



Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

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June 2008 Keeping In Touch

SUMMER CELEBRATION – AUGUST 23!

Last month I asked for volunteers and four responded: **THANK YOU!**

A heartfelt thank-you goes to these individuals.

Barbara Reffit: Quilt showing coordinator; **Robert Marcotte:** RV for July 13 Concert

Janice Surface: will be Website Coordinator; **Roberta Ambrosino:** Music committee help



FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Welcome to summer 2008! Things are starting to heat up and I am not talking about the weather. We're getting busy again!

Did you get a chance to read our last newsletter? If not you can go on our website at www.svanarts.org and read it. Please watch for more information regarding our annual meeting and celebration this year as we are working on an enjoyable event. Please get out your calendar and circle Saturday, August 23. Plans are underway to have our event this year at the studio and grounds of local Sculptor and Artist, John VanAlstine in Wells. As always our business portion to elect officers should be very short. We want the event to focus on enjoyment and art.

Let this be your official notice that we will be holding an election of officers at the annual meeting. Please consider becoming a board member, running for office or helping in some other capacity. If you wish to nominate someone for a board director position or officer of SVAN please do so by sending a note to us at the SVAN address or speak directly to any current board member. There are currently a few board seats available. You can nominate yourself.

Have you heard? The music committee has stepped it up a notch this year and will kick off the season with a first class concert July 13. The great **Jay Ungar and Molly Mason** will be performing at the bandshell in the Northville Lakeside Park. They are one of the most celebrated duos in the American acoustic music scene. They earned international acclaim with their work on the music from Ken Burns' "The Civil War" series featured on PBS. Something tells me if you are not there early you may need binoculars to see them! This is an exciting event for SVAN and for Northville. Don't miss it! Another event you won't want to miss is our 2008 SVAN Group Art Show starting July 10 with a reception. The show is to be held this year at the **Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce** in Gloversville. The Chamber has recently remodeled the historic bank building to bring back the beauty of the domed ceiling and we will be the first to grace its walls. The show will run through the month and you can see more details below.

As I mention the show I would like to thank Connie Dodge for her 10 years of devotion and work on the SVAN Board. Connie needs more time to devote to her personal art studio and to her health and for this reason she has found it necessary to step back from her board duties at SVAN. I realize as the president, how much she has done for us over the years. I can find only words of thanks for Connie and wish her well. We had a chance to honor Connie as one of the foundation members of SVAN and we continue to love and honor her. Please visit the Summer Group Show in Gloversville and wish her well yourself. Connie will be continuing through the programs of 2008 that she has started and we need new leadership for 2009. This leaves an opportunity for someone to lead the Visual Arts Committee of SVAN and flavor it with your own visions, talent and leadership. If you would like to grasp this opportunity and lead the Visual Arts programs please let us know. As always SVAN will support the programs where our people have passion. If the passion is there it will remain!

I think I have done enough rambling and need to get on with the information your looking for.

Please feel free to call me if I can help you with any questions or concerns. 752-8844

Get more information on our new website at www.svanarts.org.

As a reminder, there is no paid staff yet in our organization and all is done by volunteers. Please consider volunteering some time or assets to help us. **"IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?"**

SMT- Sacandaga Music Theater of SVAN:

This press release was presented by Shirl Doherty:

"City of Angels" set as SMT/SVAN summer production"

Sacandaga Musical Theater, regional theater group based in Northville, has set **"City of Angels"** as its summer musical production. SMT recently joined forces with SVAN, the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network to provide expanded opportunities for local theatrical productions. **Performances are scheduled for Friday July 25th and Saturday July 26th at 8PM in the Northville Central School auditorium on South Third Street.** Tickets will be available at the door for students, Seniors and SVAN members at \$8.00 and general admission for \$10.00.

"City of Angels" is a wickedly funny spoof of film noir style and hard-boiled, private eye fiction set to a swinging jazz score (music, Cy Coleman; lyrics, David Zippel) filled with show-stopping musical numbers. **SMT veteran Shelley Murphy will direct.** The production features familiar faces in many roles, while also introducing some fresh regional talent.

The Tony award winning Broadway hit, (book by Larry Gelbart), "City of Angels" is set in the glitz and glamour of **late 1940's Hollywood.** The show juxtaposes real-life against "reel-life." The audience sees in living color, the story of young writer Stine (played by Christopher Cucinella), who has come to Hollywood to see his detective novel butchered and turned into a high-budget film noir by Hollywood mogul Buddy Fidler (David Ayers.) Alongside, we see the black-and-white world inhabited by Stine's alter ego, Detective Stone (Christopher Edwards) and the other characters from the novel. The story moves back and forth between the two worlds, with many characters playing dual roles: Gabby/Bobbi (Devan Rowe), Donna/Oolie (Lauren Doherty-Roberts), Alaura/Carla (Luann Russell), Gerale/Peter (Jeremy Gray), Avril/Mallory (Katie Lowerre), Pancho/Munoz (Daryl Hirschfield), Studio Cop/Big Six (Jason VanNostrand), Studio Cop/Sonny (Josh Dietrich), Hairdresser/Anna/Margie (Miriam Miller), and Margaret (Nichole Burkus). Angel City crooners include Pam Broiles, Jill West, Chelsea Paul, Alicia Reidell, Katie Davis, Bridget Noone, and Diane Borden.

Patrons are guaranteed a summer evening of mystery, treachery and debauchery; another "not-to-be-missed" performance by Sacandaga Musical Theater. **Please come out and support our new partners in the SVAN Theater Committee.**

Quilt tickets - quilt viewings

We will be mailing a packet of quilt tickets to either purchase yourself to win the beautiful "Adirondack Aquatics" quilt or to sell for us and help our financial bottom line. The quilt is our major fundraiser each year and we are asking for your help in seeing these tickets get sold. Please don't look on us as being presumptuous. These tickets are provided as a convenience to you and the choice to purchase or sell is all yours. The favor I am asking is that if you are not buying or selling them would you kindly return them to one of our board members. You can mail them back to us if you don't want them and can't sell them. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please check our website calendar for locations of our quilt showings and see for yourself that it may well be the best one yet. We still need some help at the quilt showings. For information on the showings or to volunteer to sit with the quilt and sell tickets in 3 to 4 hour increments please call Barbara Reffitt at 863-6080.

Next years quilt is already in the early stages of production. The theme is "A View from my Adirondack Window". We still need a few quilters to do some blocks. Please call Barb Sherwood if you can do one.

Drum Circle News

The drum circle will not be meeting during the summer this year due to an enormous schedule of conflicting events. The circle will resume again in September if there is enough interest. **If you are interested or curious call Sue for more information at 883-5761.**

Meet the Artist

SVAN's program Meet the Artist will resume at the Mayfield Community Library in August. The library conference room is located upstairs (handicapped accessible) in the Mayfield High School, 27 School Street. This event is partially funded by a Tri County Community Program Grant made possible by the NY State Council on the Arts. The Sacandaga Valley Arts Network and the Friends of the Mayfield Community Library co-sponsor this program. Our next program will be August 14 and will feature Trudy Smith, painter. Harry Wirtz, local photographer will present September 11 and David Austin, painter will present October 9 which will bring the 2008 Meet the Artist presentations at a close for the season. Please remember all these artists will have their work exhibited for the entire month they are featured. Be sure to get to the gallery and see examples of their work if you miss the presentation.

Music Committee News

The Music Committee has put together another great series of SVAN Song Sundays in the Northville Lakefront Park for the months of July and August. This popular event drew nearly 200 concertgoers a week throughout the season last year. Bring blankets or lawn chairs, pack a picnic or purchase food from park vendors or local restaurants. Invite family, friends, neighbors, and guests to enjoy this casual event in the lovely new park overlooking the Northville Lake. The Committee has chosen a wide variety of professional performers to treat every musical taste, while Open Mic offers an opportunity for all ages and abilities to perform on stage to an appreciative audience. Open Mic performers need only sign up at the stage the day of the concert. The "hat" will be passed for voluntary contributions to offset expenses.

On July 13th at 5 PM the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network will present SVAN's **Summer 2008 opening concert** in Northville's Lakeside Park featuring the **Jay Ungar and Molly Mason Family Band** (rain location Northville Central School auditorium). Jay and Molly are one of the most celebrated duos in the American acoustic music scene. They earned international acclaim with their work on the music from Ken Burns' "The Civil War" series featured on PBS. This soundtrack earned a Grammy and garnered them an Emmy nomination. They perform Appalachian, Cajun and Celtic fiddle tunes, stirring Civil War classics, sassy songs from the golden age of swing and country, stunning waltzes and original compositions. They will be joined by their daughter and son-in-law Ruth and Mike Merenda.

On July 20th we will resume our Open Mic concerts on Sunday nights from 4:30 to 5:45 PM (sign-up 4:15 PM). A concert will follow at 6 PM.

The concert schedule is:

July 20- Dick Staber and Judith Chasnoff perform folk, bluegrass & gospel;

July 27- Aaron Mittler and Betsy Emery perform classic rock and folk;

August 3- Ony Antonucci and her All Star Band perform blues classics;

August 10- John and Kathleen, "The Camper's from Queen's" perform classic rock and folk;

August 17- JD Eicher and Randy Niles perform original light rock and folk;

August 24th- we will conclude with a final concert at 5 PM featuring Dave Ruch, playing and singing the historical songs of New York's past joined by local TAUNY award winner Irmina Pincombe of Benson.

See the enclosed flyer for specific details. Keep it for your own reference or post it in a local establishment for others to see. See you soon for some great musical fun! Admission is free. For further information, call 883-5761 or visit the SVAN website at www.svanarts.org.

These concerts are made possible, in part, with a Community Cultural Grant from New York State Council on the Arts, administered in Fulton, Montgomery, and Schoharie counties by Tri County Arts Council; and New York Council for the Humanities, the Village of Northville and many local merchant's.

Any Artists want to display art?

The August 24 program is growing into a near full day event. It will be a community wide picnic and concert Sacandaga Heritage Day. In conjunction with the Village of Northville and State Senator Hugh Farley there will be activities for all ages starting at 2 PM. The picnic starts at 4 PM and of course our concert is at 5 PM. The organizers want artists to display and sell their work if you are interested.

SVAN SUMMER GROUP ARTIST SHOW AT THE CHAMBER:

The Sacandaga Valley Arts Network is proud to sponsor our Annual **SVAN Artists Summer Show**, to be held this year at the **Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce** in Gloversville. We are especially pleased that this Member Exhibit will be the first to adorn the walls of the Chamber's newly renovated Gallery. The Opening Reception will be on **July 10th from 5 to 7 p.m.** **The show will run from July 10th thru August 29th.**

This year, directed by Constance Dodge, we have a wide diversity of media and styles that will make this show particularly interesting. Along with oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings there will be Prisma color pencil and pen/ink drawings, fabric and water media collages, photography, needle point, hooked rugs, silk scarves and a Hopi styled wooden bowl and platter.

The Chamber Gallery is open for viewing daily from 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. One exception will be August 20th when the Chamber will be closed. Please join us at the Opening. All are welcome to come and meet our wonderful regional artists, enjoy great art and good food.

For more information please call 863- 2201 or e-mail cdodgeart@frontiernet.net.

SVAN 2008 Mini-grant Award applications are due:

The SVAN Board has set aside \$2000 from the 2008 budget to support mini-grants for SVAN members. The purpose of the mini-grant program is to encourage greater participation of SVAN members to increase the quantity and quality of the arts in the Sacandaga Valley and to expand programs into locations not currently being served. The maximum award will be \$500.

Examples of proposals that might be funded: events and presentations in theater, dance, music, visual arts or arts workshops.

Application deadline is September 15, 2008. Applications can be accessed on the SVAN Website at www.svanarts.org or from MaryAnn Evans or Frank Casler.

The SVAN Film Club

The SVAN Film Club continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Lounge of the Northville Presbyterian Church. We are currently featuring our favorite films from members' private collections. If you have a favorite film you would like to share, please contact Mary Ann Evans at 863-7052 or maevans@frontiernet.net.

The tentative schedule through the end of August includes the following:

July 3rd "Without a Clue" starring Michael Caine & Ben Kingsley

Mild farce built on the premise that Sherlock Holmes was a fictional creation of Dr. Watson who is forced to hire a second-rate actor (Caine) to impersonate the famous detective.

July 17th "Jeeves & Wooster Part II"

Jeeves & Wooster is a five-part comedy for "Masterpiece Theatre" based on the works of P.G. Wodehouse. Set in London and at stately British country homes during the 1920s and '30s, Jeeves, the quintessential butler, masterfully guides his scrape-prone employer through a series of adventures and misadventures. In Part II trouble brews when Bertie becomes enamored of the wily Bobbie Wickham. Bertie's old friend Tuppy Glossop dotes on an overbearing opera singer.

August 7th "Sky Captain & the World of Tomorrow" starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jud Law

In 1939, an intrepid reporter in New York City makes a connection between the story she's covering-- of famous scientists suddenly disappearing around the world, and a recent attack on the city by giant robots and is determined to find the solution to these happenings.

August 21st "Tin Men" starring Richard Dreyfuss, Danny DeVito, and Barbara Hershey

A minor car accident drives two rival aluminum-siding salesmen to the ridiculous extremes of man versus man in 1963 Baltimore.

The film club meets in the Lounge at Northville Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month. *The SVAN Film Club is free and open to the public.*

Don't forget the Edinburg Classical Concerts-

Place these dates on your calendar now. Each concert is at 7:00 PM at the Batchellerville Presbyterian Church located at the foot of the Edinburg/Batchellerville Bridge.

July 14th - Ballet Brass, a brass quintet from the NYC Ballet Orchestra

August 4th - Joel Brown, a classical guitarist, with Kirsten Bacchiocchi, flutist.

Tickets: \$12/\$10 for SVAN members or purchase the entire series for \$20/ \$16 for SVAN members.

Children admitted free while attending with an adult. See order blank attached.

Last Call for the NEW SVAN DIRECTORY:

You have roughly 2 weeks left to get your information to Darla Oathout to be included in the directory. Also anyone wishing to advertise in the directory will need to have ad copy submitted by July 15. We want to be sure everyone is in the directory that wants to be. If you need information, directory forms or advertising information please call us. You can call Frank at 752-8844. **LAST CALL!**

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**Please join us for an artful summer season in the beautiful Sacandaga Valley.
Until next time, enjoy the summer in Sacandaga!**



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WHERE ? Both programs will be presented at the historic Batchellerville Presbyterian Church, on South Shore Road at the bridge, Edinburg

WHO ? "The Ballet Brass", New York City Ballet Orchestra Brass Quintet

WHEN ? Monday July 14, 2008 at 7 PM

WHO ? Joel Brown, classical guitarist with Kirsten Bacchiocchi, flutist

WHEN ? Monday August 4, 2008 at 7 PM

TICKET INFORMATION:

\$12 per concert for non-members; \$10 for SVAN members.
Special: \$20 for the Series for non-members; \$16 for SVAN members
Children accompanied by an adult: FREE !

For advanced ticket sales, send order slip to:

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P.O. Box 660
Northville, NY 12134

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Total Enclosed: _____

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