



# ABOUT THE ARTS

Hampshire County Arts Council  
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## ONTRAC ARTS COUNCIL SUNFLOWER FEST

The ONTRAC Sunflower Fest, which is the main fundraising event for Romney ONTRAC, an organization devoted to the revitalization of the Town of Romney, is scheduled for Saturday, July 24. HCAC purchased one of the large blank sunflowers that will be auctioned off that evening, and V. Lynn Moore created a Theatrical Sunflower (right). In advance of the festival, all entries in the artistic “garden” of sunflowers will be displayed throughout Romney from June 30 until the Auction on July 24 at the Bottling Works, which will be held between 6:00-6:30pm.

Proceeds from the winning bid for the Arts Council Sunflower will benefit the curtains, and lighting project upgrade at the Bottling Works, enabling community wide stage performances.

We encourage all members to study the art works and consider helping HCAC or another community group with your bids.



“Drama Sun” by V. Lynn Moore

For more information about the Sunflower Fest, contact the Hampshire County Library, 153 W. Main St., Romney, WV 26757. 304-822-3185. web site: <http://romneyontrac.com>

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.



# Ice Mountain Writers

**P**oets, novelists, short story writers, essayists, and song writers all can be members of the Ice Mountain Writers. The only requirement is a serious interest in things literary or lyrical, and a willingness to share your work with others. The Ice Mountain Writers have been meeting for over a decade, hosting public performances, and doing workshops in the schools. Currently they meet four times a year at a member's house to read work and offer constructive criticism. There is a fairly flexible five minute limit to individual readings in order to be able to allow everyone present to participate. A public reading was given in January 2010, and another is planned for the fall. There is usually a practice session at a member's house for Ice Mt. Writers participating in the public reading to set the order for the pieces.

After the Ice Mountain Writers have completed their segment of the performance, the general public is also invited to read.

Those interested in joining the Ice Mountain Writers should contact Larry Brown (304 822-7516) or Sibyl MacKenzie (304 822-7206). All ages and art forms are welcome.

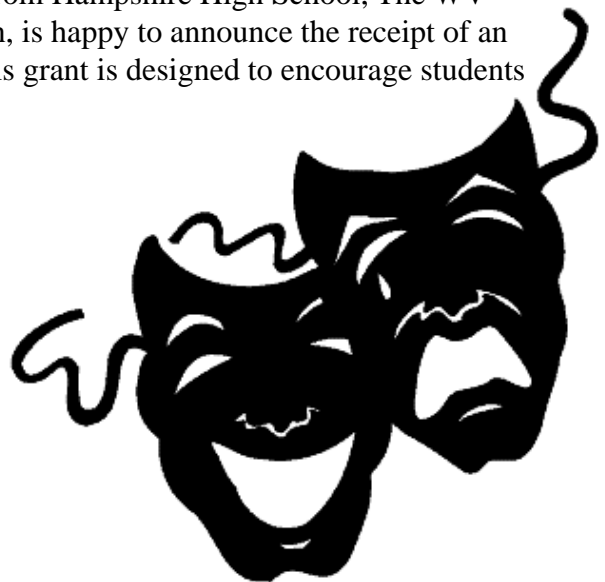
## HCAC Awarded Arts in Education Grant

Hampshire County Arts Council, with endorsements from Hampshire High School, The WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and the Loy Foundation, is happy to announce the receipt of an Arts in Education Grant for the 2010/2011 school year. This grant is designed to encourage students from the community to work with local adults with or without experience in community theatre.

Council members will work directly with students weekly at the Bottling Works to develop performance skills and to mentor students in all aspects of mounting a theatrical production.

We plan to mount a small production in the fall and another in the spring of 2011 at the Bottling Works in Romney.

For more information and to volunteer for our community theatre project, please contact V. Lynn Moore at [lmoore@hardynet.com](mailto:lmoore@hardynet.com).



## Thank You

*... to Hampshire County Attorney Royce Saville, 95 W. Main St., Romney, WV, 304-822-3875, for sponsoring the printing of this issue of the Hampshire County Arts Council newsletter. We encourage our members to support this patron of the arts.*

# In Memorium

HCAC has lost a valued member, former officer, and enthusiastic arts supporter. Sylvia Reisher died on May 22, 2010, following a courageous battle with cancer. Sylvia was a former secretary of HCAC, volunteered at Summer Arts Camp, helped set up the Fall Fine Arts Show for several years, and was always available to help with any project or activity HCAC undertook.

Active in the community, Sylvia was a member of the Romney Womans Club where she served as co-chairman of the Home Life department. She was the former president of the FRIENDS of the Library and chaired the FRIENDS Silent Auction for several years. A skilled knitter and avid reader, she was a member of the "Knitting Group" at the Library and participated in the Fort Ashby Book Store Book Group.

Sylvia was a happy, fun, upbeat, friendly person and she will be greatly missed by all of us who had the privilege of knowing her.

She is survived by her husband, Pat Gainor, two sons and daughter-in-law, Pat's daughter, son and daughter-in-law, and two grandsons. Also surviving are her sister, brother, and sister-in-law and a number of nieces and nephews.



# Good Luck, Anne-Reneé

Three years ago Anne-Reneé Livingston appeared at a HCAC Executive meeting and she stayed with the organization until June 30 of this year. Her energy and follow-through inspired many others to pitch in even more to promote arts in and around this community. Working up from member to involvement on the Visual Arts Committee, to its Chair and then stepping in as a Co-Director, liaison to the Loy Foundation all the while staying on as Visual Arts Chair; Anne-Reneé Livingston's volunteering for just HCAC will take three people to fill the slots (not replace her energy).

She was instrumental in creating schedules for art exhibits at the Romney Library and a full schedule at the Bottling Works. Her enthusiasm brought together artists for the past two years in the Hampshire Highlands Studio Tour, continuing this year the first weekend of December. The Juried Show evolved under Anne-Reneé's direction into a month long event in the Fall.

Because of her steadfast interest in promoting arts, artists and schooling of art Anne-Reneé spread her attention to detail and inventive marketing ideas to many committees in Hampshire County. We will miss her dedication to arts, detail, and as a friend. Not really that far away with cyberspace, but stopping in at the Glass House Studio will be a hard habit to break. All the best, dear friend!

*(Anne-Reneé is moving to Virginia Beach at the end of June.)*



## HCAC Photography Group

*Meetings are held the first Monday of every month from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., upstairs at the Hampshire County Public Library in Romney. Note that due to Labor Day, we meet the 2nd Monday in September. All skill levels are welcome!*

Meeting Date	Theme
July 5, 2010	Still Life
August 2, 2010	Flowers
September 13, 2010	Sunset/Sunrise
October 4, 2010	Open
November 1, 2010	Rural
December 6, 2010	City Life

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## FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Sunday, June 20 - Hot Soup  
 Sunday, July 18 - The Prophecy Music Project  
 Sunday, August 15 - Anne Hills

concerts start at 5 p.m.

on the lawn at

**THE POTOMAC CENTER**  
 1 Blue St., Romney, WV

*Concerts are brought to our community with the support of WV Div. of Culture and History, NEA, Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, and The Bank of Romney*

## UPCOMING EXHIBITS

**JULY 1-AUG. 21** - Neighbors (Berkeley Co. Artists)

**AUG. 27-OCT. 2** - HCAC Camera Club (Reception Oct. 1, 6-7 p.m. prior to concert by Bradley Litwin)

**OCT. 8-NOV. 6** - Fall Juried Art Show (Reception & Awards Nov. 6, 6-7 p.m. prior to concert by Ensemble of American Balalaika Symphony Orchestra)

**The Bottling Works**

426 E. Main St. \* Romney, WV 26757

You are invited to join the Hampshire County Arts Council (or renew!)



### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- \*Weekly Arts Alerts via email
- \*Discounts on musical performances
- \*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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(or see label if renewing)

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues  \$15 Single  \$25 Family

I AM AN ARTIST IN:

Drama  Visual Arts  Music  Writing

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP: Art Shows  Concerts

Art Camp  Website  Publicity  Membership  Newsletter

Other? \_\_\_\_\_

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