

ArtsPaper

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

A Musical Feast for the Ears

A Variety of Musical Genres

The Huntingdon County Arts Council is offering music lovers an assortment of musical events in the coming months that is certain to please all ages. In April, on Sunday, April 6, at 2 p.m., local performers *Dan and Galla* will regale us with their mix of crowd-pleasing music.

On Sunday, May 11, *Simple Gifts* will perform in concert, after we had to cancel their concert in February because of weather.

Later in the month, in conjunction with our annual hosting of Folk College, the Arts Council offers up two ticketed concerts that will be held in Halbritter Center, on the Juniata College campus, as well as a free student bands concert. These concerts will take place on Friday evening, May 23, Saturday evening, May 24, and Sunday afternoon, May 25.

Folk College is a collaboration between *Simple Gifts* of State College and the Huntingdon County Arts Council. It has been an annual traditional-music-fest for over 25 years. The event brings in nationally recognized musicians, as instructors, and offers workshops to both budding and seasoned acoustic musicians over



Biscuit Jam will be one of two musical acts at this year's Summer Solstice Party at the Gage Mansion on Friday, June 20. The event features a summertime picnic themed meal and a cash bar.

Kids Summer Art Camps Announced for 2025

Looking for a way to keep your kids engaged and creative this summer? The Arts Council is excited to offer a series of fun and enriching summer camps for children, starting June 16. A wide range of hands-on activities will focus on a unique theme on a weekly basis. The camps are a perfect opportunity for children to explore their artistic side while having fun.

Camp Details

The summer camps will run for five weeks, from June 16 to July 25. (No summer camp the week of July 4th),
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a three-day weekend. Participants hail from throughout the mid-Atlantic region and beyond. Each year, Folk College presents two faculty concerts, Friday and Saturday evenings, May 23 and May 24. This year, the event will be held on the Juniata College campus in the Halbritter Center. Though the classes and workshops are by registration only, the ticketed faculty concerts are open to the public.

Folk College offers the “students” the opportunity to form a “band-of-strangers.” The band will be coached by one of the professionals to present a selection at the Sunday afternoon student concert. The student concert is free and open to the public in the Halbritter Center.

June will feature free music performances at the Arts Council’s Celebration of the Arts, all-day, at the Arts Center, on Saturday, June 14. Music is always a part of the ticketed Summer Solstice event at the

Gage Mansion, on Friday, June 20, featuring two musical acts. A special performance by Lainey Albaugh will bring opera and showtunes to the Arts Center on Sunday, June 22.

Check out the full details for each concert on page 5.

Free Walking Tours Return on Summer Thursdays

Free walking tours of downtown Huntingdon will return for nine weeks this coming summer. A new tour of the historic Woods Mansion will be added to the popular walks focused on ghosts, gardens, public art, and more. The tours are organized by Huntingdon Landmarks, a nonprofit organization, dedicated to preserving historic landmarks in Huntingdon.

The start time for the tours alternate between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., except for the pre-fireworks tour on July 3, which begins at 8 p.m. Tours begin at several different locations. A tentative schedule follows, but it would
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Executive Director

Dear Member:

One year ago, we announced that we were finally moving ahead with a new metal roof. Well, life happened, and it got delayed and delayed. But the good news is, as I write this, the roofers are banging away as they put on our new blue metal roof!

In this newsletter, you will see a whole range of wonderful upcoming activities. Whether you are into concerts, art exhibits, or learning an art form, we hope the **Huntingdon County Arts Center** helps entertain, enlighten, and enrich your life.

This year, 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. in Rosenberger Auditorium at the Halbritter Center for the Performing Art. Each concert has a unique lineup.

Also, please mark your calendar for a couple of special events: Saturday, June 14, is our Celebration of the Arts. This is our annual "open house" event to showcase our building, artists, musicians, and the many activities we

have to offer the Huntingdon County community.

Friday, June 20, is our Summer Solstice Party at the Gage Mansion.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kearns".

John Kearns
Executive Director



2024 Volunteer of the Year

At our Annual Meeting in December, Ginny Mutti was awarded the 2024 Volunteer of the Year. We asked Ginny to reflect on her plethora of endeavors at the Arts Council:

"I am not absolutely sure when I was asked if I would serve on the Art Council Board. I believe Louise Heberling recruited me in late 1980s. I think I did go off the Board at one time, and later, Larry and I shared a seat which was a bit odd, but it did get two workers for the price of one.

I always consider myself more of a worker bee and not one to start new ideas. One big initiative that Larry and I were responsible for, was to suggest that the Arts Council partner with *Simple Gifts* of State College to bring their musical program to Huntingdon. We, as a family, had participated at a weekend of music, workshops, and concerts at Clarion University, and another one at Cook Forest. We volunteered at both events, and when it was obvious that the event could no longer be hosted there, we suggested that perhaps the events could be relocated to Huntingdon County. It was a huge undertaking to pull off such an event, but the Arts Council has been successfully hosting Folk College at Juniata College and the Pennsylvania Folk



Ginny Mutti
2024 Volunteer of the Year

Gathering at Camp Blue Diamond (formerly called Greenwood Furnace Folk Gathering) for the last 25 years. Both of the events bring in wonderful teachers and attract participants from Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia, and sometimes from much further. It is one of the Arts Council's biggest programs, and one we keep on trying to let county people know about. Specifically, there are first rate concerts happening that they can attend even if they don't play an instrument.

Being on the Arts Council Board can be very mundane work. Setting up and tearing down after an event, attending meetings, or going to an event that might not be one that you would normally be attracted to. But, it is great to work with and get to know other talented and passionate people who appreciate how the wide world of the arts can bring people together. To be part of developing, nurturing, and providing a wide opportunity to do and experience a whole host of the arts has been an honor.

When I think about what the arts are, I like to think about it in the largest way possible. It is not just an object like a painting or sculpture, but it is also less tangible things, such as a musical performance or a theater production. It can be the work of one person, or the work of many. Think of all the creative people involved with making a movie or high school musical. Even the solo artist is involved and is supported by other creative people. A book needs to be edited, maybe illustrated, and care taken with layout and design. A painter depends on a surface to paint on, brushes, and paints. There is a wide community that is involved with

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the arts. As one who loves to work with my hands I am drawn to beautiful design and crafted functional items. A chair, a bowl, or a quilt can be breathtakingly beautiful. I also value the process of making. I would hope that everyone can work to create a space for a wider way to see and experience the world.

I am looking forward to taking some workshops that are outside my normal skill set. I am not musical, but I like attend concerts. I have been inspired by performances that I thought I was not going to like. Come spring, I will be back to weeding the flower beds around the Arts Center and experimenting to see what will look nice and grow well without too much effort. I am open to suggestions. I am also starting to think about what I could make for the Call for Entries gallery show."

Building Updates

As the Arts Council continues to settle into our new building, it's been a joy to engage in the "dreaming and doing" process of turning such a remarkable neighborhood landmark into an amazing space for the arts. Part of our job has been to discover the hidden gems of the space, as well as the goods, bads and uglies you might find in any 100+ year-old building.

Through the dreaming process of the strategic plan, we started to envision how different aspects of the building could benefit a wide variety of programs. That set us on the course of renovations.

We began by painting classroom spaces and adding audio/visual equipment. We then added a new cleanup sink area in the downstairs social hall to help with messy art endeavors from summer camps and classes. Lastly, Art Shoppe and gallery spaces were painted, and our display capacity was expanded.

Currently, we are developing plans for electrical and lighting updates in the galleries, as well as installing a new hanging system for artwork. However, the most noticeable efforts are happening on the outside of the building. Thanks to generous gifts to the Capital Campaign, the new roof is being installed, and we hope to continue the exterior work by giving the walls a new look, as well adding signage and landscaping.

Future steps include updated HVAC, updates to the performance space, ADA accessibility, and updated bathrooms. An overhaul of the social hall and kitchen

for jazz clubs, cooking classes, rental space, and more will allow for multi-use space. None of this would have been possible without the generous gifts from the community. If these future projects excite you, and you would be interested in supporting them, please visit our website and follow the link to donate to the Capital Campaign: <https://huntingdoncountyarts.com/get-involved/support-our-capital-campaign/>

Greg Anderson



Progress on the roof replacement project with our beautiful blue metal roof at the Arts Center

Volunteer Spotlight

2025 Roster of Volunteers

The Huntingdon County Arts Council is excited to announce their 2025 HCAC Volunteer Team. This extraordinary troupe of volunteers will encourage, support, and promote the arts via their volunteer endeavors. We applaud their participation!

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Capital Campaign Update

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

\$5,000 and Above
 Mary Ann Lemke

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

Chris Robbins Shook, A Woman with Wings & Traditional Chinese Art by Yali Pei Exhibits

After a delayed opening to allow us to paint our galleries, we opened the year

with two simultaneous exhibits. First, *Chris Robbins Shook, A Woman with Wings*, featured the works by the late Chris Shook. It was an outstanding collection of her work, thanks to her husband, Jim Shook. Many pieces of her artwork were purchased.

Second, the exquisite work by Chinese artist, Yali Pei, was exhibited with the title *Traditional Chinese Art: Chinese Painting & Paper Cutting*. Yali had a successful career as an artist and art teacher in China, where she was born, before moving to Huntingdon in 2019. She is currently teaches classes at the Arts Center.



Scenes from the opening reception on January 30 (Above, left: Jim Shook and Teri Smith; above, right: Yali Pei and her grandchildren).

ALL PHOTOS BY SUSAN SIMPSON

The exhibits were on display from January 30 to March 1.

Spring Thaw Exhibit

Spring Thaw is our annual exhibit that features 2-D and 3-D art, digital art, photography, and writing from our area youth. *Spring Thaw* was established in 1987 by the Arts Council and has been held ever since. It is usually our most attended exhibit, as families love to see their children's artwork on display.

This year featured 217 entries from across Huntingdon County and showcased the wonderful artistic talent that we have in our area. Thanks to area art and writing teachers that encouraged their students to participate.

The exhibit ran from March 6 to 29.



SUSAN SIMPSON

Concerts

Silent Film Night

On January 18, an enthusiastic crowd at the Arts Center was regaled by yet another tour-de-force performance by Andrew Greene. This January's event was a sequel to the program Andrew put on for us in January 2024, where he provided musical accompaniment to a trio of early, short silent films. That performance was so well-received, that we asked Andrew to come back again in 2025, and this year's event surely didn't disappoint. This year, Andrew selected a Charlie Chaplin film, *The Kid*, for which he had a copy of the original musical score. Since the Chaplin feature logged in at only a little over an hour, Andrew gave us a bonus by playing, as an opener, a Laurel



Andrew Greene accompanying several silent films

and Hardy short *Big Business*—a slapstick drama about trying to sell Christmas Trees (or rather, should I say, one Christmas tree) in California.

Andrew followed up with *The Kid*, which certainly had its share of slapstick humor. It also told a more poignant story about an orphaned boy, picked up off the streets, and raised by “the little tramp.” It would not be quite accurate to say that Andrew “tickled the ivories” because the music came fast and furious, with no respite for him for well over an hour. A glance at the score shows page after page with *lots* of notes to be played by both hands as the piano tries to substitute for a pit orchestra. By *The End*, Andrew's fingers were tingling, worn down to proverbial “nubbins.” This was truly a memorable evening.



Callanish delivered a great St. Patrick's Day concert

LARRY LAIRD

Callanish

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we invited *Callanish* to give a rousing Irish concert—and they delivered before a large, enthusiastic audience—on March 16.

Art Cat Jazz Club

The Art Cat Jazz Club was rockin' on the evening of March 8 when the *Triple A Blues Band*, another one of State College's popular musical acts, shook the Arts Center jazz club. They had the crowd dancing the night away. In addition to the lively, danceable music, people enjoyed a wonderful buffet and our new signature drink, the Art Cat *catmopolitan*.



The Triple A Blues Band at the Art Cat Jazz Club

Upcoming Events

Concerts

In the next few months, we offer a nice variety of music styles and genres for your enjoyment.

Dan and Galla Musical Show, April 6, 2 p.m.

On April 6, area residents will be treated to a concert by local performing artists, *Dan and Galla*. This delightful couple has been performing together for more than 25 years and have acquired a sterling reputation for fun-filled performances at concert venues throughout Pennsylvania and many out-of-state venues.

Both are strong vocal performers who go out of their way to engage their audiences by presenting music from many styles and backgrounds. Each concert is different, evolves naturally, and suffuses the audience with merriment. Their instrumental talents are prodigious. Galla supplements vocals with flute, guitar, ukulele and balalaika, and Dan is the keyboard specialist, facile in piano and accordion, as well as supplementing vocals with trumpet.



Well known local duo, *Dan and Galla* will perform at the **Arts Center** on Sunday, April 6, at 2 p.m.

history, visit their website at www.gallaanddan.com or their page on Facebook.

The concert will be held at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center** at 2 p.m., on Sunday, April 6. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$16 for members of the Huntingdon County Arts Council. Tickets may be obtained at the door, but securing tickets early from the Arts Council website or at the **Arts Center** is advised.

Simple Gifts, May 11, 2 p.m.

The original *Simple Gifts* concert in February was postponed because of weather. So, we are delighted to re-scheduled the concert on Sunday, May 11, at 2 p.m. *Simple Gifts* perform 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 Little-

Dan hails from Osage Iowa, and Galla is a Huntingdon County resident, born and raised in Hartslog Valley, where the couple currently resides. They are strong supporters of the arts in our local area and are well-known as ambassadors to the Huntingdon County Fair and venues throughout Pennsylvania, and many out of state venues. As strong supporters of the Arts Council, and we are truly blessed to be able to display their talents on our concert stage.

For further information

on their music-making

history, visit their website at www.gallaanddan.com or their page on Facebook.



ton 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 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 and \$16 for members.



The Chivalrous Crickets will one of four groups performing at the Folk College Friday concert on May 23.

Folk College Friday Concert, May 23, 7 p.m.

As part of Folk College, a live folk music concert is open to the public. The Friday, May 23, concert features host band, *Simple Gifts*; the English, Celtic & Baroque music of the *Chivalrous Crickets*; the country blues sound of the *Piedmont Bluz Acoustic Duo*; and the progressive acoustic bluegrass sound of *High Horse*. The concert is at 7 p.m., at the Halbritter Center on the Juniata College campus. Tickets are available in advance and at the door and are \$20 for general admission and \$16 for members. There is a free Ceilidh dance after the concert.



The Acoustic Nomads will feature South & North American music as part of the Folk College Saturday concert.

Folk College Saturday Concert, May 24, 7 p.m.

The Saturday, May 24, concert features singer, songwriter, and humorist, *Jamie Anderson*; the fusion of traditional fiddle tunes, jazz, tango, classical, and more with *Midnight on the Water*; and the music of South &
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Our concert series is underwritten by a generous grant from



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Upcoming Events

Kids Summer Camp 2025 Weekly Schedule

Week 1, June 16 - 20

Art and Acting with Puppets with Adam Swartz

For ages 5 to 8

In this exciting camp, kids will design and build a variety of puppets and bring them to life with improvisation and acting exercises, storytelling games, and professional puppeteer tricks-of-the-trade. In addition, kids will learn a little puppet history and explore puppetry types including shadow puppets, marionettes, and Muppet-style hand puppets.

Graphic Design-Intro to Canva with Kelly Cunningham

For ages 9 to 12

Join us for an exciting hands-on workshop where you will learn to bring your creative ideas to life using Canva, vinyl cutting, and heat pressing techniques! Over the course of five days, one will explore various aspects of design and production, gaining the skills to create custom, professional-quality designs for t-shirts, and other items.



Week 2, June 23 - 27

Comic Week with Kelly Cunningham

For ages 5 to 8

Unleash your creativity in this exciting, hands-on workshop where you will bring your very own superhero to life! Over five action-packed days, participants will sketch, paint, create a storyline, and craft a clay figure, culminating in a one-of-a-kind superhero creation that is all yours.

Cookie and Cake Decorating with Ali Abbatiello

For ages 9 to 12

Join us for a delicious, hands-on workshop where you will learn the art of baking and decorating cakes and cupcakes! Over the course of five days, participants will master essential baking techniques and discover creative decorating skills that will make their cakes and cupcakes look as amazing as they taste.

Week 3, July 7 - 11

Painting with Watercolors and Acrylic with Kelly Cunningham

For ages 5 to 8

Come join us for a fun and creative five-day painting adventure! You will get to explore different ways to paint, from the bright and beautiful strokes of Impressionism to creating peaceful landscapes like Bob Ross. Learn how to paint with watercolors, experiment with new techniques, and even create cool animal portraits using colorful, exciting designs. This class is all about having fun while discovering your inner artist and bringing your ideas to life.

Spark Tank... Trash or Treasure? with Grace Fala

For ages 9 to 12

Inventors Wanted for Central Pennsylvania's unique spin of Shark Tank. Campers are invited to create, develop, and market a playfully useful product that sparks interest among friends and neighbors!

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A vibrant, colorful poster for Kids Summer Camp 2025. The background is light pink with illustrations of a smiling sun, yellow and pink flowers, and green leaves. The text is in various colors and fonts. At the top, it says "HUNTINGDON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL" in small letters. Below that, "kids summer camp" is written in large, bold, orange and red letters. The schedule is listed as "Weekly sessions starting June 16th Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m." with a note that "Each week has a different theme!". Age groups are listed as "2 age groups: 5-8 year olds, 9-12 year olds". The weekly fee is "\$100". Registration information includes "REGISTER NOW! Huntingdon County Arts Center 33 12th St, Huntingdon, PA 16652 OR www.huntingdoncountyarts.com".

Kids Summer Art Camps 2025 continued from page 1

Classes are held Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Each week, participants will explore a different theme, keeping the activities fresh and exciting for children.

The cost for each week is just \$100 per child, offering a great value for parents looking for a safe and engaging way to spend the summer. Whether your child enjoys painting, drawing, theater, or simply learning something new, there is something for everyone at the Arts Council's summer camps.

Registration

Parents can register their children in person at the **Arts Center** or online at www.huntingdoncountyarts.com: click on the Programs tab, then select Kids Summer Art Camps

Spots are limited, so it's recommended to sign up early to guarantee a spot in the camp of your choice.

There are scholarships available via filling out a form at huntingdoncountyarts.com/programs/scholarships/.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to give your child a summer filled with creativity, fun, and learning. For more information or to register, check out www.huntingdoncountyarts.com or stop in and visit us at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center**.

To Register for the Kids Summer Art Camp!

Online: Click on the "Programs" tab on our website: www.huntingdoncountyarts.com, and select "Kids Summer Art Camps."

In Person: Come to the Arts Center and fill out a registration form.

Please Note: Class sizes are limited.

Upcoming Events

Week 4, July 14 - 18

Sculpture Techniques with Kelly Cunningham

For ages 5 to 8

Come join us for a fun and hands-on five-day art class where you will create some amazing projects! Participants work with materials like polymer clay and paper mache to bring ideas to life. From sculpting realistic objects, to designing your own unique pieces, this class one explore different techniques while working on exciting projects like pancake stacks, cake slices, and personalized mugs. Along the way, you'll learn new skills, get creative, and have plenty of time to add your own special touches to each project.

Visual Arts through Clay with Lynn Anne Verbeck

For ages 9 to 12

Come explore the world of visual arts through the exciting medium of clay, combined with mixed media! This fun, hands-on camp, will guide you through a variety of sculpting and crafting techniques, where participants will build, design, paint, and create unique works of art. Join instructor Lynn Anne Verbeck for five creative days of learning, crafting, and fun!

Week 5, July 21 - 25

Perspective, Dimensions, and Optical Illusions with Kelly Cunningham

For ages 5 to 8

In this five-day art class, you will dive into exciting projects and learn some cool techniques! Participants will explore fun illusions, like making letters pop off the paper, and experiment with vibrant space shape bursts. As the week continues, you will create both 1-D and 2-D designs, gather your supplies, and work together on a 3-D group project. Finish the class by exploring the world of geometric curve art, using shapes and patterns to create something truly unique.



Storytelling Through Movement with Anne Van Kuren

For ages 9 to 12

Join us for an inspiring class that combines storytelling with dance! Through stories rooted in nature and the environment, including Native American tales, Aztec legends, and folktales from Pacific Islanders and other cultures, we will explore how these narratives can come to life through movement. Using these stories as a foundation, one will engage in creative movement experiences and choreography, ultimately developing their own dance piece inspired by the rich history and culture of these ancient tales.



Dorothy Jancart artwork

New Art Studio in Mt. Union

Kari Roslund is opening an art studio in Mount Union. The Kari Roslund Studio & Gallery will open on May 1, from 5 to 7 p.m., at 112 West Shirley Street, in Mount Union and will features her fiber art and some works from other regional artists.

See additional article on Kari on page 9.

SKY RIDE

When I was a girl, I had no fear
I was free as a bird
and could run like a deer

One of my favorite things to do
was to climb a tree
my mom never knew

Up, up, up as high as could be
Oh, my goodness there's so much to see

Here comes the wind
to give me a ride
Whee! Hang on tight
back and forth I would glide

I should have been scared
when the tree started swaying
instead of laughing
I should have been praying

Oh what fun on a great spring day
to stand on a branch
and sway and sway

I didn't know then how much it meant
to ride on the wind
as that tree bent

To be so happy
So close to the sky
I almost felt as though I could fly!

Dorothy Jancart

GRAND OPENING

KARI ROSLUND
STUDIO & GALLERY

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD
5PM-7PM

112 WEST SHIRLEY STREET, MOUNT UNION, PA

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Exhibits

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Classes & Workshops

Unleash your creativity at the **Arts Center!** 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. Please apply now to enhance your skills with financial support by going on our website: www.huntingdoncountyarts.com.

Pysanky Egg Decorating Class

Ginny Mutti

April 9, 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+)

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.

To register, click on the "Register, Tickets, & Shop" tab on our website: www.huntingdoncountyarts.com

North Americas with *Acoustic Nomads*. The concert is at 7 p.m. at the Halbritter Center, on the Juniata College campus in Huntingdon. Tickets available in advance and at the door and are \$20 for general admission and \$16 for members. There is a free contradance after the concert. Dancers are always welcome.

Folk College Sunday Student Bands Concert, May 25, 2:30 p.m.

The free Sunday concert features the Student Bands which is the culmination of the weekend's activities for Folk College participants. Participants have been put into bands (based on their preferences) and are coached by a professional musician to perform one song. Most participants agree that the Student Band experience is what makes Folk College unique, and certainly an audience of your peers is one of the most appreciative you will ever have! The concert is at 2:30 p.m., at the Halbritter Center, on the Juniata College campus, and is open to the public. The concert is free.

Celebration of the Arts, June 14

Since acquiring and repurposing the former 12th St. Methodist Church in Huntingdon as a community arts center, the Arts Council has held an open house we call the Celebration of the Arts. Alongside workshops, art demonstrations, and classes, the Celebration of the Arts also provides performances for the enjoyment of those coming to this free, open-to-the-public celebration. This year's artists will include dancers from the Huntingdon Dance Academy and a local singer, guitarist, and guitar luthier, Curtis Rockwell, joined by a number of his musical friends. The day promises to be entertaining and artistically stimulating.

In addition to the music, the Celebration of the Arts will have free art demos and hand-on workshops. Sam's Hot Dogs will be on the premises, as well a bake sale by the Standing Stone Kickers to benefit the Huntingdon County Humane Society.



Summer Solstice Party, Friday, June 20

Following upon several successful gatherings over the past few years at the Gage Mansion, the Arts Council, under the leadership of John and Angie Thompson, will host a party to celebrate the longest day of the year. This ticketed event is a fabulous garden party featuring Summertime picnic themed burgers, hotdogs, salads & snacks, a cash bar, and musical entertainment throughout the evening.

Lainey Albaugh, Sunday, June 22, 2 p.m.

Local resident Lainey Albaugh will sing opera and showtunes for a unique concert.

Exhibits

Call for Entries — Rural Rising

City lights may sparkle and shine, but rural life can be captivating and restorative.

Our annual Call for Entries exhibit, *Rural Rising*, showcases the beauty and tranquility of rural living. It features artwork from local artists and will be on display until May 3. The opening reception is on Thursday, April 3, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tracks Through Time: Industrial Visions Exhibit

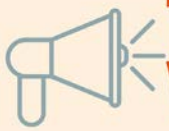
We are excited to present a new exhibit in collaboration with the East Broad Top Railroad and renowned artist Matthew Malkiewicz. This captivating showcase features a stunning collection of Matthew's photography, along with exclusive highlights from the East Broad Top Railroad archives.

The opening reception is on Thursday, May 8, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Living Out Loud Through Art Exhibit

In honor of Pride Month, the Huntingdon County Arts Council is hosting the second annual exhibit: *Living Out Loud Through Art*, an exhibit of LGBTQ artists and their allies.

The opening reception will be on Thursday, June 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.



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We are currently looking for teachers for the fall/winter class schedule. The deadline to submit proposals for this session is June 1.

We are looking for individuals who wish to share their creative passion by offering workshops and classes at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center**. Topics can span the full range of arts and crafts, including painting, drawing, jewelry design, knitting, spinning and weaving, flower arranging, photography, photo editing, framing, origami, playing a musical instrument, jamming, creative writing, and cooking.

Workshops are defined as a single session on one day, ranging from an hour or two to a full day.

Classes are defined as a series of sessions spanning over a period of time.

Both workshops and classes can be aimed at beginners or more advanced learners.

Perhaps you are visiting Huntingdon County and would like to share your talents with our community?



In that case, this is an excellent way to partner with our local creative community with only a one-day commitment.



Vonnie Orlowski artwork

Kari Roslund Finishes Art Residency

Local artist, Kari Roslund, completed an artist residency at Grove Farm, in Hesston, part of the Juniata College Field Station facility. The residency focused on the layered histories of Huntingdon County.

Through a process of deconstruction and reconstruction, she transformed these historical materials into patchwork paper collages, mirroring the way history is continually repurposed and reinterpreted. Each piece became a reflection of the stories, industries, and identities that have shaped the region. This project not only deepened her appreciation for the interconnectedness of place and memory, but also reinforced the power of art in preserving and reimagining history.

Her artwork, from the residency, will be on display at the Juniata College Museum of Art in an exhibit entitled *Echoes of History: Exploring Roots through Collage*, from July 2 to August 22, with an opening on July 2.



Kari Roslund

Kick Up Your Heels at the Arts 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 Council location on the third Thursday of each month, from 6 to 7 p.m. Dancers of all ages, from four to ninety, are welcome to participate. Questions should be directed to Shelby Nestler, Line Dancing Instructor, through the Standing Stone Kickers Facebook page.

Notably, the Standing Stone Kickers provide entertainment and instruction throughout Huntingdon County and beyond including the Old Gregg School Community and Recreation Center in Spring Mills, the Bedford Senior Center, the Senior Games banquet in Alum Bank, and conferences in State College. You might also find the Kickers at the Bricktown Senior Center on the fourth Wednesday of the month or dancing at Westminster Woods. The Kickers are also featured at the Muddy Run Tavern on the second Tuesday of each month and the Standing Stone Senior Center on the second Wednesday of each month. The troupe provides demonstrations at Graystone Court, Graystone Manor, the Oaks at Westminster Woods, and Embassy of Huntingdon Park. This group looks forward to upcoming line dancing opportunities in Atkinson Mills in Wayne Township and at the Senior Lofts in Mt. Union. The Standing Stone Kickers proudly boast participation at the Annual Huntingdon County Pride Telethon held in March and the Huntingdon County Fair. The Kickers are frequent guests at the Shavers Creek Fire Company location with other line dancing venues, such as the Salvation Army. Line Dancing Instructor Shelby Nestler, is known county-wide and the surrounding areas for her Standing Stone Kickers troupe and welcomes all ages and levels to promote the joy of line dancing!



Line Dancing Instructor, Shelby Nestler

Line dancing promotes camaraderie, improved self esteem, and improves overall health. It is a fun activity for all ages!

Playhouse Opens 2025 Season

The Playhouse at McConnellstown will open its 2025 season with a murder mystery. The title of the show will be announced shortly.

The show will open on June 6, and have performances on June 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15. The shows of June 8 and 15 are Sunday matinees, and will open at 2 p.m. The other shows open at 7:30 p.m.

ArtistSpotlight

Vonnie Orlowski—A Passion for Painting

Throughout her life, Vonnie Orlowski has always been busy creating art, even as a child. She grew up in the Mount Union area—her dad was the grounds keeper at the local country club. While she spent many days shagging golf balls, earning a little cash along the way, she still made time to create art.

Her high school art teacher encouraged her art, and she went to the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, majoring in Fashion and Merchandise Illustration. She freelanced for a while, but ended up with a career in accounting. However, art was always a passion.

She and her husband returned to the Mount Union area in 1972. She joined the Standing Stone Art League and fondly remembers participating in their Art Week, held every summer at the Lions Barn. She remembers learning a lot from Jim Salem.

She joined the Mount Union Art Guild in 1976, and has been involved ever since. The group is very much alive, meeting every Thursday, at the Bricktown Senior Center in Mount Union, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. However, they do not meet over the summer. The group utilizes their meeting time to work on their own art and share in camaraderie.

Vonnie loves a challenge and uses the time to paint from the photos she has captured. Notably, she is a prolific painter.

The Guild displays works by the members at Penn Highlands Huntingdon Hospital, with a new display every month, and at Jason Hockenberry's Back to Health Chiropractic Office.

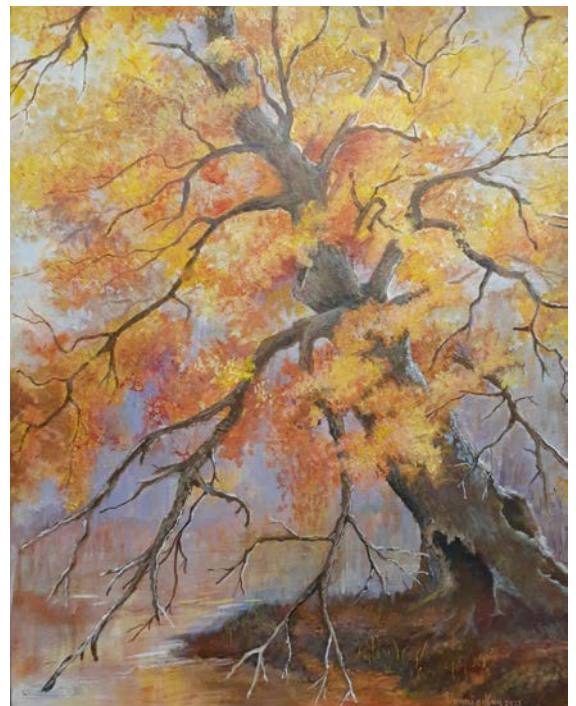
The Guild is holding a yard sale on Saturday, May 17, at the Bricktown Senior Center, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds from the yard sale will go towards the rent for the senior center.



Vonnie Orlowski



Vonnie loves to paint from photos she has taken.



Vonnie is also very active in the community. For the last eight years, she and Margie Drakes, paint the display windows in store fronts on Shirley Street, three times a year to help brighten up the town. They both, along with others, helps maintain the flowers in town. She is involved with the Chamber flower sale (the next one is the first Saturday in May) that benefits local activities. Last year, they held a very successful Christmas activities event for kids.

Interested in art? Stop by the Mount Union Art Guild and check it out.

ArtsCalendar

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

April – June 2025

When	What	Where	Details
Thursday, February 20 to Saturday, April 12	Field Trip: Ann Tarantino	Juniata College Museum of Art	Artist's artwork charting experiences of place
Tuesday, April 1, 8, 15 & 22	Jewelry from Junk Class	Huntingdon County Arts Center	See page 8
Thursday, April 3 to Saturday, May 3	Call for Entries: Rural Rising Exhibit	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Opening reception Thursday, April 3, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.	Juniata Presents: <i>Selected Shorts – Danger & Discovery</i>	Halbritter Center, Juniata College	Popular radio show & podcast juniatapresents.com
Sunday, April 6, 2 p.m.	Dan and Galla Concert	Huntingdon County Arts Center	\$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Monday, April 7, 7 p.m.	Acoustic Music Jam	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Wednesday, April 9, 1 to 3 p.m.	Pysanky Egg Decorating Class	Huntingdon County Arts Center	See page 8
Thursday, April 17, 5-8 p.m.	Art Walk Huntingdon	Various locations in borough	Art activities for all ages
Thursday, April 17, 6-7 p.m.	Line Dancing	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.	Camera Club Meeting	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, April 24 to Wednesday, May 7	Capstone/Liberal Arts Symposium Exhibit	Juniata College Museum of Art	Senior Studio Art Capstone students exhibit their work
Saturday, April 26, May 3 & 10	Twiddle Muffs Class	Huntingdon County Arts Center	See page 8
Monday, May 5, 7 p.m.	Acoustic Music Jam	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, May 8 to Saturday, June 7	Tracks Through Time: Industrial Visions Exhibit	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Opening reception Thursday, May 8, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 11, 2 p.m.	Simple Gifts Concert	Huntingdon County Arts Center	\$20/\$16 Arts Council members
Thursday, May 15, 5-8 p.m.	Art Walk Huntingdon	Various locations in borough	Art activities for all ages
Thursday, May 15, 6-7 p.m.	Line Dancing	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, May 22, 7 p.m.	Camera Club Meeting	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Friday, May 23 to Sunday, May 25	Folk College: Workshops, Concerts, & Jamming	Juniata College	See page 5 Full details at folkcollege.com
Friday, May 23, 7 p.m.	Folk College Concert	Halbritter Center, Juniata College	20/\$16 Arts Council members
Saturday, May 24, 7 p.m.	Folk College Concert	Halbritter Center, Juniata College	20/\$16 Arts Council members
Monday, June 2, 7 p.m.	Acoustic Music Jam	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all
Thursday, June 5 to Saturday, July 12	Living Out Loud Through Art Exhibit	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Opening reception Thursday, June 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Friday/Saturday, June 6, 7, 13, 14; Matinees June 8 & 15	Murder Mystery	The Playhouse at McConnellstown	7:30 p.m. Sunday Matinees 2 p.m.
Saturday, June 14, 10 am-4 p.m.	Celebration of the Arts	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Free
Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 20	Week 1: Kids Summer Art Camp	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Two age groups, see page 6
Thursday, June 19, 10 a.m.	Architecture Scavenger Hunt	Start at Merchant's Park	Summer Walking Tour
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Friday, June 20	Summer Solstice Party	Gage Mansion	Fundraiser for the Arts Council
Sunday, June 22, 2 p.m.	Lainey Albaugh Concert	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Local vocalist
Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27	Week 2: Kids Summer Art Camp	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Two age groups, see page 6
Thursday, June 26, 6 p.m.	Public Art Walk	Start at Merchant's Park	Summer Walking Tour
Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m.	Camera Club Meeting	Huntingdon County Arts Center	Open to all

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 Check out the listing of local art activities by clicking the Arts Calendar tab



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be worth checking the Landmarks Facebook page closer to the date of your tour to make certain nothing has changed. Tours go rain or shine. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a bottle of water!

Architecture Scavenger Hunt

June 19, at 10 a.m. | Merchant's Park, 6th and Penn Streets
Matt Price, Executive Director of the Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau & a Landmarks board member, opens your eyes to the rich architectural detail of downtown.

Huntingdon's Public Art

June 26, at 6 p.m. | Merchant's Park, 6th and Penn Streets
John Kearns, Executive Director of the Huntingdon County Arts Council, shows off some of the remarkable artworks downtown.

Ghosts of Huntingdon

July 3, at 8 p.m. (before the Fireworks) | 4th and Allegheny Streets
April Feagley, a longtime local-history buff, recounts some good old-fashioned ghost stories and talks about local history at the same time. Be ready to shiver by the river!

Woods Mansion

July 10, at 10 a.m. |
1001 Washington Street
Joel and Barb Brown have spent two decades returning an 1870s Italianate mansion to its full glory—including restoring porches and a cupola that had been stripped away. Plus, they have filled it with antiques.



(Left) This may be the earliest surviving image of the Woods Mansion (Courtesy Huntingdon County Historical Society); (Right) The Woods Mansion as it appears today.

Ecology of the Juniata River

July 17, at 6 p.m. | Portstown Park Pavilion
Maggie Ritchey, watershed specialist with the Huntingdon County Conservation District, and her predecessor, Celina Seftas, talk about the hidden processes of an ecological system like the Juniata.

Huntingdon Transportation History

July 24, at 10 a.m. | Blair Park entrance
Lawrence Biemiller, who writes the Buildings & Grounds column for the *Daily News*, talks about the Pennsylvania Mainline Canal and the railroad that followed, eventually putting the canal out of business. Did you know Huntingdon once had a trolley line?

Huntingdon's Notable Women

July 31, at 6 p.m. | Merchant's Park, 6th and Penn
Local historian April Feagley explains Huntingdon's long legacy of remarkable women, including those who had a prominent role in getting American women the right to vote.

Huntingdon's Downtown Gardens

August 7, at 10 a.m. | Merchant's Park, 6th and Penn
Huntingdon Borough Mayor Tom Yoder leads a tour that will include both the delightfully peaceful courtyard at the Mutual Benefit Group and his own koi-roiled backyard hideaway.

Trees of Portstown Park

August 14, at 6 p.m. | Portstown Park Pavilion
Amateur arborist April Feagley shows off Portstown Park's beautiful collection of trees.