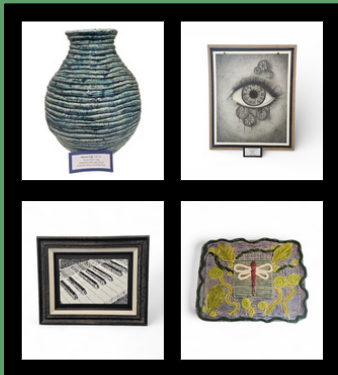




THE PHILIP DRESSLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS THE GALLERIES

Somerset County Senior High Student Art Exhibit



- First Place: Rianna Culp: Azure Vase-Turkeyfoot, Grade 12
- Second Place: Tiana Augustine: Untitled-Somerset, Grade 12
- Third Place: Lennon Bobby: Piano- Shanksville, Grade 11
- Honorable Mention: Rianna Culp: Dragonfly- Turkeyfoot, Grade 12

Textural Visions

Kari Roslund, Lorna Vincent & Shelley Poli

April 7 - May 7, 2026

Through contrasting media and approaches, this exhibit takes visitors on a journey exploring the cohesive vision created in the arrangement of sculpture, fiber, watercolor and pastel. Textural Visions is a dynamic collaborative exhibit, celebrating the merging of media and artists to create an atmosphere of emotional response and introspection.



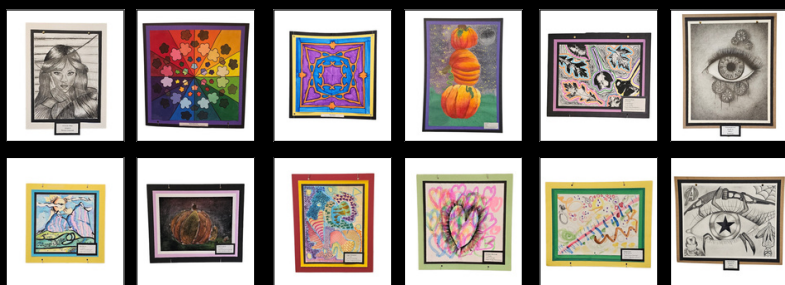
Somerset Area School District Art Exhibit



- Owen Carr Watercolor Painting (Kindergarten)
- Emelyn Wozniak Heart Design (Grade 1)
- Logan Gallagher Abstract Painting (Grade 2)
- Esme Pospisil Pastel Pumpkin Drawing (Grade 3)
- Lilyauna Mull Leaf Design (Grade 4)
- Ben Korn's Pattern Landscape (Grade 5)
- Liza Mardis Untitled Tempera (Grade 6)
- Maya Barth Radial Symmetry Design (Grade 7)
- Milee Booher Color Wheel Mandala Design (Grade 8)
- Ariana Ohler Charcoal Pencil Portrait (Grade 9)
- Leah Krause Untitled Pencil (Grade 10)
- Alyzabeth Evans Clay Slab Home (Grade 11)
- Tiana Augustine Untitled Pencil (Grade 12)

Thank You Kyler and Zayne Cramer for providing music during the School Show Opening Receptions!

Somerset Area School District Best in Show



THE PHILIP DRESSLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS:

The Laurel Highlands Photo Friends Contest

May 20 - June 11, 2026

Opening Reception: Friday, May 22, 6-8 p.m.

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Upcoming Gallery Exhibition

THE EDUCATION & DANCE CENTER STUDIO KIDS, CAMPS & CLASSES

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Open House

Meet some of the
Instructors
& Helpers

Check out the
building...

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sample crafts...

Get a sneak peek
and learn more
about the weekly
camp themes...

Friday, May 8, 2026 at 5pm to 7pm
at Laurel Arts, 601 Georgian Place, Somerset

For more information, contact
Ms. Marsha at 814-442-6217

Are you ready for your camp
adventure to begin?



LAUREL ARTS MEETS... LAUREL HILL STATE PARK

JUNE 24 AT 5PM - BUTTERFLIES
Take a walk with a Laurel Hill Park Ranger and learn more about butterflies that inhabit the park. Afterwards, join Artist Casey Beal for a mixed media butterfly creation using watercolors and fine point ink markers.

JULY 15 AT 5PM - BLUEBIRDS
Learn about bluebirds and their habitat with a knowledgeable ranger. Then join Instructor Marsha Schmuck to create a beautiful birdhouse decoration.

JULY 29 AT 7PM
SUNSET AND MOONRISE
Take a short sunset walk. Then get creative with colors to paint your own picture perfect sunset.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT IS INCLUDED AND EXACT LOCATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT LAURELARTS.ORG OR "LAUREL ARTS" FACEBOOK.

We are so excited to partner with Laurel Hill to offer unique summer experiences! Keep an eye out on social media for more information.

UPCOMING CLASSES

APRIL

- April 18 at 10am to 12pm - Spring Bath Essentials
- April 18 at 2pm to 4pm - S.P.R.I.N.G. Workshop for Kids
- April 18 at 2pm to 4pm - Spring Parasol Painting Class
- April 21 at 6pm to 8pm - Beginners Sewing Basics for Adults
- April 23 at 6pm to 8pm - Beginners Sewing Basics for Kids
- April 24 at 6pm to 8pm - Chunky Blanket Workshop
- April 26 at 2pm to 5pm - Botanical Watercolor
the Art of Pressed Flowers

MAY

- May 1 at 6pm to 7pm - Strawberry Refrigerator Magnet Class
- May 23 at 2pm to 4pm - Junk Journaling Workshop

BRAIDED RUG WORKSHOP 5 WEEK SERIES

- April 15 at 1-2pm or 6-7pm
- April 29, May 6, 13, 20
at 1-3:30pm or 6-8:30pm

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ON OUR FACEBOOK!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

LAUREL ARTS FACEBOOK

ED & DANCE FACEBOOK



This Summer, Laurel Arts is bringing you Music & Makers - the Perfect Pairing!

We are so excited to announce a new approach to our summer entertainment lineup. Two of our favorite events are partnering to make amazing collaborative nights of artistry. Music on the Lawn has always enjoyed Saturday evening vibes - but this year, select Saturdays will also feature Laurel Arts Makers Market!

This pairing brings the nostalgic feel of a mini Somerfest back to the grounds of The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. Artisans featuring handmade wares, local musicians creating a mesmerizing atmosphere of tunes, all accompanied by food and beverage vendors - what a perfect way to spend a summer evening! This event remains **FREE** to the public. Grab your lawn chair and your friends to enjoy an evening celebrating community and collaboration of the visual and performing arts.

JUNE

- 6TH-US4
- 20TH-BAM AND FRIENDS WITH HAYLEY BELARDI *5PM MAKERS MARKET, 6PM MUSIC*
- 27TH- EVEN THE ODDS

JULY

- 4TH-WHITEHORSE
- 11TH-*BLUEGRASS NIGHT FEATURING HICKORY BOTTOM BAND AND MARSHALE BRADFORD EXCHANGE *5-9
- 25TH-THE LOST YEARS BAND *5PM MAKERS MARKET, 6PM MUSIC*

AUGUST

- 1ST-THE SEQUEL
- 15TH-DOPAMINE AND ALLISON BOREK
- 22ND-NATATUMA *5PM MAKERS MARKET, 6PM MUSIC*



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Community sponsorship allows us to make events like this possible. Please consider becoming a sponsor!

SCAN HERE TO SPONSOR



Open enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year has started!



Studio Kids Preschool is committed to early childhood development through the use of art, creativity, and imagination! Our programs offer a unique, high-quality academic and arts-focused curriculum aligned to state academic standards.

WHY PARENTS CHOOSE US

- Small teacher-to-child ratio
- Preschool Director & teacher is certified with a degree in Early Childhood Education
- Gentle discipline with respect and empathy
- Two classroom assistants who are experienced preschool aides

FULL DAY AND HALF DAY OPTIONS

- **Full day program** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday -Ages 4-5- from 9AM-4PM
- **Half day programs** Tuesday/ Thursday:
 - Morning session-Ages 3-4
 - 9AM-12PM
 - Afternoon session- Ages 4-5
 - 1PM-4PM

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

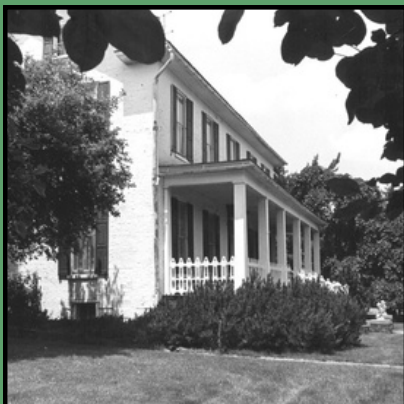


For More Information:
studiokids@laurelarts.org or call 814-443-1835

STUDIO KIDS IS LICENSED THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS A PRIVATE ACADEMIC PRESCHOOL.

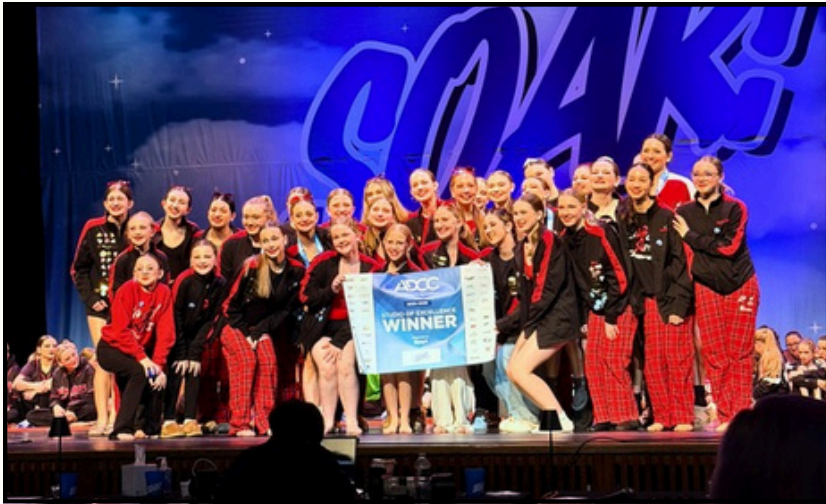
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50 Years at the Philip Dressler Center for the Arts!



Did you know July 7, 2026 marks 50 years of Laurel Arts' ownership of the lovely Dressler home? Though Laurel Arts incorporated in 1975, it wasn't until 1976 that we had a place to call home. This summer (June 21 - July 16) we will showcase interesting historical facts about the house and property. For example, what did Capt. Peter Ankeny (the first documented owner) call the original 435+ acre tract of land in the Patent Index from the 1784 land warrant? Well, you will just have to visit the exhibit to find out! If anyone has old photographs of the grounds (especially from before Mr. & Mrs. Dressler), the nature trail, or the interior of the home, please contact our Gallery Coordinator Alison Leer at alison@laurelarts.org.

THE EDUCATION AND DANCE CENTER PERFORMANCE & RECREATIONAL DANCE



PERFORMANCE COMPANY

The Performance Company traveled to Lancaster, PA to compete at SOAR's regional competition. Among the many awards our dancers earned, the one that we are most proud of is the ADCC Studio of Excellence Award, which was given to our studio as a whole. This award is a prestigious honor presented by the Association of Dance Competitions & Conventions (ADCC) to studios that exemplify superior sportsmanship, teamwork, and overall excellence, both on and off the stage. The Performance Company will take the judges' feedback given at this first competition and apply it in the studio before they attend the ENCORE DCS regional competition in April in Johnstown.

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

This year's Under the Big Top themed dance was held at Oakhurst Grille & Event Center. Dads and daughters danced the night away to the music of DJ Dan Breckenridge and enjoyed a complimentary professional photo from BJ Singo. Thank you to Oakhurst, DJ Dan and BJ Singo for your generosity and dedication to making this event a success!

Pictured Right: Alex Bastidas with Daughters Camilla and Carina Bastidas



DANCE SHOWCASE

Our dancers have been working hard for this year's recital, which is just around the corner, and we're excited to invite everyone to join us! Our annual recital will be on May 16th and will be a day full of talent, energy, and celebration.

It will take place at Rockwood Area High School and will feature two performances, one at 12:00pm and another at 4:00pm.

Tickets will go on sale starting April 21st. We encourage everyone to keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for ticket details and updates as the date approaches.

We will also be opening registration for the upcoming dance season starting at the end of April. Registration will be completed online this year. Additional information will be shared on our Facebook page and website closer to the opening date.

Our dance program offers something for everyone, with classes for ages 3 through 18, inclusive special needs classes for all ages, and even an adult tap class. Whether you're a returning dancer or looking to join for the first time, we can't wait to welcome you to another exciting season of dance.



LAUREL ARTS: BRINGING THE ARTS TO SOMERSET COUNTY



LIVE ON THE LAWN: JULY 10, 2026

Mark your calendar for a night of live entertainment that is popular across generations! Scott Blasey of The Clarks will be taking the lawn stage at The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. We are excited to announce that our opening act for this performance is the Somerset Rock Band, comprised of students from Angie Brumbaugh's high school class. The student Rock Band will open and also play a few songs with Scott! Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for the launch of ticket sales and more information!



— — Cruise on in to Chalk the Block — —

Laurel Arts is shifting gears this year! Have you ever wanted to cruise down Main Street and have a car show in uptown Somerset? Help Somerset, Inc. kick off Chalk the Block weekend by joining us for our car cruise on **Friday, July 24th** (time TBD). Meet up at the Laurel Arts Education and Dance Center to cruise through town and park along West Main Street. Concert to follow. Dash plaques to the first 100 entries. All cars, trucks, and motorcycles welcome.

Winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place - People's Choice, Special Judges Choice awards. \$25.00 Entry Fee.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ARTS IN SOMERSET COUNTY!

EVENT RECAP

Piece by Piece Puzzle Party



Puzzle Party Success! Pictured above is Peggy Black (our Puzzle Artist) with the winning team, Piece & Love. This sold-out event brought together puzzle lovers of all ages. Thank you to Window World for sponsoring the event and to our donors: Stairs, Heirloom Pines Farm, Curious Creations Studio, and Peggy Black.

Laurel Arts Mud Ladies: Soup'Er Bowl Champs

This year's event benefitted the Humane Society of Somerset County, Laurel Arts, and also the Somerset County Mobile Food Bank.

It was A Super SOUP'ER BOWL!



Affiliate News

Our Affiliates

Please note: not all affiliate groups meet regularly.
Please contact the individual group you are interested
in for more information.

Somerset Garden Club: Contact Renee Eash,
ReashROG@gmail.com, 814-619-1938. Meets 2nd
Monday, 11am, Dressler Center.

Crochet Guild: Contact Cathy Brewer, 814-444-7538
Meetings 1-3pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the
month, Dressler Center.

Knitting Guild: Contact Rebecca Raughpach
laurelhighlander@gmail.com

Laurel Highlands Chorale: Contact Jan Burkett,
814-442-1375.

Roof Garden Barbershop Chorus: Contact Lee
Hoffman, 814-279-1733, or Larry Shober, 814-267-
4042. Rehearsal 7pm Tuesdays at Grace United
Methodist Church, Somerset.

Somerset Auxiliary JSO: Contact Beth Pile,
814-442-9061, bpile@johnstownsymphony.org

Somerset County Community Band: Contact Jason
June, 814-279-8132. Rehearsals are 7:15pm
Thursdays.

Somerset County Artists Association: contact
Rebecca Frola-Biss, 814-233-6451. Meets 4th
Tuesday, March through October.

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

Woodcarvers: Contact Jeff Baltzer, 814-442-6617.
Meets 6:00pm - 7:30pm on Wednesdays at the
Dressler Center.

Somerset Auxillary of the JSO Afternoon Tea Fundraiser at Green Gables



Van Service from Somerset Available

If you have always wanted to attend a Johnstown Symphony Orchestra (JSO) concert but couldn't because you didn't have a way to get there, the Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO will be offering van service to the April 25th concert at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center for \$10 round trip. The van will be provided by Wills Taxi Service and will leave from the Laurel Arts Dressler Center, 214 Harrison Ave, Somerset at 5:45pm, and will return to the same location around 10:00pm. Seats are limited, so reservations must be made by calling Wills Taxi Service at 814-445-6239.

April 25 "Carmina Burana"

From the thunderous opening of *O Fortuna* to the vibrant, medieval-inspired movements that follow, this masterpiece is a joyous explosion of sound and color — guaranteed to bring the house down. Featuring soloists Nicole Khouzami, Shawn Roth, and Christopher Herbert, this performance promises to be an unforgettable finale to a spectacular season. Don't miss it!

Tickets can be purchased by calling the JSO office, 814-535-6738 and speaking to Leah Wagner, Ticketing Specialist. Tickets start at \$10.

Guild of American Papercutters

Janelle Washington's "Everyday People and Queens" exhibit is leaving the Guild of American Papercutters National Museum.

An exhibition of all women's papercuts from the GAP Permanent Collection will be on display until this coming fall, at which time the GAP Current Board Members Show will be on display.



Affiliate News

Somerset County Community Band Annual Father's Day Concert

The Somerset County Community Band will begin its 2026 summer concert season with its annual Father's Day Concert at 6:00pm on Sunday, June 21st on the lawn at the Philip Dressler Center for the Arts, located at 214 South Harrison Avenue. At the Father's Day Concert this year, the band will also be holding a Celebration of Life for Dave Breen, president of the community band for over 30 years, and an integral member of communities throughout the Laurel Highlands. Please join us in remembering and honoring Dave and all the tireless work and dedication he gave to so many over the last several decades. Please bring your photos and memories of Dave to share with others.

The band is under the direction of founding director Dan Croft and Jason June. This year's musical selections will revolve around the theme of America 250, celebrating the 250th birthday of our great country! As usual, the band will provide free ice cream sundaes to everyone in attendance at the Father's Day Concert. Bring your lawn chairs, a picnic supper, your favorite beverages, and enjoy music and ice cream on the lawn! For more information on our upcoming concerts this season, please visit our Facebook page.



Dave Breen (pictured left)

Scan QR Code for Facebook



Laurel Highlands Chorale

The Laurel Highlands Chorale will present their spring concert "Let Freedom Ring!" on Sunday, May 3rd at 3:30pm and Monday, May 4th at 7:00pm. Both concerts will be held at the Somerset Church of the Brethren on Berlin-Plank Road. This concert will honor not only America's 250th anniversary of independence, but also honor and be in memory of the 25th year of the events on September 11, 2001. There are certain to be many patriotic songs featured that you love, and you are sure to enjoy hearing them. The intermission music is still being finalized, but is certain to be a special one you won't want to miss. Tickets are only \$5.00 and will be available at the door, or by contacting any chorale member.

The Laurel Highlands Chorale is a nonprofessional group of people who enjoy getting together to share their gift of song with others. It is under the direction of Jan Burkett and accompanied by Stephanie Pesi. We are always looking for new voices to join our group. Practices are held Monday nights at 7:00pm at the Church of the Brethren, and will begin mid-September for the Christmas concert, which will be held the first Sunday and Monday in December. So, if you love singing, why not give us a call? We'd love to have you! Contact: Jan Burkett @ 814-442-1375 or Dorene Friedline @ 814-442-0460.

Laurel Highlands Photo Friends Contest

The 2026 Laurel Highlands Photo Friends Exhibit will be held May 20 - June 11. This opportunity is open to both amateur and professional photographers. Entries will be accepted May 13 from 2 to 4pm, May 14 from 11am to 6pm and on May 16 from 11am to 2pm at the Philip Dressler Center for the Arts in Somerset.

There will be six categories: *Scenic, Floral, Fauna & Birds, People, General, and Black & White*. Photographers may enter a maximum of two photos per category. At least one of every two photos submitted must be listed for sale. First, second, and third place will be awarded with a ribbon and a cash prize. Honorable Mention will be awarded with a ribbon.

Opening Reception: May 22 from 6-8pm, at which time awards and ribbons will be presented.

Scan to View Call for Entries



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

GET INVOLVED

Proposal to Re-establish Laurel Highlands Photo Friends



We are formally proposing the re-gathering of Laurel Highlands Photography Friends, a group dedicated to connecting local photographers, enhancing skills, capturing community events, and a space that promotes growth. There is a growing interest in photography within our community, yet a lack of local, structured opportunities for enthusiasts to share work and learn together. This group aims to fill that gap by providing a supportive environment for skill development, collaborative projects, and artistic expression.

We would plan to hold monthly meetings, themed photo walk arounds, and be able to continue to host the annual exhibition. The primary goal is to foster a creative community that helps members improve their photography while promoting local art and community engagement. This group will benefit members by providing structured learning, networking opportunities, and increased exposure to their work.

We are having a meeting on Saturday, June 13th, 2026 at 10:30am at Laurel Arts to discuss interest and plans for next steps. We request the attendance of everyone interested in seeing the formation of this club.

LET FREEDOM RING!

A PATRIOTIC CONCERT HONORING AMERICA'S 250 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE AND IN MEMORY OF THE EVENTS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Presented by:
THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS CHORALE

SUNDAY, MAY 3rd at 3:30 pm
and
MONDAY, MAY 4th at 7:00 pm

SOMERSET CHURCH OF THE BROTHERN
606 BERLIN-PLANK ROAD, SOMERSET, PA
Director - Jan Burkett Accompanist - Stephanie Pesi

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door or by calling Dorene Friedline at (814) 926-3610 or (814) 442-0460

 Spirit of 1776 

Mark your calendar and plan to join Laurel Arts at our 19th Annual Charity Golf Tournament!

Friday, June 19th ♦♦ Somerset Country Club



The Golf Tournament benefits the Dorothy Dressler Scholarship Fund and Laurel Arts Children's Programming. In 2024-2025, we awarded approximately \$19,000 in scholarships to children attending our Studio Kids Preschool and our dance program. Scholarships have also been awarded for summer camps and other Laurel Arts programming. Your participation at our annual golf tournament helps us to make the arts accessible to everyone in our community. **Thank you!**

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