



# *Sacandaga Valley Arts Network*

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*Promoting the Arts throughout the Sacandaga Region*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March 2010

What a month SVAN had in February! The month was full of events, meetings, plans and more new changes for SVAN.

It was my privilege to attend the Cultural Grant Awards Ceremony in Lake Pleasant. The Town of Hope Supervisor, Bob Edwards, received the NYSCA grant to be administered by SVAN for the events to be held at the Town of Hope Pavilion this summer. I am so excited about this new venue and the entertainment. We will have Folk, Irish and a variety of music that you can dance to; music from the sixties and seventies that you can sing along with, or you can relax and mellow out to Jazz and Rhythm and Blues and a Shakespeare in the Park Play that will have you laughing out loud. Refer to the end of this newsletter for the exciting lineup of popular musical groups and the Shakespearian play information.

### Membership

This year's membership campaign's theme focuses on an "INVITATION TO JOIN". We are very excited about this campaign and the possibility of a major growth spurt of SVAN. New members are vital to SVAN's growth and the growth of our artistic programming. New members bring new ideas and increased energy to an already exciting organization at a time of expansion.

The membership committee's goal is to increase membership from the current 220 members to 300 by the end of 2010. SVAN needs your help in meeting this goal. I am sure you know someone that is either very interested in the arts, or perhaps is an artist or craftsperson that would love to have the opportunity to exhibit, teach, sell or promote their craft. So please, invite your friends, family, neighbors, and local businesses to become members of SVAN. Look for more information regarding our membership drive in the near future.

By now all SVAN members should have received a copy of the new 2010 Membership Directory. I'd like to thank Darla Oathout and Linda Hinkle for their outstanding job in updating the directory. This year's directory not only includes many more member names and contact information but also lists the many committees of SVAN and their members, and a Quick Reference Guide of SVAN Artists. The directory also has a very useful section of Professional Services Offered by SVAN members. This Services List includes lessons, lectures, and arts related businesses. Also noted in the directory is a thank you and list of supporters of SVAN of which we are so appreciative.

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## New SVAN Website

Another exciting project we are working on is the revamping of our SVAN website. Our new website is expected to be launched by May 15 with a whole new look that will reflect the SVAN of today. The new website will be more user friendly and inviting by incorporating new technology and styles while enhancing our offerings and exhibiting the benefits of being a member of SVAN.

We are also going to have a site for PayPal. This benefit will provide ease and convenience for our members whether they are renewing their membership, making donations, signing up for workshops, or purchasing tickets for SVAN musical and theater events. Watch for more information about our new website in the May newsletter.

## Vail Mills SVAN Artists' Gallery

Preparations are being made to kick off the second year of our gallery at the Fulton County Visitor Center in Vail Mills with a grand re-opening celebration. Arrangements are also being made to improve the lighting in the front gallery. A colorful banner will be designed and purchased to be used for added outdoor signage. And details are being worked out with the Chamber to help facilitate purchasing options to help make sales easier for interested buyers.

Current gallery members will be sent a letter with details regarding 2010 events, preparations for the next art rotation, a request for artwork JPGs for the website and gallery membership renewal information. SVAN visual artists not yet involved with the SVAN Artists' Gallery are invited to check out the "Call for SVAN Artists" on the home page of <[www.svanarts.org](http://www.svanarts.org)>. There you will find gallery information and a registration form.

## Gloversville Bid/SVAN Art Fair

The SVAN/Gloversville Bid Art Fair was so successful last year that the date of June 19, 2010 has been set for the second Art Fair, which will again be located just across the road from the Gloversville Farmer's Market. Plans are being made to expand the number of other downtown activities taking place on that Saturday to ensure and increase shopper traffic between the farmers' market and Main Street— right through our Artist tent! Save the date now to participate or attend! Details and registration information will be released shortly. Questions about either the gallery at Vail Mills or the art fair may be directed to Linda Hinkle at <[hinkhill@yahoo.com](mailto:hinkhill@yahoo.com)>.

## SVAN Northville Art Gallery

It has been so exciting seeing so many arts enthusiasts at the SVAN Northville Art Gallery receptions. These receptions are held the first Tuesday of each month. At the receptions you have the opportunity to not only see beautiful artwork, but also to meet the artist and hear what motivates them to create their work. During the month of February the Gallery featured the captivating nature photographic work of Warren Greene. In case you missed this beautiful show and very successful reception, you can visit his website at <http://birdcapemay.org/times/2009/01/02/january-2009-warren-greene/>.

The Gallery's March's exhibit is the beautiful award winning oil paintings of SVAN member Marion Kratky in a show is entitled "Passages". If you missed Marion's lovely reception earlier this month you can view a sample of Marion's work on our website under "Meet the Artist".

## Sacandaga Musical Theater

Sacandaga Musical Theater invited me to attend a rehearsal of their last performance of Hot Night. What fun that was watching them choreograph their scenes and rehearse their songs. It is amazing the hours of rehearsal and time that these talented actors and singers give, as volunteers, to perform for the pleasure of our members and community.

SMT performed their third nearly sold out performance of Hot Night in Vegas for the year. Congratulations to all who performed or participated in the SMT Hot Night in Vegas variety show! SVAN thanks you for a job well done.

## Scholarship

Each year SVAN awards scholarship(s) to a deserving actor and/or musician that participates in Sacandaga Musical Theater's performances. This year the talented actor recipient was Ryan DeRosa who performed in the successful 2009 SMT production of "Murder at the Tony Lou Awards. Ryan graduated from Fulton County Community College in May 2009 with a degree in General Studies. This year Ryan is a Music Industry major at SUNY Oneonta. Congratulations Ryan on being awarded this scholarship and good luck to you with your musical career in the future.

## SVAN Edinburgh Classical Concert

I also attended a meeting of the Classical Concert music committee chaired by Jeanne McCorkle in February. Jeanne and her committee are in the process of planning this summer's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SVAN Edinburg Classical Concert performances. This year musicians will be members of the faculty from the internationally renown Luzerne Music Center; Jacob Braun, artist in residence at Wilfried Laurier University near Toronto; and Jeffrey Kischen of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Watch for more information about these wonderful concerts this summer. Please refer to the end of this newsletter for concert dates.

## Member Recognition

SVAN would not be the organization it is without the generous work provided by so many talented people. At this time we would like to take a few minutes to acknowledge and thank one of those wonderfully talented outstanding members of SVAN. This article was written by Robin Gasier, a major participant of the Music Committee and one of the original creators of the Children's Music Program.

**Gary Van Slyke**, a long time member of the SVAN Music Committee and popular local folk singer, continues his summer workshops as the presenter of the children's educational program entitled "Adventures in Folk Music." Each summer Gary travels to many areas served by SVAN entertaining and teaching children about the music to which he has so passionately devoted his life and career. The two-hour programs, which are free to attendees, include performance as well as lots of audience participation. Gary sings and plays a multitude of instruments and ends his presentation with awarding lucky attendees with an instrument, usually a penny whistle or a harmonica. He then teaches a short basic music lesson on the spot followed by a brief concert by the new musicians. You can imagine the delight!

Gary's faithful dedication to "Adventures In Folk Music" is one way the Music Committee's mission to bring music of all varieties to as many folks as possible is fulfilled. Programs ranging from Piseco to Gloversville, Hadley to Mayfield will continue in 2010 with SVAN funding, thanks in part to you, the members.

*Barbara Reffitt*

## ***Winter Coffee House Entertainment***

- The *March 14th* concert will feature *Bar Scott*. She will perform keyboard and vocals that are both original and from the American Songbook. Bar Scott has inspired listeners with the strength of her voice and the immediacy of her songs for over fifteen years. At every show, she digs deep within herself to sing and then takes her audience with her.
- The series will conclude on *April 11th* with a performance by *Bill Staines*. Bill weaves a magical blend of wit and gentle humor into his performances, and as one reviewer wrote, "He has a sense of timing to match the best stand-up comic." His music is a slice of Americana, reflecting with the same ease, his feelings about the prairie people of the Midwest or the adventurers of the Yukon.

## **SVAN Town of Hope Pavilion Concerts and Play**

Route 30 – Just 5 Miles North of the Northville Bridge

7/10/10 Saturday 6-8PM- Rick Bolton, the Dwyer Sisters and Big Medicine – Plan to dance or at least tap to feet to their music. They sing and play every thing from R&B and folk rock, Irish music and some of their own originals.

7/23/10 Saturday 6-8PM- The Intermountain Trio (iM3) plus One – This group sings mostly music from the sixties and seventies with audience participation to songs from Simon and Garfunkel or Gordon Lightfoot, there is something for everyone.

8/6/10 – 7-9PM –We will also be presenting a Shakespearian Musical Comedy called the Twelfth Night set in 1960's.

8/14/10 – 6-8PM –Jazz Train Music Ensemble – This jazz band made up of mostly young adults called JAZZ TRAIN. It is a twelve-member band playing contemporary jazz and old standards re-mixed into something more contemporary.

## **SVAN Town of Edinburg Classical Concerts**

July 20 – “RIPPLING WINDS” – The Luzerne Music Center Chamber Players

August 17<sup>th</sup> – “SOARING STRINGS” - The Luzerne Music Center Chamber Players with guest artists Paul Roby and Jeffrey Kirschen of the Philadelphia Orchestra

## **Adventures in Folk Music**

**Gary Van Slyke**

Waiting for information