



# THE PHILIP DRESSLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS THE GALLERIES

## Reflections of the Human Spirit

Exhibit Ends September 17, 2026

Remembering the Day. Honoring the People. Celebrating  
the Spirit of America's County.



This immersive exhibit takes viewers on a journey through the historical events of September 11, 2001 and Somerset County's inspiring response to this tragedy. The display contains artifacts, artwork inspired by the event, and emergency response radio recordings. Laurel Arts would like to thank those that have contributed and entrusted us with their items to display in the galleries. We are truly humbled and honored to share these artifacts.

**THANK YOU** to the Dave Breen family, The George W. Bush Institute, James Clark, Judy Emerick the Merle Flick family, Jeffery Kearns, Scott Kovach, Joel Landis, Jim Leer, the National Park Service, Jeanne Norton-Henry, Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department, Morgan Simmons, Somerset County Emergency Management Agency, Somerset Regional Volunteer Fire Department, Tom Smith & Chuck Wagner.

## Upcoming Exhibits

### 36th SCAA Juried Show

Oct. 1 - Nov. 12

Opening Reception:

Oct. 2, 6-8 p.m.

### *From Rubbish to Ravishing* A Trashy Art Exhibit

Nov. 19 - Jan. 7, 2027

Opening Reception:

Nov. 20, 6-8 p.m.



**Call for Entries  
OPEN NOW**

**Deadline: Oct. 16**

Scan here or visit  
our website for more details



This exhibit is  
being sponsored  
by ProDisposal

## 50th Anniversary / SCAA Members Show

This reception was a wonderful reunion for some of our past Board Members and former Directors. Attendees learned about the legacy of not only Laurel Arts and the Dresslers' but an entire span of 250 years worth of history about the property. It started with Capt. Peter Ankeny, the first documented owner of the property, who received a land grant for his service in the Revolutionary War.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
portion of this exhibit  
will remain on display in  
our first gallery through  
September 17<sup>th</sup>

Top to bottom 1: Leaf print from our Camperdown Elm (inspiration behind Laurel Arts' logo) print by Bridget Mayak 2. Gallery Coordinator Alison Leer giving a history lesson to attendees at the opening reception. 3: Artist/SCAA Member Mary Wiley-Lewis with former Director George Fattman. 4: SCAA artwork filled the main gallery. 5: Newspaper article detailing the sale of the property from the 1800's. 6: History of the Dresslers' donation and vision for The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts.





# THE EDUCATION & DANCE CENTER STUDIO KIDS, CAMPS & CLASSES

## Studio Kids PRESCHOOL

The paintbrushes are ready, the blocks are stacked, and our classrooms are buzzing with excitement! We are thrilled to welcome your little creators, thinkers, and explorers to the start of a brand-new school year at Studio Kids Preschool.

Our focus this year continues to be providing a safe, joyful, and creative environment where your child can learn through play, build lasting friendships, and express their unique personality.

Open House  
Sept. 1st  
6-8

## Our Teachers



Ms. Angi



Ms. Marsha



Ms. Patti

## Class Days and Times

### Full Day Option:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

All Day 9a.m.-4p.m.

### Half Day Option

Tuesday/Thursday

Half Day (Morning/Afternoon)

Morning Session: 9a.m.-12p.m.

Afternoon Session: 1p.m.-4p.m.



Scan Here for Application [studiokids@laurelarts.org](mailto:studiokids@laurelarts.org)

## UPCOMING CLASSES FOR THE LITTLE CREATORS



WE ARE ALWAYS ADDING NEW CLASSES. CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK OR CALL THE EDC AT 814-443-1835 TO STAY UP TO DATE ON OUR LATEST OFFERINGS.

### Fall Harvest Arts Celebration

Get ready for a hands-on fall adventure filled with art, creativity, and harvest fun! Kids **Pre-K through 4th Grade** are invited to celebrate the season by creating colorful, fall-inspired masterpieces.

While your child enjoys their own fun-filled art experience, you can join us for our adult painting class happening at the same time!

**Date: Saturday, September 19 at 10am to Noon**

\$30 Non-members/ \$24 Members/ Materials Fee: \$10

### Teddy Bear Tea Party

Celebrate National Teddy Bear Day in September with a sweet and whimsical Teddy Bear Tea Party with Ms. Marsha! Kids are invited to bring their favorite teddy bear for an afternoon filled with tea-party fun, tasty treats, crafts, and plenty of bear-themed activities. We'll enjoy a special "tea" together, create a keepsake, and make wonderful memories with our cuddly companions. Dress up your teddy and yourself for this adorable celebration!

**Date: Saturday, September 26 at Noon to 2pm.**

\$30 Non-members/ \$24 Members/ Materials Fee: \$10

### New- ART Based STEAM Program

Designed for Ages 1-4 (with an adult)

September 8, 15, 22, 29 Nature Explorers

October 6, 13, 20, 27 Colors & Light

November 3, 10, 17 Harvest Helpers

\$70 for 4 week series (Sept. & Oct)

\$50 for 3 week series (Nov.)

Individual weeks \$20 each



A LOOK BACK AT  
SOME OF OUR  
SUMMER CAMP  
FUN!





# THE EDUCATION AND DANCE CENTER CLASSES, CLUBS & OUR NEW CRAFT CAFE

## CLASSES FOR ADULTS

### Sunflowers & Pumpkins: Pot Lid Painting

Turn ordinary pot lids into charming seasonal art with Instructor Cathi Neuhoof!

No experience is needed — our instructor will guide you step by step as you explore color, texture, and your own creative style.

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 10am to Noon.**

\$30 Non-members/ \$24 Members/ Materials Fee: \$10



### Stacked Pumpkin Slate Painting

Cathi Neuhoof will lead students as they paint a charming stack of three pumpkins on a rustic slate, choosing their own colors to make their pumpkins bright, traditional, or completely unique. All skill levels are welcome!

**Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm.**

\$30 Non-members/ \$24 Members/ Materials Fee: \$10



### Fall Linocut Prints Workshop

Get ready for a unique print making experience with local artist Casey Beal. Carve your very own linoleum block, all materials are provided! You can follow along with the guided demonstration or create your own unique artwork. When the session is complete, you will have your very own personalized block (or stamp) for printing that you can use again and again at home.

**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 3pm to 5pm**

\$40 Non-members/ \$32 Members/ Materials Fee: \$10

### Celebrate Bob Ross' Birthday with an Inspired Mini Landscape Oil Painting Class

Step-by-step instruction by Artist Jen Boden: create your very own miniature landscape painting complete with happy little trees, peaceful scenery, and plenty of creativity! No painting experience is needed! Come enjoy a fun, laid-back painting experience inspired by Bob Ross and his joyful approach to creating art.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is an independent, Bob Ross-inspired birthday celebration and is not a Bob Ross Certified Class, nor is the instructor a Bob Ross Certified Instructor. Bob Ross and The Joy of Painting are being celebrated and honored as inspiration for this special event.

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm to 4pm**

\$55 Non-members/ \$44 Members

**TEEN  
ART CLUB**  
2 TUESDAYS/ MONTH  
6-8PM  
GRADES  
4 & UP

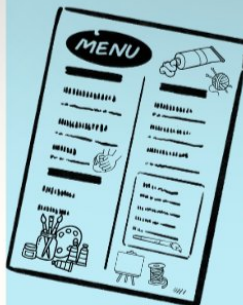
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CLAY, SEWING,  
MOSAICS,  
ALCOHOL  
INKS, & MORE!

COME AS YOU CAN \$90 FOR 6 CLASSES OR PAY \$18 WEEKLY



## CRAFT CAFE



CREATE, RELAX & ENJOY A LITTLE TIME TO YOURSELF. THINK OF IT LIKE ORDERING FROM A RESTAURANT, BUT INSTEAD OF FOOD, YOU'LL BE CHOOSING A CRAFT FROM OUR CREATIVE MENU! YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT OR CHOOSE ONE OF OURS!



**Reservations Required**  
**Contact Marsha for more information**  
[msmarsha@laurelarts.org](mailto:msmarsha@laurelarts.org)

## FALL CAMPS

PRE K- 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



**\$15/Class**

**Pre-Registration is Required**  
**All Camps are at the EDC**  
**from 9-11AM**

**September 11:**

Autumn Color Explorers



**September 25:**

Nature's Patterns



**October 9:**

Scarecrows, Hay & Farmyard Fun



**October 23:**

All Forest Friends Art Class



**November 6:**

Step Back in Time: Pilgrims & Native American Traditions



**November 20:**

Let's Get Thankful & Creative!



# THE EDUCATION AND DANCE CENTER

# DANCE

## RECREATIONAL DANCE



### MASTER CLASSES & SUMMER CAMPS

This summer, we were excited to offer several master classes and dance camps to give our dancers extra opportunities to learn, grow & explore new styles!

We were especially excited to welcome back Laurel Arts alumna Miranda Spada (Zimmerman), who is now a competition judge, director, and an instructor at a studio in Buffalo, New York. She taught a Lyrical, Turns & Leaps, and a Tap session. We had a great turnout, and the dancers learned so much! It was wonderful having Miranda back in the studio and giving our dancers the opportunity to learn from her expertise.

We also welcomed a new guest instructor, Meredith McCall, a graduate of Point Park University who has worked alongside New York City Ballet, PA Governor's School of the Arts, Broadway Dance Center, and Steps on Broadway. Meredith offered a Musical Theatre, Heels, and Fosse class. All of those styles were new to many of our dancers. They absolutely loved the experience! Meredith shared that she had a wonderful time at our studio and was impressed by the respect and professionalism our dancers showed throughout the class.

Our very own Ms. Amanda, Ms. Maddie, and Ms. Hadley also offered summer dance opportunities for some of our upper level dancers, including a Technique Intensive camp, Jazz & Hip Hop camp, and some additional Strength & Conditioning classes. Miss Cindy even brought some fun to our youngest dancers by offering several themed dance camps!

## PERFORMANCE COMPANY



The Performance Company has been busy this summer, even if the dancers aren't spending as much time in the actual studio! You may have spotted them dancing their way through the Friedens' Fourth of July parade or leading Chalk the Block's Yesteryear Car Cruise through the streets of Somerset. They have been gearing up for another great season of performing, which includes a little bit of fundraising too! At the beginning of August, they held a car wash event at Advance Auto, working together to attract customers and scrub the cars themselves! It was a wonderful experience in teamwork and really brought the girls together. We have plans to do another team fundraiser during the dance season, so be on the lookout for that if you'd like to help their cause!

## DANCE PICNIC

We had a great turnout at our Kick-Off Dance Picnic! It was such a wonderful opportunity to connect with our dance families, meet and chat with parents, and personally hand each student their dance schedule. It was so exciting to see the dancers get excited about the new season and have the chance to ask any questions they may have had.

We also enjoyed plenty of food and yard games! One of our activities was "Guess How Many Hair Ties Are in the Jar?" The actual total was 144 hair ties, and Maddie Romesburg, one of our dancers, came the closest with a guess of 147! Maddie won the entire jar of hair ties to take home!

It was an overall fun way to kick off the upcoming new dance season. We are so excited for everything this year has in store! As a reminder, dance classes start September 8th and there is still time to register!



## Join Our Dance Family!



Please scan the QR code to register- we can't wait to dance with you!

For more information call the EDC 814-443-1835



# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR EVENTS

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

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## Beats with Blasey: Presented by Laurel Arts and Somerset Trust Company



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all attendees, participants, donors, and sponsors who supported *Beats with Blasey: Presented by Laurel Arts and Somerset Trust Company*. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to bring Scott Blasey of The Clarks to perform and lead an afternoon masterclass for the Somerset Area High School Modern Rock Band students.

We would like to recognize Angie Brumbaugh, the SASD Administration, and the Stage Crew for their swift work pivoting through changing weather conditions. Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Somerset Trust Company, for providing opportunities like this to our young musicians and community, as well as our Platinum Sponsors: Beeghly Tree, Hornick's Diesel & Auto Repair, and Melissa Shaffer.

Finally, thank you to our dedicated volunteers and food vendors — Corle's Pit & Smokey Slice and Kneading the Dough Pizza Wagon by Stairs In town Restaurant — for making this event a wonderful experience for all.



## Yesteryear Car Cruise Fundraiser



**A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our first Car Cruise during Chalk the Block such a wonderful success!**

We are incredibly grateful to our amazing sponsors for their generous support, our dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, and every participant who brought their incredible vehicles and enthusiasm to the event.

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the cars, support the event, and be part of a fantastic day in our community. Your support helped make this first Car Cruise a memorable addition to Chalk the Block, and we couldn't have done it without all of you. Thank you to Connor's Custom Detailing for the donation of all prizes for the cruise!

Thank you for helping us start what we hope will become a new tradition!

## Bands for the Brave



Laurel Arts was honored to serve as the host site for the America 25/250 Celebration Concert, bringing our community together for an unforgettable evening of music and national commemoration. This event honored our first responders, and was largely supported by SRVFD. While the event's lineup and production were fully organized by the Somerset County 25/250 Steering and Concert Committee, our staff was thrilled to provide the space and operational support to bring their vision to life.



# 2026: THE SUMMER OF MUSIC!



For more information about future events like Music on the Lawn, the Parade or Car Cruise contact [angela@laurelarts.org](mailto:angela@laurelarts.org)

## Music on the Lawn

As we wrap up another wonderful Music on the Lawn, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the series such a success! A sincere thank you to our generous sponsors for your support and commitment to our community. Events like this would not be possible without you. Thank you to our incredible bands for sharing your talent and keeping the crowd entertained all evening. Your performances created an unforgettable atmosphere! A special thank you to our food truck and beverage vendors for serving up delicious treats and keeping everyone refreshed throughout the concerts. To our Makers Market vendors, thank you for sharing your creativity, artistry, and unique handcrafted goods. Your beautiful displays added so much to the atmosphere and gave our guests the opportunity to support talented local artisans.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who came out to join us! Your support, enthusiasm, and community spirit are what make Music on the Lawn so special. Seeing friends, families, and neighbors gather together for an evening of great music, shopping, delicious food, and fun is exactly what this event is all about. We are grateful to every sponsor, musician, vendor, volunteer, and guest who helped make this year's Music on the Lawn a memorable success.

## A Note from our Acting Director, Melissa Shaffer : What a Summer!

As summer winds down, I look back at the past few months and wonder how we managed to fit so much into one season. Despite a summer of never-ending rain — including three rained-out Music on the Lawn concerts — Laurel Arts has been bursting with activity. We welcomed Bands for the Brave, part of Somerset County's 25/250 celebration; opened a special Flight 93 Remembrance exhibit, guest-curated by former Executive Director Jaclyn McCusker; and celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Dressler Center with an exhibit exploring the history of this historic property alongside the Somerset County Artists Association's annual show.

We brought Scott Blasey to Somerset for Beats with Blasey, a masterclass with the Somerset High School Rock Band that culminated in the students performing with Scott before his solo concert. Our summer art camps sold out. Dancers stretched themselves in master classes, adults discovered — or rediscovered — tap dancing and artmaking, and our Vintage Car Cruise kicked off another terrific Chalk the Block and Youth Art Competition. That is a remarkable summer.

But what strikes me most is that none of it happened because of Laurel Arts as an institution. It happened because of people — artists, teachers, students, volunteers, partners, members, sponsors, donors, audiences, families, staff, and friends who chose to be part of it. And that is the idea I hope we carry with us as we begin a new fiscal and program year. Laurel Arts is entering an important new chapter. There will be new faces, new ideas, and new ways of working together. We will continue asking what Somerset County needs from its arts organization — and, just as importantly, how all of us can help shape what Laurel Arts becomes.

Because Laurel Arts isn't simply something we provide to our community. It is something we build with our community. After a summer like this one, I can't wait to see what we build together next.

## THANK YOU MUSIC ON THE LAWN SPONSORS

### THE BEATLES

- HORNICH'S DIESEL & AUTO REPAIR
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Laurel Arts  
Music on the Lawn



**Thank  
You!**

**OUR SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR LAUREL ARTS TO  
CONTINUE MAKING ART ACCESSIBLE TO ALL IN SOMERSET COUNTY**



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 11am, Dressler Center.

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

**Knitting Guild:** Contact Rebecca Raupach, laurelhighlander@gmail.com. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ Somerset Alliance Church, 6:30pm except for December.

**Laurel Highlands Chorale:** Contact Dorene Friedline 814-442-0460, davidf332@comcast.net

**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@johnstownsmyphony.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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**LOOKING BACK-** The Laurel Highlands Chorale (LHC) presented their spring concert May 3rd and 4th. Entitled, "Let Freedom Ring!", our two-day concert appreciated the attendance of almost 300 people. Given this year's 25/250 celebrations and memorials, the concert was quite appropriate and very well attended. It was truly an honor to be part of this group and to show our patriotism in this manner.

Since then, the chorale has been busy practicing for other summer events. In June, we were proud to participate in the Kingwood Church of God's celebration of the 150th anniversary year of the founding of their church, as well as our nation's milestones. Their event was open to the public and was a grand time! On August 5th, we were honored to be asked to perform as part of the opening ceremonies to kick off the Somerset County 25/250 Celebration to mark the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and America's 250th birthday of independence. We were so excited to be singing to such a large crowd, and they did not hold back to show their appreciation and enthusiasm. A smaller part of our chorale was also on hand at the Sunrise Service on Sunday as the celebration and festivities came to a close.

**LOOKING AHEAD-** The chorale will soon begin practicing for their Christmas concert, which is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd and Monday, December 4th at the Somerset Church of the Brethren. Practices are held Monday nights from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Somerset Church of the Brethren. The chorale is under the direction of Jan Burkett, and the accompanist is Stephanie Pesi. The members range in numbers from 35-40, depending on the time or season of the year. We are always happy to welcome anyone that enjoys singing to our group, and if interested, you can contact either Jan Burkett (814-442-1375) or Dorene Friedline (814-442-0460) for more information.

## Guild of American Papercutters



The Guild of American Papercutters is pleased to announce our upcoming exhibit: **CUTTING EAST TO WEST, the 2026 GAP MEMBERS EXHIBITION** to take place Sept 7. to Oct 7 at The Heritage Museum of Asian Art in Chicago. This display will celebrate the diversity of cut paper across the world. Go to [papercutters.org](http://papercutters.org) for more information about the show.



Please come and view our current exhibit in the GAP National Museum at the second floor of the Philip Dressler Center: Women's Papercuts from the GAP Permanent Collection. This exhibit is on display now until Spring, 2027. GAP's glass case display on the first floor of the Dressler Center features antique silhouettes by the artist Joseph Budziak is not to be missed.

## Somerset Auxiliary JSO

**JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
SOMERSET AUXILIARY

### A Taste of Tuscany

Join us for an evening of Italian favorites, warm hospitality, and a delicious Italian buffet everyone will enjoy.

**GREEN GABLES RESTAURANT**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6**  
Doors: 5 pm  
Event: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
\$50 per person

**To purchase tickets visit:**  
[sajso.com](http://sajso.com)

- 50/50 raffle & Silent Auction
- Wine available for purchase
- Music provided by Jim Vizzini, Accordion
- All proceeds will benefit the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra

## Laurel Highland Chorale



# Laurel Arts

Arts for everyone

## LOCATIONS

### Education & Dance Center

Phone: 814-443-1835  
Dance Season Hours  
Monday- Thursday 11-6

### The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts

Phone: 814-443-2433  
Tuesday - Friday 11a-6p  
Saturday 10a-2p  
Closed Sunday & Monday

[www.laurelarts.org](http://www.laurelarts.org)

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