



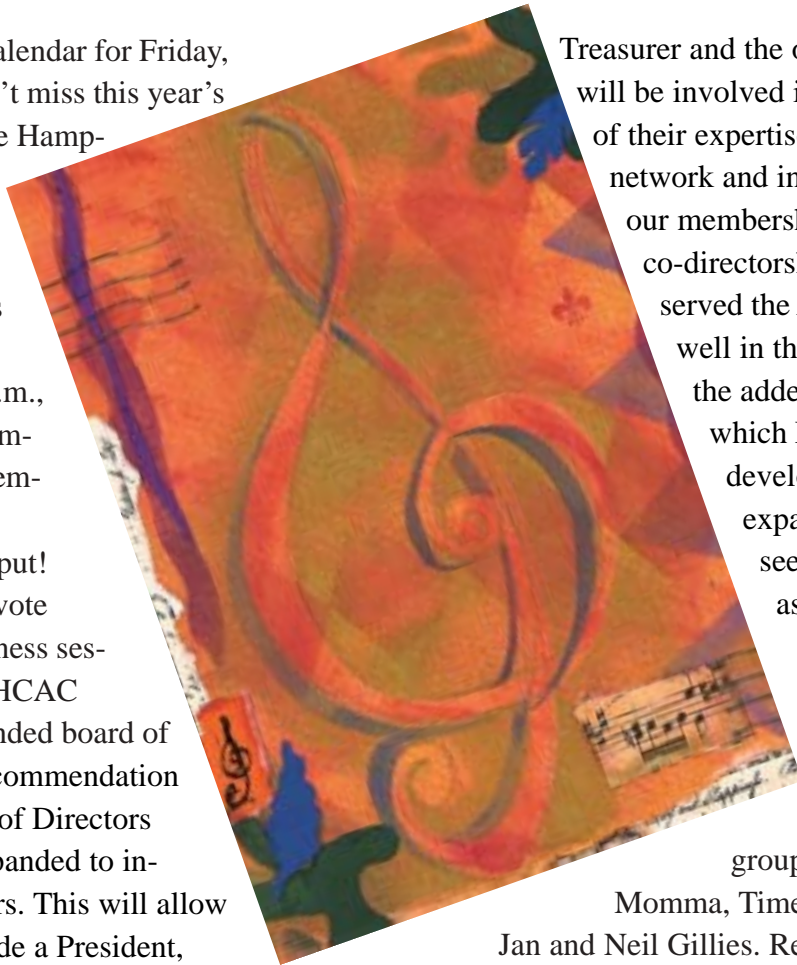
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February 2010

## HCAC Annual Meeting slated for March 5 will feature local talent

**M**ark your calendar for Friday, March 5, so you won't miss this year's annual meeting of the Hampshire County Arts Council (HCAC). The meeting will be at the Bottling Works in Romney (426 E. Main St.) from 7-9 p.m., and is open to all members and potential members.

We need your input! Come and cast your vote during the short business session on whether the HCAC should have an expanded board of directors. It is the recommendation of the current Board of Directors that the Board be expanded to include more Directors. This will allow the structure to include a President, Vice-President, current Secretary, and



Treasurer and the other Directors will be involved in committees of their expertise, expanding the network and involvement from our membership. The current co-directorship of three has served the Arts Council well in the past but with the added arts programs which HCAC has developed, the expanded board is seen as a great asset.

Come and enjoy music by these renowned local groups: Mountain Momma, Time Travellers, and Jan and Neil Gillies. Refreshments will be served.



The Hampshire County Arts Council welcomes persons with disabilities at all of its events and activities. To request accessibility services to participate, contact 304-496-8002 or 304-703-1350 or [performances@hampshirearts.org](mailto:performances@hampshirearts.org) in advance and we will do our best to accommodate.

WV Relay Operator for information on performances: 711-496-8002.



*Want to display your artwork? The mezzanine at the Hampshire County Public Library offers an excellent exhibit space. Art shows at the library change monthly. Set up is easy. Just bring your art ready to hang. Fill out registration and title card (it's all free). Hang your art. Here's what's coming up for 2010:*

**February:** The Hampshire County Photographers Group Show. Set up show on Monday, Feb. 1 and take down Friday, Feb. 26.

**March:** Youth Art Month celebrated with the art of home school students of Hampshire County. Set up on Saturday, Feb. 27, and take down Tuesday, March 30.

**April:** Student Art Show featuring the art of Hampshire County public school students. Set up show on Wednesday, March 31 and take down on Friday, April 30.

**May:** "Out Pops ..." A themed show focused on springtime and what arrives with the season — out pops ... flowers, gardens, baby animals etc. Open to all artists (all ages), all mediums (paintings, watercolors, drawings, photographs etc.) Set up show Saturday, May 1 and take down on Thursday, May 27.

**June:** "Bands of Color" A themed show for the artist to focus on color but in the context of repeating patterns (think rainbow) and then stretch the imagination. Open to all artists (all ages), all mediums. Set up Tuesday, June 1 and take down Tuesday, June 29.

**July:** "Sunflowers" They are glorious and grand. Artists are invited to submit their 'sunflower'

inspired work. Open to all artists (all ages), all mediums. Set up Wednesday, June 30 and take down Friday, July 30.

**August:** "Chill Out" A themed show inviting artists to visually create a little cool to ease the August heat — think water, winter or cool colors. (*The temperatures of colors are often described as warm (purples, reds, oranges, and yellows), neutral (violets and greens), and cool (blue-greens and blues).*) Open to all artists (all ages), all mediums. Set up Saturday, July 31 and take down Monday, August 30.

**September:** "Hampshire's Heritage" A themed show inviting artists to focus on the heritage of Hampshire County. Open to all artists (all ages), all mediums. Set up Tuesday August 31 and take down Wednesday, September 29.

**October:** "Harvest" A themed show inviting artists to capture the season and activity of 'harvest time.' Open to all artists (all ages), all mediums. Set up Thursday, September 30 and take down Friday, Oct. 29.

**November:** Sheltered Workshop Art Show featuring artwork from the Hampshire County Sheltered Workshop. Set up Saturday, Oct. 30 and take down Monday, November 29.

**December:** "Heat It Up" It's cold outside. So! Artists, heat it up! Summer scenes, warm colors. Open to all artists (all ages), all mediums. Set up Tuesday, November 30 and take down Thursday, December 30.

Contact Michael O'Brien 304-359-2097/Susan Feller 304-496-8073 or [visualarts@hampshirearts.org](mailto:visualarts@hampshirearts.org) for more information.



## Cabin Fever Concert

If you haven't yet been to Romney's versatile Visitors' Center and venue for the arts, The Bottling Works, to view exhibits by talented area artists and/or to enjoy quality concerts by acclaimed musicians, you are missing out!

The Hampshire County Arts Council is pleased to present the silver-haired dulcimer player with the golden voice, Madeline MacNeil, Saturday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. Maddie has delighted HCAC audiences in the past and has been much requested on our audience surveys.

It has been said that Madeline MacNeil's audiences hold their collective breath as the last notes of her songs drift into the tableau of stages

large and small. Since 1972, when she began performing in Virginia's Shenandoah National Park, Madeline's goal has always been to bring listeners into the song. Her interest in stories first brought the mountain and hammered dulcimers to her attention, for they are part of this country's musical history and the heritage of other countries before they arrived here. This is part of Madeline's treasure as a performer: she sings and tells the stories with her beautiful voice and exceptional dulcimer skills.

This performance is sponsored by Augusta Animal Hospital, and is presented with financial assistance from the WV Division of Culture and History, and the National En-



dowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts.

*Tickets may be purchased online: [www.hampshirearts.org](http://www.hampshirearts.org) or at the Bottling Works: \$12 (HCAC members \$10, under 17 free).*

## EXHIBITS

The Bottling Works will feature "Images of Blue Ridge Country," Landscape paintings by Mike Hooker February 14-March 31. Meet-the-Artist Reception Satur-

day, Feb. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

April 1-May 14: Come and enjoy "Holiday," featuring paintings by Sibyl MacKenzie. Meet-the-Artist Reception Friday, April 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



(Top) Mike Hooker in action.

Below: from Hooker's "Images of Blue Ridge Country"



(Above) "Knowledge Seeker" by Sibyl MacKenzie



## New Visual Arts Committee Co-Chairs

The baton for leading HCAC's Visual Arts Committee has been passed from Anne Reneé Livingston, who has chaired it for the past two years with great impact. Michael O'Brien has agreed to work with co-director Susan Feller to help continue the exhibits schedule and build on that excellent foundation.

Email Susan and Michael at [visualarts@hampshirearts.org](mailto:visualarts@hampshirearts.org) or call Susan at 304-496-8073.

## HCAC Photography Group

Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. at the Hampshire County Public Library, 153 West Main Street, Romney. For more information call Sandy Patterson at 304-496-7345. All photographers are welcome!

### 2010 MEETINGS & THEMES

- March 1 - Self Portrait
- April 4 - Reflections
- May 3 - Texture
- June 7 - Silhouette

## BAC/HCAC enter reciprocal arrangement

The Berkeley Arts Council of Martinsburg area will be the featured exhibit at the Bottling Works during July. In a reciprocal arrangement, Hampshire County Arts Council artists have been invited to exhibit at the Martinsburg Public Library during July. The HCAC collection will be curated by Susan Feller. Interested artists should contact

[visualarts@hampshirearts.org](mailto:visualarts@hampshirearts.org) for exhibit information. "This is a unique arrangement connecting the arts of two active communities in eastern West Virginia. We look forward to introducing the Martinsburg art group's work to Hampshire County and vice versa." said Rip Smith of the Berkeley Arts Council.

## Arts in education workshop at So. Branch Inn

*submitted by Amy Pancake*

Please mark March 22nd on your calendars for a session to explore best practices and share ideas for expanding or enhancing arts education and programming in schools. The workshop will be held at the South Branch Inn, starting with registration at 8:30 and wrapping

up around 3:00. Lunch will be provided. We will be sending out invitations, along with a request for proposal for Arts in Education mini-grant. Mini-grants will range up to \$5,000. The RFP will be discussed during the workshop. Please share this date with other educators and artists.



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**Thanks**

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