

Laurel Arts

Arts for everyone



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Drum roll, please ...

Grant awards help make art happen!

Next time your children or grandchildren visit our **Imagination Garden**, please ask them to give us a drum roll! We are so excited to announce that Laurel Arts has received nearly \$6,000 from The Berkey Fund at The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. The money will be used to add two more musical instruments to our **Imagination Garden**.

The Imagination Garden, installed in 2019, is a space that combines the beauty of nature with engaging and whimsical musical instruments.

Laurel Arts is also the recipient of an Early Childhood Education grant award from The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. An award of \$6,000 will be used for scholarships to our art-based preschool program, **Studio Kids**. The scholarships will be provided to children attending **Studio Kids** whose families are experiencing financial hardships.

Our mission is to create an environment in which the arts are accessible and available to all. We are thankful to the CFA for understanding the need, supporting the arts, and supporting our community.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of financial assistance for the upcoming preschool year, and/or if would like to learn more about our **Studio Kids** program, please contact us. Call 814-443-1835 or email office@laurelarts.org.



The **Imagination Garden** sits on top of the hill behind the garage at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. There is a path leading from the parking lot, and it's open for visitors anytime!

Upcoming LA Nights!

There are a few more chances for you to enjoy an **LA Night Out** as we continue to present music on our lawn stage. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite snacks and beverages, or visit the food and beverage vendors.

Chalk & the Erasers will play from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 13. Daddio's BBQ and Grill and Glades Pike Winery will have food and beverages available for sale.

Dopamine and The Feels are joining us from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Legend's Caribbean Grill and Vin De Matrix will be back.

The Sequel is set to rock the lawn from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 10. The Untraditional Creperie and Vin De Matrix will have food and wine available for purchase.

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Upcoming exhibits ...

12th Triennial Exhibit *Hue Are You? A Walk with*

Roy G Biv

An Exhibit of Color

Through July 11

Art in Bloom: **Exploring Botanicals**

July 18 – August 15

From Georgia O'Keefe to Andy Goldsworthy, artists have been taking inspiration from nature. In this exhibit, you'll see contemporary twists and unconventional materials used to create plant-inspired artwork. Join us for the opening reception and explore botanicals in various media.

Opening Reception
Friday, July 19, 6-8 p.m.

SCAA Member Show
August 22 - September 26

Artist Association members will fill the galleries with their recent and wonderful work beginning August 22. The public is, of course, invited to the opening reception, or visit our galleries during regular gallery hours: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

Opening Reception
Friday, August 23, 6-8 p.m.



Located on the
2nd Floor
of
The Philip
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Triennial winners

Hue Are You? A Walk with Roy G Biv



Best of Show: **Distressed Harmony** by David Greene, Rockwood.



2nd Place: **Nearly Easter** by Kenneth Michael O'Brien, Romney, WV.



Somerset County Artist Association Award: **Rothko #3 Red on Green** by Dai Morgan, Pittsburgh.

Juror Award: **Winter Wall Quilt** by Kristyn Rohrer, Morgantown, WV



1st Place: **Jazz** by Peggy Black, Boswell.



3rd Place: **Night Lights** by Kathy Trexel Reed, Berlin.



From the Director's Desk ... thank you, golfers!



Yes, these are the women who were actively trying to separate the golfers from their money – all for a good cause (from left Rebecca Frola Biss, Erin Mayak, Laura Bowers, Robin Henley and Sharon Clapper.) Our annual Charity Golf Tournament, this year held June 7 at Somerset Country Club, benefits the Dorothy Dressler Scholarship Fund and children's programming at Laurel Arts. Sixteen teams competed for prizes. Bragging rights go to:

Women's 1st Place Gross & Net: Indian Lake Ladies Association team with Allison Finui, Laura Schrock, Brenda Wasson and Carolyn Norris. **Men's 1st Place Gross:** UPMC Somerset with Andy Rush, Dave Rascona, Dr. Mark Yaros and Glenn Miller. **Men's 1st Place Net:** Somerset Trust Company with Bruce Shipley, Skeets Ellis, Parke Kreinbrook, and Ron Kaufman.

Our sponsors (we couldn't do a successful golf tournament without you) are: Highland Tank, Somerset Trust Company, Barb & Randy Davies Foundation, Whalley Charitable Trust, Riggs Industries, AmeriServ Trust and Financial Services Company, Our Home, Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home & Cremation Services, UPMC Somerset, Acrisure, Global/SFC Valve, Luther P. Miller Inc., Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Rotary Club of Somerset.

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And, a special thank you to our golf committee: Jim Knepper, chair; Jeff Carberry, Jon Clapper, Sharon Clapper, Allison Finui, and Brian Ziegler. Without them, this event would not exist. You are much appreciated!

Upcoming LA Nights!

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The ever-popular **Tim & Stacey** will join us from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 17 along with The Fat Squirrel and Glades Pike Winery.

Bam N' Luxy with The Laurel will finish out the month, performing from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 24. Rayne's Backyard BBQ will be back.

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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, 814-443-3085 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. at Somerset Junior High School. 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.

Somerset Garden Club enjoys luncheon

What a great meeting Somerset Garden Club had recently. The highlight had to be the excellent presentation by our 2024 scholarship winner Tanner Wassichalk, who was in attendance with his mother Gala. Tanner, a recent graduate of Somerset Area High School, will be attending West Virginia University in the fall where he will pursue a degree in Wildlife Biology with the goal of sustaining and conserving terrestrial and aquatic species for future generations. We wish him luck with his endeavors.



Jan Szych and Andrea Falchek in their hat creations.

Members were also treated to presentations from past presidents Linda Musser, Andrea Falchek, and Sheila Croushore who reminisced on their favorite activities during their terms. Andrea also presented her favorite gardening tool, the hori-hori knife.

The fun event of the day was the hat contest. It was a close-run vote, but Jan Szych took the prize with her floral fascinator.

Thank you to our hostesses for the day Diane Keller, Christine Romesburg, Carol Miller and Susan King.



Laurel Arts is thrilled to host Somerset County's (SoCo) Summer Parade! This event will kickoff Chalk the Block festivities the weekend of July 26 - 28! Head to Uptown Somerset for an evening of community fun and a weekend of one of the best chalk art festivals in existence! Parade will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, July 26.

Parade route and additional details will be released on Laurel Arts' Facebook page and website soon. If interested in participating in the parade, please contact parade@laurelarts.org for an application. Deadline for parade applications is July 13.

Summer cooking series features SoCo Farmers Market products

Laurel Arts and Instructor Elizabeth Miller will be offering cooking classes from 2 to 4 p.m. the 2nd Saturday of each month, in collaboration with the SoCo Farmers Market uptown. Each class will feature ingredients from one or more market vendors. The SoCo Market will continued from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through October 19 at 243 W. Main Street, Somerset.

The SoCo Farmers Market is a community-driven initiative that aims to connect local farmers, producers, and artisans with consumers who value fresh, locally grown and made goods. The market is a vibrant hub of activity where people come together to socialize, shop, and learn about the benefits of supporting local agriculture.

The Garden Grill, Saturday, July 13, 2-4 PM

The class will include how to build your own kabobs using local meats and vegetables and how to prepare them on the grill. We will use seasonings from Covered Bridge Garlic to add some delicious flavor! Cost is \$20 members / \$25 nonmembers plus a \$20 materials fee payable to Laurel Arts. Registration is required at least one week before each class. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register. Class is at 601 Georgian Place. A nonrefundable payment of 50% of the fees is required at the time of registration.

Water Bath Canning, Saturday, August 10, 2-4 PM

The Water Bath Canning class will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, August 10 at 601 Georgian Place. The class will include how to use the water bath canning method to preserve fresh vegetables to enjoy later. We will be

canning apples and salsa. Fresh produce will be used from Double Ease Gardens. Cost is \$20 members / \$25 nonmembers plus a \$20 materials fee payable to Laurel Arts. Registration is required at least one week before each class. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register. A nonrefundable payment of 50% of the fees is required at the time of registration.

Seasonal Quiche, Saturday, September 14, 2-4 PM

The Seasonal Quiche class will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, September 14 at 601 Georgian Place. The class will focus on how to make a delicious quiche using local ingredients including mushrooms from Sheep Ridge Farms. Cost is \$20 members / \$25 nonmembers plus a \$20 materials fee all payable to Laurel Arts. Registration is required at least one week before each class. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register. A nonrefundable payment of 50% of the fees is required at the time of registration.

Breads & Spreads, Saturday, October 12, 2-4 PM

The Breads & Spreads class will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 12 at 601 Georgian Place. The class will include how to make Liz's delicious pretzel bread, a honey butter, and a honey mustard dip. Cost is \$20 members / \$25 nonmembers plus a \$20 materials fee all payable to Laurel Arts. Registration is required at least one week before each class. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register. A nonrefundable payment of 50% of the fees is required at the time of registration.



Don't miss Laurel Arts Makers Markets Wednesdays July 10, August 14, September 11 & October 9

Makers Markets feature local artisans who make and sell their own original artwork, farmers and growers who produce their own vegetables, artisan food products, health & beauty products, and so much more. Makers Markets are held on the lawn across from The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts (corner of Tayman Street and Harrison Avenue) from 5 to 8 p.m. (or until dusk in October).

Follow Laurel Arts' Facebook page for more information about who's coming to each market, who's entertaining and what you'll miss if you don't show up!

Our Art Studio is air conditioned ... it's a cool place to be this summer!

Summer Stained Glass Series

Wednesday, July 10, 17, 24, 6-8 pm

Join instructor Cortney Himes for this workshop as she shares yet another one of her many talents. Cortney recently taught a resin



class at Laurel Arts and also works with linoprints, sculpting, painting, and more! During this three-week workshop, students will learn the basic steps in cutting, soldering, and creating a beautiful stained glass piece. In the three weeks, participants will work on completing the four stained glass pieces that are pictured - a collection perfect for summer!

Our August session filled up fast so we decided to add another one! Don't wait to register! Classes will be 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$40 members; \$50 non-members (maybe it's time to join!) plus a \$40 materials fee. Preregistration is required. Call/text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835. Space is limited to six students. We ask for 50% of the fees to be paid at the time of registration. We can take credit card by phone or stop in at either location to pay with cash or check.

Wool Braided Rug Workshop

Tuesday, July 16, 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 6-8:30 pm

Instructor Lisa Meyers will be offering another one of her beautiful rug making classes over the summer! 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 session 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 takes place on Tuesday, July 16 at 6pm to 7pm. We will take a one week break to allow time to purchase materials. If there is interest, we will take a trip to Pittsburgh to shop at some thrift stores there. The following four classes will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays July 30, August 6, 13, and 20 at 601 Georgian Place.

Cost for the class is \$52 members / \$65 non-members. Fees for materials are not included in the cost.

Preregistration is required. Our 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 welcome to visit, show off your work or ask a question.

Weekly Line Dancing Classes

Wednesdays, 10-11 am

Stay fit this summer by taking line dancing classes with experienced instructor Katherine Zeigler. 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, from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at 601 Georgian Place. Cost is \$5 per class. You can preregister to secure your spot or just drop in. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call 814-443-1835 to register ahead.

TapFUNDamentals

Mondays, 5 to 6 pm (except July 8 & 15)

Join a fun group of tappers this summer (through August 12) and complete that bucket list! We welcome tappers of all levels including no experience. We may even have tap shoes you can borrow. Class always starts with a warm-up and ends with a cool-down. In between, it's pure fun with lots of dancing. No need to memorize choreography, we shout it out and follow along. This is a drop-in class. Cost is \$6.40 members / \$8 non-members, and is held at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset.



Registration is still open for the 2024-25 school year! Studio Kids introduces children to the early education environment through a fun, artistic, and flexible curriculum providing opportunities for establishing new friendships, creative thinking, and a love of learning! For information, call 814-443-1835, or email office@laurelarts.org.



Hey, Batter, Batter, it's time to SWING
into Laurel Arts Dance and register
for our 2023-24 dance year!
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