

Laurel Arts

Arts for everyone

ArtLink • A Newsletter for the Members of Laurel Arts • April-May



Spring is in the air ... there'll be music everywhere

We don't want to wait until summer to bring music to the lawn stage! Our first lawn concert of the season will be Saturday evening, May 24.

Somerset's Got Talent on **May 24** will be an open mic kickoff, and we're looking for musicians who would like to perform a song or two in front of a live audience. Call Laurel Arts for more details, 814-443-2433. Hayley Belardi will also be performing that evening. Join us from 5 to 8 p.m. Food will be available for purchase from everybody's favorite, The Fat Squirrel.

Delta gypsygrass and dark folk rhapsodies by singer-songwriter Bjorn Jacobsen with Robin Chambers on fiddle will fill the lawn with music and delight audiences from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, **June 7**. The Untraditional Creperie promises to delight your taste buds.

The following Sunday, **June 15**, Somerset County Community Band will present its annual Father's Day Concert at 5:30 p.m. As always, there will be free ice cream sundaes for everyone attending.

The Upper Ursina Collective will perform from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, **June 21**. Maple Valley BBQ Company will have food available for purchase.

Dynamic father / son duo The Toths and everybody's favorite eclectic talent Randy Myers will perform from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday evening, **June 28**, and The Fat Squirrel will be back.

Celebrate the 4th on the 5th of July with White Horse from 6 to 9 p.m. This ever-popular band attracts a big crowd! If you enjoyed The Untraditional Creperie earlier in the month, make sure to come back **July 5**.

The Sequel, featuring one of our own board members Jeff Johnson, will take the stage Saturday, **July 12**. Maple Valley BBQ Company will also return that evening.

This summer will also feature: Bam & Friends with food by Taste with the Bowers from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, **July 26**; Matt Otis & The Sound with The Untraditional Creperie from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, **August 9**; and Tim & Stacy with Somerset Boy Scout Troop, from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, **August 16**.

We'll finish the summer series with an evening of blue grass on our green lawn! Marhele Bradford Exchange will perform from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by Hickory Bottom Band from 7 to 9 Saturday, **August 23**. The Untraditional Creperie will also finish out our summer of great foods.



Bring you lawn chair, pack a cooler, and join us this spring and summer for music on the lawn.

Upcoming exhibits ...

**3rd Annual
Off The Wall 3-D Exhibit**
Through May 8

**2025 Mental Health
Awareness Showcase**

Through the end of May
Green Room, 2nd Floor
Students in grades 6-12 were
invited to submit works displaying
the theme *My Feelings As Art*. The
exhibit is sponsored by Bedford-
Somerset Developmental &
Behavioral Health Services.

**Laurel Highlands
Photo Friends Exhibit**

May 22-June 12
Opening Reception
6-8 p.m., Friday, May 23

SCAA Juried Show

June 19-July 17
Opening Reception
6-8 p.m., Friday, June 20

**Jeanne Perrier and
Laurel Arts Clay Artists**

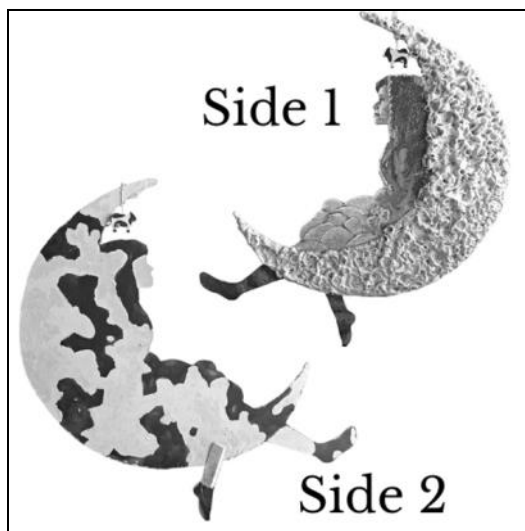
July 24-August 28
Opening Reception
6-8 p.m., Friday, July 25



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

The winners

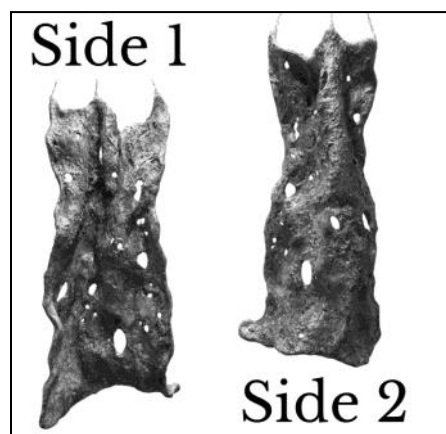
3rd Annual Off The Wall 3-D Exhibit



Best of Show: Luna Gal, Kevin Kutz,
Bedford (wood, spray foam, oil paint)



3rd Place: Textured Vessel, Bridget Mayak,
Somerset (clay)



1st Place: One With, Colleen
Albright, Johnstown (paper mache)



2nd Place: Monarchs of the Dead,
Kyra Schon, Bedford (pewter
necklace)



HM: On Your Feet, Frank Krasovic,
Johnstown (metal Busch Light
bottles)

ABOUT THE JUROR: Norman Ed attended Westmont Hilltop High School, graduating in 1977. He went on to attend Tyler School of Art, Temple University, graduating in 1981 with a B.F.A. in Interdepartmental Studies with a concentration in glass and earned a PA teaching certification. After graduating from Tyler, he remained in Philadelphia gaining varied work experience in carpentry, art restoration, and music industry management. In 1988 he was hired by Westmont Hilltop School District as an art instructor, which remained his profession for 30 years. He continues to teach at local arts organizations and as an adjunct ceramics instructor at Mt. Aloysius University in Cresson.



MAKE IT BAKE IT GROW IT

MAKERS MARKET

5 PM - 8 PM

MAY 14 AUG 13
JUNE 11 SEPT 10
JULY 9 OCT 8
4- Dusk

The Lawn @ Laurel Arts
Arts for everyone

Mark your calendars with the dates above. You don't want to miss any of the fabulous finds at this year's Makers Market on the lawn at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts.



Hundreds of people had a great time selecting their favorite bowl at this year's Soup'er Bowl. Making the event extra special were the soup, cookies and bread donated by Chuck Wagon, Italian Oven, Oakhurst, Great Day Juice Company, Pine Grill, F.O.E., the Fat Squirrel, Cup of Soul, and Eat 'n Park. Curious Creations Studio and Igniting Creativity also added beautiful bowls to our event.

The Laurel Arts Mud Ladies would like to thank all who attended Soup'er Bowl 2025, as well as our volunteers who helped to make it a delicious success!

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, 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 are at 7:15 p.m. Thursdays. 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.

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



Chorale to present concert

In All Kinds of Weather

The Laurel Highlands Chorale will present its annual spring concert, ***In All Kinds of Weather***, at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3 and at 7 p.m. Monday, May 4. The concert will be held at Somerset Church of the Brethren, Berlin-Plank Road.

The chorale is under the direction of Jan Burkett and is accompanied by Stephanie Pesi. Among the musical selections to be performed are ***Weatherman***, performed by Eddie Benjamin; ***Snowy Day***, performed by Boyz II Men; ***How High the Moon*** by ladies of the Chorale; ***Blue Skies*** by men of the Chorale; ***Over the Rainbow*** and ***What a Wonderful World***.

In addition to members of the Chorale, other performers will include Allyn Lambert on violin, Brandon Lambert on percussion, and Teresa Cook on trumpet. Dave Reeder will perform during intermission with Larry Philip on guitar and Rick Showers on trombone.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door or in advance from any chorale member.

The Chorale will be ***Singin' in the Rain***, no matter the weather outside!

Somerset County Community Band begins rehearsals for summer season

New members are always welcome to join Somerset County Community Band; and junior and senior high school band students are also encouraged to play with the band.

The band will begin its season by joining Johnstown Christian School for its spring concert. The annual Fathers Day Concert (and free ice cream social) will be at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 15 on the lawn stage at Laurel Arts.

Over the summer, the band will travel to Meyersdale, Latrobe, Stoystown, Shanksville, Hidden Valley, and Kingwood.

Rehearsals are at 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at Somerset Area Junior High School. For more information about the band, contact Dave Breen, photo@davebreen.com or call 814-701-1515.

Somerset Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale

9 am to noon Saturday, May 17
at Laurel Arts

Enjoy a spring class before heading into a busy summer

Bring Your Own Pattern Crochet Series

Beginning Thursday, May 22, 6-8 p.m.

Let Instructor Tami Skavang help you tackle that crochet pattern you have been wanting to complete. She will assist students of all levels. Please bring your pattern and your choice of yarn. Registration is required. We ask that 50% of the fees be paid at the time of registration. Class will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 22; Wednesday, May 28; Thursday, June 5; and Thursday, June 12 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts is \$52 members / \$65 non-members. Call/Text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835 to register by May 15.

Chunky Blanket Workshop

Friday, May 23, 5:30-8 p.m.

Learn how to make your own chunky knit blanket with Amy Miller from Finnegan Knits of Finzel, MD. This class is a great introduction to knitting; no needles required and at the end of the class you will have a lap blanket to call your own! Make your blanket part of your home decor, or they make wonderful gifts! All ages 8 through adult are welcome! Registration is required. We ask that 50% of the fees be paid at the time of registration. Workshop will be

held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 23 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. Class fee payable to Laurel Arts: \$32 members; \$40 non-members. Materials Fee: \$25 and includes three skeins of yarn to make a lap blanket. Call/Text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-1835 to register by May 16.

Resin Stained Glass Bird & Birdhouse

Friday, May 30, 6-8 p.m.

We are happy to have Corie Hartsock of the Painting Broad in Philipsburg, PA host a class for us. Students will make a 12" bird house faux stained glass frame. Enjoy using all the crushed glass embellishments, mica powder, plus everything on the resin table. This is such a fun project. So many design and color options! Projects will need to dry overnight and can be picked up in 24 hours. Class will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 30 at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. The cost is \$24 for member / \$30 non-members plus a \$45 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 May 23.

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 up fast! Call Marsha at (814) 442-6217 or register in person at Laurel Arts, 601 Georgian Place, Somerset • (814) 443-1835.

Art Adventures, Toddlers Ages 1 to 4

3 half days of FUN!

Bug Camp: 10 am to noon June 9-11

Country Fair: 10 am to noon Aug. 11-13

Camps run 10 am to noon Monday-Wednesday. 3-day session \$35 members/ \$44 non-members.

Young at Art, Pre-K through 3rd Grade

5 full days of FUN!

Farmers Market Basket Cooking Camp:

9 am to 4 pm June 23-27

Colors Galore: 9 am to 4 pm July 7-11

Time Travelers Camp: 9 am to 4 pm July 21-25

Best of Movies and Television:

9 am to 4 pm Aug. 4-8

All camps will run from 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. 5-day session \$112 members/\$140 non-members.

Artolescents, Grades 4 through 9

5 full days of FUN!

Restaurant Remakes: 9 am to 4 pm June 16-20

Campers Got Talent: 9 am to 4 pm July 14-18

Greek Adventure Camp: 9 am to 4 pm July 28-Aug. 1

All camps will run from 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. 5-day session \$112 members/\$140 non-members.

18th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

benefiting the
**Dorothy Dressler Scholarship Fund &
Laurel Arts Children's Programming**

**FRIDAY • JUNE 6 • 2025
SOMERSET COUNTRY CLUB
416 Plank Road, Somerset, PA**



Join us for a Las Vegas Scramble. Registration & lunch begin at noon, Friday, June 6. Scramble begins at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. Cost is \$150 per player and includes cart, 18 holes of golf, lunch, hors d'oeuvres after golf, prizes and awards, plus an activities package.

Sponsorships are greatly appreciated and can include you foursome as well as special recognition.

To register a team or to inquire about sponsorships, please call Laurel Arts, 814-443-2433.

Guild of American Papercutters to offer 3 free workshops

The Guild of American Papercutters (GAP) will be hosting three free workshops at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts (Laurel Arts), home of GAP's National Museum. Pre-registrations is required, and space is limited. Call 814-443-2433.



The first workshop is set for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 31 with GAP papercutter Sam Wrobel. Workshop topic will be the Polish-style of paper cutting, Wycinanki.

The second workshop will be Saturday, August 2, and will be taught by GAP papercutter Lucy Liu.

The third workshop will be in October, date and time to be determined.

Pieces in the GAP's permanent collection are currently on display in the museum. There will be a new show coming in a few months; watch for more details.

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
- Possible grounds work
- 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



Laurel Arts Performance Company pose at a recent dance competition.

Annual dance recital to be Saturday, May 17

Nine months of hard work and dedication will pay off for our dancers, their families and our staff when they take the stage Saturday, May 17. You can see all of the performance company dances and so much more if you attend. We have two shows, at noon and 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at Rockwood Area High School. Tickets are \$10 / lower auditorium; \$5 / balcony.

If you're considering enrolling a child in a dance program, attending a recital is a great way to see the quality and philosophy of the studio. Laurel Arts prides itself on being family and student centered, offering instruction in a safe and nurturing environment.

To learn more about our dance program, please attend our **Open House** from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8

Laurel Arts Dance Studio
601 Georgian Place, Somerset

Studio Kids preschool offers art-based preschool

Studio Kids Preschool, 601 Georgian Place, is accepting registrations for our 2025-26 school year. Parents have a choice at Studio Kids: we offer a half-day two-day a week program as well as a full-day three-day a week program. Our unique, academic and arts-focused curriculum is aligned to state standards and utilizes creative hands-on learning in arts, language, math, and science.



As a testament to the success of our program, our families continue to send their younger children to Studio Kids. And, our parents and grandparents have great things to say about the program. "Studio Kids is a great place to go for learning and fun. We highly recommend!"

For more information, email studiokids@laurelarts.org or call 814-443-1835.

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