

ArtsPaper

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

An Array of Arts Opportunities

At the Arts Center and Beyond

July, August, and September present some great opportunities to explore the arts, both at the **Arts Center**, and in our community.

First, we are pleased to offer 13 upcoming classes and workshops for this summer/fall. Here is your chance to learn a new skill, sharpen an existing skill, and/or explore your own creativity. Check out the listings and details on pages 6, 7, and 8.

There are also two excellent exhibits at the Juniata College Museum of Art: one by ceramics master Jack Troy, and the second by the very talented fiber artist Kari Roslund. Details are located on the Arts Calendar on page 11.

We still have a couple weeks left in our kids' summer art camps. Subsequently, there is still time to register.

Music is always part of our arts scene. Please peruse the article below, but also make sure to check out the article on page 9 about the free concerts at the Pennsylvania Folk Gathering at Camp Blue Diamond.

We do have a two additional concerts scheduled, including Huntingdon native Jennifer Coffman on August 5, and the wonderful Ragtime Kickoff concert

on September 18. The Art Cat Jazz Club returns on September 20 with the Stone Creek Blues.

We want to recognize to the Community Band, and their three annual performances in July. Tuesday, July 22, at 7 p.m., the band performs at the Sharrar House, in Mount Union, with a rain location at Mount Union Junior/Senior High School. On Thursday, July 24, at 7 p.m., the band will perform at Blair Park, Huntingdon

(even though the church has sold, they are still able to use the park), with a rain location at Trinity Church on Cassidy Avenue.

Finally, Friday, July 25, at 7 p.m., the band performs at the Memorial Library, Alexandria, with a rain location at Juniata Valley High School.

August means it is time for the Huntingdon County Fair. Check out the article on page 2 about how to enter your artwork

into the fair and/or a least come and visit the creative efforts of your fellow Huntingdon County residents.

The Playhouse at McConnellstown has an intriguing show in September titled *The Sensuous Senator*.

All in all, there are many great opportunities to avail yourself of the arts.



The Pennsylvania Folk Gathering offers free evening concerts on Friday and Saturday nights, September 12 & 13 at Camp Blue Diamond.

The Roof is Finished!

After months of good hard work, the contractors completed the work of replacing the old roof with a beautiful new one that should last well into the future of the **Huntingdon County Arts Center**. Along with that, we replaced all of the gutters with larger 6 inch gutters, as well as new soffit and fascia. All of this will provide better sealing of the building and water management.

What's Next?

Continuing in the spirit of giving the outside of the **Arts Center** a fresh makeover, we have just signed a contract
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Music Update

Your Arts Council is always on the lookout for musical experiences to offer area residents. Since the spring newsletter came out, the Arts Council has hosted a fabulous concert (on April 6) by local favorites *Dan & Galla*, who put forth a varied and upbeat program for a small, but enthusiastic and appreciative audience of concert-goers; a performance by *Simple Gifts* of State College (on May 11), featuring a vast array of instruments and diverse sampling of styles; and of course, the two staff concerts and student concert of Folk College.

The Art Council's Celebration of the Arts was held at the **Arts Center** on June 14. Musical/performance pieces
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Dear Member:

It has been an active and exciting time at the Huntingdon County Arts Council. We have just come off of two very successful community events—the Celebration of the Arts, and our Summer Solstice Party.

The Celebration of the Arts provided an opportunity to introduce new people to the **Arts Center**, and to help engage community members with workshops, demos, music, great art exhibits, and our year-round Art Shoppe. The Summer Solstice Party, thanks to John and Angie Thompson, was a fundraiser that involved food, music, local vendors, and lots of community engagement.

We have had some recent outstanding art exhibits, including Matthew Malkiewicz's marvelous photos of the East Broad Top Railroad, to the wonderful array of quality art in the *Living Out Loud* exhibit.

Our biggest event of the year was Folk College, held on the Juniata College campus. This year was an outstanding success! Though mostly geared to amateur musicians, the quality of the event gets better every year. Much thanks to the partnership with *Simple Gifts* and the ton of volunteers that help make it happen.

Enter Your Artwork at the Fair

The Huntingdon County Fair is happening—August 3 to 9! Every year, the Huntingdon County Arts Council operates Department 19, Art & Photography at the Art Station next to the Midway Stage.

Now is the time to think about entering your artwork for the fair. Entries for art & photography, will be accepted Saturday, August 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Art Station on the fairgrounds.

You may enter one (and only one) entry in each class, such as watercolor, acrylics, etc. The list of classes may be found at <https://www.huntingdoncountyfair.com/exhibitors/>

The best way to prepare is to preregister your artwork. To preregister, go to: <https://www.huntingdoncountyfair.com/exhibitors/>

For procrastinators: if you do NOT register before you come, you may still bring your art & photography to the fair. However, you must register on site BEFORE you bring your items to the Art Station. Registration is at the Livestock Office at the far end of the fairgrounds.

It is FREE to enter, and you can win \$\$\$. Judging will be held on Sunday morning. The Art Station will open for public viewing later on Sunday and throughout the week.

Visit the Art Station During the Fair

The Art Station will be open during the fair from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (except on Sunday when judging takes place).

Make sure to stop in and check out the amazing talent on display from your friends and neighbors from throughout Huntingdon County, as well as the diversity of artistic talent that will be on display.

We are finally making great strides with the building via the completion of a new roof (isn't it stunning!), and we are working on a new treatment to help preserve the brickwork.

As always, we could not do all of this without your support. Your memberships, general donations, donations to our Capital Campaign, and attendance at our events are an essential part of our success. Thank you!

We hope to see at an event or activity soon.

John Kearns
Executive Director



The next phase of building upgrade is in process.

The Roof is Finished!

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to have a team come in and strip the paint off of the front section of the building. After much deliberation of how to best care for the soft brick underneath, the decision was made to simply seal the brick (vs. painting) allowing it to more naturally breath, extending its life well into the future.

The final result will be an antiqued brick appearance, which will be a classy enhancement to the streetscape.

After completion, the next step will be updating the signage, followed by landscaping and lighting. We are very excited to see the project continue at various stages!

This renovation wouldn't have been possible without our amazingly generous supporters of our Capital Campaign. We are very thankful for all of you! Stay tuned to learn of our dreams for improvements to the inside!

Greg Anderson

Folk College Big Success

Folk College, held over Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25, was by all measures a smashing success!

The registrations were higher than its been in over a decade. We hosted a faculty of 25 musicians/coaches, with 7 workshop slots, each with up to 11 concurrent classes, and the largest corps of volunteers that we have ever managed. Folk College was an enormously successful undertaking.

Participants, either students or coaches, came from throughout the mid-Atlantic states and New England, with some folks traveling as far away as Wisconsin, Florida, and Atlanta.

Musical styles ran the gamut from old-timey folk, to Celtic, blues, pop, Balkan tunes, medieval music, music of South America, and contemporary singer-songwriters.

Called dances were held on both Friday and Saturday evenings to enthusiastic dancers and musicians. All overflowed the large lobby area of Von Liebig Hall on the Juniata College campus. Both planned and spontaneous jams sprung up all around the campus, extending into late night sessions for those that were sufficiently primed with coffee.

This year's crowd put the lie to the notion that folk music is just the music of the tired and gray. Four of the staff bands, and easily half of the instructors, were closer to 35 years old rather than 65. The student participants also included a sizable number of young folkies, though there were a lot of returnees who have been making Folk College a habit for over a decade.

Whether folks came hoping to "up their musical game" by learning new riffs, sampling unfamiliar musical styles, or picking up a new instrument, none left disappointed in the experience. And speaking of picking up a



High Horse brought with their progressive bluegrass sound and youthful energy to Folk College.

new instrument, the event featured a consignment sale where anyone could purchase the next guitar, ukulele, hammered dulcimer, autoharp, accordion, drum, whistle, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, or any musical instrument of their dreams. More than 20 instruments changed hands over the course of the 3-day event.

The event program is the brainchild of Linda Littleton and Karen Hirshon of *Simple Gifts* of State College, added by the seemingly tireless enthusiasm of Holly Foy, and an assortment of other promoters and advisors. That group works throughout the year to identify and line up talented, interesting, and supportive instructors, while the organizational and logistical foundation of Folk College comes from the dedicated efforts of John Kearns, Executive Director of the Arts Council, and a sizable number of local Arts Council board members and volunteers. Suffice to say, this event, given its magnitude and complexity, COULD NOT

run without the dedication and hard work of a large cadre of enthusiasts.

Work has already begun to plan for Folk College 2026. If you missed out on Folk College 2025, but want a taste of the same experience, make it a point to come out to The Pennsylvania Folk Gathering, scheduled for Friday through Sunday, September 12-14, at beautiful Camp Blue Diamond. There'll be something there to suit YOU!

Larry Mutti

VolunteerSpotlight



Huntingdon County Arts Council volunteers certainly brought a ray of sunshine, on a cloudy day, while manning the Arts Council's Arts and Crafts Booth on April 26, at the 2025 Huntingdon Mayfest. Special thanks to Tammy Ash, Keppy Arnoldsen, Sally Kepple, Gretchen Eichensehr, Jeanne Peterson, Mary Beatty-Sharisky, Judy Hoffman, Larry Mutti, and Susan Simpson. Notably, community participants, of all ages, created their own personalized bookmarks.

Arts Council volunteers once again rose to the occasion

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Arts Center
Regular Hours

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

RecentEvents

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

Rural Rising Call for Entries Exhibit

Our annual Call for Entries show was based on the theme of *Rural Rising*. Twenty local artists participated with 59 works of art that captured the beauty and tranquility of rural living, in many types of art forms.

This is the tenth time the Huntingdon County Arts Council has held a Call for Entries show.

The exhibits were on display from April 3 to May 3.



Losing Track of Time at the East Broad Top Exhibit

Renowned photographer, Matthew Malkiewicz, presented a captivating collection of his photography of the narrow gauge East Broad Top Railroad.

Since February of 2020, Malkiewicz has served as the photographer for the East Broad Top Foundation ownership/management team and the *Friends*



The EBT Foundation and employees paid a visit to the Arts Center to view the EBT exhibit with photographer Matthew Malkiewicz.

Left to right: Jane Sheffield, Jim Campbell, Brad Esposito, Malkiewicz, Wick Moorman, Robin Bernstein, Al Louer, Henry Posner III, and Bennett Levin.

Volunteer Group at the East Broad Top Railroad in Rockhill Furnace, Pennsylvania. Notably, he photographically documented all aspects of the rebirth at a 150-year-old steam railroad and preserved machine shop facility. He is a resident of New Jersey, but is a frequent visitor to the EBT.

The exhibit ran from May 8 to 31.

Living Out Loud Exhibit

For the second year in a row, in honor of PRIDE month, the **Huntingdon County Arts Center** hosted an exhibit by local LGBTQ+ artist and their allies.



There was a large turnout at the opening reception to view the spectacular collection of artwork that featured 140 works of all shapes and sizes from 16 artists from Huntingdon and Centre County. The artwork encompassed a wide variety of art forms, including paintings, prints, sculptures, jewelry, ceramics, costumes, and a large textile piece.

The exhibit ran from June 5 to 28.

Concerts



Dan and Galla Musical Show

On April 6, Dan and Galla brought their Musical Show to the **Arts Center** stage with a wonderful rendition of oldies but goodies, showtunes, and even some musical participation from audience members.



Simple Gifts Concert

Our partners for Folk College and the Pennsylvania Folk Gathering, Linda Littleton and Karen Hirshon, of the duo *Simple Gifts*, performed in concert on May 11. They delighted the audience with songs from America and around the world featuring a diverse array of instruments.

Our concert series is underwritten by a generous grant from

Lainey Albaugh Concert

On June 22, Huntingdon native Lainey Albaugh delighted the audience with her mix of both classical and musical theater repertoire, including works by Puccini, Strauss, Richard Rodgers, and Stephen Schwartz.



Open Timbre at the Celebration of the Arts

Celebration of the Arts

For the 4th year in a row, we held our Celebration of the Arts on Saturday, June 14. This open house event featured workshops, demos, music, and a performance by three dancers from the Huntingdon Dance Academy. In addition, Sam's Hot Dogs provided lip-smacking hot dogs that were a crowd favorite. The Girl Scouts also featured fun activities for community members. The Huntingdon County Humane Society showcased baked goods for both canines and pet parents. Trinity came by to give 5 "paws" at the event.

Summer Solstice Party



A great turnout at the Gage Mansion to celebrate the summer solstice AND to help fundraise for the Arts Council.

A receptive crowd was on hand to celebrate the Summer Solstice at the Gage Mansion on Friday, June 20. The event, a fundraiser for the Arts Council, was courtesy of the generosity of John and Angie Thompson.

The excellent music was provided by *Biscuit Jam* and *Stone Man*, and there was great food and drinks as part of the festive atmosphere.

The events sponsors were the Gage Mansion, Mutual Benefit Group, and Three Twelve Kitchen and Cocktails.

UpcomingEvents

Concerts

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

Jennifer Coffman, August 5, 7 p.m.

Jennifer Coffman will come to the Arts Council stage to share a musically-diverse program featuring iconic arias and classical music theatre. Jennifer, a 2001 Huntingdon Area High School student, now sings professionally with the Houston Grand Opera.

The concert will be held at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center** at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, August 5. Admission will be by donation.



Pennsylvania Folk Gathering Friday Concert, September 12

As part of the Pennsylvania Folk Gathering, a Friday night concert will feature performances from all of the instructors from the weekend.

This year's featured musicians include host band *Simple Gifts*, featured performers *Midnight on the Water*, plus Jay Best, Richard Sleigh, Henry Koretzky, Cathy Petrisans, Jerry Zolten, Diana Wagner, Holly Foy, Laura Alexander, Peggy Shutes, and Lynn Margileth.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. and is free (donations are appreciated) at Camp Blue Diamond, in Petersburg.

Pennsylvania Folk Gathering Saturday Concert, September 13

As part of the Pennsylvania Folk Gathering, a Saturday night concert features performances from host band *Simple Gifts* and featured performers *Midnight on the Water*.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. and is free (donations are appreciated) at Camp Blue Diamond, in Petersburg. Following the concert, there will be a free contra dance, with all dancers welcome.

Ragtime Festival Kickoff Concert, September 18, 7 p.m.

The 16th Annual Central Pennsylvania Ragtime & American Music Festival starts with a kickoff concert at the **Arts Center** on Thursday, September 18 at 7 p.m. The concert features ragtime favorites, jazz, boogie-woogie, stride, blues, and hits from the great American songbook, all performed by Grammy Award winning musicians.

This year's featured musicians include pianists Frederick Hodges, Richard Dowling, Bryan Wright, Charlie Judkins, and Andrew Greene; percussionist Steve Torrico; instrumentalists T.J. Muller, Dan Levinson, Andy Stein, Brian Nalepka; and vocalist Miss Maybelle.

Tickets for this concert are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for members and children. To view the entire festival list of events, check out www.rockhillragtime.com.

Art Cat Jazz Club

The Art Cat Jazz Club returns on Saturday, September 20, featuring the Stone Creek Blues. Stone Creek Blues delivers a tasty sampler of American roots music that mixes blues, country, and classic rock.

Thanks to the generosity of our Summer Solstice sponsors:

UpcomingEvents

Summer/Fall Classes and Workshops

We are pleased to announce our summer/fall list of classes and workshops. Check out the list below, keeping in mind that some classes have very limited enrollment.

We do 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: huntingdoncountyarts.com/programs/scholarships/ A special thanks to Standing Stone Coffee Company for their support of the scholarships.

Unless otherwise specified, all classes and workshops take place at the **Huntingdon County Arts Center**, 313 12th Street, Huntingdon. All students under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult (except for the Dance and Culture class).

Oil Painting Workshop—Impressionist Style

Lynn Stewart and Keppy Arnoldsen

Saturday/1 Session

July 26

1:00-5:00 p.m.

16+

Beginner with some experience

Class Description:

Join instructors Keppy Arnoldsen and Lynn Stewart for a one-session workshop exploring the vibrant and expressive techniques of Impressionist oil painting. In this hands-on class, students will complete their own oil painting while learning brushwork, color mixing, and composition inspired by the Impressionist movement. Materials are not included in the class fee, but may be purchased from the instructors for an additional cost, or bring your own material.

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



Original oil painting by Lynn Stewart

Playing with Plain Weaving—An Introduction to Weaving

Ginny Mutti

Saturdays/3 sessions

August 9, 16, 23

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Adults

Limited space--Maximum of only 3 students

Class Description:

Students will have the opportunity to practice plain weaving; there will also be instruction on two different techniques to create additional patterns.

Students may choose to weave a long sampler/scarf, or two smaller mats utilizing different techniques.

The total cost for the class is \$115 for members and \$125 for nonmembers, all materials included.



Dance and Culture: Exploring Movement & Meaning

Ann Van Kuren

Thursdays/11 sessions

September 4, 11, 18, 25; October 2, 11, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13

4:30-5:30 p.m. (5-8 year olds)

5:45-6:45 p.m. (9-12 year olds)

Kids

Class Description:

Students will explore a variety of dance styles while building skills in movement, expression, and collaboration. The class will culminate in a unique final performance that weaves together elements of local history and the spirit of the holiday season—a celebration of community, creativity, and connection through dance.

Teacher Bio:

Ann Van Kuren is a modern dancer and choreographer who creates solo and ensemble pieces inspired by literature, history, and contemporary issues, aiming to explore new dimensions of humanity. She collaborates with dancers to craft narratives that evoke deep emotions and enhance self-awareness.

With experience performing works by over twenty-five choreographers, Ann draws influence from the Humphrey-Limon tradition and contemporary artists. In 2001, she founded VanDance Inc., a contemporary modern dance company. Notably, she earned a Teaching Artist Certification from The University of the Arts in 2020.

The total cost for the class is \$100 for members and \$110 for nonmembers.

To register,

Click on the “Register, Tickets, & Shop” tab on our website: www.huntingdoncountyarts.com

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Chinese Art of Cloisonné

Olivia Lan

Tuesdays/6 sessions

September 9, 16, 23, 30;

October 7, 14

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Beginner

18+

Class Description:

Rooted in traditional Chinese craftsmanship, the course guides students through each step of creating intricate designs using fine metal wires and vibrant colored sand. Participants will learn essential techniques while gaining insight into the rich cultural heritage of this unique art form.

The total cost for the class is \$125 for members and \$135 for nonmembers, including all materials.



How to Make Knitted Knockers

Prudence Ingerman

Wednesdays/2 sessions

September 10 & 17

3:30-5:00 p.m.

16+

Beginner with some experience—can cast on, knit, and purl

Class Description:

Knitted Knockers are special handmade breast prostheses for women who have had breast cancer and undergone a mastectomy or lumpectomy. Knitted Knockers are soft and comfortable, and when placed in a regular bra, they take the shape and feel like a real breast. (knittedknockers.org)

Students will learn to knit these soft prostheses in a variety of colors.

The total cost for the class is \$40 for members and \$45 for nonmembers, including all materials.



Beaded Spiral Bracelet with Variations

Marie Campbell

Wednesdays/2 sessions

September 10, 17

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

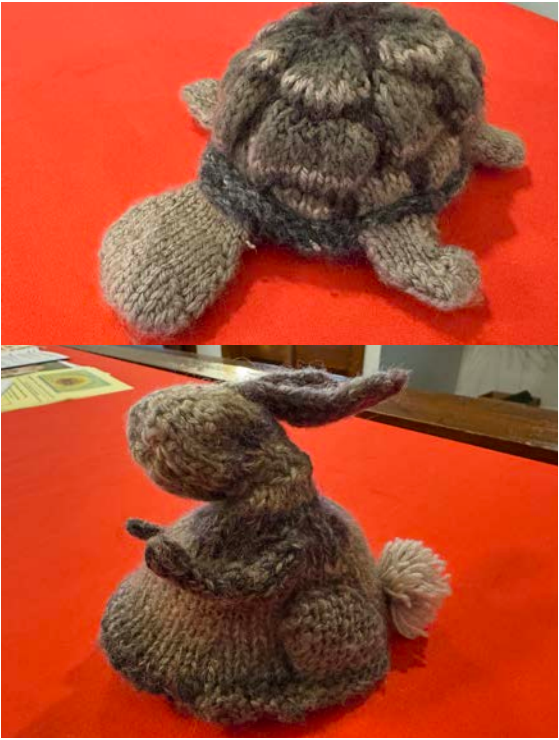
Beginner

Teen/Adults (16+)

Class Description:

This class provides introduction to off-loom beading; the herringbone stitch bracelet offers the opportunity to learn a new technique. Students will learn the basics of creating the bracelet, followed by instruction in adding closure. Students will also see variations created by adding embellishments to the basic stitch.

The total cost for the class is \$65 for members and \$70 for nonmembers, including all materials.



Knitted Tortoise and Hare—A Reversible Toy

Prudence Ingerman

Wednesdays/3 sessions

September 24, October 1, 8

3:30-5:00 p.m.

13+

Beginner with some experience—can cast on, knit, and purl

Class Description:

Students will learn to knit a 5-inch tortoise and hare. Once you fold the tortoise to “reveal” the hare, the tortoise becomes the stuffing, and vice versa.

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

Learn to Play the Autoharp

Larry Mutti

Fridays/3 sessions

October 3, 10, 17

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Teens/Adults

Class Description:

Have you ever admired the music of the Carter family? Have you ever wanted to join in on a music jam session? Have you ever wanted to accompany yourself, your family, or your class of grade school students with supportive and simple musical backup? The autoharp is the perfect instrument for all of this and more. Easily learned, relatively affordable, and adapt-



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Learn to Play the Autoharp (cont.)

able enough to stand alone as a melodic solo instrument, the autoharp is also a great instrument for personal relaxation and for front-porch music making. Students will depart this class with enough technique to do all of the above, while acquiring a handful of tunes under their belt that they could share with others.

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

Moment of Spring Embroidery Class

Lydia Hoopes
Tuesday and Thursday/2 sessions
October 7, 9
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Beginner
Teens/Adults (16+)

Class Description:
This class features basic crewel stitches, with emphasis on the long and short stitch, and other crewel stitches. Students will learn a total of 9 stitches. Participants will also learn to choose the best fabric, yarn, and needles for crewel embroidery.

The total cost for the class is \$90 for members and \$100 for nonmembers, including all materials.

Tie Dyeing with Ms. Sherri

Sherri Serbin
Saturdays/3 sessions
October 11, 18, and 25
Session 1: 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Sessions 2 & 3: 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Teen/Adults (16+)

Class Description:
Students will review basic color theory and apply it to their projects. Participants will also learn a few basic folds and ties with rubber bands and artificial sinew. Students will also learn to apply procion fiber reactive dyes in liquid and powder form and how to set the dye and wash out their creations.

The total cost for the class is \$100 for members and \$110 for nonmembers, including all materials.



Creative Writing

Prudence Ingerman
Saturdays/6 sessions
September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25
10:00-11:30 a.m.
16+
Beginner

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.

Sashiko: What Is It? How Do You Do It?

Anita Nwaobilo
Thursday/1 session
October 23
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
16+
Beginner

Class Description:
This class features the basics of sashiko stitches, origin of sashiko, meaning of different stitches, and use of sashiko.

The total cost for the class is \$55 for members and \$60 for nonmembers, including all materials.



Beginning Guitar

Prudence Ingerman
Saturdays/3 sessions
November 1, 8, 15
10:00-11:30 a.m.
14+
Beginner

Class Description:
Students will learn various chord progressions to accompany their own voice, as well as a variety of strums and plucks. Focus will include well-known folk songs.

Students must bring their own guitar.

The total cost for the class is \$60 for members and \$70 for nonmembers.



The Kids' Summer Art Camps cover a variety of different topics. The Cookie and Cake Decorating class was very popular. Here Frankie Kidd is applying icing to a cake baked earlier in the week.



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

UpcomingEvents

Pennsylvania Folk Gathering September 12-14

The Pennsylvania Folk Gathering is returning to Camp Blue Diamond in September for another weekend of a fun and friendly playing, learning, and listening to a wide variety of folk music. It is a fantastic three days of workshops, concerts, jams, dancing, and friendship. Last year, the festival, formerly known as Greenwood Furnace Folk Gathering, changed its location to Camp Blue Diamond near Petersburg, and it was a great fit for the music weekend.

Want to play music with others? Want to sing, learn to play an instrument, or improve your musical skills? Musicians from Pennsylvania, surrounding states, and beyond will gather at beautiful Camp Blue Diamond from Friday, September 12, to Sunday, September 14.

The annual festival is a learning event offering forty-two different workshops in 8 time-slots, covering a wide range of musical styles and interests. There are workshops designed for all instruments and levels. There are also options for singers, dancers, and non-musicians. Both formal and informal jam sessions will take place throughout the weekend.

In addition, for non-musicians, there is a special Beginners Sampler on Saturday with a unique opportunity for a gentle introduction to easy folk instruments. The



The public is invited to the free contradance following the Saturday night concert, on September 13, at the Pennsylvania Folk Gathering at Camp Blue Diamond.

Sampler includes four workshops: *Rhythm for Beginners, Singing for Non-Singers, Try a Ukulele, and Try a Mountain Dulcimer.*

Each year, the event honors a Pennsylvania Heritage Musician. This year's awardee is Jerry Zolten, a fixture on the State College folk scene since the late 60s. There will be a free staff concert at 7 p.m., on Friday and Saturday evenings, followed by staff-led jams. Following the Saturday concert, there is a free contradance with an open band on Saturday night. The Heritage Musician presentation is at 1:15 p.m., on Saturday. All of the free events are located in the main lodge.

All other workshops require registration and a fee. Act 48 credit is available for Pennsylvania school teachers.

There are five different options to participate:

1. Come to the FREE parts of the music camp: the Friday concert, at 7 p.m., the Saturday concert, at 7 p.m., followed by a free contradance and jams, the Saturday presentation and conversation with 2025 Pennsylvania Heritage Musician Jerry Zolten at 1:15 p.m.
 2. Take individual workshops for \$20 each. Register at the music camp.
 3. Take the Beginners Sampler of 4 workshops on Saturday for \$35. Check it out at <https://folkgathering.com/beginners-sampler/>
 4. Come on Saturday only, for \$85. Sign up at <https://folkgathering.com/register/>
 5. Come for the whole weekend, and enjoy all the workshops, concerts, dancing and jams. Registration is \$125 (only \$100 with the early bird discount if registered by August 10). Sign up at <https://folkgathering.com/register/>
- Started in 2004, the Folk Gathering is a joint project of the Huntingdon County Arts Council and the musical group *Simple Gifts* from the State College area.

For more information and to view the complete schedule, visit the Folk Gathering website www.folkgathering.com, or call the Huntingdon County Arts Council at 814-643-6220. On Facebook, check out www.facebook.com/folkgathering.

THE KAYAKERS

The serenity of the river beckoned us
Drawing us in to the gently flowing water
Heightening our senses to the sounds
and sights.
Fish swam lazily in the crystal water
Undisturbed by man floating above.
Birds caught the wind currents
Letting it take them where it may
While clouds above the shadowy green
Mountains swept by on their way
Toward distant horizons.

Susan Rumpf

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casion during the annual Celebration of the Arts on June 14. On hand to greet community members, upon arrival, were Tammy Ash, Keppy Arnoldsen, Jeanne Peterson, Judy Mele, Bob Mele, Robin Binder Heath, Larry Laird, Mary Beatty-Sharisky, and Susan Simpson (photographer).

The Arts Council collaborated with the Huntingdon County Humane Society on June 14th at the annual Celebration of the Arts. Approximately four hundred dollars was raised via bake sale donations. Special thanks to Susan Simpson, Shelby Nestler, Barb Galante, and Mary Beatty-Sharisky for their canine cookies and baked goods. All proceeds benefitted the Humane Society! The Arts Council applauds this continued collaboration with Lisa Boland, Shelter Manager, of the Huntingdon County Humane Society.



Special thanks to the following roster of volunteers from the Arts Council for their participation at the annual Folk College: Larry Mutti, Ginny Mutti, Maria Pettinger, Robin Binder Heath, Sally Frehn, Sally Kepple, Larry Closz, Fran Freeburg, Courtney Robinson, Susan Simpson, and Mary Beatty-Sharisky. Folk College participants were welcomed with a warm greeting and informational items at the onset of this widely recognized event starting on May 23.

Colerain Forge Mansion
Preserving History with a Touch of the Arts

In the northern part of Huntingdon County, and not far past Spruce Creek on the way to State College on Route 45, is the Colerain Forge Mansion. On a nearly 10 acre property, the historic mansion and grounds were the home of the ironmaster of the Colerain Forges for over 100 years and was built in four stages between the late 18th century and mid 19th century.

The mansion was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. According to the National Park Service, it is one of the few remaining ironmaster mansions “which retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling and association.” After the forge closed down, the mansion passed through multiple private owners, until eventually the house was sold in 1988 to Dorothy Gray Gurney, a historian and law professor from California.

Dorothy, author of *Women of the West*, was a pioneer in the fields of historic preservation and environmental protection, working her entire legal career to save these important cultural and environmental resources. Her husband, Hartley Gurney, worked by her side as a partner until his death in 2006. Together, they restored the mansion so that each room reflected the time period of its heyday, from the 1780s Hearth Kitchen to the 1840s Great Room.

Dorothy passed away in January 2022. Before her health began to seriously decline; however, she worked with her family to establish the Colerain Center for Education, Preservation and the Arts as a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation to honor the historic legacy of this property. In 2019, she donated the mansion and its grounds to the Colerain Center, so that it would be open to the public as a resource for educational programs celebrating the rich history of the region.

Of note, is that in the mid 1800s, the mansion was renowned as a place for music, theatre, and the arts in general. The Center is dedicated to reviving that tradition.

In recent years, the Center has been the home of Shakespeare plays, music performances, poetry readings, and artists in residency. Last year, after the Ruta Beggars performed at Folk College, they spent the following week at the Center and created their compelling music video *Taking My Time* on the Center grounds.



One of Colerain’s art programs was “Words and Music,” an event that paired poets with musicians. (Left to right): NattyLou Race, Erin Murphy, Jerry Zolten, Patricia Jabbeh Wesley, Michele Rosenblum, Jon Rounds, Andy Tolins, and Lee Peterson.



The main front room in the mansion is often used for indoor entertainment events.

Upcoming events include an artist residency and painting workshop with Lynn Margileth, archeology field workshops, and blacksmithing demonstrations. On July 26, the grounds will be the home of *Ukraine at Colerain*, a day of music, crafts, entertainment, children’s activities, and authentic Ukrainian food to celebrate Ukrainian culture.

Tours are available of the historic mansion and arts events are scheduled on a regular basis. For more information and to plan a visit, check out the website at coleraincenter.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 12:00 PM-5:00 PM

CELEBRATE
UKRAINE
AT COLERAIN

A PENNSYUKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

LIVE MUSIC - CRAFTS - ENTERTAINMENT
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
AUTHENTIC UKRAINIAN FOOD

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for an afternoon of fun, including special performances by RUSYA, STRINGS AND THUNDER, and RUMBLE AND SCREAM

FREE admission
DONATIONS welcome

Colerain Forges Mansion
4072 Spruce Creek Road
Spruce Creek, PA

All proceeds to benefit humanitarian aid organization for Ukraine Sister's Sister and Colerain Center

The Huntingdon County Arts Council is the hub for local arts and cultural activities. Check below to see what’s coming up. Have an idea for 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

July – September 2025

| When | What | Where | Details |
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| Thursday, June 19 to Saturday, September 6 | Jack Troy: By the Numbers | Juniata College Museum of Art | Jack Troy’s legendary career in ceramics |
| Wednesday, July 2 to Friday, August 22 | Echoes of History Exhibit | Juniata College Museum of Art | Works from Kari Roslund’s residency at Grove Farm |
| Wednesday, July 3 to Saturday, August 2 | Teacher and Student— Making Lasting Impressions through Oil Painting Exhibit | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Opening reception Thursday, July 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. |
| Thursday, July 17, 5-8 p.m. | Art Walk Huntingdon | Various locations in borough | Art activities for all ages |
| Thursday, July 17, 6-7 p.m. | Line Dancing | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Open to all |
| Tuesday, July 22, 7 p.m. | Community Summer Band | Sharrar House, Mt. Union | Donations appreciated |
| Thursday, July 24, 7 p.m. | Camera Club Meeting | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Open to all |
| Thursday, July 24, 7 p.m. | Community Summer Band | Blair Park, Huntingdon | Donations appreciated |
| Friday, July 25, 7 p.m. | Community Summer Band | Memorial Library, Alexandria | Donations appreciated |
| Friday, July 26, 12-5 p.m. | Ukraine at Colerain | Colerain Forge Mansion | See page 10 |
| Saturday, July 26, 1-5 p.m. | Oil Painting Workshop | Huntingdon County Arts Center | See page 6 |
| Saturday, August 2 | Submit entries to Huntingdon County Fair Art & Photo Dept. | Art Station Huntingdon County Fairgrounds | Drop off artwork from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Preregister at: entries.huntingdoncountyfair.com |
| Monday, August 4, 7 p.m. | Acoustic Music Jam | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Open to all |
| Tuesday, August 5, 7 p.m. | Jennifer Coffman Concert | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Admission by donation |
| Thursday, August 7 to Saturday, September 6 | The Eclectic Art of Tom Kepple Exhibit | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Opening reception Thursday, August 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. |
| Thursday, August 21, 5-8 p.m. | Art Walk Huntingdon | Various locations in borough | Art activities for all ages |
| Thursday, August 21, 6-7 p.m. | Line Dancing | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Open to all |
| Thursday, August 28, 7 p.m. | Camera Club Meeting | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Open to all |
| Monday, September 1, 7 p.m. | Acoustic Music Jam | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Open to all |
| Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, 25; October 2, 11, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (5-8 year olds), 5:45-6:45 p.m. (9-12 year olds) | Dance and Culture: Exploring Movement & Meaning | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Ann Van Kuren will led students to explore a variety of dance styles while building skills in movement, expression, and collaboration. See page 6 |
| Thursday, September 11 to Saturday, October 4 | Tutus & Toe Shoes ... The Inside Story! Exhibit | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Opening reception Thursday, September 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. |
| Friday, September 12 to Sunday, September 14 | Pennsylvania Folk Gathering | Camp Blue Diamond, Petersburg | Full details at folkgathering.com |
| Friday/Saturday, Sept 19, 20, 26, 27; Matinees Sept 21 & 28 | The Sensuous Senator | The Playhouse at McConnellstown | 7:30 p.m. Sunday Matinees 2 p.m. |
| Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m. | Ragtime Festival Musicians Concert | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Tickets \$25, \$20 Arts Council members & children |
| Thursday, Sept 18, 5-8 p.m. | Art Walk Huntingdon | Various locations in borough | Art activities for all ages |
| Thursday, Sept 18, 6-7 p.m. | Line Dancing | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Open to all |
| Saturday, Sept 20, 7 p.m. | Art Cat Jazz Club Featuring Stone Creek Blues | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Tickets \$40, \$35 Arts Council members |
| Thursday, Sept 25, 7 p.m. | Camera Club Meeting | Huntingdon County Arts Center | Open to all |

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



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Kari Roslund Studio Opens

The Kari Roslund Studio & Gallery opened on May 3. Located at 112 West Shirley Street, in Mount Union, the studio is the home of fiber artist Kari Roslund. As the name suggests, the space functions both as a gallery and a working studio.

It's a place to showcase and sell a range of creative work, including 2D and 3D art, jewelry, and hand-made goods. It also serves as her personal studio, where she creates, hosts classes, and holds monthly gatherings for fellow artists and creatives.

Over the summer, she will be operating with limited hours, so visits are best scheduled by appointment. Looking ahead to fall, Kari plans to launch new classes and introduce another special interest art group. She is excited about the opportunities for creative connection and collaboration.



The Huntingdon community enjoyed the much anticipated Summer Solstice Party at the effort and generosity of John and Angie Thompson) on June 20. On June 22, a performance by Lainey Albaugh, a former outstanding HAHS vocalist, showcased the vocal skills she has honed during her four years as an undergraduate vocal music student. Her program featured numbers from an operatic repertoire, musical theater, and pop tunes.

The Arts Council's concert schedule takes a mid-summer break until Tuesday, August 5, when Jennifer Coffman will come to the Arts Council stage to share a musically-diverse program, featuring everything from arias to music theatre (see page 5).

September cues up a couple more major musical offerings. The first is the three-day weekend event of Pennsylvania Folk Gathering to be held September 12-14, at Camp Blue Diamond. Registration is now open for the workshop-class portion of the event. The evening concerts are free and open to the public.

September will feature the annual Ragtime Festival, organized by Andrew Greene. Most of which takes place in Rockhill-Orbisonia over the weekend of September 19-21. As in prior years, the Festival will kick off with a tour-de-force performance on Thursday evening, September 18, at our **Arts Center** in Huntingdon. This concert has become an annual "don't miss it" event in Huntingdon since its debut at the **Arts Center** in September of 2023.

Larry Mutti

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were shared by students of the Huntingdon Dance Academy (thanks to Kristin Roberts of the Academy and to dance students Hope, Cora, and Patience), followed by *Picker and Papa* (Jim Kerhin and Gary Brubaker), and Matt Marsden and friends, Tony and Lydia. The afternoon's program was closed out by the local standout "folk band" *Open Timbre*, in front of an enthusiastic and appreciative audience of concert-goers.