



Arts Paper

Fall 2024

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

Full Slate Fall Classes & Workshops

Cooking to Fabric Art and More!

We are excited to announce a full slate of classes on a wide variety of subjects for this fall and give you the opportunity to learn, create, and share in the creative process. You can register for the classes on our website, huntingdoncountyarts.com at the Register, Tickets, & Shop tab.

The fall season covers a wide range of topics, from cooking, to quilting, to paper collage, to English paper-piecing, and knitting.

Here are the list of classes (multi-session learning) and workshops (one day learning):

- *Creative Writing class*, six sessions, beginning Wednesday, September 11.
- *Beginning Guitar class*, six sessions, beginning on Saturday, September 14.

- *Wonder Flutter Table Runner workshop*, on Friday, September 27.
- *Paper Collage workshop*, on Saturday, September 28.
- *Peanut Soup workshop*, on Thursday, October 10.
- *Sew a Soft-Sculpture Songbird class*, three sessions, beginning on Friday, October 18.
- *Crochet a Stocking Cap class*, three sessions, beginning on Wednesday October 23.
- *Make a Hexie Flower workshop*, on Thursday, October 24.
- *Knit a Balaclava class*, three sessions, beginning on Saturday, October 26.
- *Bead Embroidery class*, three sessions, beginning Wednesday, November 6.

See the complete details, including dates and costs for the above classes and workshops on pages 8 and 9.



Our annual Greenwood Furnace Folk Gathering music camp is moving and changing its name too. The now Pennsylvania Folk Gathering will be held at Camp Blue Diamond in Petersburg.

Pennsylvania Folk Gathering: New Name, New Location

We used to call it the Greenwood Furnace Folk Gathering, but we've moved the event, so it needed a new name. For over twenty years, the Huntingdon County Arts Council has been collaborating with the State College-based band, *Simple Gifts*, to put on this highly successful weekend of "folk" music workshops and concerts. Every year, registrants enjoy the stimulation of meeting and playing with other "folkies" while getting coaching from highly-seasoned and approachable performers in a smorgasbord of workshops and jam sessions. Choose from a selection of over

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Visit the Mad Hatter's shop at the FREE Celebration of the Arts on Saturday, October 5, and let your imagination take off! A variety of materials and decorations will be available for your use in creating your hat. This could be the start or finishing touch to a Halloween costume.

Free Celebration of the Arts

Please join us on Saturday, October 5, as we celebrate the arts at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center**, with a FREE, one day art and music event.

The event will feature several types of activities for your enjoyment and inspiration. There will be demonstrations of a variety of art forms, including painting, *continued on Page 2*



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Executive Director

Dear Member:

How do you interact with the arts? There are so many ways, not only at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center** but throughout Huntingdon County.

One of the reasons we provide you with an Arts Calendar on page 11 is to help you explore the many different options. Whether your interests are being entertained, listening to music, viewing art, or engaging in creating art, we hope that you will take advantage of the many offerings from the Huntingdon County Arts Council, other fine organizations like the Playhouse at McConnellstown, and the Juniata College Museum of Art, and the *Juniata Presents programs*.

This fall, we are excited to announce ten classes and workshops on a range of topics. The details are on pages 8 & 9, and we hope that you will sign up and participate in any that interest you. This is our small part to enrich Huntingdon County through the encouragement, support, and promotion of the arts.

If your interests include music, we have some great opportunities this fall. Don't miss the Ragtime Kickoff concert on Thursday, September 12. It is one of the most dynamic and entertaining concerts of the year. Plus, our Greenwood Furnace Folk Gathering has moved and been

renamed Pennsylvania Folk Gathering, and takes place September 13 to 15, at Camp Blue Diamond (see page 1). In addition, a classical concert will be held in October, and our Keyboard Fest returns in November.

Thank you for the many positive comments we continue to receive from visits to the **Arts Center**. As you know, your memberships, general donations, donations to our Capital Campaign, and attendance at our events are the driving force behind everything we do. Thank you!

We hope to see you soon.



John Kearns
Executive Director



Free Celebration of the Arts continued from page 1

working with fiber, and jewelry making. Other sessions will involve hands-on activities for adults, as well as children. Plus, there will be live music all day.

The event is free and tickets are not required. The **Arts Center's** doors will open at 10 a.m., and activities will continue through 4 p.m. Stop by, at any time, or check out our website for the full art activities schedule. The **Arts Center** is located at 313 12th Street in Huntingdon.

Celebration for the Arts Music Schedule

- 10:00 a.m. **Nick Miller**, One-man-band with guitar, percussion, and sitar
- 11:00 a.m. **Larry Mutti**, folk autoharp
- 12:00 p.m. **Flip Side, with Grace Fala & Rhonda Sweigart**, popular oldies & sing-alongs
- 1:00 p.m. **Steve Dixon**, piano & vocals in the style of Elton John, with arrangements of favorite artists, from the 60's and 70's
- 2:00 p.m. **Paul Amato**, classical, flamenco, jazz, and new age guitar
- 3:00 p.m. **Lion's Mane**, classic rock: Pink Floyd, Cream, Santana, Skynard, & Phish style rock



Make nature prints at the Celebration of the Arts



The Tussey Mountain Moonshiners, along with Simple Gifts, are the featured performances at Pennsylvania Folk Gathering. They will perform at a free concert on Saturday, September 14 at 7 p.m. at Camp Blue Diamond.

Folk Gathering: New Name continued from page 1

forty teaching/learning sessions, led by a team of fifteen enthusiastic and patient instructors.

There will also be two open-to-the-public evening concerts, an opportunity to contra and square dance, led by one of the best dance callers of the Northeast, and our annual session, honoring a central PA musical legend.

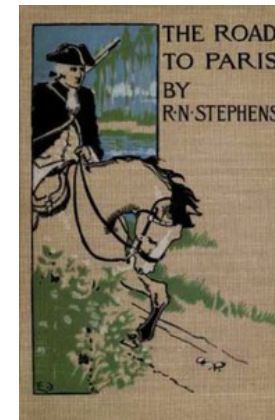
This year's Folk Gathering is Friday, September 13, through Sunday, September 15. Our new location is Camp Blue Diamond, just off of Shaver's Creek Valley Road. The setting and the facilities are beautiful and accommodating. We're excited to be moving to this new venue.

For more details about the events available to the public, and to paying registrants, check out our website at www.folkgathering.com.

Larry Mutti

Robert Neilson Stephens: One of Huntingdon's Own

Do the book titles *An Enemy to the King* or *Captain Ravenshaw* mean anything to you as a Huntingdon County resident? Chances are you've never heard of them, but their creator once skipped along Huntingdon's streets, attended school here, and mourned a father lost to him at an early age.



Victorian playwright and novelist, Robert Neilson Stephens, was famous at one time in both the U.S. and abroad—and he called Huntingdon home for many years. Born in Perry County on July 22, 1867, Stephens came to live in Huntingdon when he was a child. His father, James A. Stephens, was the Principal of the Huntingdon Academy, which Robert attended.

According to J. Simpson Africa's *History of Huntingdon and Blair Counties, Pennsylvania*, "In 1874, a more commodious structure was placed at the northeast corner of Fourth and Church Streets, the erection of which was secured mainly through the efforts of Professor James A. Stephens, who was the Principal at that time. His health failing, he resigned and died in April 1876."



Stephens' early working life included clerking in a book store, holding a stenographic position with the Pennsylvania Railroad in Philadelphia, and then becoming "dramatic" editor of the Philadelphia Press. As a twenty-two-year-old newlywed, he wrote short stories to supplement his income.

He went to New York City at age twenty-six and

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.

\$5,000 and Above

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\$500 - \$1,499

Gary, Jada & Kennedy Williams

became a theatrical agent. Part of his job was writing plays. One of them was titled *An Enemy to the King*, and was completed and produced in 1896.

Then came a touch of writer's serendipity. L.C. Page, a Boston publisher, was a member of the audience. He saw in the play touches of historical romance, a genre in demand at that time. He urged Stephens to write a book based on the play and presented a contract to him within twenty-four hours. The novel came out in 1897, and Stephens' fortune was made.

Unfortunately, ill health came with it. According to H.H. Hain's *History of Perry County*, Stephens had a unique attitude toward his physical condition: "I would rather be ill and well-to-do, as I am, than poor and in good health, as I was for many years."

Stephens eventually went to live in England. One of the last things he wrote, before leaving this country, was *The Road to Paris*. In it, he used the mouth of the Juniata River, below New Bloomsburg, as a setting. His great-great-grandfather Alexander was a Jacobite who settled there.

Stephens turned out several major works in England before his health deteriorated. He died in 1905, at age thirty-nine.

So, if the name Robert Neilson Stephens comes up in conversation, you can now say, "I know the name. He was one of Huntingdon's own."

Major works of Robert Neilson Stephens:

Plays: *On the Bowery*, 1894; *An Enemy to the King*, 1896; *A Gentleman Player*, 1899; *Miss Elizabeth's Prisoner*, 1904, co-written with E. Lyall Swete.

Novels: *An Enemy to the King*, 1897; *The Continental Dragoons*, 1898; *The Road to Paris*, 1898; *Philip Winwood*, 1900; *Captain Ravenshaw*, 1901; *The Mystery of Murray Davenport*, 1903; *The Bright Face of Danger*, 1904; *The Flight of Georgians*, 1905.

Sharon K. Garner

Sharon K. Garner, a Marklesburg resident, is a published author who now does copy editing and proofreading for other writers.



Our Art Shoppe is open every day that the Arts Center is open. The Art Shoppe is the perfect place to find that unique gift made by local artists.



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Arts Center
Regular Hours

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

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.

Exhibits

Call for Entries: 50 Years of Lake Raystown

For the ninth time, we held a Call for Entries exhibit. This show was based on the theme *50 Years of Lake Raystown*. We thought it was an appropriate theme since the dam at Lake Raystown was dedicated in June of 1974. We had nineteen artists display thirty-six artworks in a variety of forms for a wonderful exhibit. The exhibit included the very large paper mural of Lake Raystown from Standing Stone Elementary School. The exhibit ran from May 10 to June 8.



Lake Raystown mural by Standing Stone Elementary School students

Living Out Loud Through Art

To celebrate Pride month, a diverse array of artistry from local LGBTQ+ artists and their allies, was on display for the *Living Out Loud Through Art* exhibit. Seven artists displayed sixty-five artworks, including paintings, multi media, photography, and jewelry.



Living Out Loud artists at the opening reception (left to right): Shelia Baker, Clear Bear Daugherty, Angel Jackson, Karen Rush, and Rev. Thomas Cormier, Jr.

The exhibit ran from June 13 to July 13.

Huntingdon's Choice Marketplace

We thought we would try something different, and offer up Huntingdon's Choice Marketplace, a Christmas in July sales event. We invited area artists to showcase their artwork and help fill the gallery with a wonderful assortment of local art for sale. The marketplace ran from July 19 to August 10.



Artwork for sale at our Christmas in July sales event (left) from Jeannie Peterson & (right) Chris Gardner



Steve Torok with one of his paintings

Everything & Anything, Steve Torok, plus Kids' Summer Art Camp Artwork

We featured two exhibit in August. Milroy artist Steve Torok displayed his vivid and wonderful painting. Participants in our Kids' Summer Art Camp selected works to be displayed. The exhibit ran from August 16 to September 7.



Cecilia & Emily Elder viewing some of the artwork from the Kids' Summer Art Camp

Concerts Vienna Serenade

On Sunday, June 2, the spirit of old Vienna was alive at the Arts Center when the members of a relatively new ensemble, *Vienna Serenade*, switched on their musical time machine. People were tempted to waltz in the aisles to the rhythmic sounds of Johann Strauss (Senior and Junior). The Radetzky March had people clapping along and stomping their feet. This group really knows how to engage an audience.



Vienna Serenade had everyone clapping along

Recent Events

The Altoona Brass Collective

We love brass bands because they combine powerful instruments with precise playing, creating an energetic, and thrilling sound. The *Altoona Brass Collective* made their debut performance in Huntingdon at the Arts Center on July 28, and showed just how good a brass ensemble can be. They were joined by Huntingdon's own Jordan Canner. The audience gave the group a well-deserved standing ovation. We were definitely "brassed off," but in the best possible way!



Members of The Altoona Brass Collective filled the stage at the Arts Center

Revamped

Revamped with Mark and Sally Williams Minnich delighted the audience with their incredible dexterity and musicianship at a concert on Sunday, August 11. The diverse program included works by George Gershwin, Michael Jackson, and Ludwig Van Beethoven, along with some traditional Irish airs. Those composers don't usually appear on the same program together, but when they do, you know it will be interesting.



Revamped with Mark and Sally Williams Minnich at the Arts Center

Paul Amato

Summer Solstice

"A hot summer night . . ." is not generally the recipe for an outdoor party, but well over one hundred people braved the heat on June 20, 2024, for classic soft and folk rock music, traditional and vegan picnic food, and the beautiful atmosphere in the Gage Mansion courtyard. And surprisingly, in no time at all, the heat didn't matter.



Eric Koval performing at the Summer Solstice Party on the grounds of the Gage Mansion



No Filter Jazz brought their great jazz sound to the Summer Solstice Party at the Gage Mansion

Live music by *No Filter Jazz*, *Eric Koval*, and *Biscuit Jam* engaged everyone. In keeping with the Solstice theme, the Tarot card readings by Tracy Lake, enhanced the slightly ethereal experience that we feel when the longest day of the year finally arrives. Donations for raffle baskets included merchandise from Thompson's Candles Company, Barron Hill Jewelry, Blue Cat Candles, and Intersections. The door prize featured a lottery ticket basket from the Standing Stone Kickers. Our heartfelt thanks to Mutual Benefit Group, Stuckey CDJR of Huntingdon, and Muddy Run Tavern for their generous sponsorship.

The event was made possible by the generous donation of the beautiful location, wonderful food, and great music, all hosted by John & Angie Thompson. We thank them for their continued support of the arts.

As the sun finally fell from the sky, and twilight settled in, the crowd dissipated slowly into the darkness. After a brief hiatus last year, we certainly hope that this can be an annual event again!

Teri Smith



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One of the participants of the Zentangle & Relax!, class, taught by Andrea Darby, one of the twelve different themed weeks of our Kids' Summer Art Camps

Kids' Summer Art Camps

For the third year in a row, the Huntingdon County Arts Council offered Kids' Summer Arts Camps. This year, we had seven weeks of camp for two age groups. We held twelve different themed camps which included: needle felting, film making, fashion week, storytelling, and special art-themed weeks.

We had a total of 73 class registrants, with classes led by Kelly Cunningham (6 classes), Andrea Darby (4 classes), Kari Roslund (1 class), and Grace Fala (1 class).

We thank Arize Federal Credit Union for a generous donation to support our Kids' Summer Art Camps.



In the PA Fashion Week class, participants made their own clothes and Kelly Cunningham created magazine covers for each student

In the Lights, Camera, Action! class, the seven participants developed the story, created the characters and props, and filmed the final production. Teacher Kelly Cunningham produced the movie.

The movie, entitled "Mech Guy vs. Fire Dragon," is now available on YouTube.

Just click the QR code below to watch the short film.



Our Kid's Summer Art Camp received a generous donation from Arize Federal Credit Union. We thank them for their support!

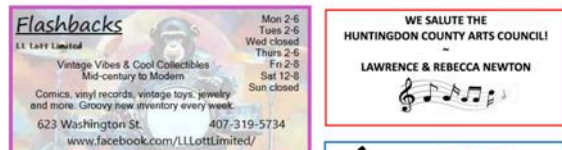
Art Cat Jazz Club

Jazz was in the air last May 18 at the Art Cat Jazz Club, when Jordan Canner's group, *No Filter Jazz*, took the stage. The scene was cool, the music was hot, and the audience had a great time. We send a special thank you to the merchants and individuals who support the Art Cat.

Paul Amato



Thank you for supporting the Art Cat Jazz Club



Huntingdon County Fair

The Arts Council runs Department 19, Art & Photography, at the Huntingdon County Fair. This year we had 253 entries in thirty-one categories and awarded eighty-three first, second, and third place ribbons, plus Best in Show and Judge's Choice.



Amelia Dibert won Judge's Choice for her pencil drawing

Upcoming Events

Concerts

Ragtime Musicians, September 12, 7 p.m.



Seven outstanding ragtime musicians will perform at the Arts Center on Thursday, September 12.

This is an opportunity to hear some of the top ragtime musicians in the country, right here in Huntingdon. Fans of ragtime and old American music should check out the festival website at rockhillragtime.com for details on the full range of musical activities over the weekend. Tickets: \$30 for general admission, \$24 for members.

Fair Winds III, October 13, 2 p.m.

Fair Winds was founded in 2023 by State College residents Laurel Sanders (flute), Jenny Koberna (clarinet), and Rich Manning (bassoon). Their repertoire includes classical music as well as tangos, fiddle tunes, reels, Irish and Celtic folksongs, and popular



Fair Winds III will perform at the Arts Center on Sunday, October 13 at 2 p.m.

Keyboard Fest, November 17, 7 p.m.

We have again invited area keyboardists to perform in concert. The February 2023 Keyboard Fest was a huge success and close to maximum capacity.

This year's Keyboard Fest features Keith Sutton, Kathy Myers, Anthony Bullett, Guy Cro-



Our concert series is underwritten by a generous grant from



yle, Lauren Rhodes, and Deb Rhodes. Musical styles range from hymns to classical to folk. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$16 for members.

Exhibits



Ready, Set, Shoot!, Camera Club, Plus Artwork by Toni Bucynski

October is set to feature two simultaneous exhibits. First, the annual exhibit by the Camera Club is a member's showcase. The club, which meets each month, on the fourth Thursday, holds a monthly photo contest. Part of the exhibit will be a display of the winners from each contest as well as select works from each member. The second exhibit is by Huntingdon teacher and artist Toni Bucynski. Both exhibits will on display from October 11 to November 2, with an opening reception on Thursday, October 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Holiday Shoppe

Our annual artist's showcase will open on Wednesday, November 6, and continue through Saturday, December 28.

Art Cat Jazz Club

For fans of jazz and nightlife, the Art Cat Jazz Club will hold one more session this year on Saturday, November 23. The musical guest is Ted McCloskey, Molly Countermine, and Friends. Ted and Molly have been

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Ted McCloskey, Molly Countermine, and Friends, will bring their outstanding sound to the Art Cat Jazz Club on Saturday, November 23

Upcoming Events

Classes & Workshops

Creative Writing Class, with Prudence Ingerman

Starting on Wednesday, September 11, Prudence Ingerman will again lead a six-week course on *Creative Writing*. Each session will feature a new technique and include an in-class exercise hand written exercises . . . no computers! Class run from 10 to 11:30 a.m., on Wednesdays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9 & 16. Enrollment is limited to eight adults. The total cost for the class is \$60 for members and \$70 for nonmembers.



Beginning Guitar Class, with Prudence Ingerman

This six-week course is for beginners who desire to learn fundamental guitar techniques, taught by Prudence Ingerman. Familiar folk songs will be used to learn basic chords and strums to accompany one's voice. You will need to provide an acoustic guitar and a tuner. The course starts on Saturday, September 14. This class runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m., on Saturdays; September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12 & 19. Enrollment is limited to eight adults. The total cost for the class is \$60 for members and \$70 for nonmembers.



Wonder Flutter Table Runner Workshop, with Barbara Dann

Another fun and easy, curved piecing project for quilters! This class features the Wonder Curve Ruler and includes a free pattern. Can you imagine sewing curves with no tears, no frustration, and no stress? Yes, sewing curves can be fun!

Join Barbara Dann and learn to sew curves the *Sew Kind of Wonderful* way while making this charming butterfly table runner.

This class includes step-by-step instructions for the Wonder Curve Ruler. Barbara will also share lots of hints and tips on organization, machine piecing, cutting, and pressing. The workshop is on Friday, September 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please see our website for required materials. The total cost for this class is \$75 for members and \$80 for nonmembers.



Paper Collage Workshop, with Kari Roslund

Join us for *Stitching Stories*, a captivating three-hour workshop led by local fiber artist Kari Roslund. Dive into the world of storytelling through the unique combination of unconventional paper collage techniques and intricate hand embroidery.

This creative session invites participants to blend textures, colors, and threads, crafting their own narratives in a truly distinctive art form. Whether you're a seasoned artist, or a curious beginner, this workshop offers a fantastic opportunity to explore new mediums, enhance your skills, and let your imagination run wild.

The workshop is Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Enrollment is limited to ten registrants. The total cost for the workshop is \$62 for members and \$67 for nonmembers, and includes all materials.



Peanut Soup Workshop, with Anita Nwaobilo

Do you like peanuts and peanut butter? There is a soup that has the flavor of peanuts. It is quite easy to make and delicious to eat. Come and learn how to make something different on Thursday, October 10, at 1 p.m. The cost for the workshop is \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers.

Upcoming Events

Classes & Workshops (cont.)

Sew a Soft-Sculpture Songbird Class, with Ginny Mutti

Remember the trio of fabulous realistic crows that Ginny displayed at the Arts Center gallery a year ago at the Old Crow Wetlands gallery show? The designer of those crows, Ann Wood, has several other patterns, some highly realistic and others that or more stylized.



In a series of three sessions, Ginny will coach participants through the sewing and building of a songbird following Ann's instructions.

Class will be on Friday, October 18, November 1 & 15, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The total cost for the classes is \$55 for members and \$60 for nonmembers.

Crochet a Stocking Cap Class, with Prudence Ingerman

In a series of three sessions, Prudence will introduce the basic stitches of crochet, and lead participants from start to finish through the creation of this easy crocheted hat.

Prudence says of this hat, "I learned to crochet this hat when I received a plea for hats for refugees in New York City. These people were waiting outside for documents in long lines in cold weather with no hats or warm clothing.



I made and sent off 143 of these hats with more to send in September, as requested. I can crochet one of these hats in just over two hours. They were greatly appreciated." Class will be on Wednesday, October 23, 30; & November 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The total cost for the class is \$55 for members and \$60 for nonmembers.

Make a Hexie Flower Workshop, with Sarah Braxton

This one-session workshop introduces students to *English Paper-Piecing*. Students will



prepare and sew a "hexie" flower using 7 small hexagons shapes. The resulting flower may be used alone, or combined with others flowers to create a quilt. This is an entry level class into piecwork – suitable for beginners, no prior experience necessary. The workshop is Thursday, October 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost for the class is \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers.

REFLECTIONS

The smell of Fall
and crispness to the air.
The magical sight of our breath
as we step outside in the frosty morning.
Ice crystals that dress the ground and
shimmer like diamonds in the first light.
A glimpse of a rabbit's snowy white
tail as it flees our footsteps.
The tall mountain grasses
with their fluff blowing in the wind.
Leaves fluttering on the trees before
their descent to join fallen comrades.
The starkness of the naked trees
beside the clothed evergreens.
The clear blue sky
Nature's backdrop of the mountains.
The haze on the mountains giving them
a shadowy surreal effect.
The stillness of the pond
as the mist rises.
While willows at half-mast
weep into the pond.
We follow the gentle flow of the
pond as it catches the wind.
And we reflect on our
renewal of all that we are.

Susan Rumpf

Knit a Balaclava Class, with Prudence Ingerman

Knitters! Try your hand at a knitted balaclava. This project will take several hours to complete. Basic knitting skills are required.

Balaclava is the name of a town where fierce fighting took place during the Crimean War. It was bitterly cold, and the fighters wore these (in black) with only the eyes showing. Women adapted them to the form you see here. They require close attention to detail, and are very warm and cozy.



The class will be on Saturday, October 26; November 2 & 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The total cost for the class is \$55 for members and \$60 for nonmembers.

Bead Embroidery, with Marie Campbell

Watch for details for this workshop in upcoming emails and on the our website! The classes are Wednesday, November 6, 13 & 20, from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The total cost for the class is \$75 for members and \$80 for nonmembers, plus materials.

ArtistSpotlight

Tammy Ash A Lifetime of Art

If you have attended the Huntingdon County Fair during the past twenty plus years, and viewed the artwork at The Art Station, you have definitely seen the work of Tammy Ash. She is a prolific local artist, and often enters pieces in every possible medium: colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, collage, acrylic, oil, and pastel.



Tammy Ash

You name it, and she can do it, or she will learn how to do it with watercolors, an activity she has continued for thirty years.

Born in Fort Washington, Wisconsin, she and her family moved to Somerset, Pennsylvania when she was in second grade. Her father sold and worked on farm machinery, and he is the person who sparked her interest in art. He showed her how to draw, and bought acrylic and oil paints for her. When he died, she kept his framing square and uses it to frame out some of her artwork. It is a heartfelt connection to him.

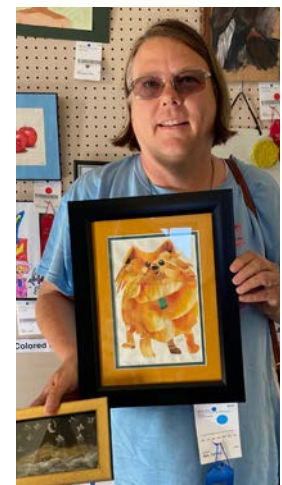
Throughout her elementary and high school years, Tammy's artwork was often put on display. She fondly remembers a ceramic bowl with "A's" on it for "Ash," made in fifth grade, as well as a cradle she made out of



Tammy's "Family"

wood in tenth grade. Surprisingly, she did not take any art classes in college. As an adult, she tried to take art classes at several locations. Unfortunately, these were often cancelled because of low enrollment.

Tammy did, however, discover the magic of Bob Ross! While she did not paint with him, she did enjoy watching him paint. She remembers that in 1985, she produced her first painting as an adult. The medium was acrylics, and it was based off of a photo she had taken of a tobacco barn, and she has



At the 2022 county fair



Peppi

been creating artwork ever since.

In the early 1990's, Tammy moved to Huntingdon to work as an instructor at the State Correction Institution at Smithfield (SCIS). Here in Huntingdon, she found camaraderie and a shared passion for art with the Standing Stone Art League. With weekly meetings, an "Art Week" in the summer, she found an outlet for her creativity.

Today, Tammy works mostly with watercolors. She does the majority of her painting in a sketchbook because she has run out of wall space! She paints and takes pictures. Some of her favorite "subjects" are animals, tractors, and her animal companions. When not creating art, she volunteers at the Huntingdon County Humane Society and the Huntingdon County Arts Council.

Susan Wentzel



Bantam Roosters

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

September –November 2024

When	What	Where	Details
Wednesday, September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9 & 16	Creative Writing Class Prudence Ingerman	Huntingdon County Arts Center	10 to 11:30 a.m., see page 8
Thursday, September 12, 7 p.m.	Ragtime Festival Musicians Concert	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Tickets \$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Thursday, September 12 to Saturday, December 7	Antique Mexican Masks & Figures from the Althouse Collection	Juniata College Museum of Art	Melding of the two cultures: pre-Hispanic history & the Spanish conquest of Mexico
Friday, September 13 to Sunday, September 15	Pennsylvania Folk Gathering	Camp Blue Diamond, Petersburg	Full details at folkathering.com
Saturday, September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12 & 19	Beginning Guitar Class Prudence Ingerman	Huntingdon County Arts Center	10 to 11:30 a.m., see page 8
Thursday, Sept. 19, 5-8 p.m.	Art Walk Huntingdon	Various locations in borough	Art activities for all ages
Thursday, Sept. 19, 6-7 p.m.	Line Dancing	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.	Camera Club Meeting	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Friday, September 27	Wonder Flutter Table Runner Workshop , Barbara Dann	Huntingdon County Arts Center	9 a.m. to 4 p.m., see page 8
Saturday, September 28	Paper Collage Workshop Kari Roslund	Huntingdon County Arts Center	9 a.m. to noon, see page 8
Saturday, October 5	Celebration of the Arts	Huntingdon County Arts Center	10 a.m. to 4 p.m., see page 1
Monday, October 7, 7 p.m.	Acoustic Music Jam	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, October 10	Peanut Soup Workshop Anita Nwaobilo	Huntingdon County Arts Center	1 to 3 p.m., see page 8
Friday, October 11 to Saturday, November 2	Camera Club Exhibit plus Toni Bucynski Artwork	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Opening reception Thursday, October 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Sunday, October 13, 2 p.m.	Fair Winds III Concert	Huntingdon County Arts Center	\$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Thursday, October 17, 5-8 p.m.	Art Walk Huntingdon	Various locations in borough	Art activities for all ages
Thursday, October 17, 6-7 p.m.	Line Dancing	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Friday, October 18; November 1 & 15	Sew a Soft Sculpture Songbird Class , Ginny Mutti	Huntingdon County Arts Center	1 to 2:30 p.m., see page 9
Friday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.	Nobuntu	Halbritter Center, Juniata College	Female acapella quartet from Zimbabwe juniatapresents.com
Wednesday, October 23, 30; & November 6	Crochet a Stocking Cap Class Prudence Ingerman	Huntingdon County Arts Center	10 to 11:30 a.m., see page 9
Thursday, October 24	Make a Hexie Flower Workshop , Sarah Braxton	Huntingdon County Arts Center	1 to 3 p.m., see page 9
Thursday, October 24, 7 p.m.	Camera Club Meeting	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Saturday, October 26; November 2 & 9	Knit a Balaclava Class Prudence Ingerman	Huntingdon County Arts Center	10 to 11:30 a.m., see page 9
Monday, November 4, 7 p.m.	Acoustic Music Jam	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all.
Sunday, November 17, 2 p.m.	Keyboard Fest Concert	Huntingdon County Arts Center	\$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Wednesday, November 6	Holiday Shoppe Opening	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Arts & crafts from local artists
Thursday, November 21, 5-8 p.m.	Art Walk Huntingdon	Various locations in borough	Art activities for all ages
Thursday, November 21, 6-7 p.m.	Line Dancing	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m.	Camera Club Meeting	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all, 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 23, 7 p.m.	Art Cat Jazz Club	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Tickets \$35



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Free Music Lessons for Veterans

Through a grant from Creative Forces, we are offering a program of free music classes for veterans. Veterans can learn to play the ukulele. Instruments will be provided, and instruction will begin at a very basic level. Lessons will also be available on guitar and other stringed instruments, if time allows.

These classes are free for veterans, plus a guest.

Classes will be held on the following Wednesdays:

September 18, October 2, October 16, November 6, November 20, & December 4.

The schedule for each day is as follows:

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: Ukulele for beginners and non-musicians

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Intermediate level music class

Bring any stringed instrument (especially guitar and a capo if you have one) or use the instruments we provide.

All of the sessions are held at Standing Stone Senior & Active Adult Center, at 915 Washington Street, in Huntingdon, and will be taught by Linda Littleton and Karen Hirshon of the musical duo *Simple Gifts*.

For more details and/or to register, call the Arts Council at 814-643-6220, or check out this page of our website: huntingdoncountyarts.com/programs/free-music-lessons-for-veterans/.



Free music lessons are being offered for veterans to learn the basics on how to play the ukulele

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performing around Central Pennsylvania for over twenty years. From basement bars with a full band, to brew pubs as a duo, their unique style blends originals and covers spanning all genres and generations. Ted McCloskey is a singer/songwriter, a multi-instrumentalist, a producer, and film composer with nine records to his name. His music has been featured on AMC's *Mad Men* and *The Walking Dead*, Anthony Bourdain's *Parts Unknown*, Jerry Seinfeld's web series *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee*, and NBC's *The Voice*. Molly Countermine, who joined forces with Ted McCloskey in 2000, was a founding member of *Pure Cane Sugar* in 2007, and continues to perform regularly with Ted and her husband Rene.

Paul Amato