

# Laurel Arts

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**ArtLink** • A Newsletter for the Members of Laurel Arts • September 2018

## Forging Unity grant awarded to "Modern Musketeering"

In August, the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies Youth Philanthropy Interns awarded \$50,000 in grants to three local nonprofit groups.

The interns were divided into two teams, each with \$25,000 in grant money to award. The **Forging Unity** team awarded \$19,500 to the Mary S. Biesecker Public Library for its "Modern Musketeering" initiative, in conjunction with Somerset Inc. and Laurel Arts.

Jaci McCusker, director of development at Laurel Arts, said, "We are beyond excited to be a part of this initiative. This will mean more free movies and music, as well as, the opportunity to provide unifying and community focused events right here in Somerset!"

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies for its continued support, and also to the interns who recognized a need that is near to our hearts. Our band of musketeers (MSBPL, Somerset Inc. & Laurel Arts) are definitely excited for the things!"

In other partnerships, Laurel Arts is working with Somerset Inc. and several local school districts on a Holiday Design Scholarship contest and display to be unveiled in November and exhibited at First Night of Christmas.

The Art in Motion project, featured in last month's newsletter, was also a joint project of Laurel Arts, Somerset Inc., and Laurel Hill State Park. Bicycles continue to pop up all over the county.



High 80  
Low 59

Photos from L.A. Nights summer music series on August 9. Great crowd, great music plus refreshments! There's no better way to spend a summer night!



## L.A. Nights: Music Series Finale Block Party! Sunday, September 2 from 6 to 10 pm

We hate to see summer come to an end, so why not say farewell with a BLOCK PARTY! There will be bands, food, drinks and lots of fun! Please join us as we shed a tear in our favorite beverage and say goodbye to the warmth of summer. But don't worry, we will make sure that this is an evening to remember! L.A. Nights was made possible by a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

## Upcoming exhibits

August 7 to September 8

### **Jeanne Wagle and Dave Greene**

Jeanne Wagle is known for bright and striking florals, as well as her rural landscapes and forest scenes. Dave is exhibiting abstracts along with interesting realisms.

September 18- 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.

**Open House Friday, Sept. 21, 6-8 p.m.**

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.

#### **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.)

## in the Galleries



Laurel Arts is thrilled to be able to display pieces from our permanent collection at Uptown Works, a new co-working community at 109 East Main Street, Somerset. For more information about our permanent collection, contact Jaci McCusker at [jmccusker@laurelarts.org](mailto:jmccusker@laurelarts.org). For more information on Uptown Works contact [emily@uptownworks.co](mailto:emily@uptownworks.co).

## SCAA to host 31st annual juried art competition

Somerset County Artists Association will host its 31st annual juried art competition this month. Entries must be dropped off between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday, September 12 or 13 at the Dressler Center. Work not accepted needs to be picked up between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, September 17 or 18.

Jaime Cooper, a nationally-known artist specializing in representational oil painting, is the juror. She paints and teaches art full-time from her home in Ligonier. Her work has been commissioned by clients world-wide, and

she has exhibited in numerous national and regional shows.

The juried exhibit will hang in the galleries at Dressler from September 18 through October 27. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, September 21.

The Call for Entries is available at the Dressler Center. For more information email [lindapk6@gmail.com](mailto:lindapk6@gmail.com) or [jwear93@hotmail.com](mailto:jwear93@hotmail.com).

## Exciting ... a word we're using a lot!

Laurel Arts board member Sharon Clapper told me the other day, "It's exciting being on the board with everything that's happening."

If you read the story on the first page of this newsletter, Jaci McCusker is quoted as saying, "We are beyond excited to be a part of this initiative," referring to the Modern Musketeering partnership among the Mary S. Biesecker Public Library, Somerset Inc., and Laurel Arts.

One of our dance teachers posted on Facebook, "The new dance year starts tomorrow, and I couldn't be more thrilled (translation—excited) to get back in the studio!"

And, how many moms told me during the first week of dance classes how excited their children were to be back at dance!

We are very excited to have a waiting list for our Studio Kids preschool. We are thrilled that Marsha Schmuck has agreed to help us plan and present more art classes for children and adults. Wait until you see the offerings on pages 5, 6 and 7. You'll be excited, too!

We are quickly approaching the end of our fiscal year and the start of the next, always an exciting time. We will hold our annual meeting and our reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, October 9. The membership is, of course, invited to attend. We have a great group of board members, ready and able to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

And, what's in the works? A Mother/Son Date Knight in October, a couple of fall fund (*fun*) raisers that are new and different; more painted bicycles as part of Art in Motion; the holiday design scholarship contest and lots of other Christmas activities; an imagination garden coming next summer to the grounds of the Dressler Center; more movies, music, and art exhibits; and, another classic Somerfest.

There are lots of ways to become part of the excitement. We need volunteers (lots of them.) We need sponsors and benefactors. Truth is we can't do any of these things without you. We need audiences (no one wants to perform to an empty house). And, even though we have lots of ideas swirling about, we are always open to suggestions.

We also need your membership. Your support makes us believe that what we're doing, enhancing the quality of life in our community by offering an array of arts and educational opportunities and making them accessible to all, is important!

We're excited!

Cindy Breen, president  
Laurel Arts Board of Directors

## Our Dressler staff ...

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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 863-840-2032. Meetings 6 p.m. fourth Thursday of the month.

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

## **Roof Garden Barbershop Chorus to pay tribute to Vaudeville**

The annual Roof Garden Barbershop Chorus Show is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, September 30 at Somerset Area High School. Members will pay tribute to Vaudeville by performing a variety of pieces from the era including **Hello My Baby** and **Alexander's Ragtime Band**.

Tickets will be available soon from any member of the chorus or they can be purchased at the door the day of the show. Admission is \$10. The chorus is also planning an "After Glow" event following the show. After Glow will be at Oakhurst Grille and Event Center. Tickets are \$15 and include dinner. Only 100 After Glow tickets will be sold.

## **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.

## **Laurel Highlands Chorale to start rehearsals for Christmas**

Chorale practice will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, September 10 at Somerset Church of the Brethren. The Chorale's annual Christmas concerts will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 2 and at 7 p.m. Monday, December 3 the Church of the Brethren. For more information about the chorale or to participate (sing with the chorale), contact Jan Burkett, 443-3085.

We are looking to sell the house across from the Dressler Center. Scott Boyer, at ReMax, is the listing agent. If you're interested in being near the action (the art center, schools, etc.) check it out.



295 Harrison Ave., Somerset  
2554 sqft, 4 beds, 3 baths  
\$109,000

# Check out these exciting classes for adults and kids

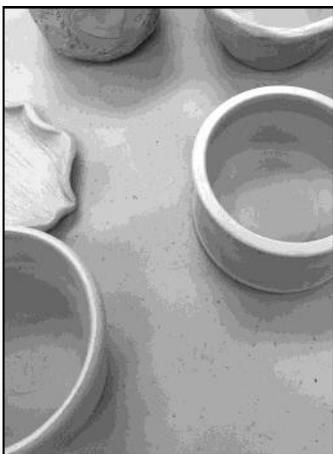
## ***Stained Glass with Dottie Borosky***

Stained Glass classes will resume on September 17. Classes run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Education & Dance Center. These are generally six-week classes, but you may enroll anytime. Instructor is Dottie Borosky.

**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.

## ***Pottery with Susan Wilson***



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

Session one is entitled ***The Basics of Building*** and will cover the essentials of working with clay; hand building both functional and decorative forms.

Building techniques to be covered will include coil, pinch, slab, and additive/subtractive sculpting. Session Two will present ***Glaze and Firing*** which will take your newly-formed pottery to the next level with a beautiful and durable glaze.

**Session One:** 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 30 through Friday, November 2

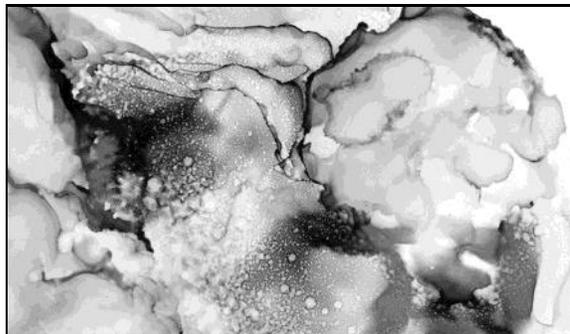
**Class fee:** \$56 members + \$25 for clay; \$70 non-members + \$25 for clay

**Session Two:** 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 13 through Friday, November 16

**Class free:** \$56 members + \$25 for glazes and firing; \$70 for members + \$25 for glazes and firing

**Location:** Education & Dance Center

Please note that there are two separate pottery sessions, thus there are two class fees associated with the workshops. Please call/text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register. Preregistration is required.



## ***Alcohol Inks with Jeanne Wagle***

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.

Jeanne Wagle will be leading this workshop. She currently has a show on display at the Dressler Center. Stop by to see some of her pieces. Jeanne began her career in Florida under Betty Heim of South Florida College and Marsha Penn at the Caladium Art Center. Many of Jeanne's works can be seen on display regularly at Laurel Arts, the Mountain Playhouse Art Gallery and the Community Art Center of Cambria County. She is also president of the Somerset County Artists Association.

**Class fee:** \$39.20 members; \$49 non-members payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$10 materials fee to Jeanne Wagle.

**Time / Date:** 1 p.m. Saturday, November 10

**Location:** Education & Dance Center

The class is designed for ages 10 & up. To register, call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433. Preregistration is required.

# Check out these exciting classes for adults and kids

## ***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 will make great Christmas gifts! This class is designed for adults.

**Class fee:** \$16 members; \$20 non-members payable to Laurel Arts and \$18 materials fee payable to Marsha Schmuck.

**Time / Date:** 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, November 17

**Location:** Education & Dance Center

To register, call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433. Preregistration is required.

## ***Cake Decorating Workshops with Keri Brown***

Cake Decorator Keri Brown is offering two step-by-step workshops to create this beautiful holiday cakes. 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.

**Class tuition:** \$14.40 members; \$18 non-members payable to Laurel Arts plus \$12 materials fee payable to Keri Brown. PER WORKSHOP!

**Time / Dates:** 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, November 18 (turkey); and/or Sunday, December 2 (snowman).

**Location:** Education & Dance Center

This class is open to all ages. **Class size is limited to 12. Be sure to reserve your spot early.** Call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register. Preregistration is required.



## ***Celtic Workshop at Laurel Arts***

Come and jam with some great traditional Celtic music! Celtic Workshop is a series of evening sessions that will allow musicians, whether beginner or advanced, to join forces and learn Celtic tunes to perform together. Fiddles, guitars, banjos, mandolins, flutes, whistles, Irish drums, etc. ~ bring your instrument and have a blast playing Irish and Scottish folk tunes. You may bring your own beverage and snacks to share. The workshop is led by Deese and Smitty of the band *Averyin*.



Celtic Workshop will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday evenings, September 17, October 8, 15, November 12 and 19. Participants must be at least 21 years old. The fee for the workshop is \$25 and includes sheet music. Register by September 10 by calling Laurel Arts, 443-2433.

## ***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 the Education & Dance Center (beginners as well as seasoned tappers are welcome.) We have some shoes available to borrow if you don't have your own. Classes are \$6.40 per class for members, \$8 for non-members.

# Check out these exciting classes for adults and kids

## Laurel Arts Slime Laboratory

Are you hooked on the new slime craze? Join Lab Professor Ms. Marsha in our laboratory today as we experiment with many different household items to create our slimes. We'll use items in our concoctions such as marshmallows, jello, pudding, and shampoo! We'll even mix up some chalkboard slime that we can write on.

Class takes place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, September 22 at the Education & Dance Center.

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

Text or Call Marsha at 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register.

## American Girl Dollween

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 perfect for both of you. You'll also learn to do your doll's hair in creative Halloween style. Feel free to wear your favorite costume!

Class takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 20 at the Education and Dance Center.

**Class fee:** \$16 members; \$20 non-members payable to Laurel Arts plus a \$10 materials fee payable to Marsha Schmuck. Call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433 to register. Preregistration is required to attend.



## NEW ... Laurel Arts Mother / Son 'Date Knight'

4 p.m. Sunday, October 14 at Rockwood Mill Shoppes, 450 Main St., Rockwood

Tickets \$40 for Mother / Son pair (\$15 each additional boy)

Tickets include dinner, entertainment by DJ Dan Breakenridge, a craft, and a 5x7 photo

**Space is limited ... buy your tickets early!**

See Brianna at the Education & Dance Center, 601 Georgian Place.

## 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. To register for the gathering, call or text 814-442-6217 or call Laurel Arts at 814-443-2433. Preregistration is required.

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

All ages welcome!

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# LA Nights Music Series

## Sunday, Sept. 2

(see page 1 for details)

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