

Laurel Arts

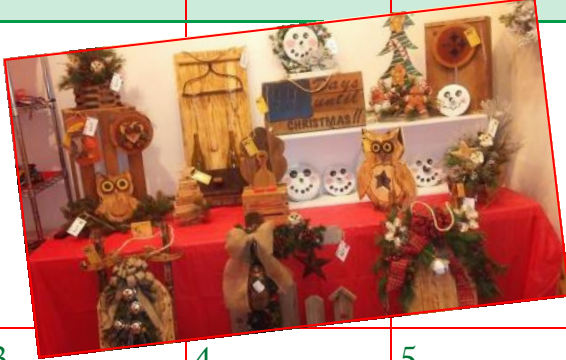





Arts for everyone

Laurel Arts
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ArtLink • A Newsletter for the Members of Laurel Arts • **Holidays 2017**

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Christmas Craft Shoppe is open!		¹ First Night of Christmas 6:30-8:30 pm at Dressler Santa arrives at 7 pm	² Cookie Tour Stop by Dressler noon-4 pm
³ Laurel Highlands Chorale Holiday Concert 3:30 pm Somerset Church of the Brethren	⁴ Laurel Highlands Chorale Holiday Concert 7 pm Somerset Church of the Brethren	⁵	⁶  ⁷ Soup & Shop Lunch (Free) Call 443-2433 to make a reservation!		⁸ LA Dancers perform at Shanksville Rockwood North Star elementaries	⁹  Rhythms of Christmas 1 pm Somerset High School Auditorium
¹⁰	¹¹ LA Dancers perform at Somerset NS Middle Berlin	¹²	¹³ Soup & Shop Lunch (Free) Call 443-2433 to make a reservation!	¹⁴	¹⁵ Holiday Get-together 6:30-8:30 pm Come meet our staff!	¹⁶ 
¹⁷	¹⁸	¹⁹	²⁰ <i>Last day to shop!</i>	²¹	²²	²³
²⁴ /	²⁵ <i>Merry Christmas</i>	²⁶	²⁷	<p>Thank you to</p>  Citizens Neighborhood Bank A Division of Riverview Bank for sponsoring our holiday events!		
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in the Galleries

Coming in 2018

The first three shows of the year feature the incredible artwork being created in our schools. Art is alive and well in Somerset County. Visit ... you'll be amazed!

January 16-February 3

County Elementary School Show

Visit the galleries during this show to see art through the eyes of students in Grade K through 6. All Somerset County elementary schools and homeschoolers are invited to participate.

Open House Sunday, January 21, 2-4 pm

February 13-March 3

County Junior-Senior High School Show

See the progress made by older students as they continue to explore art through various mediums. All Somerset County junior and senior high schools as well as homeschoolers (grades 7-12) are invited to participate.

Open House Sunday, February 18, 2-4 pm

March 13-March 31

Somerset Area School District Show

Artwork will reach floor to ceiling as Somerset Area School District art teachers showcase the creative works of students in grades K through 12.

Open House Sunday, March 18, 2-4 pm

(Non-holiday) GALLERY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday: 11 am to 6 pm

Saturday: noon to 4 pm

Closed Friday & Sunday

(except for exhibit openings)



Come for a free lunch, stay to shop

We will be serving up a bowl of hot soup and small sides to anyone who would like to join us for lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, December 5, 6 and 7 or Tuesday or Wednesday, December 12 or 13. There is no charge for lunch, but please make a reservation by calling 443-2433.

Grab a friend, make reservations, then join the staff for a soup with a side of shopping in our Christmas Craft Shoppe (what could be better?)

We also have a great basket raffle going on. Don't miss your chance to win something special (including a wine basket valued at \$200). Give as a gift or keep for yourself!

During the holiday season, the Christmas Craft Shoppe will be open Monday through Friday (including Black Friday) from 11 to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. We will be closed on Thanksgiving.

Happy Shopping!

**Visit our basket raffle ...
great gifts for the
holidays!**



Welcome Jaci & Bob ...

From Jaci ...

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jaclyn A. McCusker, and I have recently accepted the position as the Director of Development at Laurel Arts. I have lived in Somerset County throughout most of my life. I am a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, with a B.A. in Political Science and a concentration in Sociology.

My husband and I have two wonderful sons; Lincoln, 5, and Lucas, 3. Some of my hobbies include photography, playing the drums, and of course spending any free time with my children.

My passion has always been helping others and trying to make a difference in the community. My goal is to couple my prior management experience with my love of all things art, culture and community in order to build upon what Laurel Arts already offers to cultivate a progressive, exciting, and engaged arts community in Somerset County.

Economic growth within a community has many obvious benefits and in many ways supplies the backbone for its inhabitants; however if we ignore programs and organizations that are designed to fuel its heart and soul, the community cannot function to its full potential. My hope for Laurel Arts is that we create, through collaborative efforts and community engagement, a new and exciting atmosphere in Somerset County, wherein art programs and events are accessible to ALL and our communities thrive.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to what we will accomplish at Laurel Arts in 2018!

From Bob ...

My name is Robert Tunstall, and I am a graduate of Somerset High School Class of 1994. I am also a graduate of Frostburg State University with a Bachelors of Fine Arts. I am dedicated to the arts and the local community at large. I hope to be working with those who want to teach, and those who want to learn, to create a sustainable offering of classes.

Among my goals is to help introduce a welcoming community of Arts and Craft makers to the larger community.

This handmade wooden ladder truck is sure to delight any child!
It's part of the basket raffle!



Our staff ...

April Davis
Business Manager

Robin Fish
Administrative Assistant

Angela Fullard
Preschool Teacher

Jaclyn McCusker
Director of Development

Linda Harrill Peck
Curator

Marsha Schmuck
Preschool Aid

Dave Slowak
Maintenance Assistant

Brianna Smail
Education and Dance Center

Robert Tunstall
Program Coordinator

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Cindy Breen, Editor

Our Affiliates

meetings at the Dressler Center unless otherwise noted

Botanical / Culinary Arts

Somerset Garden Club: Contact Nerita Brant, 814-445-2840, colonel38@comcast.net
Meeting 2nd Monday of the month, 11 am.

Needle / Fabric Arts

Crochet Guild: Contact Sheena Pile at 444-2519. Meeting 2nd and 3rd Monday of the month, 6 pm.

Knitting Guild: Contact Susan Barclay, 443-2482. Meeting 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm at Somerset Alliance Church. Weekly group 10:30 am at members' homes.

Performing Arts

Laurel Highlands Chorale: Contact Jan Burkett, 443-3085 for more information.

Mt. Union Sacred Harp Singers: Rehearsal 2nd Thursdays of the month, Kingwood Church of God (Jan-Mar), Mt. Union Church (other months).

Roof Garden Chorus: Contact Mike Mitchell, 442-8843, or Larry Shoer, 267-4042.
Rehearsal Tuesday evenings, Grace United Methodist Church, Somerset.

Somerset Auxiliary JSO: Contact Sam Hanson, 814-754-5230, or Gay Reed, 814-754-8069.
Meeting 1st Thursday of the month, 12:30 p.m. Location TBA.

Somerset County Community Band: Contact Dave Breen, photo@davebreen.com, 443-3055 or email photo@davebreen.com.
Rehearsals 7:15 p.m. beginning October 19 for Christmas season at Somerset Junior High School.

Visual Arts

Gem & Mineral Club: Contact Sue Bittner, 445-6085, or Bob Tutko, 814-886-9418.

Somerset County Artists Association: Contact Jeanne Wagle at 863-840-2032. Meetings will at 6 p.m. the 4th Tuesday October through March.

Woodcarvers: Contact Jeff Baltzer, 814-442-6617. Meeting Wednesdays, 6 pm.

Laurel Highlands Chorale to present Concerts, Ambassadors to sing at Nicholas Feast

Laurel Highlands Chorale will present its annual Christmas concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, December 3 at Somerset Church of the Brethren on Berlin-Plank Road. In addition, members will have an "encore performance" at 7 p.m. Monday, December 4 at the church. Tickets are \$5 for either concert and are available from any chorale member or at the door.

Jan Burkett is the director; Cindy Brant is the accompanist.

In addition, the LHC Ambassadors will perform at the Grand Halle on Broad Street in Johnstown for the Nicholas Feast on Friday, December 1. Dylan Thomas' Wales will be the theme of this year's Nicholas Feast dinner theatre. The Band of Brothers will offer dramatic vignettes based upon the Welsh poet's "A Child's Christmas in Wales." Choral music will be provided by the Somerset County Chorus Music Ambassadors. Anthony's Catering will serve a family-style Welsh-inspired three-course meal. For more information and to order tickets, go to GrandHalle.com.

The members are very honored to have been asked to perform at this dinner theatre!

Barbershop and Bluegrass, what a combination

Hundreds of music lovers enjoyed the four-part harmony of the Barbershop Chorus and the toe-tapping rhythms of Brush Creek, an outstanding Bluegrass band, at the recent Roof Garden Chorus annual show. Both of these groups showcased the appeal of truly American musical art forms.

The Christmas season is a busy time for the barbershoppers who have lots of gigs to spread the joys of the season in song. Catch them at Light Up Somerset November 25 or caroling on the streets of Somerset December 23. They have also been invited to sing at the Festival of the Nativity at the First Presbyterian Church in Johnstown December 3. They have two other commitments in the Johnstown area and five more in the Somerset area before Christmas.

The Chorus is proud to be associated with Laurel Arts in promoting the type of opportunity and entertainment that makes our community a good place to live and raise a family.

Happy Holidays

from our affiliates!

They'd love to see you in the new year ...



Dear Santa,
I can't wait
to see you at
First Night
of Christmas!

First Night

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1

Our First Night of Christmas is celebrated the first Friday night in December. This year, First Night will be December 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Join Laurel Arts as we welcome Santa and invite him to light our Christmas tree. Have a hot dog and cider while you warm yourself by the fire. Sing along with the brass ensemble from Somerset County Community Band.

Come inside and enjoy homemade cookies. Browse the Christmas Craft Shoppe. Buy chances on some great baskets!

The kids can visit with Santa, paint a Joy Rock, have their face painted, make an ornament or two and have a nice night out with mom and dad (or nana and pap).

Join your neighbors, family and friends for this 30+ year-old holiday tradition.

We extend our sincere thanks to Citizens Neighborhood Bank, Somerset Trust Company, Painter Pines Christmas Tree Farm, Galliker's, Starbucks, board members, staff and friends of Laurel Arts for their generous donations.



1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9

Rhythms of Christmas has also become a favorite Laurel Arts holiday tradition. This is the 11th year for this very special holiday presentation.

Each year students from our Performance Company at Laurel Arts Dance volunteer to choreograph the dances for this show. They give up every Saturday from mid-October until the show, they select their music, design their costumes, and rehearse their dances. This year's choreographers are seniors Sharon Allgood, Taylor Davis, Olivia Ream and Maddie Troy, and underclassmen Chelsie Cummings and Makenna Messenger. They are working with 58 dancers (participation isn't mandatory ... these dancers also give up their Saturdays to rehearse.)

Of the 58 dancers performing in the show this year, we have 21 sisters who will be dancing to *Sisters* from *White Christmas*.

We are also including the Christmas show that our performance company dancers take on the road to elementary schools and nursing homes in the county. Students at the elementary schools love this show! Your children won't want to miss it (even if they've already seen it!)

Somerset County Community Band will again participate, playing many traditional Christmas favorites as well as some jazzed-up versions of well-known songs.

The show will be presented at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 9 at Somerset Area High School Auditorium. There is no admission charge, but we will be accepting donations to the Dorothy Dressler Scholarship Fund which benefits many of our dance students.

A cookies and punch reception will follow in the cafeteria.

As one dance mom explained, "Rhythms is so much fun." Bring your children, your grandchildren, your nieces and nephews, and sit back and enjoy a spectacular Christmas show ~ who needs the Rockettes!

Upcoming classes ... unique gift making opportunities ... unleash your creativity

Unleash your creativity by taking a class or two. Make a resolution to learn something new. Commit yourself to working on that bucket list. Make sure you call to register in advance. Some of these classes can't run without a sufficient number students. Don't miss your chance by not calling (443-2433.)

POTTERY

CLAY STUDIO TIME ~ at the Education & Dance Center, 601 Georgian Place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Six week studio class fee is \$57.60 members and \$72 non-members. Call Brianna at 443-1835, Laurel Arts at 443-2433 or Instructor Susan Wilson at 926-3199 for more information ... casual & very therapeutic!

STAINED GLASS

New class starts Monday, December 11. The classes are generally six weeks long, but you may enroll anytime. Instructor is Dottie Borosky.

DATES / TIMES: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays

LOCATION: Education & Dance Center

CLASS FEE: \$57.60 for members; \$72 if you are not a members (six-week class). Call 443-1835 for material fees which generally run about \$60 and to register.

SHIBORI SCARF WORKSHOP

Join Susan Novak to create a gorgeous Shibori scarf at a workshop Saturday, December 9. We will tie, wrap, bind, clamp, twist and sew fabric and then dye to reveal exciting one of a kind patterns and palettes of shimmering color. The class is limited to 12 participants.

DATE / TIME: Saturday, Dec. 9, 11:30 am to 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Dressler Center

CLASS FEE: \$24 for members; \$30 for non-members

CHRISTMAS (upcycled) CANDLE HOLDERS

Repurpose your colored glass bottles into seasonal candleholders or tumblers. Joy Knepp will show you how in a workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, December 16. You will first cut the glass with a bottle cutter tool, then grind and sand the edge to a nice smooth finish. You can choose to decorate the candleholders with paints or other materials or leave them plain. Add a candle or lights and you will have a beautiful, unique and

earth-friendly decoration. Bring 2 to 4 round glass beer bottles (12 oz.) or wine bottles, but no square or odd shaped bottles, please.

DATE / TIME: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, December 16

LOCATION: Education & Dance Center, 601 Georgian Pl.

CLASS FEE: \$8.80 members; \$11 non-members

MAKE A KID'S HEIGHT BOARD

Stephen Oliver will teach a workshop in which you will paint your own wooden kid's height board. Several patterns will be available (including a tree, dinosaur, giraffe, etc.) Concentration is on image transfer using a grid pattern. This is a class suitable for parents and kids. We will paint with acrylic. Limit of 12 students.

DATE / TIME: Saturday, January 13, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Dressler Center

CLASS FEE: \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Jeanne Wagle will present a one-day five-hour watercolor workshop. Students will receive step-by-step instruction in basic watercolor, including mixing color, shading, using masks, and value all while following a sunflower pattern ready-made for you. At the conclusion of this workshop you will take home a beautiful painting perfect to give as a gift or keep for yourself. Watercolor paper and other supplies will be provided for a small fee in addition to the class fee.

DATE / TIME: Saturday, January 27; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Education & Dance Center

CLASS FEE: \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members plus \$5 material fee.

BRING YOUR OWN: 4" round brush, 8" round brush, 15x10-inch foam board, watercolor paints—Indian Yellow, Quinacridone Gold, Sap Green, Burnt Sienna and Cobalt Blue.

YOGA

Yoga is offered at the Dressler Center at 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays and from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Instructor is Hazel Weighley. Classes are drop-in and are \$6.40 for members, \$8.00 for non-members. Call 814-443-2433, for more information and to register.

Fun with Miss Marsha ...

ORNAMENT MAKING Make beautiful ornaments to decorate your Christmas tree from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, December 10. Cost is \$12 payable to Laurel Arts, and \$8 payable to Marsha Schmuck. Registration is required by December 2.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING Day camps will run from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays, December 1 and 8, and the fun will

include making ornaments, trimming a tree and baking cookies.

WINTER FUN comes in January. Mark your calendars for Fridays, January 12 and 19. Campers will make snow ice cream, learn about how animals stay warm in the winter, and try create e ways to build a snowman.

Miss Marsha's day camps are \$20 (two-day camp) payable to Laurel Arts and a \$10 material fee payable to Marsha Schmuck. For more information

Company dancers take Christmas show on the road

Every year at Christmastime, our performance company dancers travel to elementary school and other locations throughout the community to present a holiday show. This year's show has snowmen, reindeer, foxes, cardinals, penguins, as well as snow fairies, and children who live in the woods. Dance styles will include ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and hip hop. These shows always delight the elementary school audiences. And, we get requests at the beginning of the dance year from facilities that want to make sure we can fit them into our schedule, which is, for 2017 ...

Friday, December 8

Shanksville Elementary	8:30-9:00 AM
Rockwood Elementary	10:00-10:30 AM
Studio Kids	11:00-11:30 AM
North Star Elementary	1:30-2:00 PM
Siemens	3:00-3:30 PM

Saturday, December 9

Somerset Area High School (PUBLIC PERFORMANCE)	1:00 P.M.
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Tuesday, December 12

Sheltered Workshop	8:30-9:00 AM
Somerset (Eagle View & Maple Ridge)	9:30-10:00 AM
Skills	10:45-11:15 AM
North Star Middle School	12:45-1:15 PM
Berlin Elementary	2:00-2:30 PM
Meadowview	3:00-3:30 PM

You can also see the show at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 9 at Somerset Area High School where it will be performed as part of our annual **Rhythms of Christmas**. Rhythms is open to the public, and admission is free, although donations to the Dorothy Dressler Scholarship Fund are greatly appreciated.

Our Dance Staff ...

Amanda Bergstresser
Lead Teacher

Brianna Smail
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Christmas Time Is Here

Join us at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 • Somerset Area High School
for our 11th annual holiday spectacular!