

# ArtsPaper

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

## A Look Ahead at 2025 at the Arts Council

### Classes, Concerts, & Exhibits

We are planning another very active and engaging year of arts and music at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center** and beyond, in 2025.

We are very excited to announce 14 classes and workshops for our spring semester, starting in February. Here is your chance to get hands-on experience with dying, egg decorating, fabric art, knitting, cooking, and more. Please see pages 6 to 8 for details.

Plus, we are announcing the dates for our kids' summer art camps so you can make summer plans. Weekly session themes and teachers will be available shortly, but the dates and times are on page 9.

We kick off this year's concert series on Saturday, January 18, with the return of Andrew Greene providing music to accompany this year's silent film, *The Kid*. We know you will love Andrew's amazing accompaniment. In February, we will have a concert by the versatile duo, *Simple Gifts*, and in March, for St. Patrick's Day, we are having *Callanish* back for a rousing



*Traditional Chinese Painting, taught by a true Chinese artist, is one of the many classes offered in the coming months.*

concert of Irish music. See page 5.

In January, we are going to do some much needed painting of the gallery spaces, so our first exhibit will not open until Thursday, January 30, when we have a double feature with the work of the late Chris Shook and Chinese painter, Yali Pei. Our *Spring Thaw Youth Art & Writing Exhibition* is right around the corner in March.

Our *Call for Entries* show will be in April with the theme, *Rural Rising*. See page 9.

In addition to activities at the **Arts Center**, we have several events that occur elsewhere in the community. Folk College, our big music festival/camp, is scheduled for May 23 to 25 at Juniata College, and features an amazing lineup of musical talent. The Folk Gathering's move to Camp Blue Diamond last year was a big success, so the Pennsylvania Folk Gathering is scheduled there again this year from September 12 to 14.

We hope you are as excited as we are, and we look forward in this new year to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

### Volunteers Needed

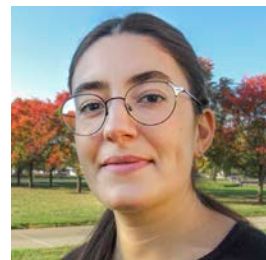
Is making a difference in your community something that you are interested in? We are reaching out to share some exciting volunteer opportunities at the Huntingdon County Arts Council which will impact our community endeavors!

The Huntingdon County Arts Council's mission is to enrich Huntingdon County through the encouragement, support, and the promotion of the arts. We are able to bring much-needed programs to the arts and to our community through the support and contributions of dedicated volunteers.

Presently, the **Huntingdon County Arts Center** is  
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### New Hire for Programming

This fall, the Arts Council took advantage of a grant from Representative Judy Ward's Office to support new programs at the **Arts Center**. After much discussion regarding how to best leverage this grant, the board used a good portion of the money to hire a part-time Programming Coordinator to set up a semester system for adult and Summer Camp classes. This project  
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Memberships and contributions help us fulfill our mission to enrich Huntingdon County through the encouragement, support and promotion of the arts.



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# Executive Director

## Dear Member:

We hope that you agree that 2024 was a year that the Huntingdon County Arts Council provided lots of arts and music opportunities to the Huntingdon County community.

It was a very ambitious year, during which we held thirteen gallery exhibits, nine concerts, four Art Cat Jazz Clubs, and twelve kids' summer art camp weeks. We also offered fifteen classes & workshops, held a Celebration of the Arts, Folk College, and Pennsylvania Folk Gathering events. Local artists offered their works for sale at both the Art and the Holiday Shoppe. We hosted a number of community organizations who utilized our building as a meeting venue.

Our commitment to you, is to continue with a robust schedule for 2025 of exhibits, concerts, classes, workshops, kids' Summer Art Camp, a year-round Art Shoppe, and the Holiday Shoppe. In this newsletter, you can explore some of the offerings over the next three months and beyond.

All of the efforts to organize and manage our events are done by board members and volunteers who give their time and energy to the Arts Council. I want to express

## Annual General Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is held every December. It provides members of the public a chance to learn more about the Arts Council, elect and introduce new board members, and vote on new officers for 2025. This year's annual general meeting was on Wednesday, December 18.

We are especially pleased to announce that six new board members are joining the board: Robin Binder-Heath, Sally Frehn, Sally Kepple, Jim Latten, Matt Marsden, and Alaina Ward. They will bring a great deal of talent, energy, and enthusiasm to our organization.

Executive Director John Kearns, reviewed highlights from 2024 and discussed our plans for 2025, including a full program of concerts, exhibits, and special events.

Treasurer Larry Mutti, 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.

Ginny Mutti received the Volunteer of the Year award, for her dedication and efforts in cultivating and maintaining the beautiful gardens of the Huntingdon County Arts Council and, so much



*Ginny Mutti, left, was presented Volunteer of the Year by President Teri Smith.*

*Masthead photo on page one by Susan Simpson*

my appreciation for all of their hard work in 2024.

We have a number of streams of income, including program fees. But we depend on memberships as a critical part of our overall financial picture.

If you have renewed your membership, thank you. If not, we hope that you would give us a consideration for support with a membership.

Thank you for your support, whether it is with a membership, a donation, attendance at our events, or purchases at our Art Shoppe. Your enthusiasm and encouraging words are appreciated. See you at an event soon!

John Kearns  
Executive Director



more! We also thank Paul Amato, Renee Berger, and Teri Smith who are stepping down from the board after many years of service.

Teri Smith was recognized for her year of service to the organization as the president, leading the organization through an ambitious year. The meeting was followed by a potluck dinner. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful array of foods and enjoyed some warm fellowship.

## New Board Members

The Arts Council saw the election of six new board members at the Annual General Meeting. Board members serve for two years and have multiple committee assignments during their terms.

### Robin Binder-Heath

Roberta ("Robin") Binder Heath is a retired attorney and Juniata College adjunct professor. After moving from California to Huntingdon when in eighth grade, and graduating from Huntingdon Area High School, she pursued her education and law career before returning to the area eighteen years later. Currently, Robin is writing a spy novel where the nefarious, and obviously, fictitious activity occurs in the local area. She is also working on short stories and revising a children's book she wrote some years ago. Robin hopes to begin experimenting with



acrylic painting. She is a board member of the Huntingdon Rotary Club and the President of the Huntingdon Area School District Educational Foundation.

### Sally Frehn

Huntingdon County artist and retired art educator, Sally Frehn, has been strongly influenced by the mountains and valleys of Central Pennsylvania, which she calls home. Her connection with nature, coupled with a narrative theme, is a common thread in her artistic work. Her art includes colorful prints, paintings, and ceramics. The three-dimensional work began when she was a student at Juniata College under the instruction of Jack Troy. She graduated with a Master's Degree in Art Education from Pennsylvania State University, and a Master's of Fine Arts Degree from Wilson College. In her spare time, she can be found photographing landscapes throughout the region, creating art in her studio and spending time with her family.



### Sally Kepple

Sally Kepple has recently moved to Huntingdon with her husband Dominic Cua to be close to her brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Pat Kepple. She retired in November as the Executive Director of the GumTree Museum of Art in Tupelo, Mississippi. She began her career in advertising as an art director, later to be promoted to vice president of creative services. She is a collector of fine art and is a gourmet cook.

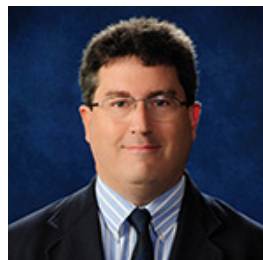


### Jim Latten

Dr. James Latten, professor of music (percussionist/

conductor) at Juniata College, is full-time Director of Instrumental Music and Director of the College Wind Symphony.

In addition, he performs as Principal Percussionist with the Altoona Symphony Orchestra and Raystown Woods Woodwind Ensemble. He conducts the Raystown Wind Orchestra, and teaches in the State College Concert Percussion Academy, which he founded in 2006. Spare time is dedicated to research, family board games and activities, disc golf, sightseeing, and woodworking.



### Matt Marsden

Matt has lived in central Pennsylvania most of his life, and has been playing folk instruments since college. He works at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center at Penn State with the Outdoor School program. He has been on the Board of the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators, and has also enjoyed and worked in outdoor recreation in Huntingdon county for many years.



### Alaina Ward

Alaina Ward is the elementary art teacher at Standing Stone Elementary School. She graduated from Millersville University and resides in Mifflin County, PA. Her artistic focus outside of the classroom includes ceramics, mosaics, and mixed media. Her hobbies include reading and spending time with her family and friends.



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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

### \$1,500 - \$2,499

Huntingdon County Foundation

### Any Gift Up to \$499

Anonymous

Michael & Karin Tome



*The Huntingdon County Foundation presented a \$2,000 check for our roof replacement project. On hand to receive the check are (left to right) Larry Mutti, Greg Anderson, John Thompson (representing the Foundation), John Kerns, and Barbara Sanchez.*

**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

### Positive Energy Exhibit

The Positive Energy exhibit was the result of the class *Positive Energy, Discovering Positive Energy Through Art*, provided to the local Huntingdon artists with support and funding from the Pennsylvania Council for the Arts and the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, and with the guidance by local artist Evgeny Krayushkin (ZheKa Art). The exhibit featured artworks created by the eight individuals who participated in class, as well as the instructor.

The exhibit was on display from September 10 to October 5.



Artist featured in the Positive Energy exhibit: (left to right) Rebecca Reck, Tammy Ash, Angel Jackson, Susan Wentzel, Ellah Dolan, Missy Dolan, Teri Smith, Evgeny Krayushkin, & Susan Simpson.

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

October featured two simultaneous exhibits. First, the annual exhibit by the Camera Club is a member's showcase. The club, which meets each month, usually on the fourth Thursday, holds a monthly photo contest. Part of the exhibit displays monthly winners from each contest as well as select works from the nine members who participated. The second exhibit was by Huntingdon educator and artist, Toni Bucynski, with her landscape and nature paintings, along with illustrations from a children's book.



Camera Club members who exhibited: (left to right) Ginny Mutti, Mary Beatty-Sharisky, Larry Mutti, Judy Mele, Bob Mele, Margaret Sprott, Richard Sprott, Larry Closz, & Hugh Kepple.



The Ragtime Kickoff concert included a performance by (left to right) Adam Swanson on piano, Steve Torrico on drums, Andy Schumm on cornet, and Dan Levinson on clarinet.

Both exhibits ran from October 11 to November 2.

### Concerts Ragtime Festival Kickoff Concert

Musicians from the Central Pennsylvania Ragtime & American Music Festival performed at the Arts Center on September 12. The concert served as a

kick-off to the larger festival in Orbisonia and Rockhill Furnace on September 22-24. The evening featured some of the country's finest ragtime musicians performing individually and in small groups. Credit goes to Huntingdon County's own Andrew Greene for organizing another outstanding festival.



Fair Winds III performed at the Arts Center

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Huntingdon residents had an opportunity to take a musical journey around the world on October 13 when Fair Winds III took the stage at the Huntingdon County Arts Center. Fair Winds III consists of Laurel Sanders on flute, Jenny Koberna on clarinet, and Rich Manning on bassoon. Their performance included classical music as well as popular tunes from Austria, Spain, France, Eastern Europe, the South Pacific, and the United States.



Keyboard Fest musicians: (left to right) Joann Weber, Guy Croyle, Anthony Bullet, Kathy Myers, Cheryl Latten, Donna Rhodes, & Loren Rhodes.

### Keyboard Fest

For the second time, we invited area keyboardists to showcase their talents. The result was the Keyboard Fest on November 17, with an outstanding lineup of local musicians.

The artists featured were Anthony Bullet, Guy Croyle, Cheryl Latten, Kathy Myers, Donna Rhodes, Loren Rhodes, and Joann Weber. Music ranged from liturgical to classical to contemporary, and folk derived.

The performance offered opportunities for the audience to relax and enjoy the ambience of the diverse musical selections.

### Art Cat Jazz Club

The Art Cat Jazz Club was rockin' in November, when Ted & Molly and the Hi-Fi's—one of State College's most popular musical acts—shook the basement of the Arts Center. In addition to the lively, danceable music, *continued on Page 9*

# Upcoming Events

## Concerts

The **Arts Center** welcomes back some familiar faces to its Concert Series. The concert planning group is working hard to line up a varied and interesting suite of concerts for the coming year, with many details yet to be finalized. What we can say is that we'll be starting out the year with some familiar and favorite faces.

### Silent Film Night, January 18, 7 p.m.

In January, Andrew Greene will be back at the **Arts Center** to provide piano backup to another silent movie. Last time around, this program was wildly successful and all of those present, were left begging for a reprise. Mark your calendars for the evening



Andrew Greene will accompany the silent film "The Kid," at the **Arts Center** on Saturday, January 18, at 7 p.m.

of Saturday January 18, when Andrew will return for another tour de force presentation. This year's film will be *The Kid*, featuring Charlie Chaplin, in which "The Little Tramp" discovers an orphan and brings him up on his own.

Most of us concertgoers recall Andrew enthusiastically, not only as the featured pianist for last year's silent movie spectacular, but also for

his playing and leadership of the annual Ragtime Festival in September. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$16 for members.

### Simple Gifts, February 8, 2 p.m.

On Saturday, February 8, at 2 p.m., *Simple Gifts* will return to the **Arts Center** for a program of folk and world music, playing on as many different instruments as they can fit onto our stage. *Simple Gifts*, consisting of Linda Littleton and Karen Hirshon, are no strangers to the Arts Council and **Arts Center**. They are also the musical directors of Folk College and Pennsylvania Folk Gathering, partnering with the Arts Council for over 25 years. Linda and Karen take great pleasure in sharing music from the American, Celtic, Klezmer, and Baltic traditions, sometimes bringing unusual harmonies and rhythms while showcasing



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ing instruments that are rarely seen outside of the folk/trad circuit. Their program is sure to delight the ears and the spirit. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$16 for members.

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Callanish will bring their Irish music to help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the **Arts Center** on Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m.

Council is bringing back the musicians of *Callanish* for a program on Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. The women of *Callanish* are also familiar faces in the Arts Council's orbit. The group consists of Patty Lambert, playing flute and concertina, Betsy Gamble on fiddle and pipes, Holly Foy on guitar and bouzouki, and Louisa Smith on vocals and frame drum (bodhran). The group is steeped in the Celtic tradition, having made several excursions to Ireland, seeking out masters of their instruments for instruction. They also host regular Irish pub-style jam sessions in which traditional Celtic tunes are played and sung. They'll serve us up a good dose of St. Patty's Day cheer (minus the ale and stout). Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$16 for members.

## Exhibits

### Two Exhibits: Women on Wings & Traditional Chinese Artistry

We start 2025 with two exhibits, opening on January 30. *Women on Wings* features artwork from the late Chris Shook, and *Traditional Chinese Artistry* highlights the work of Chinese artist, Yali Pei.

Both exhibits will be on display from January 30 to March 1, with an opening reception on Thursday, January 30, from 6 to 8 p.m.

### Spring Thaw

We are excited to invite K to 12 students to submit their art and writing to *Spring Thaw 2025*, our Youth Art & Writing Exhibition.

#### Art Submissions

Drop off is Monday & Tuesday, March 3 & 4, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center**, 313 12th Street, Huntingdon.

#### Writing Submissions

Must be received by Tuesday, March 4. Drop off is at the **Arts Center**. Mail to: HCAC, 313 12th St, Huntingdon, PA 16652 or email to [info@huntingdoncountyarts.com](mailto:info@huntingdoncountyarts.com).

The exhibit will be on display from March 6 to 29, with an opening reception on Thursday, March 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

There is a fee of \$1 per entry. Entry is limited to 1 entry, per category, per student.

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Our concert series is underwritten by a generous grant from



# Upcoming Events

## Classes & Workshops

Unleash your creativity at the **Arts Center**! Join our vibrant community of instructors and explore your creativity through hands-on classes in painting, knitting, cooking, and more! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist, we have something for everyone.

We offer scholarships for our classes and workshops to help make learning more accessible. Apply now to enhance your skills with financial support by going on our website: [www.huntingdoncountyarts.com](http://www.huntingdoncountyarts.com).

Unless otherwise specified, all classes and workshops take place at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center**.

### Knit a Balaclava

*Prudence Ingerman*

Saturdays/ 3 sessions

February 1, 8, & 15, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Adult (18+) and Minors (12+) accompanied by an adult  
Advanced Beginner, able to read own work and count carefully

*Class Description:*

How to knit a hooded hat with attached neck warmer with thick yarn using size 8 and 10 needles.

The total cost for the class is \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers.



### Let's Knit Socks

*Deb Hetrick*

Wednesdays/ 3 sessions

February 5, 12, 19, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Adult (18+)

Advanced Beginner

*Class Description:*

The students will learn to knit at least one sock from beginning to end, including casting on to start, and the kitchener stitch to finish the toe.

The total cost for the class is \$65 for members and \$75 for nonmembers.

### Learn to Make Your Own Savoury Cheeses

*Larry Mutti*

Friday/ 1 session

February 7

2:00-4:30 p.m.

Adult (18+)

Beginner/No Experience Required

*Class Description:*

Students will learn how to make a biotically diverse yogurt culture from kefir and how to convert that yogurt into delightfully smooth and flavorful soft cheese, seasoned to suit their taste (something akin to Boursin or Alouette).

The session will conclude with a tasting.

The total cost for the class is \$40 for members and \$45 for nonmembers.



### Chinese Paper Cutouts

*Yali Pei*

Wednesdays/ 3 sessions

February 10, 17, & 24, from 3-5 p.m.

Adult (18+)

*Class Description:*

Participants will engage in the intricate craft of Chinese paper cutouts, mastering the art of cutting delicate patterns that reflect symbolism and storytelling

The total cost for the class is \$60 for members and \$65 for nonmembers.

### Traditional Chinese Painting

*Yali Pei*

Thursdays/ 6 sessions

February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Adult (18+)

*Class Description:*

In this course, students will explore the beauty of traditional Chinese painting techniques, learning how to use brushes, ink, and watercolor to create expressive landscapes, flowers, and birds—subjects deeply rooted in Chinese culture.

The total cost for the class is \$120 for members and \$135 for nonmembers.



### Fair Isle of Many Colors

*Cynthia Spencer*

Saturday/ 1 session

February 22

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Adult (18+)

Material Fee: 30\$

*Class Description:*

Whether you're new to stranded knitting (also known as Fair Isle) or have dabbled with a color or two but felt intimidated by projects with many colors, this class is for you! You'll also learn how to create beautiful corrugated ribbing—a unique, colorful technique

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that adds texture and charm to your work.

If you can knit and purl, you can learn to strand! We'll explore simple methods for working with multiple colors, including tips for using both hands to make your knitting smoother, faster, and more enjoyable. By the end of class, you'll see just how approachable and fun stranded knitting can be!

The total cost for the class is \$65 for members and \$75 for nonmembers.

## Creative Writing



*Prudence Ingerman*

Saturdays/ 6 sessions

February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Adult (18+)

Beginner/ No Experience Required

*Class Description:*

Each session will feature a new technique and include in-class hand written exercises . . . no computers!

The total cost for the class is \$60 for members and \$65 for nonmembers.

## Where Tradition Meets Modern: The Art of Cloisonné

*Olivia Lan*

Tuesdays/ 8 sessions

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April

1, 8, 15, 22

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Adult (18+)

*Class Description:*

This is a unique art class that blends ancient craftsmanship with contemporary creativity. In this hands-on workshop, students will explore the timeless art of cloisonné, a traditional enamel technique with over 500 years of history. Learn how to create intricate designs using metal wires and vibrant enamel/colored sand, all while embracing modern artistic elements. Whether you're an experienced artist or a complete beginner, this class will guide you through each step of the process, from design to finishing touches, helping you craft your own stunning piece of cloisonné artwork. Experience the harmony between tradition and innovation and discover the joy of making art that stands the test of time.

The total cost for the class is \$130 for members and \$145 for nonmembers.



**Register for a class today!** Click on the "Register, Tickets, & Shop" tab on our website: [www.huntingdoncountyarts.com](http://www.huntingdoncountyarts.com). Some class sizes limited.



## Hand Dyeing Yarn

*Frances Bowman*

Wednesday/ 1 session

March 19, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Adult (18+)

Beginner/ No Experience Required

*Class Description:*

Participants will learn how to prepare wool yarn for dyeing. We will discuss grocery store dyes, wicking, and immersion dyeing. The participants will have the opportunity to dye two skeins of fingering weight yarn using Jacquard dyes, and the drip method of dyeing.

The total cost for the class is \$60 for members and \$65 for nonmembers.

## Seascape Fabric Art

*Janet Dunlap*

Fridays/ 2 session

March 21 & 28

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Adult (18+)

Advanced Beginner

*Class Description:*

Each student will create an 8x10 landscape using fabric. The goal is for each student to leave with a framed beach landscape.

The instructor will provide a foundation fabric, a sky fabric, and a frame. Students will be asked to bring a selection of strips of blue fabric and a tan fabric to be used to depict sea and sand. Other embellishments may also be added as desired.

Students are required to bring a sewing machine that they know how to use to the second class.

The total cost for the class is \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers.



## Vegan Tacos

*Susan Simpson*

Tuesday/ 1 session

March 25, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Adult (18+)

Beginner with some experience

*Class Description:*

Meatless tacos. Put together a quick and nutritious meal anytime.

The total cost for the class is \$35 for members and \$40 for nonmembers.

# Upcoming Events

Larry Closz by e-mail at [lclosz@yahoo.com](mailto:lclosz@yahoo.com) or by home phone 814-627-6908.

## Classes & Workshops (cont.) Pysanky Egg Decorating Class

*Ginny Mutti*

Wednesday/ 1 session  
March 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Wednesday/ 1 session  
April 9th  
1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Adult (18+)

### *Class Description:*

Learn the art of Pysanky Ukrainian egg decorating to create stunning works of art, using traditional tools (provided), dyes, and beeswax.



The total cost for the class is \$35 for members and \$40 for nonmembers.

## Jewelry and Art from Junk

*Teri Smith*

Tuesdays/ 4 sessions  
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Adult (18+) and Minors (12+) accompanied by an adult

### *Class Description:*

Wondering what to do with those old broken necklace chains, single earrings, and pins that don't point anymore? Bring it all, with grandma's jewelry, and learn how to fix, clean, or as a last resort . . . make new art!

The total cost for the class is \$55 for members and \$60 for nonmembers.



## Twiddle Muffs

*Prudence Ingerman*  
Saturdays/ 3 sessions  
April 26, May 3, 10  
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Adult (18+) and Minors (12+) accompanied by an adult  
Beginner with Knitting or Crochet Experience

### *Class Description:*

How to knit special sensory muffs which aid people with dementia and/or restless hands. Keeps hands warm and busy manipulating items within the muffs.

The total cost for the class is \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers.

## Camera Club Plans for 2025

The Camera Club offers opportunity to make friends with people interested in photography, have fun, and learn from each other. There are no dues. All ages and photo skill levels are welcome.

The Camera Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month, January through October. The November and December meetings are held the third Thursday of the month. The Club meets at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center**, 313 12th Street, in Huntingdon, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings start with a short presentation on a photographic topic of interest (subject to change), followed by the monthly photo contest.

The theme for the Camera Club exhibit in October 2025 is *Shutter-Up*.

New members are welcome at any time. If you have additional questions contact

## Camera Club 2025 Monthly Photo Contest Themes & Programs

**January 23**

Contest Theme: *Festive*  
Program: *Image Stacking*

**February 27**

Contest Theme: *Photographers Choice*  
Program: *Backlighting*

**March 27**

Contest Theme: *Backlighting*  
Program: *Grier School Speaker*

**April 24**

Contest Theme: *Black & White*  
Program: *Studio Photography Speaker*

**May 22**

Contest Theme: *Pink*  
Program: *Landscape Photography*

**June 26**

Contest Theme: *Landscape*  
Program: *Photos at Penn State Arboretum*

**July 24**

Contest Theme: *Botanical Photo*  
Program: *Railroad Photography Speaker*

**August 28**

Contest Theme: *Railroad*  
Program: *Lincoln Cavern*

**September 25**

Contest Theme: *Caves*  
Program: *Panning Photography*

**October 23**

Contest Theme: *Panning*  
Program: *Exhibition Critique*

**November 20**

Contest Theme: *Alphabet Soup*  
Program: *Macro Photography*

**December 18**

Contest Theme: *Macro*  
Program: *Holiday Party and plan for 2026*



Each month the Camera Club has a photo contest based on a theme. The above photo was the winner on the theme "Stairs." Photo by Mary Beatty-Sharisky.



# Upcoming Events

## Upcoming Exhibits

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### Call for Entries—*Rural Rising*

For the tenth year, The Arts Council will hold a Call for Entries show. This year the theme is *Rural Rising*. The theme coincides with a project of the Rural Experience Community and a Spring Symposium at Juniata College on March 28.

The Call for Entries exhibit will be on display from April 3 to May 3, with an opening reception on Thursday, April 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. All artists are invited to participate.

We hope that artists will start thinking now about what they might contribute to the exhibit. All types of media are accepted, including 2-D and 3-D artwork, poetry, and prose. All artwork should be based on, inspired by, or related to *Rural Rising*. All 2-D art should be framed and ready for hanging. Entries will be accepted at the **Arts Center** on Monday & Tuesday, March 31 & April 1, from 2 to 6 p.m.

We have had great exhibits with these shows in the past. Our previous Call for Entries shows included *Celebrating 50 Years of Lake Raystown* in 2024, *Silver Lining* in 2023, *Equinox* in 2022, *Luminosity* in 2019 (inspired by a quote from Galileo Galilei), *Along the Juniata* in 2018, *Latitude, Longitude: Celebrating the 250 years of Huntingdon Borough* in 2017, *Explore, Reclaim, and Conserve: Huntingdon County* in 2016, *Contours* in 2015 (about bicycles and bicycling), and *The Raven* in 2014 (based on the poem by Edgar Allen Poe).

## Kids' Summer Art Camps

This summer, we will have five weeks of our Kids' Summer Art Camps. Each week, the sessions will be from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be two age groups: 5 to 8-year-olds and 9 to 12-year-olds.

Dates are weekly camps are: June 16 to 20, June 23 to 27, July 7 to 11, July 14 to 18, and July 21 to 25.

Stay tuned for updated details on weekly session themes and teachers.

## Recent Events

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people enjoyed a wonderful buffet and our signature Art Cat catnip vodka martinis. Everyone had a great time.

## Holiday Shoppe

Our annual Holiday Shoppe was held in five rooms this year, with 52 local artists participating. Thanks to everyone who participated and who made a purchase. We love providing a sales opportunity for our local artists and look forward to another Holiday Shoppe in 2025.

## Celebration of the Arts

The third annual Celebration of the Arts was held on

## THE SEASON OF WONDER

The sparkling ice clung to the evergreen branches  
like fine crystals hanging from a chandelier.

Snow blanketed the ground in deep mounds  
where animal prints painted the surface with their signatures.

The crisp air had a sharpness to it  
that made puffy wind wisps from animal and human breath alike.

Winter had arrived and with it  
the promise of magical sights to behold.

*Susan Rumpf*

## New Hire for Programming

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will allow us to fill our teaching schedule on a repeating, more automatic process that will prove much more convenient for students, clients, and us! It is already yielding big benefits.

We were very lucky to hire Barbara Sanchez of Huntingdon as our new Programming Coordinator. She is a graduate of the University of Guanajuato in Fine Arts (2014), which included a one-year residency at Juniata College in 2012-2013. Her Master's Degree, in Museum Studies, is from Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Barbara has also served on the board of the Arts Council since 2021. She is Chairperson of the Programming Committee, sits on the Building Committee and is a great contributor to our award-winning Halloween floats. Along with our newly elected Board President, Susan Wentzel, both are responsible for planning and displaying our monthly art exhibits and Art Walk projects. Her artistic achievements include creating and selling exquisite seed bead jewelry. Barbara is truly an amazing Board asset, and we look forward to her achievements in her new role.

Barbara is not only systematizing our class programs but also exploring initiatives with other groups to bring innovative types of art education to the **Arts Center**.

Please forward ideas for classes, topics, teachers, and residencies to Barbara in the upcoming months. We welcome your ideas! Please see pages 6 to 8 in our newsletter for a schedule of upcoming Spring Semester classes commencing in February.

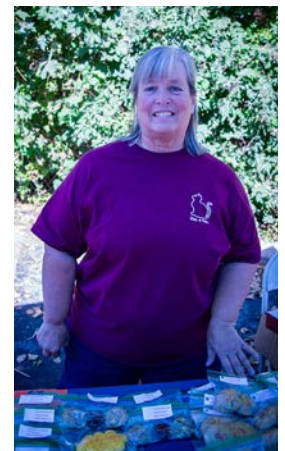
*Teri Smith*

October 5 at the Huntingdon County Arts Council. Live music featured the talents of Nick Miller (one-man band with guitar, percussion & sitar), Larry Mutti (folk autoharp), Steve Dixon (piano & vocals), Flip Side (popular oldies & sing-alongs), Paul Amato (classical guitar), and Lion's Mane (classic rock).

Workshops and free demos filled the day-long event and included *Wire Wrapping*, *Collage Making*, *Sari Silk Bracelet Creation*, *Knitting & Crocheting*, and *Face Painting*. *The Mad Hatters Shop* and *Beading Suncatchers* were featured as well as the *Quilt Guild* and *Wax Resist Florals*.

A bake sale featured the culinary talents of the *Standing Stone Kickers*, a line dancing troupe based in Huntingdon. Proceeds benefited the Huntingdon County Humane Society.

*Lisa Boland, Shelter Manager, from the Huntingdon County Humane Society, played an integral role in the successful bake sale the Celebration of the Arts. This collaboration was well received, and \$400 was donated to the shelter through the bake sale.*



# ArtistSpotlight

## Jeanne Peterson—A Love of Color

If you have ever been in the Art Shoppe or the Holiday Shoppe, you must have seen Jeanne Peterson's beautiful rope bowls. The colorful bowls are practical and decorative, and showcase her artistry.

Jeanne is a Huntingdon County native, first growing up on a beef farm in the McConnellstown area, and then moving to a dairy farm in Alexandria, in time for eighth grade. As with her siblings, she worked on the farms and developed a good work ethic that carried on throughout her life.

Her career started at the Fiberglass Tank Division, then to business school, and then to a 34 year career in the business office of the Juniata Valley School District.

Her interest in needlework began before she even remembers, and was fostered by her patient Mum-Mum (Grandmother Smith). She taught her all kinds of needlework, including crochet, knitting, machine sewing, cross stitch, and hand embroidery. As Jeanne reflexes, "It was the best gift I have ever received."

Always making something, it was not originally her idea to sell what she made. About 35 years ago, someone asked if she would make her a centerpiece doily and how much it would cost. Jeanne quoted a high price, and when she told the person they ordered two.

About 12 years ago, Jeanne started doing 3 to 4 craft shows a year. It was only about 6 years ago that she started making rope bowls. To date, she has made over 1,000.

In July, Jeanne taught a workshop at the Arts Center on how to make a rope bowl. Rope bowls are made by starting with a fabric circle for the bottom of the bowl, adding interfacing, sewing the coil in a spiral and attaching the fabric circle to the coil with a sewing machine. You can add embellishments such as beads or



Jeanne Peterson



A simple walkway stone paver becomes art.

even embroidery.

Jeanne confesses that she always needs a project to do, stating, "I love to keep my hands moving." Her current project is a doily with beads for wall decor, that she will dye and attach to a metal hoop.

"I love being able to have my work at the Arts Center, supporting the Arts Council, showcasing my creations and having this opportunity to sell my work," she says.



A work in progress—a handmade and dyed doily on a blocking board.



Attaching the coil to the fabric bottom is key step in making a rope bowl.



# 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](mailto:info@huntingdoncountyarts.com).

January – March 2025

**Bold** = Huntingdon County Arts Council activity

<i>When</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Details</i>
Thursday, January 16, 6-7 p.m.	Line Dancing	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Saturday, January 18, 7 p.m.	<b>Silent Film Concert with Andrew Greene</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Tickets \$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Thursday, January 23, 7 p.m.	<b>Camera Club Meeting</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, January 30 to Saturday, March 1	<b>Women on Wings Exhibit &amp; Traditional Chinese Artistry</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Opening reception Thursday, January 30, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Thursday, January 30 to Saturday, April 12	Field Trip: The JCMA Collection	Juniata College Museum of Art	Works from the collection
Saturday, February 1, 8, & 15	<b>Knit a Balaclava Class</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	10 to 11:30 a.m., see page 6
Monday, February 3, 7 p.m.	<b>Acoustic Music Jam</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Wednesday, February 5, 12, & 19	<b>Let's Kit Socks Class</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	1 to 3:30 p.m., see page 6
Friday, February 7	<b>Learn to Make Your Own Savory Cheeses</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	2 to 4:30 p.m., see page 6
Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m.	<b>Simple Gifts Concert</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	\$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Wednesday, February 10, 17, & 24	<b>Chinese Paper Cutouts</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	3 to 5 p.m., see page 6
Saturday, February 15, 7:30 p.m.	Juniata Presents: <i>Time for Three</i>	Halbritter Center, Juniata College	Grammy and Emmy-winning ensemble, <a href="http://juniatapresents.com">juniatapresents.com</a>
Thursday, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 & 27	<b>Traditional Chinese Painting</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	3 to 5 p.m., see page 6
Thursday, February 20, 5-8 p.m.	Art Walk Huntingdon	Various locations in borough	Art activities for all ages
Thursday, February 20, 6-7 p.m.	Line Dancing	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, February 20 to Saturday, April 12	Field Trip: Ann Tarantino	Juniata College Museum of Art	Artist's artwork charting experiences of place
Saturday, February 22	<b>Fair Isle of Many Colors Class</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	1 to 5 p.m., see page 6
Saturday, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29	<b>Creative Writing Class</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	10 to 11:30 a.m., see page 7
Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m.	<b>Camera Club Meeting</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Tuesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22	<b>Where Tradition Meets Modern: The Art of Cloisonne</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	11 to 12:30 p.m., see page 7
Monday, March 3, 7 p.m.	<b>Acoustic Music Jam</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, March 6 to Saturday, March 29	<b>Spring Thaw Youth Art &amp; Writing Exhibit</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Opening reception Thursday, March 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Sunday, March 16, 2 p.m.	<b>Callanish Concert</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	\$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Wednesday, March 19	<b>Hand Dyeing Yarn</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	1 to 4 p.m., see page 7
Thursday, March 20, 5-8 p.m.	Art Walk Huntingdon	Various locations in borough	Art activities for all ages
Thursday, March 20, 6-7 p.m.	Line Dancing	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Friday, March 21 & 28	<b>Seascape Fabric Art</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., see page 7
Tuesday, March 25	<b>Vegan Tacos</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	12 to 3 p.m., see page 7
Wednesday, March 26	<b>Pysanky Egg Decorating Class</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	7 to 9 p.m., see page 8
Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.	<b>Camera Club Meeting</b>	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all, 7 p.m.

Stay up-to-date at [www.huntingdoncountyarts.com](http://www.huntingdoncountyarts.com)  
Check out the listing of local art activities by clicking the Arts Calendar tab



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**VOLUNTEER**

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home to exhibits, concerts, classes, workshops, and a meeting place for community organizations. The Arts Council welcomes your time, expertise, and dedication at these venues as a potential volunteer.

Signing up to volunteer is easy! We can discuss volunteer opportunities that best match your availability, interests, skills, and passion! Please feel free to contact us at [volunteer@huntingdoncountyarts.com](mailto:volunteer@huntingdoncountyarts.com) to further

discuss volunteering options available.

As a volunteer, there are many opportunities to learn about the Huntingdon County Arts Council and how you can be a part of the arts in our community. A Volunteer Orientation for past, present, and new volunteers is mandatory.

The next upcoming orientations are scheduled for January 8, at 6 p.m. and Thursday, January 16, at 4 p.m.

Please reach out with any questions you may have about volunteering with the Huntingdon County Arts Council. Join us by supporting the Arts in Huntingdon County and become a valued member of our team! We appreciate your continued support.

### Become an Arts Council Member

Arts Council memberships run on a calendar-year basis, beginning on January 1 of each year and continuing through the end of December. So now is the time to renew your membership for 2025. 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 12-page 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 here 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.

We hope that you will continue to support our efforts to bring art and culture to our community. Please join and/or renew your membership online at [huntingdoncountyarts.com](http://huntingdoncountyarts.com), or at the **Arts Center** during our regular opening hours, Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.