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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL
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Spring 2009

Members Celebrate HCAC's 15 Year Anniversary

On March 15 HCAC members gathered at The Bottling Works in Romney to celebrate the Council's 15 years of existence. Co-Director Susan Feller (below) chaired a short meeting, followed by music by (from top right) Blue Ridge Blend from Winchester, Virginia, and local musicians Time Travelers and Mountain Momma.

Also during the meeting a Silent



Auction was held which featured items donated by member artists. Proceeds went to the Arts Council.

Delicious homemade refreshments were provided by Secretary Hilary

Hott (and a little birdie told us her Mom, Dottie Eddis, and Grandmother, HCAC Co-Director Eileen Eddis also helped prepare the goodies).

During the meeting members voted in a new secretary, Nadine Miller. Shari Gallery is the Council's new Treasurer, and Anne-Renee Livingston joins existing Co-Directors Eileen Eddis and Susan Feller.



Photos by Jan Dodgins

UPCOMING SHOWS

Taggart Hall

JUNE 1- JULY 17

Theme: **PATRIOTIC**

Reception: Tentatively July 3

SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30

Theme: HERITAGE DAYS ANNUAL SHOW

Reception: evening of Sept. 11, 2009

Hampshire Co. Public Library

(See article at right)

The Bottling Works

MAY 1- JUNE 23

Janet Harlow Retrospective

JUNE 24- AUGUST 13

Jan Dodgins

OCTOBER 1- OCTOBER 31

JURIED SHOW

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NOVEMBER 1- NOVEMBER 15

Jurors Show

NOVEMBER 15- JANUARY 4

Michael O'Brien

Calling all Artists!

Want to display your artwork at the Hampshire County Public Library? Exhibits change monthly. Any age welcomed!

May: Individual Artist

June: Picturing Summer - Artwork that represents SUMMER!

Drop off Date: June 1. Pick up Date: June 30

July: What I Am Doing On My Summer Vacation- Show us where you have been or going to go. Looking for Children's artwork mostly, but anyone can participate!

Drop off Date: June 30. Pick up Date: July 31

August: Sunflowers - Romney will be having a Sunflower Festival during August so we are looking for your interpretations of Sunflowers!

Drop off Date: July 31. Pick up date: Sept. 1

September: Heritage Days Show at Taggart Hall

October: WVSDB

November: Picturing Fall - Display your beautiful fall foliage artwork!

Drop off date: Nov. 2. Pick up date: Dec. 1

December: Abstract - Think outside your box and do an abstract piece!

Drop off date: Dec. 1. Pick up date: Jan. 4

*Need more info? Contact Anne-Renee Livingston
304-496-9515 or visualarts@hampshirearts.org*

Thank You



The Hampshire County Arts Council wishes to thank Hilary Hott for volunteering to fill in as our secretary for the past several months. Hilary leaves for Marshall University in July, where she will be taking graduate courses in medicine. A fond good-bye and good luck to this lovely lady -- we will miss her efficiency and diligent attention to the minutes!

Member in the News!

HCAC member Sibyl McKenzie has a show opening at the Saville Gallery in Cumberland, Maryland on July 16.

The show will feature Sibyl's unique, colorful paintings and a retrospective of the late Shirley Carnahan's dolls.

There will be an opening reception on July 18, 5:00-8:00.

The gallery is located at 9 N. Centre Street, just off the Baltimore Street pedestrian mall. For more info on directions and parking, visit www.alleganyartscouncil.org.

Sibyl's art will be on display at the Gallery until August 16. *Don't miss it!*

Heritage Days Art Show Theme is "WV Heritage"

Help celebrate Hampshire Heritage Days by displaying your West Virginia heritage at Taggart Hall, one of the most historic buildings in Hampshire County!

Entry Fee is \$10 for up to three artworks. There will be People's Choice Awards in three categories: Landscape, Historical Sites, and People.

A reception will be held the evening of September 11, 2009.

For more info, call Anne-Renee Livingston at 304.496.7515 or email her at visualarts@hampshirearts.org.



Join in the tradition . . . **HAMPSHIRE HERITAGE DAYS** . . . celebrate its 30th year!
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Upcoming Meetings

(Hampshire County Arts Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at The Bottling Works.)

MAY - Membership (new system); Labels for newsletter; Loy Foundation

JUNE - Prepare for Peer Advisor (TBA)

JULY - Peer Advisor

AUGUST - Music committee to be formed

SEPTEMBER - Peer Advisor to return; Heritage Days Art Show

OCTOBER - Loy Foundation joint venture

NOVEMBER - Budget; Music selection

**All members are
welcome to attend!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare some time this summer?

- *To help plan the education program: Art Camp for next summer
- *Assist Visual Arts Committee with Juried Show - hanging, receptions, publicity
- *Music Selection Committee - help review potential groups, plan schedule, coordinate publicity, help with gate, greeting and signing up new members
- *ARTS Register - help artists submit work to state registry, coordinated with the Hampshire County Public Library
- *Work on HCAC organizational format for the future
- *Help shape how HCAC serves the arts community and the public community of Hampshire County in the future

Thanks to **Ruckman Mill Farm, P. O. Box 409, Augusta, WV 26704**, for sponsoring the copying of this HCAC newsletter! Visit Susan Feller at the Studio or online at www.RuckmanMillFarm.com, or call 304.496.8073.



Fall Fine Arts Juried Show

Eligibility: Artists 18 and older are invited to submit up to three original works of art. Artwork must have been completed within the past two years and not previously entered into any Hampshire County Art Shows. Two of the three works of art must be for sale. There is a 20% commission fee to HCAC on any work sold.

Fee: HCAC members \$25.00; Non-members \$30.00. This fee is non-refundable.

Deadline: August 10, 2009. Please submit up to three electronic digital images to visualarts@hampshirearts.org or you may mail a CD to PO Box 931 Augusta, WV 26704. **No work will be considered if received after August 10, 2008.**

Notification: You will be notified of the jury selection by August 31, 2009.

Categories: Cash prizes will be awarded to first place only. The categories are:

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

Drop off: Work must be able to be delivered to The Bottling Works on October 1, 2008 between 2 and 5 pm. Work must be wired and ready to hang, no sawtooth hangers please.

Judging: Judging will take place on October 2 by TBA.

Reception: There will be an opening reception on Saturday October 3. There will be an awards presentation at that time. Time: TBA

For more information

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Free Concerts on the Lawn

What better way to enjoy summer AND save money than with HCAC's Free Summer Concerts on the Lawn?

This year they'll be Sunday, June 21; Sunday, July 19; and Sunday, August 9, all at 5 p.m. at The Potomac Center, 1 Blue St., in Romney (just follow the signs to the hospital and you'll come to the driveway for The Potomac Center). Bring along a towel, blanket, or lawn chairs for the lawn seating (of course we move indoors if it rains). Refreshments are available.

These free concerts are presented with sponsorship from The Bank of 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. The July concert is partially supported by a grant from Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, developed and funded by the Vira I. Heinz Endowment; the William Penn Foundation;

the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency; and The Pew Charitable Trusts; and administered by Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation.

The Hampshire County Arts Council welcomes persons with disabilities at all of its activities. To request accessibility services to participate, please contact 304-496-8201 or performances@hampshirearts.org in advance and we will do our best to accommodate. WV Relay Operator for information on performances: 711-496-8201.

In June The Hampshire County Arts Council presents Michael and Carrie Kline, a musical duo, performing tight, high mountain harmonies of traditional Appalachian and contemporary songs on guitar and voice. They have released a recording of their own music, *Eyes of a Painter*, with gifted friends lending performances on voice, fiddle, guitar, mandolin and bass. The Klines are preoccupied with West Virginia songs, from the ancient ballads of the Hammons Family in the central highlands, to mining laments and songs of resistance in the coal fields. They worked with HCAC and the Hampshire County Visitors Bureau in 2004 to record "All Smiles Tonight," a two CD set documenting live music in Hampshire County as our community celebrated its 250th Anniversary. (These are available at the Hampshire County Visitors Center in The Bottling Works.)

The Klines present music both as entertainment and social history, with engaging ease and hard-hitting passion. Absorbed in the study of oral tradition, they spend much time with old-time singers and tellers living in the Appalachian region. Their style is an

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

To join, complete information below and send with check

Name _____
(or see label if renewing)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Receive future newsletters via email? Yes

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? _____

INSPIRED TO CONTRIBUTE MORE? \$100 Patron receives two concert tickets

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amalgamation of musical and oral sources representative of places like Cherokee, North Carolina, the Appalachian coal fields, and industrial cities of New England.

Come July, HCAC will present The Barnstormers—Tom Jolin and Slim Harrison, who have played together since 1980. They perform traditional American music for a wide variety of events, from folk festivals to schools to weddings. The Barnstormers played for Vice President Al Gore in 1995 and at the Vijandi Folk Music Festival in Estonia in 2006. They performed at the 2007 Bethlehem Musikfest and in 2008 in Germany at the Moelln Fest. Tom plays the hammer dulcimer, banjo, button accordion, guitar, harmonica, bowed psaltery and more. He is a Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Artist in Residence. A Maryland State Arts Council Performing Artist in Residence and a Wolf Trap Master Artist, Slim plays the fiddle, banjo, guitar, mountain dulcimer,

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autoharp and jaws harp. Both sing.

The Barnstormers play the “old music”. . . and in doing so the listeners are transported to earlier, traditional times. It’s a fun ride! All Aboard!

Come August, you’ll find tasty mix of acoustic Americana Roots, traditional Appalachian in a not-so-traditional style, ‘new-grass’ flavors and original tunes with honest down-to-earth lyrics when HCAC presents String Fever. Audiences find their music literate, subtly nuanced and inventive while retaining a traditionalist’s love for classic folk and bluegrass

From the Allegheny ridges in the northern mountains of West Virginia, String Fever is a family trio that combines Keith Pitzer’s unique style of flat-picking guitar, Joan’s solid rhythmic bass or penny whistle, and Jake’s hot mandolin licks with strong vocal harmonies and insightful and poetic songwriting to give their audiences an evening of musical magic.



We need your input!!!

Do you have any thoughts on the kinds of concerts you would like to hear? Then become a member of the Concert Committee. Talk to Shari Gallery or Eileen Eddis, or email performances@hampshirearts.org