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A Community Affair

The Highland County Arts Council's monthly 2nd Saturday at 7pm concert will be part of the upcoming Centennial festivities on August 13 at the Highland Center. Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters will be providing the music for a community square dance with callers Ellen and Eugene Ratcliffe. The group plays the Appalachian string band tunes that they learned from old-timers in West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina.

The Highland Center will be celebrating its 100 year old building. It began life as Monterey High School and was constructed in 1922, with doors opening to students in January of 1923. A display commemorating the building's past will be inside the Center. Elizabeth Lohr-Myers is encouraging anyone to bring documents, photographs, or other memorabilia that they would like to display to The Highland Center between August 8 and 12. Food and beverages will be available during the evening.

"While the Highland County Arts Council is not 100 years old, we are proud of our long partnership with the Highland Center and celebrate with them during the building's

centennial event," said the Council's President Donna Bedwell.

The Highland County Arts Council's contribution will highlight another long time Monterey tradition: The Street Dance. Callers Ellen and Eugene Ratcliffe are lifelong residents of Highland Co and both attended school in the building. They grew up in an era where square dances were an every weekend event. After several years of using square dance figures in clogging exhibitions, they began calling at square dances. They have developed their own style of calling while still preserving the old time figures of Appalachian mountain dancing. The dance will begin at 7 pm in the bowl at the Highland Center. In case of rain, the dance will move into the Center's auditorium.

The event is funded in part by a grant from the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge and members of the Highland County Arts Council. Donations at the dance will be gratefully accepted.

Make note

Our new email:
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Artists' Weekend Has Successful Return

The 12th Annual Highland Artists' Weekend had fifteen artists participate in the outdoor painting event held June 24 – 26. While it had not been held for two years due to COVID, there were many returning artists and a few new participants.

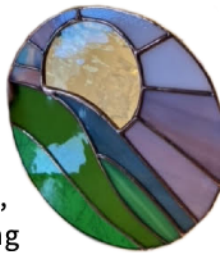
The event was originally started by long time Highland County Arts Council board member Liz Delahoussaye and had only four artists in attendance the first year but grew to over forty the last time it was held in 2019. According to comments from several of the 2022 attendees, they were grateful it has returned to the calendar and were excited to be back in Highland painting our wonderful landscape. The Wet Paint Show and Sale held on June 26th was a popular event for art enthusiasts as they viewed the finished pieces from the weekend and were able to meet the talented artists.



Summer is a Busy Time for Highland Arts Academy

Several Arts Academy Workshops were held in July and there are more to come in August. The stained glass workshop on July 7 – 10 was led by Erica Stephenson in her home studio with five people completing projects. Pottery, with instructors Heather Scott and Lorraine White, was back by popular demand the last two weeks in the month and new Culinary Art workshops were featured the week of July 18. These workshops in Food Fermentation led by John Pierce, Art of Bread Making with Melissa Moyers, and Cooking with Lavender with Trish Uptain helped students learn new methods in the art of cooking. Many of the items prepared were part of the menu for the annual Taste of Highland on July 23.

Future workshops include the basketry workshop, which will be held on August 12 – 14. This popular workshop has been taught each year of the Arts Academy by basket artist Judith Saunders. While this workshop is full, there is still room to register for the September 17th session on Ecoprinting and the October 20 & 22 Barn Quilt Painting workshop. Both of these workshops feature talented teachers and fun new skills. Register today at highlandartsacademy.com.



SECOND SATURDAY AT SEVEN FALL 2022 SEASON

THE CROOKED ROAD ON TOUR

Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder

September 10

Hard-driving, sweet sounding, earth pounding, bluegrass and gospel music

THE ORIGINAL RHONDELS

October 8

Premier party and dance band - a band with a big sound, and a great show

THE WAYNE TEEN IM PROV

November 12

Funny, teen improvisation from the Wayne Theatre in Waynesboro

GEOFFREY MARSH

December 10

Juggling, puppetry, magic, and more!

Garth Newel Emerging Artists Concert

The Emerging Artists from the Garth Newel Music Center will perform a concert at **the Highland Center on Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m.** Admission is free – donations are always gratefully accepted.

The concert will include performances of works by Zoltán Kodály, Arno Babadjanian and Ernest Chausson.

The Emerging Artist Fellowship Program is a four-week, intensive chamber music program for string players and pianists ages 18-28 at the Garth Newel Music Center in Warm Springs, VA. Highly competitive fellowships are awarded to dedicated instrumentalists who will receive lessons and coaching from the Garth Newel Piano Quartet and other renowned faculty.

This year's Artists are from universities around the country and abroad:

Feliks Harutyunyan, violin - Music and Arts University
of the City of Vienna, Austria

Madison Jones, violin - University of Kentucky

Jordan Bartel, violin - University of Michigan

Joshua Corwin, viola - SUNY Fredonia

Sofia Puccio, cello - Boston University

Bosco Stojadinovic, piano - Academy of Arts, Novi
Sad, Serbia



Auditorium Exhibit Featuring David Blanchard



As part of the Arts Council's lease with the Highland Center, it has accepted the responsibility of hanging an exhibit by local artists on the south wall of the auditorium. That task has fallen to long-term member of the Council, Liz Delahoussaye. Liz has also served as the coordinator of the library exhibits and is the founder of the Artists Weekend. Thanks to Liz, this month's auditorium exhibit features a few of David Blanchard's latest work. David is an award-winning artists who for many years had a gallery and studio on Monterey's Main Street. The paintings show David's continuing growth as an artist.

Are You Looking for Opportunity in a Non-Profit Art Organization?

In the past few months, you have read articles in our newsletter from some of the Highland County Arts Council's founding members. As I read their stories, it was clear they are all proud of what they started and how the HCAC has grown over the years. And we continue to grow.

We have programs that we are proud of as we strive to meet our goal to bring art to our community through concerts, performances, workshops, and exhibits. Our Board of Directors is truly a working Board with a wealth of experience in various art forms and organizations. We could not have achieved this growth without the support and volunteer efforts of this dedicated group through the years. But we want to continue to grow and realize this may require additional assistance.

HCAC is considering adding a part-time staff position to the organization to assist with the day to day, month to month details of our activities. During the July meeting of the Board, there was discussion about creating this position and it was decided to begin the process of developing a job description and exploring potential candidates.

If you are interested in working with a non-profit organization in the arts that is poised for growth, we would love to hear from you. A successful candidate could be someone interested in learning how an arts organization functions and adding this skill to their resume. Or, it could be a person with experience in this field who would like to help us grow. While the position will be part-time, this is an opportunity for expansion in the future. For a job description or more information, please email HighlandCoArts@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Without the support of the following organizations, the Highland County Arts Council would not be able to provide the programming that is its hallmark.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts

The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge

The Little Swiss Fund

The Charles Pinckney Jones Foundation

Creativity Corner

Terri Hevener



I have always been drawn to patterns, colors, textures, old things and dolls. I guess it was only natural for these elements to combine into what I refer to as mixed media whimsical characters. I enjoy finding and pulling together bits and pieces of paper ephemera, then enhancing with stitching, ink, paint, lace, beads, gold leaf, embossing and any other techniques or objects that strike my fancy! Most of these little dolls are just the right size to display on a Christmas tree, so that's where I like to display them.