



Newsletter

Jan. & Feb., 2012

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President's Message:

"I started to put together a "Best of SMAC in 2011" list. As I looked over last year's events on our website, I realized that I couldn't possibly make a choice. In case you are new to SMAC, or were out of town, here is quick look at the happenings of 2011.

February

- Jonathan Dillon and Phantom Grass Coffee House

March

- Lake Players Mystery in March

April

- Lake Writers and SMAC presents a lecture by Nikki Giovanni
- Paddy Dougherty and Tom Kimmel Coffee House
- Lake Writer's Poetry Reading
- Lake Writers Student Writing Contest Winners Announcement

May

- Lake Writer present a reading of his debut novel by Dutch Henry
- Photography Contest and Show

June

- Lakeside Singers Present
A Little Bit of Country, A Little Bit of Rock n Roll
- Presentation of the SMAC Scholarship Awards

September

- Philip and Tara Boughnight and David and Leah Wiley
- David Wiley and Tracy Cowden

October

- Hard Day's Night Beatles Tribute Band in Concert
- SMAC Annual Celebration and Meeting
- SMAC Art Show

November

- Lakeside Singers Presentation of
Gospel Through the Ages
- Scott Perry and the Front Porch Band

December

- Lake Players *Comedy at Christmas*

In addition, B Sharps and Noteables have monthly singing engagements throughout the area and we have 13 affiliate organizations that have activities going on throughout the year. You need to check our website at:

<http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com>

SMAC is able to organize and orchestrate these events through the efforts of people that volunteer. There is not a full time staff. When you attend an event, volunteers have planned it, organized it, publicized it, set it up, and cleaned up afterwards. With the number of events that we have, we need your help. When you completed your membership form, we asked you what you were interested in. We are matching those responses with our events, and we will be contacting many of you throughout the year for your assistance. With your help, we can continue our goal of fostering the arts throughout the Smith Mountain Lake area.

We look forward to seeing you at the many events throughout 2012!

Mike Dittrich



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Fri. Feb. 16th, at 9:30 AM [no meeting in January]



Calendar - Upcoming Events

SMAC is now signed up for inclement weather announcements. Closings will be broadcast on WSLs TV (Channel 10) and listed on their website (WSLS.com) or at WDBJ7.com (online only).



*Share SMAC's slogan with your friends and neighbors.
"If you aren't a member of SMAC... you should be."*

January 14th: Call to Artist

The Call to Artist for Black & White Exhibit -
Entry deadline is Jan. 14th.

January 21st: Concert

7:30 PM at Bower Center for the Arts
Ken and Alli in Concert

More information on page 4.

Jan. 25 – Mar. 17: Black & White Exhibit

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judged all-media theme exhibit, Back & White.

More information on page 4.

February 11: SMAC Valentine's Day Dance

Grab your sweetheart and put on your dancin' shoes!
On Saturday, February 11, from 7-10PM, The Smith
Mountain Arts Council is hosting a Valentines Day
Dance in the gym at the Smith Mountain Lake
YMCA.

More information on page 4.

March: Lakeside Singers

There will be the traditional Potluck Supper
in March to kick-off our season and introduce new
members.

More information on page 5.

March or April: Lake Players

To be announced in the next newsletter

May 19th: Call for Artist

Call for Artists! The deadline for entry forms to be
received is May 19. More information on page 5.

May 18 & 19: "Margaritaville"

New Crusty Minstrels to Present "Margaritaville" sing-
along concert in May.

More information on page 5.

May 25 - 27: SMAC Photo Show

Stay tuned for this year's Photo Show scheduled for
Memorial Day Weekend. We will be making some
changes, including increasing the number of entries
per category. More information on page 7.

June: Lakeside Singers Concert

The Lakeside Singers are beginning preparations for
the 2012 Concert Program.

More information on page 5.

June 6 – July 14: Art Show

Call for Artist - Deadline for entry forms is May 19th.
Bower Center for the Arts welcomes SMAC
for an invitational exhibit.

More information on page 5.

Welcome to our Newest Members

Jim & Cindy Wood

Diane McVaney

Ed & Sharon Hines

Ann Saad

Joan Showalter

Cathy & Dale Bleier

Bob & Linda Colia

And our Newest Affiliates

New Crusty Minstrels



Bower Center for the Arts: “Ken and Alli” Concert – January 21st

On the evening of January 21st Bower Center for the Arts welcome Ken Horne and Allison Young to our concert hall for a wonderful performance beginning at 7:30 PM. Bower Center for the Arts, 305 North Bridge Street Bedford, VA 24523.

Ken and Allison, formerly with "Generic Folk", are now performing as the vocal duet "Ken and Alli". Their stage show spans several centuries and many genres of American folk music. From contemporary Americana to sixteenth century Childe ballads, from classic blues to country music standards (and some that ought to be), Ken and Alli offer a variety of musical styles and arrangements that can only be described as delightfully eclectic. Allison's sparkling lead vocals and intricate harmonies blend perfectly with Ken's rich baritone. Accompanied by finger style guitar and six string banjo with an occasional harmonica bit thrown in, Ken and Alli create an evening of music that is entertaining, inspirational, and mostly, a whole lot of fun.



Tickets for this cabaret style performance are \$10.00 for adults and can be secured at lynchburgtickets.com or the Bower Center. Tickets are \$12.00 at the door. The Bower Center may be contacted at 540-586-4235 or bowercenter@gmail.com.

Bower Center for the Arts: Black & White Judged Exhibit – Jan. 25 to Mar. 17



The Bower Center for the Arts' next exhibit will be a judged all-media theme exhibit, Back & White. January 25 - March 17 2012 at Bower Center for the Arts, 305 North Bridge Street Bedford VA 24523. Ann van de Graaf, an accomplished Lynchburg artist who founded the gallery, Africa House, will judge the show.

The opening reception and awards will be Sunday February 5th from 2 to 4 pm. The theme will be carried over to the reception. Join the fun and dress in black and white!

The Call to Artist is available to download from the Bower Center website, bowercenter.org.
Entry deadline: Jan. 14th.

SMAC Valentine's Day Dance: “Let's Dance” - February 11th



For Your Dancing and Listening Pleasure....

On Saturday, February 11, from 7 to 10 PM, The Smith Mountain Arts Council is hosting a Valentine's Day Dance in the gym at the Smith Mountain Lake YMCA.

Grab your sweetheart and put on your dancin' shoes!
(Note to the ladies: pointy heels not allowed on the gym floor...it's just like high school)

Music will be provided by the big band sounds of "Let's Dance"

Bring your own wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverage. You can also bring light snacks like chips, pretzels or M&M's. Keep in mind there is no kitchen at the Y, so everyone has to setup their snacks and take care of their own cleanup.

You can buy tickets in advance for \$10.00/person at The General Store, Print and Paper and The Visitors Center at Bridgewater Plaza. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12.00/person (\$10.00 if you are a SMAC member). You can also call Marty Bowers at 540.297.0965 to make an advance reservation.

So bone up on your favorite dance moves and be ready to have a raucous good time. (Chaperones will make sure there is no foolin' around on the dance floor)
See you there!



New Crusty Minstrels : “Margaritaville” sing-along concert in May



It's early, but you have your 2012 calendars up and running, so mark the weekend of May 18 and 19 to attend one of two evening performances of “Margaritaville,” a benefit sing-along concert featuring the music of Jimmy Buffet and the Beach Boys as performed by the Lake’s own “New Crusty Minstrels.”



The gym at the Westlake “Y” in Lakewatch Plantation will be arranged with tables where you can enjoy a BYOB picnic with friends and neighbors...or you can buy “Cheeseburger in Paradise” meals, hot off the Hot Shots grill right outside the Y’s door. Bring wine, margaritas or whatever you prefer to drink; wear your Parrot Head or beach attire and prepare to have a raucous good time singing along, with words projected on the big screen just as they were at the 60’s “Hootenanny” in October, 2010.

The New Crusty Minstrels are a SMAC affiliate. Proceeds from ticket sales (beginning Feb. 1 at The General Store and the SML Visitor Center) will be split between SML Good Neighbors and Lake Christian Ministries, and donations made to either charity on concert evenings will be matched by generous benefactors.

Bower Center for the Arts: Art Show – SMAC Invitational Exhibit – June 6 to July 14



Call for Artists! The deadline for entry forms to be received is May 19.

The Bower Center for the Arts welcomes The Smith Mountain Arts Council for an invitational exhibit. Works will be accepted in numerous media including, but not limited to, painting, drawing, print-making, collage, mixed media, photography, mosaics, sculpture, fabric, and glass (stained and fused). SMAC Artists mark your calendars. For complete information about this show go to smithmountainartscouncil.com or bowercenter.org. The Bower Center may be contacted at 540-586-4235 / www.bowercenter.org / bowercenter@gmail.com

Lakeside Singers : Preparing for the 2012 Spring Program

The Lakeside Singers are beginning preparations for the 2012 Concert Program. After having a successful 2011 season with two concert programs the singers are now finalizing the spring program that will be presented in June of 2012.

There will be the traditional Potluck Supper in March to kickoff our season and introduce new members. We are pleased to have Velshera Johnson returning as our director and Susan Spataro as our accompanist. A letter will be sent to all former members with the date and times for the Potluck. If you have an interest in being part of the Lakeside Singers please call Ken Nagele at 540 297-1058, Chris Collins at 540 721-8425 or Linda Worman at 540 204-6876 for information.

We are looking forward to a great season of music and fellowship



B Sharps



The B Sharps are looking for new members, both men and women. We practice the last Wednesday of the month and normally sing-out on the first Wednesday of the month. Our mission is to sing at nursing homes, veterans centers, adult care centers, etc. We sing at one facility in the morning, have lunch, and then at another facility in the afternoon. No audition required, just a love of singing!!

Little Town Players

Little Town Players participated in the annual Bedford Christmas Parade.

Participants represented a character from each show in their 2011-2012 season.

Karen C. Hopkins - *Always...Patsy Cline*

Raymond Smith - *A Christmas Story*

Jayne Brill - *Arsenic and Old Lace*

Jeff Krantz - *The Nerd*

Thanks to Jimmy Nunn for bring our chauffeur.



Lake Players - *Comedy at Christmas* entertained a sold-out Crowd!

Comedy at Christmas was the latest production of the Lake Players, held December 9th at Resurrection Catholic Church. A great mix of entertainment was provided for an audience of 126 people.

Judy Reap performed two monologues that she wrote, Mike DeGiorgi played the guitar and sang songs he wrote and Jerry and Fern Hale played guitar and flute to a couple of songs. Penny Larsen, Anne Motley, Chuck Lumpkin, Jerry Hale and Leslie Santapaul entertained with "Jack Tales". Marion Wetcher performed her renowned "All I want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth" number. Nancy King and Phil Servidea did one of the Ethel and Albert comedies about "The Fishing Hat" and Connie Canova and Tim Ernandes did the Ethel and Albert "Just a Little Something for Christmas".

Everyone had a good time with lots of laughs, including the performers.

Our next performance will most likely be in March or April. It will be announced in the next newsletter.



Marion Wetcher



Mike DeGiorgi



Judy Reap

Photographer's Corner



SMAC Needs Photographers

SMAC is compiling a list of photographers who can be recruited to take photos at SMAC events. If you're interested in helping out, please let Peter Coriasco know (pcoriasco@gmail.com) and he'll add you to the list. If there are certain events that you'd like to cover (Lake Players, Art Show, etc.) let him know that too. Those volunteering must be able to manipulate their photos as required (size, color corrections, etc) and deliver them to our Publicity Director, Betsy Ashton, by the morning after the event takes place.

SMAC Photo Contest and Show - May 25th , 26th and 27th



Go back to your archives or get the camera ready and go out to get new great shots. We will be making some changes this year, including increasing the number of entries per category.

Please add smacphoto123@gmail.com to your email contact list to avoid missing important information.

Contact Peter Coriasco at pcoriasco@gmail.com or 540-420-1018 if you have any questions or comments.

Stay tuned for additional information !!



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