



Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

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Promoting the Arts throughout the Sacandaga Region

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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I hope you are all enjoying this year's beautiful spring and promising summer. The next few months are going to be filled with so many exciting SVAN events. To help you plan your summer so you will not miss these wonderful performances, I have enclosed a "story board" schedule of most of the events scheduled for this summer and early fall.

Vail Mills Artist Gallery Open House and Reception

Congratulations to Linda Hinkle for the wonderful Vail Mills SVAN Artist Gallery Open House and Reception held June 3. Approximately 65 people came through the gallery and enjoyed the beautiful art, visited with artists and friends and enjoyed fantastic refreshments prepared by SVAN member Michael McAllister of "SUGAR" in Gloversville.

The Vail Mills Gallery was the brainchild of SVAN Board Member, Graphic Artist and Gallery Chair, Linda Hinkle. In 2008 Linda submitted a proposal to the SVAN board for the creation of a gallery to support and promote SVAN artists. The SVAN Artist Gallery is a venue for all types of fine art. The Gallery currently has everything from oil and watercolor paintings, drawings, photography, and wood carving to stained glass.

We are so grateful to the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce for allowing SVAN to open the Gallery in the Visitor's Center and for their continued support and encouragement. The Center is a wonderful venue for the SVAN Artist Gallery because it offers both local residents and tourists an opportunity to view and enjoy some of the wonderful talent Fulton County and the Southern Adirondacks have to offer.

I would also like to thank our special guest, Sue Kiernan representing Nathan Littauer Hospital, for donating funds to the Fulton County Chamber to underwrite the newly installed lighting in the gallery. This lighting has made an amazing difference in viewing and highlighting the beautiful works of art. Thank you so very much Nathan Littauer for your support and generosity. The effort between SVAN, the Chamber and Nathan Littauer is collaboration at its best. A total win-win for everyone!

SVAN Edinburg Classical Concerts

As you have read from my previous messages this year, SVAN is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the SVAN Edinburg Classical Concerts. For this special anniversary, the Luzerne Music Center Chamber Players will perform “Rippling Winds” on July 20. The Luzerne Chamber Players will also perform “Soaring Strings” on August 17 with guest artists Paul Roby and Jeffry Kirschen from the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Ten years ago, when SVAN was in its infancy, Dave Cook, SVAN’s first president arranged for the first classical music concert. During that time, Jeanne MacCorkle who had recently moved to the Sacandaga Lake region read a press release about the performances. Jeanne loved Classical Music and had a great desire to become involved with the concerts. In short order Jeanne became Chair of the Classical Music Committee and has worked diligently to provide beautiful concert performances for our community.

Though the years, Jeanne has worked closely with Toby Blumenthal Phillips and the late Bert Phillips of the Lake Luzerne Performing Arts Center, to bring renowned musicians from some of the finest Orchestra's in the nation along with many other world-class musicians. Jeanne has been responsible for bringing such highly regarded performers as the Lake Luzerne Chamber Players, The Ballet Brass, a quintet of the New York City Ballet Orchestra; Tritonis, a nationally acclaimed trio of classical guitar, flute & cello; and Dr. John Weaver, Chairman Emeritus of the Julliard School of Music Organ Department playing an historic reed organ, accompanied by his wife, Marianne an excellent flutist.

When asked what keeps Jeanne and the concerts going, Jeanne simply replies, “Passion, concert music is my passion”. Well Jeanne, SVAN and classical concert lovers, throughout the entire Sacandaga region, offer you a heartfelt *Thank You* for all your hard work and effort and we are so very grateful to you for sharing your “*Passion*” with us.

SVAN extends our sincere thank you to the William Gundry Broughton Charitable Foundation, Inc. for their generous donation in co-sponsoring the 2010 10th Anniversary of the SVAN Edinburg Classical Concerts. SVAN is also very appreciative of past funding by the NY State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) as well as the continued support of Senator Hugh Farley and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward.

Workshops

I am delighted to announce that we will once again be presenting a series of workshops this year. Our NEW Workshop Brochure has a new look and new workshops and will be distributed to various locations in the near future. More information about the workshops will be available on our website. If you have questions that need answered before you have the brochure you may contact Michael Hine at michaelhine@frontiernet.net or SVANarts.org.

Visual Arts – Northville Library Gallery

Please join us at the next Meet the Artist reception at the Northville Library Gallery on July 6 from 6-8PM. Our featured artist is photographer Gary Larsen. Gary is drawn to the influence of light on the color, texture and shape of landscapes and structures. He has also been exploring the qualities of infrared photography and the unique images that result. Gary stated, “Each photograph renews a brief emotional reaction from the only moment the light and subject were creating my experience.” Gary’s work will be on exhibit during the entire month of July. You can read more about Gary and view a sample of his art on SVANarts.org.

The following month of August our featured artist will be oil painter Patricia McEvoy. Please meet and welcome Patricia at her reception on August 3. Patricia states "Color is her greatest allycolors are heightened or held in check by what happens to the other colors around them as well as by their own "voice"... Sometimes they change completely according to what the painting seems to demand.

The Northville Public Library Gallery is located at 341 S. Third Street, Northville. Library hours are: Monday, Friday, Saturday: 9 a.m. – noon, Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please contact Connie Dodge at 863-2201 or Janet Mitchell at 863-2170 for further information.

Northville Central School Medieval Festival

This month I received and accepted an invitation from Mrs. Kathy Dougherty, Northville Central School Superintendent to observe their second annual Medieval Festival. It was such a pleasure seeing the way individual school staff members, parents and the students worked to integrate studies, costume creation, food, art, music, a little light competition and even 21st century technology for this medieval event. The festival was a learning experience for the children that included so many creative and artistic achievements.

The Northville grade 6 students of Ed Lent and Steve Clapper, joined by the Edinburg grade 6 students of Tom Moore, celebrated Medieval history by holding a reenactment of that period. The students participated in medieval board games, a jousting tournament, enjoyed a feast prepared by NCS Chef Todd Lerke, created artwork and castles with the assistance of art teacher Mrs. Sue Sedon, and performed medieval musical selections under the direction of music teachers Mrs. Kristy Matthews and Ms. Jennifer Henzler. Technology teacher Adam Cancio and his students created life-sized wooden horses for the jousting tournament. Everyone came in great costumes, and had a super time. This is a great example of "Authentic Learning," whereby students have a structured hands-on experience. A great time was had by all!!!!" *Kathy Dougherty*

Call for Artists – Constance Dodge

Be a part of the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network summer group show. Our art will be on view at the Fulton County Regional Chamber in Gloversville from June 29 through August 31, 2010. Nonmembers of SVAN are also invited to join this Network to participate in a show of wonderfully talented artists. See the SVAN website www.SVANarts.org for more information.

Artists are invited to enter one or two works each. These should be delivered to the Chamber by June 25. The Chamber is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Artists living in the Northville/Edinburg area can deliver work to Connie Dodge at the address below. All media will be accepted.

Artists MUST CONTACT Constance Dodge to register PRIOR to June 21. Send the following information for each piece: ♦ Title, Medium, Size, Date Completed, and Price ♦

Send by e-mail to cdodgeart@roadrunner.com or by snail mail to 936 South Shore Road, Edinburg, NY 12134-5933.

There will a reception for the artists on Wednesday, July 14th from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Adventures in Folk Music Schedule

I am so pleased to announce the schedule for SVAN's summer music program for children. SVAN member, Gary Van Slyke, folk singer will be presenting the children's educational summer workshop program entitled "Adventures in Folk Music." Each summer Gary travels to many areas served by SVAN entertaining and teaching children about music. These 1½-hour programs are free to the children attending and include a performance as well as lots of audience participation. Gary sings and plays a multitude of instruments for about 45 minutes, gives a 30 minute workshop and ends his presentation with 15 minutes of question and answers while giving many of the lucky attendees an instrument, usually a penny whistle or a harmonica.

6/29	10AM	Tuesday	Perth Youth Center – Across from School
7/8	10AM	Thurs	Broadalbin School
7/12	10AM	Monday	Northville School
7/21	9:15AM	Wednesday	Mayfield School
8/6	10AM	Friday	Lake Pleasant School

Annual Meeting

Please set aside the date of August 28 for the SVAN Annual meeting. The SVAN board is very pleased to announce that the dinner meeting will be held at the Perthshire Banquet Facility in North Amsterdam. Our entertainment this year will be provided by the talented and well known music group, the Intermountain Trio (iM3). In a few weeks you will receive more detailed information about the dinner meeting and a reservation form.

According to the SVAN By-Laws: The executive (nominating) committee shall prepare a slate consisting of at least one nominee for each office. In preparing the slate the committee shall consider the names submitted by the members of SVAN. The slate shall be presented to the Board of Directors of SVAN and then published in the newsletter at least 15 days before the annual meeting. Each Director shall serve for a term of three years.

The ALL Volunteer SVAN Board is a working board. Committing each board member to an active role is necessary in order to keep SVAN moving forward. Each board member is either the chair of a committee or a committee member. However, you can be on a committee without being on the board and each committee always need assistance.

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. As mentioned previously, you will be receiving information regarding the annual meeting in a couple weeks. 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.

I look forward to seeing many of my SVAN friends and meeting new ones this summer. I hope that you find the enclosed event schedule and information very helpful. You will also see many flyers, posters, signs, press releases and, of course, the Grapevine for detailed information about each event and any new programs.

Barbara Reffitt, President