



Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

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Promoting the Arts throughout the Sacandaga Region

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

July 2010

Here it is the second week of July already and our summer season of Music, Theater and the Arts has begun! It is also time to start planning our annual meeting and dinner for and with our members. I am enclosing the Annual Meeting ticket and dinner reservation information. This annual meeting is a way for SVAN to show how much we appreciate your membership and support throughout the year. The meeting also gives members an opportunity to vote for and meet the Executive Board of Directors. Hear about the accomplishments of the past year and about the plans for the upcoming year. This is a time you can talk to the board and committee members and offer suggestions and ask questions.

SVAN Quilt and Business Members

I would like to thank our SVAN Business Members and Owners for their generosity in displaying and selling tickets for this year's Birds of the Adirondack quilt.

First to display our quilt this year was the *Gloversville Sewing Center (GSC)*. GSC gives the SVAN quilt committee and SVAN members a discount on material and sewing supplies. If you would like to receive the SVAN discount please present your member card to GSC at the beginning of your purchase transaction. GSC displayed the quilt for several weeks and tickets continue to be offered for purchase.

Many tickets have been sold and the beautiful SVAN quilt has been on display at the *Adirondack Country Store* for the past two months. Watch for the ADK Country Store's flyer listing several artistic events including demonstrations by our own SVAN member basket weaver, Laura Ginter and watercolor artist William Mosher.

Also selling quilt tickets is Ony Antonucci owner of *Fuller's Country Store*. Ony is a member of the Stonewall Girls trio and performs at the Northville SVAN Song Sunday events.

During the months of July and August the quilt will be displayed and tickets will be available at *Colorful Collections*. Colorful Collections has moved to a much larger beautiful store and is located at the corner of First and Bridge Streets. Colorful Collections sells a wide variety of wonderful artwork from many of our SVAN and local artists.

SVAN Slate of Officers and Board of Directors

Below is the list of SVAN members that have volunteered to donate their time and talent to serve as members of the SVAN Board. I have not received any other nominations in response to the June Newsletter:

"If any member is interested in being on the board or a committee, please contact me so I can present your name to the nominating committee or committee chair.... Please provide your name to me by June 25 so it can be added to the slate. You may call on 863-6080 or e-mail me at office@svanarts.org."

We will ask for your vote on the Executive Board positions at the annual meeting. If you cannot attend you may send your vote to svanarts.org or to SVAN, PO Box 660, Northville, NY 12134.

Executive Board of Directors

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| President: | Barbara Reffitt |
| Immediate Past President: | Frank Casler |
| Vice President: | Darla Oathout |
| Treasurer: | Mary Ann Evans |
| Secretary/Legal Advisor: | Hank Lang |

Board of Directors

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| Hope Music Committee:* | Michele Derwin, Chair |
| Lead Music Committee: | Open, Chair |
| Membership: | Darla Oathout, Chair Cindy Scunziano, Committee Member |
| Music Committee: | Barbara Spaeth, Committee Member |
| Publicity, Research and Education | Hannah Hanlon, Chair |
| Sacandaga Musical Theater: | Shirl Doherty, Committee Member |
| Visual Arts Vail Mills Gallery: | Linda Hinkle, Chair |
| Workshops: | Michael Hine, Chair |

Committees – Non-Board Positions

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| Adventures in Music | Gary VanSlyke, Chair |
| Edinburg Classical Concerts | Jeanne MacCorkle, Chair |
| Drummer's Circle | Bill Fitchner, Chair |
| Northville SVAN Song Sunday | Open, Chair |
| Visual Arts Northville | Constance Dodge, Co-Chair Janet Mitchell, Co-Chair |

*Hope and Southern Hamilton County

Reorganization and New Positions:

Due to the growth and expansion of SVAN events, membership and venues, SVAN has created two new positions as described below:

Lead Music Chair:

The Lead Music Chair is a board position to represent all the music groups via the committee chairs of the Adventures in Music, Edinburg Classical Concerts, Hamilton County, Northville and any future new venues. The goal of this position is to provide overall coordination of the entire music department, particularly the scheduling, grants and representation to the board. Any one interested in this position may contact me for a more detailed description.

Publicity, Research and Education

Our next new board position is ***Publicity, Research and Education***. Hannah Hanlon as agreed to fill this position. The role of this position will be more defined as the year progresses and needs are identified.

Sacandaga Musical Theater Events

Our Sacandaga Musical Theater group has been working very hard to offer new and different events and have created two new offerings.

Summer Stars Talent Search

SMT is looking for vocal performers ages 16 to 30 to compete in their **Summer Stars Talent Search** on Saturday July 31st at 8pm in the Northville Central School auditorium. Contestants have a chance to win cash prizes including a top prize of \$250.

Auditions will be held at the NCS auditorium on Wednesday, July 14th and Thursday July 15th from 7 to 9pm. Prospective contestants should contact SMT by telephone at (518) 863-8852 or 863-8600 to schedule audition time. For more information, email sacandagamusicaltheater@live.com.

Tickets for the competition will be available at the door on the evening of the performance. General admission price is \$7.00. SVAN members, seniors and students pay \$5.00.

New Children's Theater Summer Workshop

The Sacandaga Musical Theater has designed and created a one-week summer workshop program for children grades 3-6. The goal of this workshop is to provide students with basic theatrical skills while offering a fun and creative learning environment. Each day will consist of improvisational exercises, interpretive readings, monologue/ dialogue skill enhancement, as well as singing and dancing. On July 24, the week's work will culminate with a short production to showcase the students newly acquired theater skills.

This is the SVAN's second children's theatrical event this year. SVAN believes that it is important to expose children to the many different types of arts and culture at this young age when their minds are open and free to imagine and explore. With just a little encouragement children will try new experiences and their confidence will soar!

Quilt Fundraiser

Once again, this year we are providing you with the opportunity to help SVAN with our major fundraiser. For 11 years talented quilters have designed, hand appliquéd and quilted beautiful works of art. Funds from the quilt raffle have helped SVAN provide the community with 11 years of musical concerts, art shows, workshops and theater at little or no cost.

As with all aspects of SVAN it is your choice to buy or sell this year's raffle tickets entitled "Adirondack Birds". The quilt committee asks that if you choose not to participate in this fundraiser, that you please return the tickets to any board member or return the tickets to SVAN at PO Box 660, Northville, NY. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Checks should be made out to Sacandaga Valley Arts Network and sent in with the name and address stubs. Check our website calendar for locations of our quilt showings.

I thank all the loyal members that consistently support SVAN by buying raffle tickets, making donations, paying membership dues, volunteering your time and talents or supporting SVAN by attending our events.

I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting at the Perthshire.

Barbara Reffitt, President