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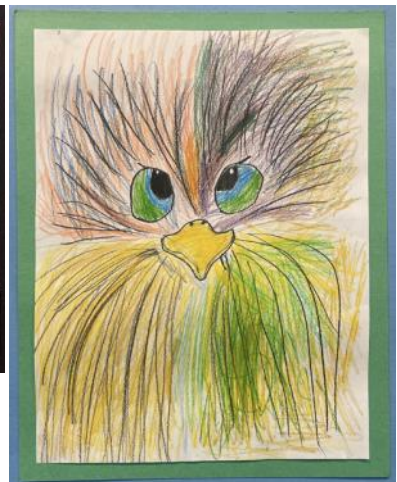
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Somerset County Elementary & Jr. High Art Exhibit Winners



Grade K-2 winners: 1st place (left) Aaron Gironda, 1st grade, Conemaugh Township; 2nd place (above) Ariya Stahl, 1st grade, North Star; 3rd place (above right) Henry Wheeler, 2nd grade, Maple Ridge.



Grade 3-5 winners: 1st place (above left) Alana Burk, 5th grade, North Star; 2nd place (above, middle) Hayden Culley, 5th grade, Eagle View; 3rd place (above right) Mason Menser, 3rd grade, St. Peter School.



Grade 6-8 winners: 1st place (left) Allyson Monticue, 7th grade, Rockwood; 2nd place (middle) Peyton Lasure, 8th grade, Conemaugh Twp.; 3rd place (right) Juliette St. Clair, 6th grade, North Star.

Honorable mentions were also awarded to Elija Zawisza, K, St. Peter School; Lucy Stoy, 5th grade, St. Peter School; and Kaiah Fleege, 8th grade, North Star.

*Upcoming exhibits ...***Somerset County
Senior High School
Art Exhibit**

February 11-March 1
Opening Reception
2-4 p.m. Sunday, February 16

**Somerset Area
School District
Art Exhibit**

March 11-March 29
Opening Reception
2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 16

**3rd Annual
Off The Wall 3-D Exhibit**

April 10-May 8
Opening Reception
6-8 p.m. Friday, April 11

**Cutting Edge:
Contemporary
Papercutting**

October 1-April 1, 2025



Located on the
2nd Floor
of
The Philip Dressler
Center for the Arts

Submissions being accepted for 3rd Annual *Off The Wall 3-D Exhibit*

The artwork in the galleries at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts will be **Off the Wall** during the third annual exhibit of three-dimensional creations. Instead of walking up to the art, guests should be able to walk through and around the art as it's displayed on the floor, on pedestals, on 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.

Artists (age 18 and over) who create three-dimensional pieces in any medium (wood, stone, metal, plastic, glass, found objects, etc.), sculptural, welding, blacksmithing, carvings, castings, installations, reliefs, mixed media, 3-D printing, collages, mosaics, jewelry, pottery, and/or fibers are invited to participate. Pieces can be whimsical, abstract, or realistic.

IMPORTANT DATES: The online entry period is open for the pre-jurying process. The entry form can be found on our website, laurelarts.org. Submit entry form, images, and non-refundable \$30 entry fee online. If you experience difficulties, please contact us at 814-443-2433 or gallery@laurelarts.org. Online entry period closes at 11:59 p.m. March 7. No submissions will be accepted after this date/time. Artists will be notified of selected/unselected art via email by 4 p.m. March 28. Artwork will be accepted for exhibit from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 5 and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 7 and 8. The exhibit will open April 10 with an opening reception and awards presentation Friday, April 11. The exhibit will close at 6 p.m. May 8. All artwork must remain at the Center throughout the exhibit period.

ENTRY DETAILS: Maximum of three (3) entries per artist. A non-refundable fee of \$30 must accompany your online submission. Artists must offer at least two of their entries for sale. The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts/Laurel Arts will transact all sales and sales tax. If sold, the artist receives 70% of the sale price so price your work accordingly. A W-9 will be furnished to each artist to complete at drop off.

POLICIES FOR ACCEPTANCE: This juried exhibit is open to all artists, age 18 and older. All submitted artwork must be original and created solely by the submitting artist. No AI generated artwork is permitted. Recent work is encouraged; however, work that has been exhibited at the Dressler Center within the past three (3) years is not eligible. Laurel Arts reserves the right to reject work accepted by the juror that does not meet the exhibit requirements, including but not limited to, content, inability to install the work (i.e. improper hardware) or work not ready (i.e. wet paint). For each accepted piece, please attach a small label (usually underneath) containing your name, title, material/medium and price/NFS.

Complete information about submissions is available on the website: laurelarts.org/exhibit-submission/.



Please note: There will be no advance ticket sales; all tickets will be sold at the door the day of the event. Takeout will be available. Cash preferred.

Laurel Arts "Mud Ladies" invite you to attend our annual **Soup'er Bowl Event**

For a donation of \$20, attendees select a one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted bowl made by local artists and receive a simple meal of soup, bread, a cookie, and beverage which have been donated by local restaurants/businesses. The clay bowls are then taken home to serve as a reminder that soup feeds the body, but **ART feeds the soul!**

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15
Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center
601 Georgian Place, Somerset

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Thank you for *Keeping the Arts Alive!*

As we begin a new year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to our 2025 End-of-Year Annual Appeal. Your generosity ensures that Laurel Arts continues to provide "Arts for Everyone" regardless of age, background, or financial situation.

Your support is more than just a donation, it is the foundation that keeps our organization running. Annual contributions provide essential general operating support, allowing us to maintain our historic Philip Dressler Center for the Arts, pay our dedicated staff and instructors, keep our classrooms and studios open, and continue offering

high-quality arts programs to our community.

Without this annual support, and your annual membership, the resources needed to sustain these programs and facilities would not be possible. YOU make the arts accessible, vibrant, and thriving in Somerset County.

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and commitment to our mission. Thank you for ensuring that the arts remain a vital part of our community. We look forward to another year of creativity, inspiration, and connection with you by our side!

Jaclyn McCusker, Director of Development

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.

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 for the summer season will begin again in March. Watch for details or contact Dave Breen, 814-701-1515, photo@davebreen.com. New members are always welcome.

Visual Arts

Somerset County Artists Association: Contact Dave Greene, 814-442-3934.

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends: Contact Carol Saylor, barbados741@hotmail.com, 814-442-9519.

Woodcarvers: Contact Jeff Baltzer, 814-442-6617.



Will you consider volunteering?

Many non-profit organizations rely on volunteers to keep their doors open and their events running smoothly. We, too, would like to engage our members as volunteers.

Eventually, we would like to utilize volunteer docents to allow us to keep our galleries open more hours (in the evenings and on weekends.)

Event set-up is another area where volunteers would be greatly appreciated. We could use volunteers to assist with gallery openings, Makers Markets, and music nights.

Do you love to tend gardens, cut grass, shovel snow (although we're hoping that spring is right around the corner)?

We're also open to fundraising and new project / program ideas from our members. Will you be an ambassador for the arts in Somerset County?

If you'd like more information about volunteering at Laurel Arts, please contact Jennifer Long, jlong@laurelarts.org, call 814-443-2433, or talk with any of our board members (listed on page 3.)

We are hiring! Maintenance Coordinator

We are looking for a part-time maintenance coordinator who is able to work independently. Previous experience is preferred but not required. Hours are flexible, 20-25 hours per week, and may vary seasonally. Clearances are required. Among your duties will be:

- Overseeing general upkeep of The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts and Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center
- Mowing and snow removal at Dressler (equipment provided)
- Setting up and tearing down for events
- Working with outside contractors as needed
- Responding to maintenance and/or alarm system emergencies

If interested, please email or send your resume to:

laurelartsboardofdirectors@gmail.com

Laurel Arts Personnel Committee, PO Box 414, Somerset, PA 15501

Thank you to our affiliated organizations
and their members
for keeping the
Arts Alive in Somerset County!

Don't hibernate ... join Laurel Arts for these classes & workshops

Be sure to follow Laurel Arts on **FACEBOOK** to see the most current information on classes and workshops! Invite your friends to follow us, too! This is just a sampling of the offerings coming up.

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

Wood Braided Rug Making Workshop February 11, 25, March 4, 11 & 18

Instructor Lisa Meyers will be offering another rug making workshop. This class teaches a machine free, gadget free, ancient method of making braided rugs. Braided rugs and other homemade rugs are the ultimate recycling projects. These rugs, when cared for properly, become heirlooms. Learn all the techniques 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 session and cannot be missed. There will be plenty of time for questions. Please do not buy any materials before this lesson. After the information session, 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 from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 11. 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. Tuesdays February 25, March 4, 11 and 18. Lisa will also offer an evening session at 6 p.m. Cost for the class is \$52 members / \$65 nonmembers. Fees for materials are not included in the cost. Preregistration is required. Class takes place at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset.

Valentine Gnome Painting Tuesday, February 11, 6-8 pm

Enjoy the perfect evening out with friends or family and take home this festive project perfect for Valentines decorating. It would also make a great gift! Instructor Cathi Neuhof will walk students through creating this

adorable gnome with acrylic paints. This class is suitable for all levels of paint experience. Class will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 11 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$56 members / \$70 non-members and includes all materials. Location: Laurel Arts at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset.



Repurposed Book Snowman Wednesday, February 12, 6-8 pm

Instructor Shawna Bailey will show students how to take old books and turn them into a fun winter decoration.



Participants will use exacto knives to shape the books into a snowman and card stock to craft a top hat. Add buttons and accessories to make him your own. All materials, including the books, will be provided. Class will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 12. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$16 members / \$20 non-members plus a \$3 materials fee payable to Laurel

Arts. Class is at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset.

Winter Air Dry Clay Workshop Wednesday, February 12 & 19, 6:30-8:30 pm

Join Instructor Marsha Schmuck for an evening of winter themed fun using air dry clay. Use a pinch pot technique to make a three-part snowman and cut a snowflake shaped dish perfect for holding small items. These are just a couple of our "cool" creations. This class is designed for ages 8 & up. Classes will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays February 12 and 19 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$24 members / \$30 non-members. Material fee is \$20.

Flames & Suds Candle & Soap Making Workshop Sunday, February 23, 2-4 pm

Take some "me" time and learn to make your own candles and glycerin soap with Instructor Elizabeth Miller. Students will have a choice of scents, colors, and add ins to help make them unique. Class will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, February 23 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$24 members / \$30 non-members with a materials fee of \$25.

Remember, spring's just around the corner ...

Please register at least a week in advance; 50% deposit is required.

Spring Paint Pouring Workshop

Sunday, March 2, 2-4 pm

As a new season approaches, learn the basics of paint pouring in a whole new way. Students will use their choice of colors to paint over a flowerpot. We will use a canvas to catch what drips off to create a second paint pour! Class will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2 at 601 Georgian Place. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$24 members / \$30 non-members plus a \$20 materials fee.

Pysanky Egg Workshop

Thursday, March 6, 5-7 pm

Pysanky is a traditional craft originally done in Ukraine and Poland. Join instructor Alicia Shussett as she helps you create a beautiful Pysanky egg. Students will learn to add patterns using the traditional method involving wax and various colors of dye. The class will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. The fee is \$36 members / \$45 non-members payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$7 materials fee.



Tropical Oil Painting with Jen Boden

Saturday, March 8, 10 am to 1 pm

Think spring and much warmer weather. After a long, cold winter, a tropical scene is in the forecast for today's oil painting workshop. Instructor Jen Boden will assist students in a tropical paradise in oil. This class is perfect for all levels. Class will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$48 members / \$60 non-members.

Mom & Me Spa Day

Saturday, March 8, 3-5 pm

Spend some quality time together and enjoy a bit of pampering. Instructor Elizabeth Miller will show participants how to make a few perfect spa day creations such as bath bombs, sugar scrubs, chap stick, and face masks. Try them on here or take them home to enjoy. This class is not limited to moms and daughters. Grandmas, aunts, friends ... all are welcome! Class will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 8 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$40 mother/child couple plus \$15 for each additional child.

Donut Making Workshop

Monday, March 24, 5-7 pm

Instructor Elizabeth Miller is always cooking up some delicious ideas for her next class! This time participants will learn to make amazing donuts from scratch and how to fry them to perfection. There will be taste testing and take home goodies! Class will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 24 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$24 members / \$30 non-members. Material fee is \$30.

Spring Lattice Berry Pie Making Workshop

Sunday, April 6, 2-4 pm

There's something about a homemade pie that just doesn't compare to a store bought one. Learn to make a pie from scratch with Instructor Elizabeth Miller. It will be made from berries that are in season. Each participant will get a full pie to take home and bake. Class will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 6 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$24 members / \$30 non-members plus a \$30 materials fee.

Sourdough "Starters" for Starters

Tuesday, April 8, 6-8 pm

Celebrate Sourdough Bread Day on April 1 and learn how to care for a sourdough starter and bake the easiest loaf of bread (Sourdough Boule). In this class, Instructor Pam Frola will show you how to care for your sourdough starter and the importance of routine feedings. We will make a few loaves in class but each participant will be given their own starter and dough to take home and bake. Class is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 8 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$24 members / \$30 non-members plus a \$20 materials fee.

Bunny Butt Cake Decorating Workshop

Monday, April 14, 5-7 pm

Learn some new decorating skills just in time for Easter celebrations. Join Instructor Elizabeth Miller and decorate a prepared white cake to create an adorable bunny butt. Each participant will work on their own cake to take home. Cakes can be frozen to serve for Easter. Class will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 14 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$24 members / \$30 non-members plus a \$30 materials fee.

CANDYLAND

Laurel Arts
FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 AT 4PM TO 7PM
Oakhurst Grille & Event Center
2409 Glades Pike, Somerset, PA

\$55 per Couple
\$20 extra adult or child

Includes Buffet, Dessert,
Beverages, Crafts,
Entertainment by
DJ Dan Breckenridge, &
a free 5X7 taken by
Photographer BJ Singo

Tickets must be purchased ahead of time.
Call 814-442-6217 for more information or stop at
601 Georgian Place for tickets.

Dads and daughters (grandfathers and granddaughters) will have a SWEET time at our annual Father-Daughter Dance. This year's theme is Candyland! This year's dance is set for 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, March 23 at Oakhurst Grille & Event Center. Tickets must be purchased in advance by March 15. Cost is \$55 per couple. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call or text 814-442-6217 or stop at the Education & Dance Center, 601 Georgian Place (office hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.)

Summer ART Camps for kids

Now's the time to register your children and/or grandchildren for our summer art camps. There are camps available for children age 1 through 9th grade. The camps are listed on our Facebook page under Events. You can pick up a summer art camp flyer at Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center. We also distributed over 3000 flyers to area schools.

Some of our camps (particularly our cooking camps) fill us fast! Call Marsha at (814) 442-6217 or register in person at Laurel Arts, 601 Georgian Place, Somerset • (814) 443-1835.

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