call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts 814-443-1835 to register by September 23.

Fall Watercolor Workshop

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17 & 24, 6 to 8 pm

Join Instructor Cory Moreland and create some amazing watercolor pieces perfect for fall decorating! Cory will walk students step by step through each painting. This class is for beginners as well as more experienced students. The series will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays October 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 601 Georgian Place. The cost is \$56 members / \$70 nonmembers plus a \$15 materials fee. We ask that 50% of the fees are paid at the time of registration. This portion is non-refundable. Please call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts 814-443-1835 to register by September 29.

Wood Braided Rug Workshop

Beginning Wednesdays October 4, afternoon & evening classes available

Instructor Lisa Meyers will be 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 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 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.

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Follow us on Facebook to see more upcoming classes

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. Wednesday, October 4. The following four classes will be from 1 to 3:30 p.m. OR 6 to 8:30 p.m. October 11, 18, 25 and November 1 at 601 Georgian Place. Cost for the class is \$52 members / \$65 nonmembers. Fees for materials are not included in the cost.

Preregistration is required. Our new payment policy requires students to pay 50% of the total tuition and materials upon registration. This is non-refundable. Call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835 or text/call 814-442-6217 to register.

Former students are welcome to visit, show off your work or ask a question.

3D Fall Needle Felting Workshop

Saturday, October 7, 1 to 3 pm

We are excited for local artist Loretta Radeschi to return to Laurel Arts for another Needle Felting class. This time she will be taking her art to a new level as students will learn on a 3D project. The felt will be added to small gourds and pumpkins! Loretta will provide all the materials needed. No experience necessary. This class is designed for students ages 8 through adult. Class takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 7 at 601 Georgian Place. The cost for the workshop is \$20 members / \$25 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$8 materials fee payable to Loretta Radeschi. Registration is required. Our new payment policy requires students to pay 50% of the total tuition and materials upon registration. This is non-refundable. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835 to register by September 24.

Homemade Cinnamon Roll Workshop

Sunday, October 8, 2 to 4 pm

Join Instructor Marsha Schmuck for an afternoon of baking from scratch. Students will learn to create cinnamon rolls through step by step directions. You won't believe how simple yet delicious they are! Each participant will get six cinnamon rolls to take home and bake. Class takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, October 8 at 601 Georgian Place. The cost for the class is \$20 / members / \$25 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus

\$20 materials fee. Registration is required. Our new payment policy requires students to 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 by October 1.

Fall/Winter Day Camps

We will be offering camps year round for children ages 4-5. Children three & under may also attend if accompanied by an adult. Classes are also suitable for homeschooled children up to 3rd grade. The sessions include crafts, games, recipes, and story time. Classes will run from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday mornings 10 a.m. to Noon. The cost per month is \$32 members / \$40 nonmembers and includes three sessions. Registration is required seven days before the first session of each month. Call/text 814-442-6217 to register.

Autumn Animals Day Camp

September 27, October 4 & 11, 10 am to noon

Did you know that owls are most active in Autumn? Or that bats can eat up to 3,000 insects per night? This month we will learn all about the many creatures of fall, how they get ready for winter, what they eat, and more. We will also turn those creatures into some creative crafts!

Giving Thanks Day Camp

November 1, 8 & 15, 10 am to noon

Giving Thanks - Join us in November as we learn about Veteran's Day and create a patriotic craft. We will also talk about Thanksgiving and how it began. We will even bake a mini pie to celebrate the season.

Piano

Jade Boyer has over 20 years experience in piano. She is available to give lessons on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center. For more information on signing up for lessons with Jade, text/call Marsha at 814-442-6217.

Rhythms of CHRISTMAS

We're so excited to announce plans for our 17th annual Rhythms of Christmas. Rhythms is a student-choreographed show. This year's choreographers are: Ashley Ciepiela, Ella Peck, Emma Klahre, Kyleigh Bailey, Teegan Pugh, Isabelle Schmuck, Mirabella Tweardy, Tiana Augustine, Kylee Mallory, Alana Kreger & Hailey Bowlby.

Rehearsals will be Saturday mornings beginning October 7. The show will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 9 at Somerset Area High School Auditorium.

In addition to the dances choreographed by our students, the Performance Christmas show which travels to local elementary schools and nursing homes will be presented. Somerset County Community Band will also participate.

There is no admission charge, but we gratefully accept donations to our scholarship fund. Mark you calendars now and plan to attend.



Some of our Performance Company members, including some of our newest members, and their instructors participated in the SOCO parade uptown July 21. This year's company members are Ava Dowd, Madeline Romesburg, Ellison Shetler, Everly Summers, Julia Thomas, Avalyn Bergstresser, Milee Booher, Brooke Fullard, Helena Hinton, Holland Hinton, Auzalie Minor, Lochlynn Pile, Hannah Spiri, Courtney Anderson, Kyleigh Bailey, Hailey Bowlby, Reese Demchak, Ryann Haer, Kyree Kalaha, Kylee Mallory, Hylie Skavang, Clare Troll, Tiana Augustine, Ashley Ciepiela, Chloe Clark, Emma Klahre, Alana Kreger, Ella Peck, Teegan Pugh, Isabelle Schmuck, and Mirabella Tweardy.

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A new planting on the grounds in memory of Marsha Smith. Pictured are Lucas and Lincoln McCusker.

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