

Arts Paper

Spring 2024

News &
Information on
the Arts from the
Huntingdon County
Arts Council

New Concert Lineup for 2024

One of the first things we did after turning the former Methodist church on 12th Street into an Arts Center was to initiate a monthly concert series. To keep the momentum going, we are moving ahead this year with a full lineup of musical events for your enjoyment.

Our very first concert, held on June 26, 2022, featured classical guitarist Jonathan Gangi. We held an additional eight concerts that year, including a free Christmas variety show in December. In 2023, we held 11 concerts at the Arts Center, along with two Folk College concerts that took place on the Juniata College campus and a progressive organ concert staged at three different churches in Huntingdon.

We try to cater to a variety of tastes. Our concerts



Richard Sleigh, Gus Tritsch, Justin Griffin, and Jerry Zolten at the Art Cat Blues Club

The Art Cat Jazz Club Liven's Up Huntingdon Nightlife

The Art Cat Jazz Club is up and running in 2024, with a variety of dates and musical styles. The Club, located in the basement of the Arts Center, is a place where people can hear live music, indulge

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have been a mix of classical, folk, jazz, ragtime, and pop music. Although different styles of music tend to attract different audiences, a small number of hard-core music fans have attended a wide swath of our performances.

Audience attendance has ranged from 22 to 95 people, with an average of 45. We try to keep the ticket prices realistic—just enough to cover the cost of the musicians plus a small profit for the Arts Council. The small profit allows us to stage occasional musical events free of charge throughout the year. We also receive generous support from Standing Stone Coffee Company for our concerts.



Rakish will perform Celtic & traditional American folk music at the Arts Center on Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m.

(a folk duo) in March, the Gabriel Herrera Quartet with special guest Rick Hirsch (jazz) in April, Vienna Serenade (a classical chamber orchestra) in June, the Altoona Brass in July, and Revamped (a violin duo who perform classical, folk, and pop music) in August. As in previous years, there will be two Folk College concerts

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Art Shoppe is Open

The Holiday Shoppe was a big success during the holiday season last year, and we thank everyone who did some of their Christmas shopping there. We also thank the many volunteers who helped to run it during this busy time.

The Holiday Shoppe has now transformed back into the Art Shoppe, where we will continue to sell items from local artists and craftspeople throughout the coming year. Here you will find ceramics, jewelry, paintings, wood carvings, greeting cards, fiber art, and a variety of other unique items.

Keep in mind that when you purchase items at the Art Shoppe, you not only are supporting local artists, but also supporting your Arts Council. And it's nice to know that your dollars are circulating right here in

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Executive Director

Dear Member:

I wanted to share some exciting news—we are finally moving forward with the Capital Campaign roof replacement project. We have hired a contractor and hopefully the **Arts Center** will have a new metal roof this spring.

One of the things I love about the **Huntingdon County Arts Center** is that we have lots of varied activities happening. Whether you are into concerts, art exhibits, or learning an art form, we hope that the **Huntingdon County Arts Center** helps entertain, enlighten, and enrich your life.

Our big music camp, Folk College, happens Memorial Day weekend on the Juniata College campus. While the whole weekend is designed for musicians or want-to-be musicians, don't miss the opportunity to see two outstanding concerts that are open to the public on Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. at Rosenberger Auditorium. Each concert has a different lineup.

Also, please mark your calendar for a special day: Saturday, June 15, is our *Celebration of the Arts*. This is our annual event to showcase our building, artists,

musicians, and the many activities we have to offer the Huntingdon County community.

We appreciate your continuing support with your memberships, general donations, donations to our Capital Campaign, and attendance at our events. This makes the Huntingdon County Arts Council a stronger organization and furthers our mission to enrich Huntingdon County through the encouragement, support and promotion of the arts.

We hope to see you soon.

John Kearns
Executive Director



Council Notes

Annual General Meeting

Members of the public learned more about the Arts Council at the annual general meeting on December 13. Several items of business were on the agenda, including voting for changes in the bylaws, introducing new board members, and confirming new officers for 2024.

We are especially pleased to announce that Jeannie Gentry and Mary Beatty-Sharisky have joined the board. They will bring a great deal of talent, energy, and enthusiasm to our organization. Thank you, Jeannie and Mary, for taking on this important commitment.

The meeting included a local arts quiz that taxed people's memories about events in the previous year. Judy Hoffman achieved the highest score and won a \$25 coupon from the Holiday Shoppe.

Judy Hoffman also received the Volunteer of the Year award, based on her work as the Arts Council's unofficial historian. Thank you for your hard work, Judy. We also thank Jim Reeves who is stepping down from the board after many years of service.

Board member Paul Amato provided a financial summary of the previous year. As he reported, the Arts Council had a very good year financially and is on a strong and secure foundation for the coming year.

Executive Director John Kearns discussed our plans for 2024, including a full program of concerts, exhibits, and special events. And, of course, the Arts Paper, our very own 12-page newsletter, will continue to bring you news about our various activities, along with brilliantly written articles of general interest.

Arts Council Officers for 2024

President:	Teri Smith
Vice President:	Susan Wentzel
Treasurer:	Sean Wood
Secretary:	Susan Simpson
Executive Office at Large:	Larry Closz

New Board Members

Mary Beatty-Sharisky

Mary Beatty-Sharisky is a native of Davidsville, PA; however, she retired from New Jersey after serving thirty-three years in the field of education as an English teacher, guidance counselor, supervisor and principal. Mary notes an extensive background in music (bassoon, saxophone and piano) and dance (tap, jazz, ballet and ballroom until her late 50's). She presently volunteers for Meals on Wheels, the Huntingdon County Humane Society and Mishler Theater in Altoona. Ms. Beatty-Sharisky is also a member of the Standing Stone Kickers, a line dancing troupe based in Huntingdon, PA.



Jeannie Gentry

This is my second time to live in Huntingdon. Having come back from Arizona for family, I am delighted to help with both Art and Music, my personal love interests



which I am always pursuing in my spare time. The Arts Council is as integral part of the cultural life of this county and an asset to the entertainment of its citizens. I am honored and pleased to be a part of the ongoing effort of this council.

Thoughts from Teri Smith, Arts Council President for 2024

What do you hope to accomplish during your term as president?

The Arts Council, at age 51, is a Huntingdon County institution. Now that we have a building, it is essential to have stable programs that both entertain the community and pay the bills. The task includes modifications to our building that identify us (signage and lighting) as well as sustainable programming, such as concerts, art classes, and continuing community projects such as Folk College and the Greenwood Furnace Folk Gathering.



What do you see as the biggest challenges coming up?

We are challenged, as a working board, to build a volunteer corps and strong membership to support our efforts. As we add programs and experiment with new services, we must remain flexible—have the courage to try and sometimes fail—but move forward. The insane pace of change in social media and communication avenues is a constant struggle. Reaching an audience where they are requires many adaptations.

Why did you want to be president?

After a considerable amount of trepidation, I decided that the most exciting time to be in a leadership position is during transitions. Our adjustments to the new building mean that every day is exciting, and learning



experiences abound.

Renew Your Membership

Arts Council memberships run on a calendar-year basis, beginning on January 1 of each year and continuing through the end of December. So if you haven't renewed your membership yet, you might want to do it soon. And if you are not a member, this is an excellent time to join.

What are the benefits of membership?

- Discounts on Arts Council concerts
- Discounts at the Art Shoppe and the Holiday Shoppe
- Discounts on workshops and classes
- Discounts on Juniata Presents events
- A quarterly newsletter that keeps you informed about the arts
- Weekly emails about upcoming arts-related events in our area

And, of course, you can take pride in supporting the arts and enriching the quality of life in Huntingdon County.

Memberships are one of the most important sources of support for the Arts Council. We receive only a small amount of funding each year from state and local governments, so we are dependent on people like you for our continuing existence.

You also can renew your membership, or become a new member, online at huntingdoncountyarts.com, or at the **Arts Center** during our regular opening hours. We sincerely appreciate our members, and we hope to see you at an Arts Council event in the near future.



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Capital Campaign Update

We thank the following people who donated to our Capital Campaign since the last newsletter. We greatly welcome your donations to make capital improvements to the **Huntingdon County Arts Center**, including a roof replacement and accessibility.

\$10,000 and Above
Larry & Ginny Mutti

\$500 - \$1,499
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The Juniata College Women's Soccer Team and a number of board members were recently busy giving both the Art Shoppe and the classroom area a much needed paint job.

SUSAN SIMPSON

Arts Center Regular Hours

Tuesday through Saturday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

From the Editor

The Arts and the Decline of Community

Many aspects of community life in the United States are declining. Compared with a generation or two ago, people today are less likely to join organizations and clubs, volunteer their time, or attend church services. Similarly, people today have fewer close friends, talk to friends less often, and have fewer sources of social support than they once did. In many ways, our lives have become more private and isolated.

Sociologists don't exactly know why these trends have occurred, although changes in technology (cable television, high definition TVs, the internet, smart phones, and social media) almost certainly have played a role. Many people today are staying home and staring at screens, rather than being out in public, actively engaged with the social world. And because we interact with fewer people than in the past, we are exposed to fewer new ideas and alternative viewpoints.

The arts can play a positive role in helping people to re-engage with their communities, and the Arts Council is eager to be part of this effort. Our monthly art receptions, concerts, and workshops provide opportunities for people to interact, run into old friends, and make new acquaintances. Volunteering for Arts Council activities is another way for people to become more involved in the community.

Our new **Arts Center** has become a place where people not only can enjoy the arts, but also connect with others. In the last year, we have regularly hosted the Camera Club, the Stories & Stitches Knitting group, the Redbud Quilt Guild, and a local chapter of the Girl Scouts. Groups that occasionally meet in our building include the Huntingdon Rotary Club, the Huntingdon County Democrats, the Standing Stone Garden Club, and the local Vegan Meetup group. Our building also has been a setting for student piano recitals, a local business Christmas party, and a German language interest group. Most recently, a line-dance group has started to use our building on a monthly basis (see the article in the current newsletter).

Consider turning off your devices and televisions for a few hours and attending an art reception, a concert, a workshop, or one of our special events. As Woody Allen once said, "Eighty percent of success in life is showing up." People who "show up" are the ones who make a difference in their communities, shape the local culture, and, in the final analysis, live life to the fullest.

Standing Stone Kickers

Do you remember Billy Ray Cyrus and Achy Breaky Heart from the year 1992? If so, you were part of an era that introduced country line dancing to America. Country line dancing gained popularity for five to ten years following Billy Ray's breakthrough then seemed to go on hiatus until recently. Country line dancing is making a resurgence in many different venues including honky-tonk bars and clubs, community centers and senior centers. Yes, senior centers. Those dancing to Achy Breaky Heart in the early nineties are now retired and bringing back those dances to senior centers, local community venues, and now to the Huntingdon County Arts Council!

The Standing Stone Kickers came to life from a suggestion originated by Kristena Curtis, former manager of the Standing Stone Senior Center. She reached out via social media and in the community to find an instructor willing to give lessons at the center. Finally, a former employee of the Huntingdon Area Agency on Aging came forward to answer the call. Shelby Nestler taught line dancing in the mid-90's



Paul Amato



The Standing Stone Kickers at the Arts Center

to a varied group of individuals from ages nine to 79 in church basements, firehalls, public parks, and malls. She brought back the dances from that era and added some more recent line dances and geared them to the general population.

Presently, the Standing Stone Kickers have provided entertainment and instruction in several locations including the Bedford Senior Center, the Senior Games banquet in Alum Bank, and most recently, a conference in State College. You might also find them at the Bricktown Senior Center (on the first Thursday of the month), Westminster Woods, the Muddy Run Tavern (on the first Tuesday of each month), the Huntingdon Moose, and even the Huntingdon County Fair! The group has also provided demonstrations at Graystone Court Villas. Likewise, the Standing Stone Kickers meet regularly on Wednesday mornings at the Standing Stone Senior Center.

If you know your right from your left and would like to learn to line dance, the Standing Stone Kickers would love to welcome you at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center** (313 12th Street in Huntingdon) on the third Thursday of each month, from 6-7 p.m.. Check out the Standing Stone Kickers Facebook page for their upcoming dancing schedule. Dancers of all ages, from four to 90, are welcome to participate. Questions should be directed to Shelby through the Standing Stone Kickers Facebook page.

Mary Beatty-Sharisky



Painting isn't an aesthetic operation. It's a form of magic—a mediator between this strange hostile world and us.

Pablo Picasso

Recent Events

Since the last newsletter, the Arts Council has been busy with concerts, exhibits, workshops, and other events. Here is a quick recap on what we have been up to during the last three months.

Concerts

Three Organ Concert

Three historic church organs were featured in a concert in Huntingdon on Saturday, November 18. The concert began at St. John's Episcopal Church, shifted to First Regular Baptist Church, and ended at Abbey Reformed United Church of Christ.

Aaron Patterson—a student at the Juilliard School of Music in New York—performed a program of baroque music and traditional hymns at each location, and his impeccable musicianship earned a standing ovation from the appreciative audience. The unusual event attracted a capacity crowd of history buffs as well as organ music fans. The Arts Council, Huntingdon Landmarks, and the Huntingdon County Historical Society collaborated in producing the event.



Aaron Patterson performing at First Regular Baptist Church in Huntingdon

Christmas Show with the SPARX Duo

Anne Sullivan (harp) and Joan Marsh (flute)—The SPARX Duo—provided an outstanding concert of seasonal music at our annual Christmas Show on December 10. Their show included a segment on the Christmas Truce of 1914, when British and German soldiers left their trenches to celebrate Christmas together. Many people found the story to be both moving and inspirational, and the audience gave the duo a thunderous and well-deserved standing ovation at the conclusion.



Anne Sullivan (harp) and Joan Marsh (flute)



Pianist Andrew Greene at the Silent Movie Night

Silent Movie Night with Andrew Greene

Our silent film night on January 27 featured renowned ragtime pianist Andrew Greene, who provided live musical accompaniment to three classic movies: Buster Keaton's *Cops* (1922), Charlie Chaplin's *The Rink* (1916), and Harold Lloyd's *Get Out and Get Under* (1920). The Arts Center held a capacity audience that night, and judging from all of the laughter, people had a great time. Andrew's remarkable piano music was precisely timed with events happening in the films. Andrew also provided short introductions to each film that helped to increase the audience's understanding and enjoyment. It was a truly unique event in Huntingdon!



Anita Nwaobilo from the Embroiderer's Guild gave a short talk at the reception

Exhibits

Embroiderers' Guild Reception

Threading the Needle, our first art exhibit of the year, featured works from the Huntingdon chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America. A variety of embroidery techniques were on display, including cross-stitching, needlepoint, and sashiko, a form of Japanese embroidery. Although the group was founded in 1977, this was the first time the group had exhibited since 2017. People attending the reception were impressed with the quality of the workmanship and the delicate, intricate designs of many of the pieces.

The show ran from Friday, January 5 though Saturday, February 3.

Upcoming Events

Folk College, May 24 - 26

Folk College, held on the Juniata College Campus, is a friendly weekend for folk musicians at all levels, from beginners to professionals. Faculty this year will include The Ruta Beggars (a youthful threesome playing new blue grass and swing music), Sally Rogers and Howie Bursen (long-time folk troubadours), Kalos (a Celtic Roots group featuring accordion, fiddle, and guitar), Shanna in a Dress (a quirky, young singer-songwriter), Midnight on the Water (a trio playing multi-genre, traditional music), and Gypsy Funk Squad (a duo performing Middle Eastern music). Our usual faculty members also will be there, including Simple Gifts, Jay Best, and Henry Koretsky.

In addition to workshops, coaching sessions, jamming, and dancing, Folk College will include two ticketed concerts open to the public, on Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25. A free student band concert also will take place on Sunday, May 26. More details are available at www.folkcollege.com.

Concerts

Rakish, March 24

Violinist Maura Shawn Scanlan and guitarist Conor Hearn, known as Rakish, will perform at the Arts Center on Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. Their name, which comes from an old Irish tune, reflects the duo's focus on traditional Irish and American folk music. Maura Shawn holds a master's degree in violin performance from the Yale School of Music and has performed at a variety of prestigious venues, including Carnegie Hall. She is a two-time U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion and a winner of the Glenfiddich Fiddle Competition. Conor Hearn is a guitar instructor who performs with a variety of Irish music groups on the east coast. If you enjoy traditional Celtic music, you definitely will want to hear this amazingly talented duo.



The Gabriel Herrera Quintet, April 14

Trombonist and composer Gabriel Herrera is a rising young star in the jazz world. Hailing from New York City, he has performed at a variety of prestigious venues, including the Montreal Jazz Festival and the Lincoln Center. Gabriel obtained a degree in jazz studies from Columbia University in 2023 and is currently working as a teaching assistant in jazz at Penn State. His quartet includes Bob Hart on guitar, Alex Mijangos on bass, and Kevin Lowe on drum.



Gabriel Herrera

Rick Hirsch, the popular jazz saxophonist from State College, will join the group for this special concert on Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m. The group plays sizzling jazz in the bebop and hard bop styles.

Have a listen, close your eyes, and you will think you are in a late-night jazz club somewhere in New York City.



Rick Hirsch

Exhibits

Spring Thaw, March 8 - 30

As in previous years, Spring Thaw this year will feature artistic creations from our talented Huntingdon County school students. Entries include paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, poetry, and prose. Awards will be given in various categories within age groups.

50 Years of Lake Raystown, May 10 - June 8

Every year, the Arts Council stages a call-for-entries exhibit, and this year the focus will be on the 50th anniversary of Raystown Lake. All artists are welcome to submit works that address the theme, including paintings, drawings, sculpture, poetry, and prose. All 2-D art should be framed and ready for hanging. Stay tuned for more details on when to submit your work.

Huntingdon County Art Teachers and Staff, April 5 - May 4

Teachers and staff in Huntingdon County will have an opportunity to display their creations in a special show coming up in April. Although the focus is on art teachers, all teachers, staff, and administrators are welcome to show their work. All types of entries will be welcome, including paintings, drawings, photography, and sculpture. The free reception will be on Friday, April 5, at 6 p.m.

Classes

Community Ceramics Classes

Community members can enroll in ceramics classes at the Southern Huntingdon County High School, beginning in April. Classes will meet in the Art Room, where pottery wheels and a kiln are available for use. Participants will work with clay to make wheel-thrown and hand-built vessels and sculptures. They will learn how to glaze, use various clay tools, and use the four basic methods of building pottery: wheel-throwing, pinch, coil, and slab building.



The first class will be on Thursday, April 4. Subsequent classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday through May 2 (9 class sessions in total). Each class will run from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$200 (\$180 for current Arts Council members). For more information and to enroll, visit our website at huntingdoncountyarts.com and go to the Register, Tickets & Shop tab.

Art Shoppe is Open

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Huntingdon County, rather than going to large corporations in other states. So drop in and check us out when you are in the area. The Shoppe is looking spiffy from a new paint job, and we are constantly updating our inventory with new one-of-a-kind items.

Our concert series
is underwritten by a
generous grant from



Upcoming Events

Announcing Kids' Summer Art Camps for 2024

Does your child enjoy art? Do you want to expand your child's artistic talents? For the third year, the Arts Council will hold Kids' Summer Art Camps. There will be separate weekly sessions for 5 to 8-year-olds and for 9 to 12-year-olds, both from 9 to 11 am, Monday through Thursday, at the Huntingdon County Arts Center.



The cost for each weekly session is \$90. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Dates for the weekly session are:

- June 17 to 20
- June 24 to 27
- July 8 to 11
- July 15 to 18
- July 22 to 25
- July 29 to August 1
- August 5 to 8

All classes will be taught by experienced art teachers

with clearances. Registration and topics for each week will be available soon. Check our weekly email alerts or our website for updates.

New Concert Lineup for 2024 continued from page 1

in May on the Juniata College campus. And in September, we will again host the kickoff concert for the Central Pennsylvania Ragtime and American Music Festival. (See the accompanying chart.)

If you have never attended a concert at the Arts Center, we hope that you will try one this coming year. The seating is comfortable, the acoustics are good, and parking is not a problem. Audience members have the additional benefit of being able to visit our current art exhibit during the intermissions. Intermissions are also a good time to run into old friends and acquaintances—something that happens frequently in our small town. And don't forget that Arts Council members get discounts on tickets.



At Folk College: The Ruta Beggars, Sally Rogers & Howie Bursen, Shanna in a Dress



Coltsfoot, an early spring bloomer

PARADE

The march is on,
all know their annual places,
the perennial order of the bloom.
Crocus first, ridiculously early,
then the orderly progression
of pussy willow, hazel catkin,
coltsfoot, forsythia, daffodil,
the gold of spring, and star
magnolia, coral quince, and tulips,
the pink and red and yellow of them,
the purple later than the rest,
violets and pansies,
lavender lilacs,
the tall Siberian iris,
peppermint Icelandic Poppies
and cool cranesbill herald
the explosion of competing bloom
that comes with summer,
that riotous pageant of the gardens,
which ends in October,
with the last shattered blossoms
of the tall pink Japanese anemone,
with lime-green seed heads
that turn to fluff
and blow into next year.

Pam Kavanaugh

Date	Day of Week	Time	Performers	Tickets	Type of Music
March 24	Sunday	2 PM	Rakish (Maura Scanlon & Conor Hearn)	\$20/16	Folk
April 14	Sunday	2 PM	Gabriel Herrera Quintet + Rick Hirsch	\$20/16	Jazz
May 24	Friday	7 PM	Folk College Concert (Juniata campus)	\$20/16	Folk
May 25	Saturday	7 PM	Folk College Concert (Juniata campus)	\$20/16	Folk
June 2	Sunday	2 PM	Vienna Serenade	\$20/16	Classical
July 28	Sunday	2 PM	Altoona Brass	\$20/16	Big Band
August 11	Sunday	2 PM	Revamped (Mark & Sally Minnich)	\$20/16	Classical, folk, pop
September 12	Thursday	7 PM	Ragtime Festival Musicians	\$20/16	Ragtime

Arts Knowledge Quiz

1. Who painted the frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome?

- a. Leonardo da Vinci
- b. Michelangelo
- c. Raphael

2. Which artist was a leader of the Impressionist movement?

- a. Claude Monet
- b. Salvador Dali
- c. Paul Gauguin

3. What sort of art is Auguste Rodin mainly famous for?

- a. paintings
- b. sculpture
- c. photography

4. What was the first school of art to emerge in the United States?

- a. The Ashcan School of Social Realism
- b. Abstract Expressionism
- c. The Hudson River School of landscape painting

5. Pablo Picasso was famous for which style of art?

- a. Pop Art
- b. Futurism
- c. Cubism

6. Which artist is famous for dripping and spattering paint on canvas?

- a. Jackson Pollock
- b. Bob Ross
- c. Andy Warhol

7. Which artist is known for his paintings of sunflowers?

- a. Paul Cezanne
- b. Vincent Van Gogh
- c. Wassily Kandinsky

8. In Sandro Botticelli's famous painting, The Birth of Venus, Venus is shown standing on a

- a. large rock.
- b. scallop shell.
- c. feathery cloud.

9. Ansel Adams is best known for his

- a. portraits of famous people.
- b. abstract sculpture.
- c. photographs of the American west.

10. The ornate, extravagant, heavily ornamented period of art and architecture prevalent in Europe during most of the 17th century is called what?

- a. The Baroque period

- b. The Classical period
- c. The Romantic period

11. Yayoi Kusama is a contemporary Japanese artists best known for her use of

- a. collages made from everyday objects.
- b. black and white photographs.
- c. polka dots.

12. Which artist is known for her sensuous, close up paintings of flowers?

- a. Mary Cassatt
- b. Georgia O'Keeffe
- c. Helen Frankenthaler

13. Who painted the Girl with a Pearl Earring?

- a. Hieronymus Bosch
- b. Pieter Brueghel the Elder
- c. Johannes Vermeer

14. This style of painting, which flourished in France around the turn of the 20th century, used vivid, exaggerated colors to express intense emotions.

- a. Fauvism
- b. Op Art
- c. Dadaism

15. Jean-Michel Basquiat's paintings were influenced by

- a. ancient Greek pottery.
- b. Romantic era poetry.
- c. graffiti.

16. The contemporary American artist Dale Chihuly is known for his sculptures made of

- a. textiles.
- b. driftwood.
- c. glass.

17. Which artistic movement featured bizarre images from dreams, hallucinations, and the unconscious mind?

- a. Abstract expressionism
- b. Surrealism
- c. Futurism

18. Alexander Calder was an American sculptor best known for his innovative

- a. mobiles.
- b. paper constructions.
- c. optical illusions.

19. Renaissance and Baroque painters used strong contrasts between light and dark to create dramatic, three-dimensional effects. This technique is known as

- a. chiaroscuro
- b. frottage
- c. pentimento

20. The painting, Nighthawks, by Edward Hopper depicts

- a. a man and woman asleep in front of a television.
- b. three people sitting quietly in a late-night café.
- c. men and women dancing wildly in a bar.

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Art Cat Jazz Club in Full Swing

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in a beverage of their choice, and enjoy the nightclub atmosphere.

Jazz fans had two opportunities to enjoy live shows last year. On both occasions, people raved about the setting and how much they enjoyed themselves. Jordan Canner's group, No Filter Jazz, helped to make the evenings memorable by filling the room with toe-tapping, infectious melodies.

Given the success of our first two forays, we decided to run the Club four times in 2024. Rather than focus entirely on jazz, however, we are branching out to include other forms of music. In February, patrons at the Art Cat Blues Club enjoyed an evening of blues music featuring the legendary harmonica player, Richard Sleigh, along with three other outstanding musicians: Jerry Zolten, Gus Tritsch, and Justin Griffin. The band completely tore the place up—in the best possible way—and received a standing ovation at the end of the evening.

We are planning three additional Art Cat evenings this year. In August, the focus will return to jazz when Natascha and the Spy Boys, a group that plays "1920s Berlin night club music," takes the stage. Planning for the other events is underway, and we will let you know the details as soon as information is available.

Our ability to offer more club dates this year is partly due to the generous support of several local businesses and individuals. We thank Philip Lott from Flashbacks, Kelly's Korner Restaurant & Lounge, Wayne Sharisky from Multi-Image Productions, Sandy Kleckner from Raystown Realty, the Apex Realty Group, and Lawrence & Rebecca Newton.

Tickets to the Art Cat include nonalcoholic beverages and a variety of delicious snacks. For those who wish something stronger, a cash bar provides red and white wine, beer, and cocktails. Multiple door prizes and a cash raffle round out the evening. The Club itself is newly decorated with ambient lights and candles on each table

**Thank you for supporting the
Art Cat Blues Club and the
Huntingdon County Arts Council**



BARN ROOF PAINTERS

I know I've been had when they pull
into the farm yard, like cicadas returning
after their long furlough underground.
The big full-sized pick-up eases into my driveway
and I know the barn painters are back.

The old Boss man, like his father before him
has his spiel down pat. He says old Woody,
the most well known farmer in the area
had his roof done and said he should
come see me. In a thick southern drawl
he says, " I can see your barn roof needs
a fresh coat of my new high quality paint."

Be firm . . . don't give in.

"Well, it looks pretty good to me, maybe next time
you're through" I say confidently.
"It's been six years" he says "and I'm getting old,
may not be back again, it will last twenty years.
We do a good job, patch your holes too.

His magic tongue has loosened my reserve.
"Give me a price . . . too high" I say,
trying to hold on to my convictions.
"I'll make a special offer to you . . ."
and I feel myself caving in to his still
too high counter offers and agreed
upon concessions to fix my banner pole.

Was it too high a price to pay?

Probably.

Will I do it again?

Probably . . . not, his nephew in training is
not as slick.

But the silver roof sparkles in the sun
and the Swedish banner flaps proudly
in the wind.

James Pingry

to create an authentic night club atmosphere. We recently expanded the size of the club, so there is more elbow room and even space for a few intrepid souls to dance.

As one patron said at a recent event, "I can't believe I'm in Huntingdon. I feel like I'm in New York City." If you haven't been to the Club before, come and find out what everyone is talking about. Check out one of our upcoming dates for some great music and an all around "purr-fect" evening.

We thank the following groups for contributing gift certificates and other items for door prizes at the recent Art Cat Blues Club.

B. Fisher Creations • Boxer's Cafe • Love It Upcycle Boutique
Moxmoe Pictures Famous Sandwiches • Standing Stone Kickers
Stitches & Stuff • Strickler's Ice, Bottled Water & Cold Beer
The Marketplace Vendors • Weaver the Florist & Gifts

ArtistSpotlight

Yali Pei Creates Traditional Chinese Art in Huntingdon

Yali Pei had a successful career as an artist and art teacher in China, where she was born, before moving to Huntingdon in 2019 to live with her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren. Now she spends her retirement years in our small town, painting in the traditional Chinese style and creating intricate constructions from cut paper.



Yali Pei at the Arts Center

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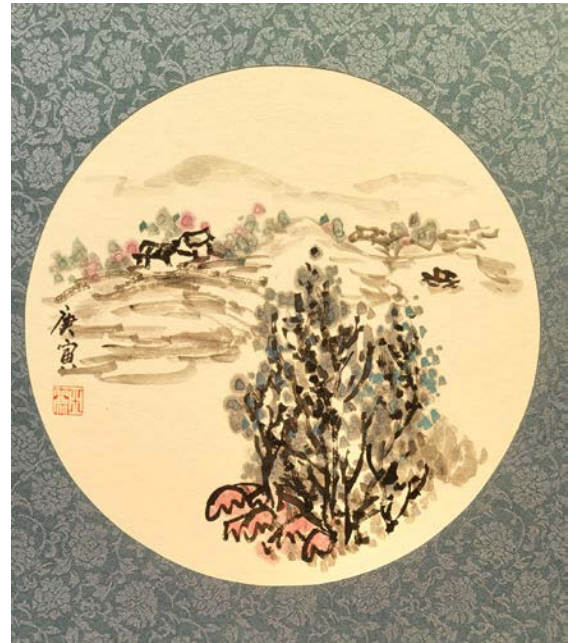
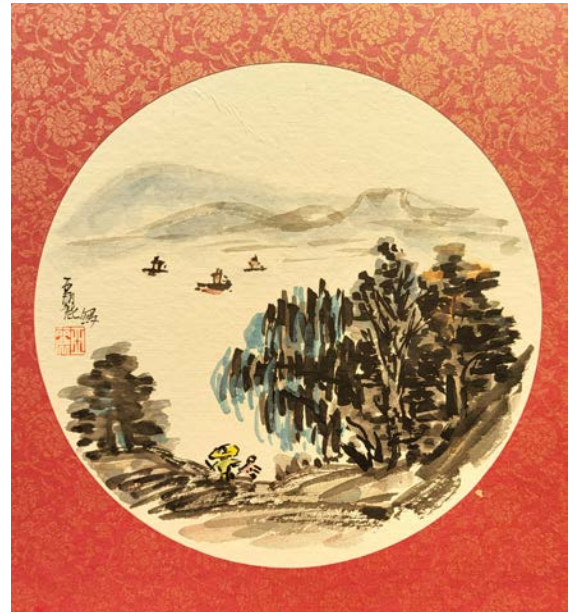


Yali studied in the Fine Arts Department at Shanxi University, Lu Xun Academy of Fine Arts, and Taiyuan Normal University. She worked as an art teacher for ten years before moving to the Municipal Education Bureau where she engaged in teaching research.

After retirement, she founded the Taiyuan Educational Calligraphy and Painting Institute and served as its director. One of her activities involved organizing painting trips to the mountains for school students and teachers. Another activity

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Yali's art has been exhibited in China many times and has been collected by friends from Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, France and other countries around the world. In addition to teaching children how to draw at the request of her friends, she continues to explore and



enjoy new art forms.

As she said, "Chinese traditional culture is a fusion of various ethnic cultures based on cultural identity, and I see that the West has shown interest in Chinese art from various aspects. I hope to bring more Chinese art to the United States and integrate Chinese cultural elements with Western art to create unique works of art. I also hope to communicate with, learn from, and cooperate with more American artists."

Since moving to the United States, Yali has visited many of the major cities on the east coast, including New York City, Washington D.C., and Pittsburgh. She also was able to fit in a trip to southern California. Visiting art museums in one of the main things she likes to do when traveling to new cities.

Yali's experiences in our area have been very positive. As she said, "I like the United States. I like living here.

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ArtsCalendar

The Huntingdon County Arts Council is the hub for local arts and cultural activities. Check here to see what's coming up. Have an art activity? Send details and we will put it on our website arts calendar. Send to info@huntingdoncountyarts.com.

Bold = Huntingdon County Arts Council activity

March –June 2024

<i>When</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Details</i>
Through Saturday, March 30	On Display: The Art, Science, and Significance of Specimens	Juniata College Museum of Art	Explores the significance of specimens in their collections
Through Saturday, March 30	Spring Thaw Youth Art & Writing Exhibition	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Through Saturday, April 13	Maya Project	Juniata College Museum of Art	Celebrates a rescue dog through pet portraiture
Thursday, March 21, 5-8 p.m.	Art Walk Huntingdon	Various locations in borough	Art activities for all ages
Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.	Lorelei Ensemble	Halbritter Center, Juniata College	An inventive, nine women vocal ensemble
Sunday, March 24, 2 p.m.	Rakish Concert	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Celtic music & more Tickets \$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.	Camera Club Meeting	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Monday, April 1, 7 p.m.	Acoustic Music Jam	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, April 4, 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Community Ceramics Classes	Southern Huntingdon County High School	Every Tuesday and Thursday through May 2
Friday, April 5 to Saturday, May 4	Huntingdon County Teachers & Staff Exhibit	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Reception on Friday, April 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 11 to Saturday, April 13, 7 p.m.	The Music Man	Huntingdon High School Auditorium	Annual student musical
Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m.	Gabriel Herrera Quintet	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Tickets \$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Thursday, April 18, 5-8 p.m.	Art Walk Huntingdon	Various locations in borough	Art activities for all ages
Thursday, April 18 to Wednesday, May 1	Capstone Exhibit	Juniata College Museum of Art	Senior art students exhibit their work
Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.	Camera Club Meeting	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Monday, May 6, 7 p.m.	Acoustic Music Jam	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all.
Friday, May 10 to Saturday, June 8	Call for Entries: 50 Years of Lake Raystown	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all entries based on the theme. Reception Friday, May 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 16, 5-8 p.m.	Art Walk Huntingdon	Various locations in borough	Art activities for all ages
Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m.	Camera Club Meeting	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Friday, May 24 to Sunday, May 26	Folk College: Workshops, Concerts, & Jamming	Juniata College	See page 6 Full details at folkcollege.com
Friday, May 24	Folk College Concert Simple Gifts, Gypsy Funk Squad, Shanna in a Dress Midnight on the Water	Halbritter Center, Juniata College	7 p.m., tickets \$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Saturday, May 25	Folk College Concert Kalos, Sally Rogers & Howie Bursen, The Ruta Beggars	Halbritter Center, Juniata College	7 p.m., tickets \$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Sunday, June 2, 2 p.m.	Vienna Serenade Concert	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Tickets \$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Monday, June 3, 7 p.m.	Acoustic Music Jam	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Saturday, June 15	Celebration of the Arts	Huntingdon County Arts Center	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Arts Knowledge Quiz Key

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Give yourself one point for each correct answer.

If you scored 10 or lower: You obviously enjoy art or you wouldn't be reading this newsletter. Try to read more about art and visit art museums when you have opportunities. The more you learn about art, the more you will enjoy it.

If you scored 11 - 15: You have a good working knowledge of art. Of course, there is always more to learn. Take in more Arts Council activities and read articles in future newsletters to boost your knowledge even further.

If you scored 16 - 20: Congratulations! You are very knowledgeable about art. You could be a professor of art at a prestigious university. Continue to immerse yourself in the world of art and reap the benefits.

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The air quality is great. And everyone is friendly here."

We hope to showcase some of Yali Pei's work at the Art Center in the future. The tranquility and natural beauty of Chinese art can be enjoyed by people everywhere, regardless of their cultural backgrounds. We trust that Yali will continue to find Huntingdon to be a congenial and supportive place to live and create new art.

