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**Clouds**, by Anna Marie Schnur, is part of Laurel Arts' permanent collection. It hangs in the office at the Dressler Center.

## Local artist & friend of Laurel Arts Anna Marie Schnur dies September 20

Laurel Arts was saddened at the passing of artist Anna Marie Schnur September 20. Anna Marie had been a friend of Laurel Arts since its inception. She was among the very early exhibitors, having a one-person show at the Dressler Center in 1977.

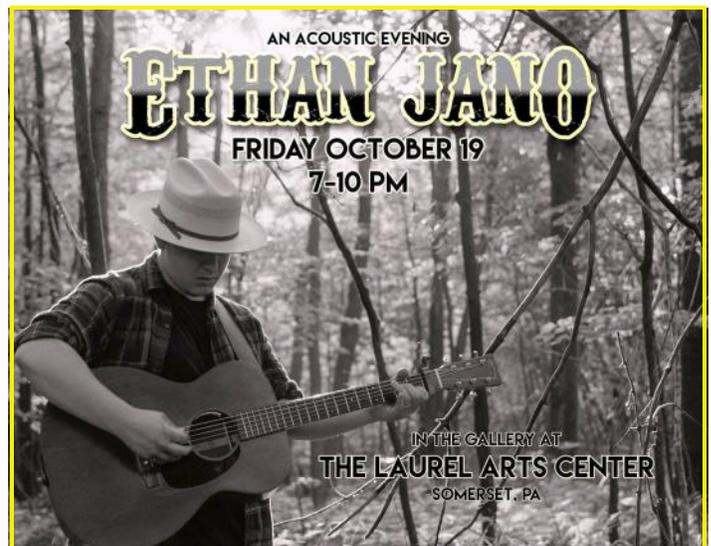
We are proud to have two of Anna Marie's works in our permanent collection. **Clouds** hangs in the office at the Dressler Center. **Mourning Visit**, a very large work at 57 x 84 inches, is a piece she painted in acrylic in 1998. The model for the woman at the door is her dear friend Sallie Zoerb.

Her work is also included in the permanent collections of Pittsburgh Convention Center, Allegheny General Hospital, Sewickley Valley Hospital, Parker/Hunter, Inc., Pittsburgh National Bank, Mellon Bank, PPG, Westinghouse, Dravo Corporation, and Pittsburgh Public Schools; Peck, Inc. in West Virginia; Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Loretto; Greater Latrobe School District; and in numerous private collections in the United States, England, Switzerland and Italy.

Friend and fellow artist Kathy Trexel Reed said of her work, "Anna Marie's paintings invite viewers to become part of the visual story, to wonder and to imagine.

*(Reprinted from her obituary)* Anna Marie was born in 1930 in West Mifflin. She lost her mother at the age of five and was raised in Homestead by her aunts. She showed an interest in art at an early age, and befriended a family

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Join us as we enjoy an intimate evening of acoustic music with Ethan Jano from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, October 19 in the galleries of The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts.

## Upcoming exhibits

Through October 27  
**SCAA Juried Art Show**

The Somerset County Artists Association sponsors this juried art exhibit, inviting artists from local and regional locations to showcase their best works of art.

November 10-December 18  
**Christmas Store**

Handmade art and craft items from local artists fill all three galleries during the holiday season. It's the perfect place to shop for that one of a kind gift.

## Artists ... be part of our Christmas Craft Shoppe

We are looking for quality arts and crafts in a variety of price ranges for our **Christmas Craft Shoppe**. The beauty of being a participating artist in the shoppe is that it is staffed for you ... no long hours sitting at a craft show.

If you would like to participate contact Laurel Arts at 443-2433 or email [gallery@laurelarts.org](mailto:gallery@laurelarts.org) for information and inventory form. The shoppe will be open from November 10 through December 18.



### GALLERY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday: 11 am to 6 pm; closed Friday;  
 Saturday: noon to 4 pm; closed Sunday.  
 (Center will be open at other times for exhibit openings and events.)

**Anna Marie Schnur**, continued from page 1

friend and artist who taught her oil painting. In 1952 she received a B.S. in art education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and began her career as an elementary art teacher.

In 1960 she earned a Master's of Fine Arts from Penn State University. In 1972 she left teaching and pursued art full-time. Her complete body of work earned her both commercial and art community recognition.

She won eight juried awards from the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, the IUP Ambassador Award, and the Lee Atkins Memorial Award for Artistic Distinction among many others. Her early work was largely influenced by Andrew Wyeth, with large canvas landscapes in the Bradywine School tradition while her later work was more influenced by the Surrealist school. Her work has been on exhibit both nationally and internationally and her paintings remain highly sought after by private collectors in the United States and in Europe.

Anna is survived by her dear friend Sallie Zoerb of Somerset; and her sister, Elsie Jenkins of Homestead; as well as loving nieces and nephews. She was laid to rest in a private burial at Jefferson Memorial in Pleasant Hills.



This papercutting by Susan Throckmorton, Poland, has joined the **GAP Permanent Collection**. Titled **You Are What You Eat**, it is based largely on an oil painting by a 16th century painter named Arcimboldo. Although some parts have been altered and others have been added, it still greatly resembles the original painting. The large piece is made up of between 160-170 separate pieces cut from watercolor paper,

painted with watercolor paints, and then reassembled. It can be seen in the upstairs board room at Laurel Arts, where other contemporary cuttings from the guild's Permanent Collection are exhibited. Additional Permanent Collection pieces, traditional in theme and techniques, are exhibited in the GAP Museum gallery, also on the second floor.

## Under our umbrella ...arts (with an s)

When we say ART, do you say, "Sorry, can't draw a straight line?" Neither can I. But, we have an "S" in our name. We are Laurel Arts, and the arts encompass so many activities.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community by offering an array of arts and educational opportunities and making them accessible to all. One of the ways in which we fulfill our mission is through our affiliates (see next page).

Our affiliates operate independently (we offer assistance ... a meeting place, a mail box, promotion ... as needed.) Some of our affiliates are part of larger organizations, Somerset Garden Club, for example. Others are "one and only" as in the one and only Somerset County Community Band. Our affiliates offer adults the opportunity to explore a variety of art forms in a welcoming and comfortable environment.

### Affiliate members are your friends, family and neighbors!

Although my instrument days are long past (not sure I have the embouchure to play clarinet anymore), I spend a lot of time with the members of the **Somerset County Community Band**. My husband, Dave, is the president of the group, and we store music and tympani at our office. The band has upwards of 50 members and will play 12 to 15 summer concerts. The group is in demand; summer 2019 is already booked! If, unlike me, you think you can play a horn (a flute, a sax, the drums, whatever), you will be welcomed with open arms.

The **Roof Garden Chorus** is a group of guys (yes, men only) who love to sing harmony, acapella-style. They have members who are barely old enough to shave, and members who can't remember back that far. I have had the pleasure of helping them with the choreography for their annual show the past two years. What fun that has been! This year, I even got to dance the Charleston with them as they belted out that hit song from the 1920s.

I don't have a green thumb, but if you do, consider joining the **Somerset Garden Club**. I might accidentally cut off my thumb if I tried woodcarving, but have you seen the work created by members of the **Woodcarvers**?

My former teenage soprano voice falls flat these days, but if you love to sing, the **Laurel Highlands Chorale** may be the place for you. It is my understanding that you don't have to read music to sing with the **Mt. Union Harp Singers**. Their music is written in standard musical notation, but is supplemented by shaped note heads, originally intended to accommodate those who could not read music.

You need only an appreciation for music as a member of the **Somerset Auxiliary JSO**. This group's role is to support and promote the Johnstown Symphony.

**Somerset County Artists Association** is open to anyone interested in the visual arts, hobbyist and professional, alike. The **Gem & Mineral Club** is home to rock hounds (I had a great-uncle who was a lapidary.)

On my bucket list is to learn to either crochet or knit. **The Crochet Guild** or the **Roof Garden Knitting Guild** may be able to help. In fact, the Knitting Guild is participating in an effort to introduce 10,000 people to knitting on November 10. Read the story on the next page! No excuses ... I think I'll sign up for a lesson.

Care to join me?

Cindy Breen, president  
Laurel Arts Board of Directors

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## 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. Rehearsals 7 p.m. Mondays at Somerset Church of the Brethren.

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

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

**Somerset Auxiliary JSO:** Contact Sam Hanson, 814-754-5230, or Gay Reed, 814-279-7134. 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 for Christmas will begin in October.

### **Visual Arts**

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

**Somerset County Artists Association:** Contact Jeanne Wagle at 863-840-2823. Meetings 6 p.m. fourth Thursday of the month.

**Woodcarvers:** Contact Jeff Baltzer, 814-442-6617. Meeting 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

## **SAJSO to host 7th Taste of the Laurel Highlands**

The Somerset Auxiliary of the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra will present its seventh **Taste of the Laurel Highlands** from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at Green Gables Restaurant 7712 Somerset Pike, Jennerstown. Tickets are \$30 per person and are available from SAJSO members.

Attendees will have the opportunity to sample signature dishes from a variety of local restaurants. There will be a cash bar, raffles, door prizes and a silent auction featuring local artwork and crafts.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.SAJSO.com](http://www.SAJSO.com) or call Sam Hanson, 814-754-5230, or Gay Reed, 814-279-7134.

## **Roof Garden Knitting Guild wants you to be one of 10,000 new knitters**

Roof Garden Knitting Guild invites you to participate in 10,000 New Knitters. In an effort to introduce needleart to more knitters, SKACEL yarn company is challenging itself, local yarn shops, and knitting guilds to create 10,000 new knitters in one day, Saturday, November 10!

How it works: Our expert instructors will be offering free "Learn to Knit" sessions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that Saturday at Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center, 601 Georgian Place. If you would like to sign up for a lesson, please contact us at [hyett@verizon.net](mailto:hyett@verizon.net) to reserve a session.

## **Laurel Highlands Chorale prepares for Christmas**

Laurel Highlands Chorale has been practicing for its annual Christmas concerts scheduled for at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 2 and at 7 p.m. Monday, December 3 at Somerset Church of the Brethren. For more information about the chorale or to participate (sing with the chorale), contact Jan Burkett, 443-3085.

## **Join Community Band for its Christmas season**

Rehearsals for Somerset County Community Band's Christmas season will begin at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, October 18 at the Somerset Area School District's junior high band/orchestra room. For more information, contact Dave Breen, 701-1515 or email [photo@davebreen.com](mailto:photo@davebreen.com).

## **Somerset Garden Club to prepare wreaths**

Somerset Garden Club will meet at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12 at Grace United Methodist Church, 320 Felgar Road, to work on the Christmas wreath project. The next meeting, Dec. 10, is the group's Christmas luncheon and gift exchange at the Italian Oven.

**The Roof Garden Chorus would like to thank everyone who attended their annual show and the businesses that helped to support it.**

# Ready to try something new?

## Fall Lettering Workshop

Laurel Arts is so excited to be offering a Fall Lettering Workshop with Julie Mitchell of Sweet Vera designs. Julie will be sharing many fun tips and techniques for you to learn more about this fun and popular art form! During the workshop, you will be creating two projects (pictured) for your home or to gift! Also, as part of your materials fee you will receive a set of brush pens that are yours to take home and keep creating! To see some of the great artwork Julie creates, visit her Facebook page at Sweet Vera Designs.



The class takes place on **Saturday, October 13 from noon to 2 p.m.** at Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center.

Class fee: \$16 members; \$20 nonmember payable to Laurel Arts plus \$28 payable to Julie Mitchell for materials (includes your own pen set to take home).

## American Girl Dolloween

Bring your favorite doll for an afternoon of Halloween Fun. Participate in a scavenger hunt to collect treats, decorate some spooky snacks for you and your doll, and create matching masks purr-fect for both of you. You'll also learn to do your dolls hair in creative Halloween style. Feel free to wear your favorite costume!

Class takes place on **Saturday, October 20 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Class fee: \$16 members; \$20 nonmember payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$10 materials fee payable to Marsha Schmuck.

## Homemade Bath & Body Products Workshop

Join Jen Barron, owner of Orchard View Farm Goats, Soaps, and Lotions for an afternoon of mixing up some great skincare products. During today's workshop, we will be making an assortment of homemade lip balms, a vanilla latte sugar scrub, and a Himalayan salt scrub, all of which would make great Christmas gifts!

Jen also makes and sells soaps and lotions using milk from her own goats. She will explain how the milk is used to create her products and how it is beneficial to the skin.

Class takes place on **Sunday, October 21 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Class fee: \$17.60 members; \$22 nonmembers plus a \$20 materials fee payable to Jen Barron.

## Clay Creations for Kids

Join Pottery Master, Susan Wilson for a clay class designed just for kids ages 5-13. Working with clay is a way for children to be creative while improving motor skills. It also improves sensory development through engaging the sense of smell with clay and paint, the sense of sight with artwork and the sense of touch with clay. Students will be assisted in creating several pieces of clay work during the first class. The second class will allow students to apply glaze to their pieces after they have been fired.

Class Dates: **Friday, October 26 and November 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** in the Art Studio, Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center.

Class Fee: \$28 members; \$35 non-members payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$12 materials fee payable to Susan Wilson.

## Pottery Class

Instructor Susan Wilson will be teaching students how to make heirloom quality pottery.

Session one "The Basics of Building" will cover the essentials of working with clay; hand building both functional and decorative forms. Building techniques covered will include coil, pinch, slab, and additive/ subtractive sculpting.

Session One will run **Tuesday, October 30 through Friday, November 2 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.** Tuition is \$56 dollars for members + \$25 for clay; \$70 for non-members + \$25 for clay.

Session Two "Glaze and Firing" will take your newly formed pottery to the next level with a beautiful and durable glaze.

Session Two will run **Tuesday, November 13 through Friday, November 16 from 6-8:30pm.** Tuition is \$56 dollars for members + \$25 for glazes and firing; \$70 for non-members + \$25 for glazes and firing.

\* Please note that these are two separate sessions, thus there are two class fees associated with the workshops.



**All classes require pre-registration.  
Please text or call Marsha at 814-442-6217 or  
call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register.**

# Lots of classes for kids & adults!

## Trick or Treat with Casper

Join us for an afternoon of Halloween Fun at Georgian Place **Saturday, October 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.** You can visit participating businesses to collect treats; then stop by Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center for treats and a craft. At 3 p.m, we will be showing the movie, *Casper*, on the big screen. We hope you can join us for some spooky fun! For more information, call 814-442-6217.

## Owl Post Delivery

We are pleased to inform you that you have been invited to a celebration at Laurel Arts School of Wizardry & Witchcraft. The celebration will commence at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday the 3rd of November and continue until 4 o'clock. During this magical gathering, we will create our own wands, mix up a recipe for butter beer, craft a golden snitch and mandrakes, play a tabletop game of Quidditch and more! You may wear your wizard attire or if you prefer, dress in the Muggle manner.

Class will be taught by Headmistress Ms. Marsha **Saturday, November 3 at 2 p.m.**

Class fee: \$14.40 members; \$18 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$10 materials fee payable to Marsha Schmuck.

## Alcohol Inks Workshop

Join us for an afternoon of creating with alcohol inks. Using alcohol inks can be a fun way to use colors and create backgrounds for stamping or cardmaking. You can also use alcohol inks in painting and to add color to different surfaces such as glass and metals. In today's class we will use different papers and tile to create beautiful and unique artwork. Artist Jeanne Wagle will be leading this workshop on **Saturday, November 10 at 1 p.m.**

Class fee: \$39.20 members; \$49 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$10 materials fee to Jeanne Wagle. The class is designed for ages 10 & up.

**Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center** is located at 601 Georgian Place, Somerset. **The Dressler Center** is located at 214 S. Harrison Ave., Somerset.

*Laurel Arts offers many classes. We could offer more... If you call Laurel Arts and leave your name, contact info, and topic of interest, someone will follow up and answer questions or schedule a class for you.*

## Papercutting Basics (Session I)

"It's just a piece of paper"... begin with "nothing", cut parts away, and then you have more than you started with! This introduction to the art form will familiarize students with hands-on techniques involving scissors and an exacto knife. Cutting exercises will include preliminary concepts of positive and negative areas, and symmetrical designs. Examples by beginner papercutters and by experienced cut-paper-artists, and a collection of resource books will be shared. Students will learn sources to acquire their personal materials and tools. A variety of project approaches will be demonstrated and offered for practice to develop cutting skills and confidence. Students will become more aware of papercutting traditions, and will leave this session knowing basic cutting techniques.

Class takes place from **1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 10** on the second floor at the Dressler Center. (Registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 5.)

We will need a minimum of 3 students for each session!

Tuition is \$24 members; \$30 nonmembers. Scissors and Xactos with cutting mats will be available for use. Material fee is \$8 payable to the instructor.

## Papercutting as Personal Art Expression (Session 2)

Students will practice warm-up cuttings to achieve smooth edges. Kathy will demonstrate how to accomplish inner cuts using pre-made designs, followed by student practice time. Students will adapt and personalize some partial designs, and learn how to connect web-like areas in original designs. Students will learn mounting techniques with glue. Free-standing and pop-up forms will be shared as options to explore.

Papercutting Session I is a pre-requisite. The second session will take place on **Saturday, November 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** on the second floor at the Dressler Center. (Registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 12.)

Tuition is \$24 for members, \$30 for non-members. Scissors and Xactos with cutting mats will be available for use. Material fee is \$8 payable to the instructor.

Additionally, a free (no-fee) pre-Christmas session will be offered Saturday, Dec.1 and with Session 2.

A pre-Valentine workshop will also be available and scheduled, with materials fee only in the New Year.

# And, there more's ...

## Holiday Card Making Class

Students will create fun and creative cards centered around the holidays of Thanksgiving/fall theme and Christmas with Laura Schrock.

Class is **Tuesday, November 13 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Dressler Center. This class will be limited to 12 students and is very popular, so register early!

Class fee: \$11.20 members; \$14 nonmember payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$12 material fee payable to Laura Schrock.

## Mason Jar Creations

In today's class, we will craft with ordinary mason jars. We will create a wall organizer and a tissue holder. We will also learn to bake a delicious recipe inside of a jar with just a few simple ingredients. Our creations would make great Christmas gifts! Class is designed for adults.

Class is scheduled for **Saturday, November 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Class fee: \$16 members; \$20 nonmembers made payable to Laurel Arts and \$18 materials fee made payable to Marsha Schmuck.

## Cake Decorating Workshop

Join Cake Decorator, Keri Brown for a step by step workshop to create this wonderful turkey cake. The class is just in time for Thanksgiving dinner where your guests are sure to gobble it up!

Keri is booked nearly every weekend creating beautiful cakes for weddings, birthdays and special occasions. We are so excited she was able to take time out of her busy schedule to provide this class.

Due to supplies and so that she can offer one on one assistance, class size is limited to 12. Be sure to reserve your spot early. Keri's class scheduled for December sold out within a week and a half!

Class takes place on **Sunday, November 18 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Class tuition: \$14.40 members; \$18 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus \$12 materials payable to Keri Brown.

This class is open to all ages.

## Quilted Ornament Making

Learn to create beautiful no sew quilted ornaments. Christmas themed fabric and all supplies will be provided

in the materials fee. Step by step instruction will be provided. These ornaments would be a great addition to your Christmas decor!

Class is **Sunday, December 9, from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Class tuition: \$16 members; \$20 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$15 materials fee to Marsha Schmuck. Class will be held at the Laurel Arts Education and Dance Center.

## Grinchmas Celebration

Drop your kids off while you get some last minute Christmas shopping done. The kids will take part in a Grinchmas Celebration. Join us as we travel to Whoville and create some Grinch crafts, play games, and whip up a batch of special green cookies. Afterwards, we will watch *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* on the big movie screen. Celebration takes place on **Saturday, December 15 from 1 to 5 p.m.** at Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center.

Class tuition: \$16 members; \$20 nonmembers payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$10 materials fee payable to Marsha Schmuck. Preregistration is required.

## *Don't forget ... we also offer ...*

### *Stained Glass with Dottie Borosky*

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Education & Dance Center. **Class fee:** \$57.60 members; \$72 non-members. There is also a material fee of between \$50 and \$60 depending on the project. Contact Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433, for more information.

### *Yoga with Hazel Weighley*

Drop-in yoga classes are offered from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Mondays, 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Dressler Center. 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.

### *Tap FUNDamentals with Cindy Breen*

Drop-in adult tap class is offered from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday mornings at Laurel Arts Education & Dance Center. Classes are \$6.40 per class for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

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