



# ABOUT THE ARTS

Hampshire County Arts Council  
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## The Barnstormers Host Instrument Making Workshop



*Above and below: The youngsters joined The Barnstormers in concert using the instruments they made.*



*Above: Sixteen Hampshire County children practiced their parts before the concert with the instruments they made during the workshop.*

On July 19 The Barnstormers hosted an instrument making workshop for children in the community at the Potomac Center in Romney. At the start of the workshop participants (and parents) were introduced to a variety of homemade instruments to get a sense of the range of sounds that can be made with them. After the workshop everyone had the opportunity to participate in a concert using the instruments they made.

The workshops and concert were made possible by funding from Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, The Bank of Romney and the Romney Moose.

*Slim Harrison demonstrated the variety of sounds that can be achieved with rhythm sticks made from wooden wire spools and wooden skewers.*



*Tom Jolin helped a Potomac Center resident make a washtub bass.*



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# Fall into the Arts in Hampshire County!

*This fall, the Hampshire County Arts Council offers a wealth of opportunities for local artists to showcase their work. From the WV Heritage art show on display at Taggart Hall during September to a juried art show at the Bottling Works in October and the Hampshire Highlands Studio Tour in December, the HCAC fall calendar promises to offer something for everyone. Come out today and discover the rich diversity of talent in our community!*

## Art Shows & Events

### SEPTEMBER

THE FALL SEASON KICKS OFF with WV Heritage on display at Taggart Hall throughout September. Featured works will represent West Virginia, with a reception on September 25, from 5-7 p.m.

THE AUGUST PAINT/SKETCH/PHOTOGRAPHY-IN at Robin Pancake's house was so successful that a second event is scheduled for September 26 at 10am. All artists are invited to come paint, sketch, photograph, get and give feedback, share ideas and socialize at Robin's wonderful historic home and grounds. Bring a packed lunch and your artist materials. Spend as much time as you would like doing art! On the porch in case of rain. Mill Meadow (Robin Pancake's house) Route 50 West, one mile from Romney. Cross the bridge and the railroad tracks. First left after crossing the railroad tracks. There is a white fence along the road to the house. For more info 304-822-5663.

### OCTOBER-DECEMBER

HCAC's JURIED ART SHOW will be held October 1-30 at the Bottling Works, 426 E. Main Street, Romney, with the reception and awards to be presented on October 2 from 5-7:30 p.m. prior to the

concert. Twelve artists have been juried into the show, and displayed works will include photos, pen and ink, rughooking, stained glass, watercolors, oil paintings, and acrylics. There will be approximately \$700 in awards among the following categories:

- Best of Show
- Best 2-D
- Best 3-D
- Best Photography
- Best Mixed Media
- Best Abstract
- Best Watercolor

HCAC's FALL ART SHOWS at the **Hampshire County Library** offer area artists the opportunity to showcase their work with several themed displays throughout the season. Work by the WV School for the Deaf and Blind will be on display throughout October. In November, the Hampshire County Library will host works with the theme Picturing Fall. December's theme will be Gifts. Both the November and December shows are open to all.

BE SURE TO VISIT HCAC's ART SHOWS at the Bottling Works in Romney throughout the fall season for a glimpse into Hampshire County's best artwork. HCAC's Fall Juried Art Show will be held at the Bottling Works October 1-30. A Studio Tour is

scheduled for November 1-15, and works by artist Michael O'Brien will be featured at the Bottling Works in November and December. Michael's show is titled "Found Along the Way," and will feature found objects and stained glass 3-D creations, paintings, drawings and collages. The reception will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 1-3 p.m.

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS! Grab a map and join HCAC on December 4, 5, 6 for the 2009 Hampshire Highlands Studio Tour. With 18 artists in 13 studios, this tour is sure to inspire your creativity and give you some wonderful holiday gift ideas! Visit our website for tour maps, participating artists and schedule: [www.HampshireHighlandsStudioTour.com](http://www.HampshireHighlandsStudioTour.com)

For more information about HCAC's Art Shows and Events, contact Anne Renee Livingston at [glasshousestudio@msn.com](mailto:glasshousestudio@msn.com) or 304-822-4527.



*One of Michael O'Brien's pieces that will be featured at The Bottling Works in November.*

## April Verch Band to Perform in Romney October 2

The Hampshire County Arts Council presents a beguiling blend of folk, jazz, old-time, bluegrass, roots music, and stepdancing woven together with precision and intensity by The April Verch Band. April Verch is a stepdancing, fiddle-playing dynamo. The native of Pembroke, Ontario - who performs in Romney on Friday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. at the Bottling Works, whips crowds into a fury with her high-speed footwork, angelic voice and stunning musicianship. Experiencing an April Verch show is like hopping a supersonic freight train from an old lumber camp in northern Ontario, across the wide open prairie, through the Appalachians, down the Mississippi to the Louisiana Bayou, across the sea to Brazil, France, the Scottish Highlands and back, with stops at Carnegie Hall and church thrown in for good measure. An April Verch concert is equal parts invigorating, surprising, heartbreaking, heartwarming, haunting, charming, thrilling, foot-stomping, faith restoring, and smile inducing — all in all, utterly unforgettable. It's a musical journey you do not want to miss, one that will have you entranced from start to finish, and ultimately not wanting to get off that train that you hopped on just two hours earlier.

Wheelchair accessible. Advance tickets available online at <http://www.HampshireArts.org/tickets.html>

This program is presented with sponsorship from FNB Romney and financial assistance from the WV Division of Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts.



## Staats & Shaffer in Concert at Bottling Works November 7



Hampshire County Arts Council is pleased to again present Johnny Staats with Robert Shafer, on Saturday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. at The Bottling Works, 426 E. Main St., Romney. Staats' command of the mandolin is astounding. His influences range from the traditional bluegrass sound of Bill Monroe to the sophisticated classics of Mozart, with jazz, swing and newgrass all mixed in with ultimate taste. Shafer is a 2-time winner of the National Flatpicking Championship as well as state guitar championships in KY (3 times), TN (twice), OH (twice) and AL. The pair have been among the most frequent requests for HCAC to bring back.

This program is presented with sponsorship from The Loy Foundation and financial assistance from the WV Division of Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts.

The Hampshire County Arts Council welcomes persons with disabilities at all of its events and activities. To request accessibility services to participate, please contact 304-496-8201 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: 711-496-8201.

# 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!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & THEMES

Sept. 14 - Vacations  
Oct. 5 - Open  
Nov. 2 - Sports  
Dec. 7 - Transportation

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### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- \*Weekly Arts Alerts via email
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- \*Continuing visual arts exhibits at the Bottling Works, Public Library and Arts Center, Taggart Hall
- \*Artists Studio Tours
- \*Ice Mountain Writers Group
- \*Photography Group
- \*Youth Art Camp
- \*Website [www.hampshirearts.org](http://www.hampshirearts.org)

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