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Gearing up for Soup'er Bowl 2024 ... lots of glazing to do, but they'll be beautiful when they're done (not that they aren't already incredible!)

Soup'er Bowl 2024 • March 16

Soup'er Bowl 2024 will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 16 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. Price of admission includes a simple meal of soup, bread, a cookie and a beverage. Attendees will select a unique, handmade clay bowl to take home to serve as a reminder that "Soup feeds the body, but ART feeds the soul!" (continued on next page)



Steel Head for Dinner by Ed Appleby shown at last year's "Off the Wall" Exhibit.

Off The Wall • April 4

Get *Off The Wall Again* and onto the floor at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts as we journey into our 2nd year for this 3-D exhibit from April 4 through May 2. An opening reception and awards presentation is planned for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 5 and is open to the public. (continued on next page)



Betsy and Dan Brockett, Foggy Blossom Farm (pictured here at Touchstone Center for Crafts) will be the keynote speakers at Common Threads.

Common Threads • April 13

Laurel Arts and Somerset Historical Center are proud to present the 6th Annual Common Threads Fiber Arts Symposium. This one-day event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13 inside the unique museum space at the Somerset Historical Center. (continued on next page)

Upcoming exhibits ...

Somerset Area School District Art Exhibit March 5-28

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 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10**

Off-The-Wall Again 3D Exhibit April 4-May 2

We'll be *Off The Wall Again* as we journey into our 2nd year for this 3-D exhibit. Artists will be exhibiting pieces in 3-D in a variety of mediums and locations throughout the galleries (could be walls, could be floor or ceiling.)

**Reception
6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 5**

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends

More information on page 4

**Reception
6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 10**

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



Soup'er Bowl 2024 *(continued from page 1)*

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 the Laurel Arts clay studio and food related charities.

For more information on this impactful and all around fun event, please contact 814-443-2433.

Common Threads *(continued from page 1)*



Common Threads is a celebration of all things Fiber Art including basketry, weaving, tapestry, coiling, knitting, crochet, embroidery, lacemaking, rug braiding, rug hooking, macramé, textile arts, silk painting, sewing, quilting, spinning, felting, papermaking, bookbinding, and many creative combinations of those skills. This event offers an opportunity for regional fiber artists to make meaningful connections and share their skills and knowledge with each other as well as the public. Throughout the day, fiber artists will be set up throughout the museum, demonstrating specific techniques, providing hands-on activities to participants, and the artists will be educating visitors when selling or talking about their hand-made products.

The \$5 admission price to Common Threads includes the opportunity to explore the Somerset County Historical Museum. The keynote speakers are Betsy and Dan Brockett from Foggy Blossom Farm. Foggy Blossom is home to a wide variety of perennial plants, most notably a vast collection of willow for basketry & craft.

PAEA will offer Act 48 credits to teachers. PAEA will provide a QR code to print out for teachers to scan to receive surveys and Act 48 credits.

Off The Wall Again *(continued from page 1)*

Exhibiting artists will have created unique, unusual, off the wall pieces to display throughout our galleries. Instead of walking up to the art, we want you to be able to walk through the art as it is displayed on floors, pedestals, tables, or even hanging from the ceiling.

What do we mean by three-dimensional art? This is art that is presented in the dimensions of height, width, and depth that occupies physical space, and can be perceived from all sides and angles. We anticipate various mediums including wood, stone, metal, plastic, glass, found objects, sculptural, welding, blacksmithing, carvings, castings, installations, reliefs, mixed media, 3-D printing, collages, mosaics, jewelry, pottery, and/or fibers. Piece may be whimsical, abstract, or realistic. Plan to attend the opening or stop by during gallery hours to see these *off the wall* designs.

Thank you to our members for their continued support

Often the pace of life makes it such that moments of gratitude are expressed less frequently than we would like. In the spirit of hitting the pause button to think about the many things that we are thankful for as an organization, we take this moment to thank YOU, our members.

As a member of Laurel Arts, it means that you took your own moment to say – I believe in this organization, I believe in civic impact, and I believe in the arts! It also means that you enjoy participating in what we have to offer and stand behind our cause of advancing the arts in ways that are educational, equitable, and engaging.

We consider every single member a part of the Laurel Arts family because you support the sustainability of our organization and give us renewed hope and gratitude with each membership received. You allow us to create more moments for creativity, shared experiences, and new artistic adventures for the present and years to come! In short, we cannot thank you enough for being a member of Laurel Arts, and if I were a hugger, I would hug each and every one of you ... but perhaps you will settle for hi-fives.

Jaclyn McCusker

Director of Development

PS: Members, community partners and friends of Laurel Arts (as of February 22, 2024) are listed on pages 9 and 10. If your name is missing or is spelled incorrectly, please let us know by emailing jloug@laurelarts.org or call 814-443-2433.

As a member benefit, you receive discounts on classes and workshops; there's lots coming up. See pages 5-7 and be sure to follow Laurel Arts on Facebook. We add classes all the time!

Our wish list ...

Here are a few things we're wishing for ..

- 6" paper plates
- Updated desk for the office (ours were designed for typewriters)
- Surge protectors
- Indoor extension cords

These are products that we use often:

- Avery Labels (#5160)
- Avery Labels (#8877)
- Copy paper (8.5 x 11)
- White card stock (8.5 x 11)

For more information, contact alison@laurelarts.org or jloug@laurelarts.org or call 814-443-1835 and ask for Alison or Jennifer.

At the Education and Dance Center

- An end table, microwave cart, or something similar for a coffee bar.
- TISSUES!!!! It's that time of year, and we go through a lot!

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 first 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. March 14 at Somerset Junior High School to prepare for the summer season. New members are always welcome. Contact Dave Breen, 814-701-1515, 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.

SAJSO to host Afternoon Tea April 21

The Somerset Auxiliary of the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra (SAJSO) will host its annual Afternoon Tea from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 21. Join us for assorted teas plus other savory and sweet items at Green Gables in Jennerstown.

Attendees will compete in a best hat contest and other enjoyable games.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.sajso.com or call Sam Hanson (814-754-5230).



Somerset County Community Band to resume rehearsals for summer season March 14

Somerset County Community Band will begin spring rehearsals Thursday, March 14 at Somerset Junior High School. Band members and anyone interested in joining the band are invited to attend a pizza social at 6 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.

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends to hold contest

The 2024 Laurel Highlands Photo Friends contest and exhibit will be held May 9 through May 30.

Entries will be accepted from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, May 6, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts, 214 S. Harrison Ave., Somerset.

There will be eight categories: Scenic, Floral, Fauna & Birds, People, General, Digital Art & Alternative Processes, Black & White, and Nighttime. Photographers may enter a maximum of two photos per category.

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Third Place in each category. An awards reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 10.

For complete details and rules, pick up a contest brochure at the Dressler Center or view on-line at www.laurelarts.org under Artist Call for Entries.

Laurel Highlands Chorale plans spring concert

Laurel Highlands Chorale spring concert is set for 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5 and 7 p.m. Monday, May 6 at Somerset Church of the Brethren. The chorale is under the direction of Jan Burkett and accompanied by Rick Kimmel. This year's concert will be a musical montage of favorites songs from all types of genre. The Chorale is happy to welcome back Allyn and David Lambert as guest instrumentalists. Don't miss this one; members promise it will be a musical experience you will not forget!

Spring into these classes and workshops ...

PLEASE NOTE: Our payment policy requires students to pay 50% of the total tuition and material fees when they register. This will be applied to your costs, but is non-refundable.

Bagel Making Workshop

Sunday, March 10, 2-4 pm

Join Instructor Elizabeth Miller for another delicious workshop. This time students will learn to make bagels from scratch. Students will make three types of bagels: regular, everything, and cinnamon raisin. Class takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at 601 Georgian Place. Class fee, payable to Laurel Arts, is \$20 members / \$25 non-member plus an \$15 materials fee.

Call/text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register by March 3. Pre-registration is required.

Pysanky Egg Workshop

Thursday, March 14, 5-7 pm

Pysanky is a traditional craft originally done in Ukraine and Poland. Join instructor, Alicia Shussett, as she helps you to create one of these beautiful 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. The class takes place at 601 Georgian Place, from 2-4 pm Thursday, March 14. The fee is \$36 members / \$45 non-members payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$7 materials fee. Preregistration is required. Call Laurel Arts, 814-443-1835, or text/call 814-442-6217.

Learn to Make Kombucha

Sunday, March 17, 2-4 pm

Kombucha is a fermented, lightly effervescent, sweetened black tea drink. There are many health benefits to drinking kombucha including helping rid your body of toxins, boosting your energy and your immune system, and helping you to lose weight. Join instructor Sue Williams for an afternoon of Kombucha making. Students will have the chance to test several flavorful flights and learn to make their own. Each participant will also receive a "mother" to brew at home. Class will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 17 at 601 Georgian Place. Cost is \$20 members / \$25 non-members plus a \$20 materials fee payable to Laurel Arts. Pre-registration is required by March 10. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register.

Easter Watercolors Workshop

Tuesday, March 19, 6-8 pm

Celebrate the first day of spring and join Instructor Cory Moreland for the evening to create a beautiful Easter scene with watercolors. Whether you are new to watercolors or have been doing it for awhile, you will enjoy following step by step instructions to complete your piece. The class takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 at 601 Georgian Place. Cost is \$24 members / \$30 non-members payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$8 materials fee. Preregistration is required by Tuesday, March 12. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835 to register.

Easter Treats Workshop

Sunday, March 24, 2-4 pm

Join Instructor Elizabeth Miller for another delicious workshop. This time students will learn to make an assortment of Easter treats including coconut eggs, peanut butter eggs, coconut bird nests, and strawberries dipped to look like carrots & bunnies! Class will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 24 at 601 Georgian Place. Class fee, payable to Laurel Arts, is \$20 members / \$25 Non-member plus a \$20 materials fee. Call/text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register by March 17.

Cooking with Julia, Vegan Delights, Series 1

Tuesday, April 2, 4:30-9 pm

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to cook a vegan dinner? Many of us have friends or family who have converted to vegan diets. Maybe you have wanted to try it. Join Instructor Julia O'Sullivan from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 2 and learn to prepare a 7-item meal with a sit-down dinner afterwards! Class takes place at 601 Georgian Place. You will learn how to prepare the following menu: Lasagna (makes 12 servings), sauteed string beans, Tuscany bean soup, Tabouleh salad, garlic ciabatta bread, and mixed berries with fresh mint & lemon cucumber water. You will learn a bit about what food items vegans can eat to make a full course meal with plant-based alternatives to meat and dairy products, "shop" in-house for your ingredients, receive an apron and hat, a reusable shopping bag, a paring and a utility knife, a cutting board, live herb plants, and recipes to take home. Take part in preparing a hearty three-course meal 'to go' and bake at home. Please note: you will make your very own lasagna and garlic bread to bake at home, and

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Break (bake) bread, pretzels & donuts or braid a rug ...

enjoy a sit-down seven item candlelight dinner with your fellow chefs enjoying all the culinary delights we will make. Bring your appetite! Cost is \$120 members / \$150 non-members, plus \$50 for supplies. Space is limited and pre-registration is required by March 15. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register. Maximum of 20, minimum of eight students.

Sourdough "Starters" for Starters

Thursday, April 4, 6-8 pm

Celebrate Sourdough Bread Day on April 1, learn how to care for a sourdough starter and bake the easiest loaf of bread (Sourdough Boule). In this class, Instructor Pam Frola will discuss how to care for your sourdough starter and the importance of routine feedings. We will make a few loaves in class and each participant will be given a starter and dough to take home and bake. Class will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 4 at Georgian Place. Class fee, payable to Laurel Arts, is \$20 members / \$25 non-members with a material fee of \$10. Couples can sign up together and pay one material fee! This would make a perfect date night! Call/Text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835 to register by Thursday, March 28.

Wool Braided Rug Workshop

First class April 8, 1-2 pm

Instructor Lisa Meyers will be offering another one of her beautiful rug making classes this spring. This class 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. 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. 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 will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 9. We will take a one week break to allow time to purchase materials. The following four classes will be from 1 to 3:30 p.m. OR 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays April 23, 30, May 7, 14. 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.

Needle Felting Workshop

Saturday, April 20, 1-3 pm

Create a beautiful piece with needle felting artist Loretta Radeschi. Bring a picture you'd like to recreate with wool and llama fleece or use one that Loretta will provide for inspiration. All you need to bring is a 4x6 or 5x7 inch picture frame with back, scissors, pencil and straight edge ruler. Loretta will provide the felt backing, wool, fleece, and needles. No experience necessary! This class is designed for students ages eight through adult. Class will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at 601 Georgian Place. Cost is \$20 members / \$25 non-members payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$8 materials fee payable to Loretta Radeschi.

Handmade Paper workshop

Saturday, April 27, 10 am-4 pm

During this all-day workshop, participants will learn paper making from self taught paper maker Katy DeMent, www.thepaperlady.com. Students will have a crash course in building equipment and making pulps from plants and recycled fibers, while creating handmade paper sheets with a variety of embellishments like color, texture and collage. If you attended a class before with Katy, please feel free to come and build on your skills. Here is what the day's schedule will look like:
10 a.m. Introduction to paper making; share examples, brief history of communication and the history of paper making, prep materials;
10:30 a.m. Do you want to make personal molds to take home for future paper making ? (materials cost \$35 each for this or use hers)
11:00 a.m. Making and dyeing pulps from natural and reclaimed materials and fibers, share examples of plant fiber varieties
Noon Sheet forming with texture, color and random inclusions

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Follow Laurel Arts on Facebook for more classes & events

Press and hang up to dry

1:00 -1:30 p.m. Short lunch break

1:30 p.m. Collage – participants may create handmade papers in a larger format while designing a wet on wet collage (can include vintage items from home)

3:00 p.m. How to “depost” and get it all home to dry.

Class will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at 601 Georgian Place. The fee for this all-day workshop is \$68 members/\$85 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts. Pre-registration is required. Pre-registration is required. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835 to register by April 13.

Soft Pretzel Making Workshop

Sunday, April 28, 2-4 pm

Did you know that April 26 is National Pretzel Day? Let's celebrate by learning to make them from scratch with instructor Elizabeth Miller. Miss Liz will have students making delicious pretzels on their own in no time! Class takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at 601 Georgian Place. Class fee, payable to Laurel Arts, is \$20 member / \$25 non-member plus a \$15 materials fee. Call/text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register by April 21. Pre-registration is required.

Donut Making Workshop

Sunday, May 5, 2-4 pm

With National Donut Day just a few weeks away, now is the perfect time to learn to make donuts from scratch. Join Instructor Elizabeth Miller for a sweet afternoon and get step by step instructions on making them. Class will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at 601 Georgian Place. Class fee, payable to Laurel Arts, is \$20 members / \$25 non-member plus a \$15 materials fee. Call/text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register by April 28. Pre-registration is required.

FOLLOW LAUREL ARTS ON FACEBOOK. Our classes have become so popular that they fill up fast. We are also adding classes all the time. To stay up with what we have to offer, follow Laurel Arts on Facebook.

Piano lessons at Georgian Place

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.

DAY CAMPS FOR KIDS

This is a year-round camp designed for ages 4-5 alone and 3 & under accompanied by an adult. The class would also be suitable for homeschooled children up to 3rd grade. The sessions include crafts, games, recipes, and storytime. Classes will run Wednesday mornings 10am to Noon. The cost per month is \$32 members/\$40 nonmembers and includes 3 sessions. Registration is required seven days before the first session of each month. Call/text 814-442-6217 to register. Camps take place at 601 Georgian Place.

Easter Fun Day Camp

Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20, 10 am to 12 noon

Hop on over to Laurel Arts for some more fun! Our crafts, games and snacks will be all about Easter this month. Take part in a special egg hunt, egg dying, and bunny crafts.

Think Spring!

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 10 am to 12 noon

“Think Spring” this month as we craft and create snacks all about this beautiful season including birds, butterflies, flowers, and more. We will also recycle and turn some unexpected items into creative crafts for Earth Day.

Red, White, & Blue

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 10 am to 12 noon

50 stars and 13 stripes ... Join us as we learn more about our American flag and all about Memorial Day. Red, white, and blue will be the colors of the month as we create some patriotic crafts.

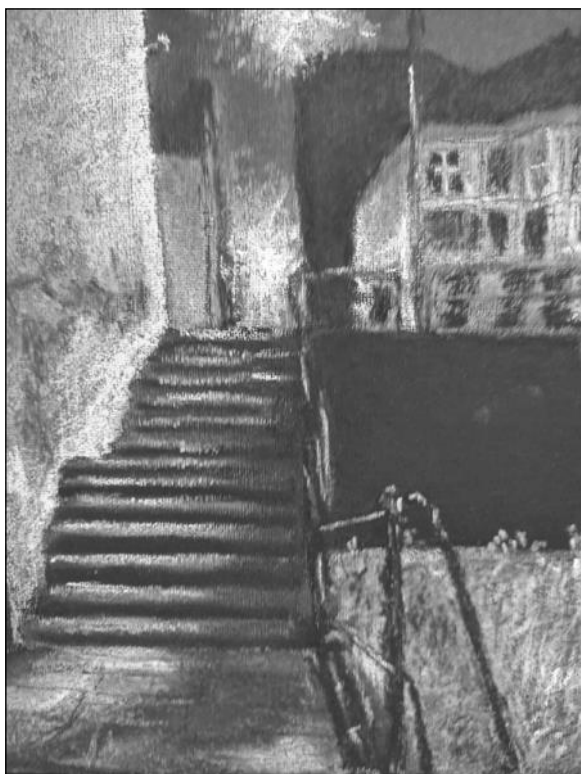
GET MOVING ...

Line Dancing, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday mornings

Instructor Katherine Ziegler is offering line dancing classes from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday mornings. This is a great way to get your body moving, exercise your brain as you learn new dance moves, and meet new people. No experience is required to join. Classes are weekly on Saturdays (except Easter weekend 3/30 and the weekend of the Laurel Arts Dance rehearsal and recital 5/11 & practice 5/18) at 601 Georgian Place. Cost is \$5 per class. You can preregister to secure your spot or just drop in.

TapFUNDamentals, 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday mornings

Instructor Cindy Breen will help you check off another item on your bucket list (learn to tap dance!) No experience necessary, and we may have shoes for you to borrow. Classes are drop-in \$6.40 members / \$8 non-members. For more info, text 814-701-1699.



Somerset County Senior High School Art Exhibit was on display at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts through the end of February. Above is the SCAA Best in Show watercolor created by **Chase Lepley**, 12th grade, North Star High School. Other winners were: First Place to **Katelyn Turley** for *My Brother*. Katelyn is a senior at Conemaugh Township. Second place went to **Callista Welch** for *Sunset over Connellsville*. Callista is a senior at Berlin Brothersvalley High School. Third place went to **Emma Ferko** for *Cyanocitta Cristata*. Emma is a senior at Shanksville-Stonycreek. An honorable mention was awarded to **Ryleigh Loudermilk** for her Mixed Media Globe. Ryleigh is a senior at Somerset Area High School.

COMING UP NEXT

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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 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10**



Purse Party set for April 7

Are you *WILD ABOUT BAGS*? Here's your chance to score some wild and wonderful purses. Laurel Arts will host its third purse party beginning at 1:30 p.m. April 7 at Bakersville Fire Hall.

Food and beverages are included in the \$30 ticket price. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Drawings begin at 2 p.m. and go off every 15 minutes for 10 designer purses. In addition, there will be drawings for "Pick of the Table" purses, plus a 50/50, door prizes, and basket raffles.

Designer bags are by Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors and Patricia Nash.

Tickets are available at Laurel Arts (both locations). Winners need not be present to win (but you'll miss all the fun if you don't come!) You must be 21 years of age or older to participate. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Call 814-443-2433 or stop by Laurel Arts, 214 S. Harrison Ave., or 601 Georgian Place, Somerset.

Kenny Blake & Friends to return May 11

We are excited to announce another great JAZZ event featuring the smooth sounds of Kenny Blake & Friends!

The evening of music will kick off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11 at Somerset Country Club; please contact the club for dining reservations. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased by calling 814-443-2433 or visiting Laurel Arts.

This event would not be possible without the generous support of our amazing sponsors: Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Luther P. Miller, Mosholder Insurance Agency, and Riggs Industries.

All proceeds directly benefit Laurel Arts; we GREATLY appreciate your support!

Our members, community partners and friends of the arts!

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Sunday, April 21 at 4-7pm

Oakhurst Grille & Event Center
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\$50 per Couple
\$20 extra adult or child

Includes Buffet, Dessert, Beverages, Crafts,
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