

MONROE ARTS ALLIANCE

ART IN THE HILLS

Saturday, June 16, 2012 • 9 am ~ 5 pm

Mountain View School, Union, WV

A COUNTRY ART FAIR FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
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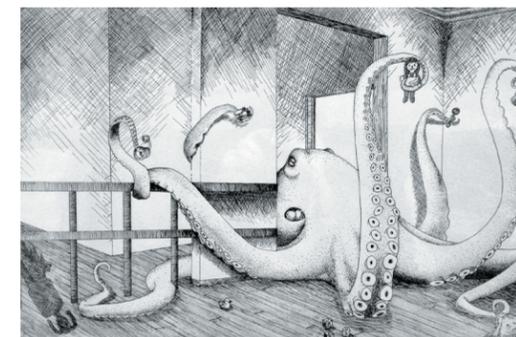
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Youth Art Show Celebrates Young Talent

The Arts Alliance's sixth annual Youth Art Show Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday, March 11th. The Monroe Motors Showroom in Union, WV, was a perfect venue for the display of more than 100 artworks and stories from students in Grades 5-12. Judges Ba Rea and Robin Wright for visual arts, and Belinda Anderson and Dr. Craig Mohler for creative writing, awarded a total of 32 prizes, complimenting all on the quality of work. More on pages 4 and 5.



Winners at the Awards Ceremony on March 11th are (L to R) First Row: Matthew Noel, Megan Noel, Katrina Garlitz, Connor Elliot, Joe Womack, Sam Womack, Angelica Buckland. Second Row: Matthew Meadows, Chris Meadows, Eli Judy, Allen Haag, Whitney Hunt, Abby Mullins.



Emma Baker, Grade 10, won several awards, among them Best of Show for "Invasion" (above); and First Place Acrylic for "Woman With a Parasol (after Monet)" (left)

Writing Contest Inspires Story-Tellers

The 2012 Writing Contest, whose deadline was April 6, 2012, yielded some fascinating stories about our county and its history. Though there were only 13 entries in the competition, the judges were impressed with the quality of the winning stories.

Winners were notified at the end of April, and all have agreed to see their stories published in the second edition of "Monroe County Tales."

Best of Show was awarded to Lisa Coburn, for her story "Jane's Legacy," about a part Cherokee/Shawnee girl who was adopted

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Nate Winebrimmer, Grade 5, received the Emerging Artist award for his pastels.

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THE ARTS

Board Notes

This year's Emeritus Luncheon was held at vice president Genevieve Gillen's studio on the Knobs outside of Union. It was a celebration of old board members and new and centered around planning the upcoming "Art in the Hills" event.

Genevieve's daffodils were in full splendor. She has planted more than 10,000 bulbs on her banks and hillsides, and the display in the bright sunshine, with 60-mile vistas as backdrop, was indeed stunning.

The potluck luncheon was wonderfully over the top, with salads, entrees and desserts to spare. Twelve guests and board members filled themselves to the brim before settling down to business. The purpose of these emeritus lunches is to call on the experience and talent of past board members, and this meeting proved to be a valuable example of that concept.

Many decisions regarding fund-raising, performance, scheduling and publicity were made, and everyone agreed that this second "Art in the Hills" festival will have a great impact on the local arts community.

New Board member Mark Taylor, his wife, Lori, and returning Board member Sheila Truby Johnson were welcomed and introduced to past Board members Bettye Earley, Helen Graves, Laurine Yates, and Robin Wright.

We were unable to apply for a WV Culture and History grant this year for "Art in the Hills," since moving the date to June excluded us from their next funding cycle. It was decided, instead, to seek sponsorships from members and local businesses and organizations to cover some of the expenses of the day-long festival. Response to our appeal to members has been exciting beyond expectation, and we are tremendously grateful for the loyalty and support of those who have underwritten the event.

ArtsUpdate is published three times each year in January, May and September and is mailed to Arts Alliance members. Additional copies are distributed to local businesses and organizations on request.

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This window sticker is being sent to all members and businesses that have contributed to the success of "Art in the Hills."

Spring Show by Monroe Fine Artists Featured New Work, New Faces

A growing group of talented painters and sculptors opened their Spring Exhibit on March 31st at the Monroe Motors Showroom in Union, WV. The work covered a broad range of styles and genres, and was enthusiastically received by a large audience throughout the two weeks of the show.

Harriet Kirby of Union was the winner of a \$50 Gift Certificate toward the purchase of a painting by any of the artists on exhibit.

The group will show next at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg from November 2 to December 23, 2012.

The Monroe Arts Alliance is pleased to offer support to this group and others that strengthens the creative community in our county.



The artists were on hand to greet visitors and discuss their work. From left: Genevieve Gillen, June Brdlik, Kenny Bostic, Joan Menard, Marianne Deaver, Jimithy McMahan, Brenja Doane, Sunny Williams, Jennifer McClung, David Wagner, Pat Fetty, Melissa Foster, Vernon Blankenship, Annabelle Rothe, Judith Bair, Cathy Johans, Jim Clewell. Not shown, Sheila Truby Johnson.

Join Us Today

Memberships are an essential part of the Arts Alliance's ability to fund arts activities and events each year. Thanks to all who have renewed or joined as new members. Members receive **ArtsUpdate** three times a year, discounts to paid performances, and timely notification through e-mail about up-coming events. Please consider joining the more than 100 individuals who support the arts in Monroe County.

Annual Giving Levels

Individual	\$15
Family	\$25
Fan	\$50
Star	\$100
Contributor	\$300
Sponsor	\$500 and above

MONROE ARTS ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

CIRCLE ONE: Individual \$15; Family \$25; Fan \$50; Star \$100; Contributor \$300; Sponsor \$500 and above.

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Donors at the Star level (\$100) and above will have their names included in performance programs. Please indicate how you would like your name(s) to appear: _____

The Monroe Arts Alliance is a 501C-3 non-profit organization. All membership contributions are fully deductible.

The Board of Directors meets monthly on
3RD SUNDAYS, 4 pm
 Meetings are currently held at
 Monroe County Public Library, Union, WV

The Monroe Arts Alliance is a member-driven 501C3 organization dedicated to the promotion and support of the arts and culture in Monroe County and the surrounding area. Your input and support are welcome.

The Monroe Arts Alliance is committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons and does not discriminate in any employment practice, education program or cultural activity on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion or any other basis prohibited by West Virginia or federal nondiscrimination laws.

All activities offered by the Monroe Arts Alliance are held in accessible locations. Accommodations for individuals with a disability are available upon request. Please contact the Monroe Arts Alliance at 304-772-4568.

Programs and initiatives of the Arts Alliance are partially funded through support from Fidelity Charitable Gifts, WV Culture and History, and the WV Commission on the Arts.

The Winners Are...

VISUAL ARTS

Grades 5 and 6

First: Matthew Noel, Grade 6, Homeschool, for "Strange Dream at Twilight"
 Second: Connor Elliott, Grade 6, Peterstown Middle School, for "Pac-Man"
 Third: Whitney Hunt, Grade 6, Peterstown Middle School, for "Chaos"
 Honorable Mention: Augustine Weikle, Grade 5, Mountain View, for "Garden"

Grades 7 and 8

First: Katrina Garlitz, Grade 7, Mountain View, for "Untitled"
 Second: Robert Bennett, Grade 8, Peterstown Middle School, for "The Blue Mountain"
 Third: Trinity Highlander, Grade 7, Mountain View, for "Diamonds"
 Honorable Mention: Megan Bailey, Grade 8, Peterstown Middle School, for "Snowy Day"

Grades 9-12 Pencil

First: Abby Mullins, Grade 12, JMHS, for "Twice the Sweet Swan Love"
 Second: Jacob Carden, Grade 10, JMHS, for "Guitar"
 Third: Matt Elmore, Grade 9, JMHS, for "Dirt Bike"

Grades 9-12 Pen and Ink

First: Emma Baker, Grade 10, JMHS, for "Invasion"
 Second: Emma Baker, Grade 10, JMHS, for "Untitled"
 Third: Brian Jones, Grade 9, JMHS, for "Bird Watching"
 Honorable Mention: Allen Haag, Grade 10, JMHS, for "Father/Son"

Grades 9-12 Colored Drawing/Mixed Media

First: Tyler Gray, Grade 11, JMHS, for "Majestic Shark in Water"
 Second: Ashton Harvey, Grade 12, JMHS, for "Shooting Star"
 Third: Emma Baker, Grade 10, JMHS, for "Studio Apartment"
 Honorable Mention: Jacob Carden, Grade 10, JMHS, for "The Mist"

Grades 9-12 Watercolor

First: Garrett Mann, Grade 11, JMHS, for "Cherry Waves"
 Second: Eli Judy, Grade 10, JMHS, for "Koi"
 Third: Tiffany Lowe, Grade 10, JMHS, for "The Sunflower"

Grades 9-12 Acrylic

First: Emma Baker, Grade 10, JMHS, for "Woman With a Parasol (after Monet)"
 Second: Angelica Buckland, Grade 10, JMHS, for "Bridge (after Monet)"
 Third: Tasha Johnson, Grade 12, JMHS, for "Three Wise Men"

BEST OF SHOW – Visual Arts

Emma Baker, Grade 10, JMHS, for "Invasion"

CREATIVE WRITING

Grades 5 – 8

First: Matthew Meadows, Grade 7, Peterstown Middle, for "If These Walls Could Talk"
 Second: Samuel Womack, Grade 7, Peterstown Middle, for "A Day in the Life of a Zombie"
 Honorable Mention: Megan Noel, Grade 5, Homeschool, "Night Light"

Grades 9 – 12

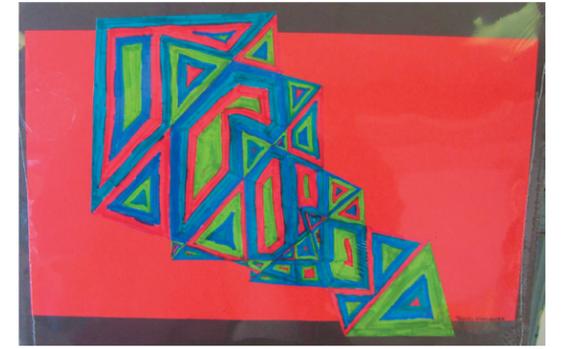
First: Chris Meadows, Grade 11, JMHS, for "My Winter List"
 Second: Joseph Womack, Grade 9, JMHS for "Spy Story"

BEST OF SHOW – Creative Writing

Chris Meadows, Grade 11, JMHS, for "Fall Time in the Mountains"



YOUTH ART SHOW



Clockwise from top left: Matthew Noel's "Strange Dreams at Twilight;" Trinity Highlander's "Diamonds;" Matthew and Chris Meadows discuss their creative writing entries with Belinda Anderson; "Parrot" by Nate Winebrimmer; "The Blue Mountain" by Robert Bennett; "Cherry Waves" by Garrett Mann; "Untitled" by Katrina Garlitz.



Thanks to...

Lucy Taylor, Art Teacher, JMHS; Sharon Pitzer, Art Teacher, Mountain View, Christen Porterfield, Art Teacher, Peterstown Middle, for their work as the Youth Art Show Committee, and especially for their time in helping to prepare the artwork.

Ba Rea and Robin Wright for their thoughtful work as judges of the visual art entries.

Belinda Anderson and Craig Mohler for judging the Creative Writing entries.

Joan Menard for curating and hanging of the show, and the Shiflet family for use of the Monroe Motors Showroom for the exhibit. Also to Jim Clewell for the frame that held the Youth Art Show sign, which was created by Lucy Taylor's students at JMHS, and to the staffs of Monroe County Public Library and Peterstown Public Library for their cooperation in receiving and displaying the work.

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History and the WV Commission on the Arts for a grant in support of the 2012 Youth Art Show. Their generosity makes it possible for us to share this report with all students who entered the Youth Art Show.

“Art in the Hills” Takes a Bigger, Better Shape

The second annual “Art in the Hills” festival, celebrating the arts and local artists and artisans, will be held at Mountain View School, Union, on Saturday, June 16, 2012. This year, the festival will run from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, with a full schedule of workshops, contests, demonstrations and performances throughout the day.

There will be several new food booths from local restaurants and organizations to ensure that visitors have a broad range of good old country cooking to choose from, and many new arts and crafts exhibitors displaying and selling their work.

Morning performances will include readings by winners of the Arts Alliances 2012 Writing Contest, an open mike and music from our Art Scholarship students and instructors.

We expect to have flower arranging demonstrations, a kids’ drawing contest, Ba Rea’s Monarch Magic workshop and more scheduled for the morning hours between 10 and 12. The second edition of “Monroe County Tales” will be assembled by authors and volunteers on site, and will be offered for sale at \$5.00 per copy.

Highlights of the afternoon will be music and stories by Jimmy Costa, a concert by award-winning fiddler Jake Krack, a folk dance demonstration by Don Dransfield and Kay Davis of WV Extension, and a wrap-up concert and square dance by Monroe County’s own Hans Creek String Band, with caller Charles Larew.

There will be surprises galore throughout the day. We hope to see all of our loyal members and encourage you to invite family and friends for a unique opportunity to experience and participate in this free country arts fair.



Jimmy Costa, old time musician, is a legend in the making. He still lives in the area where he was born and raised, near Hinton, WV. His musical talents began to develop while he was still in high school. Along with them grew a deep and abiding interest in the ways of yesterday, and the instincts of the born collector. A visit to Jimmy’s log cabin home is a visit to a living museum.

Proficient on fiddle, guitar and banjo, and an accomplished storyteller as well, Jimmy is probably best known for his banjo renditions of Uncle Dave Macon songs. Playing a banjo that he researched and had made as an accurate replica of one of Macon’s banjos, Jimmy performs the songs—and the twirling tricks—that Macon liked to punctuate his act with.

Catch Jimmy Costa at 2:00 pm on the Mountain View stage and enjoy the songs that West Virginia is known for, along with some well-turned tales of yesterday and today.

Fiddlin’ Jake Krack has won more old time fiddling contests in recent years than anyone could imagine: Galax, Mt. Airy, Sparta, Ashville and more, both individually and as a member of the Whooping Holler String Band.

At 26, Jake has already done compilations for the Smithsonian, including his own CD, *Jake’s Ramble*. A graduate of Berea College, he lives in Orma, WV, where he also has a shop called Krack’s Fiddle Shop.

This is a rare opportunity to see and hear a master fiddler in the making.

The Hans Creek String Band regrouped about two years ago, when Steve and Vicki Mann, from the Dry Creek-Ballard area, joined the group. They love to play bluegrass, and along with Stanley Asbury on guitar and Bert Ellison on banjo, they play for private parties, weddings, square dances and gospel shows. They’ll play some country songs with a little touch of bluegrass, and Charles Larew will join them to call a few square dances, so bring your dancing shoes!



ArtsCalendar

MAY - AUGUST

Tuesday, May 15 DEADLINE for registration of artists and artisans in “Art in the Hills” arts and crafts show and sale. Also deadline for food vendors. A great opportunity to showcase your skills and talents. No set up fee, no commission.

Thursday, May 17 MAA Board Meeting, 4:00 pm at Monroe County Public Library

Friday, June 1 “Photograph Monroe County” Exhibit Opening, 6:00 pm, Monroe Motors Showroom, Union, WV

Judges are Robin Wright and Sunny Carroll. Awards will be presented, and light refreshments served.

Saturday, June 2 FARMERS DAY PARADE and other activities, Main Stret, Union. A celebration of our rural heritage not to be missed.

Saturday June 16 “Art in the Hills” Festival. A country art fair for the whole family. Music, dance, visual arts, performance and spoken word. Come to spectate or come to get creative. Many workshops, contests and demonstrations to compliment the best in Appalachian music.

9:00 am Festival Opens

9:30 am Bookmaking Workshop (Monroe County Tales) and readings from the 2012 Writing Contest

10:00 Monarch Magic

10 - 12 Drawing and Coloring Contest, Ages 4-15

11:00 Flower Arranging

12:00 Strum Sum Band from White Sulphur Springs

1:00 Jimmy Costa, songs and stories

2:00 Jake Krack, old time fiddle

3:00 Folk Dancing Workshop

4:00 Hans Creek String Band with Charles Larew, caller

and plenty more!

ARTISTS AT THE MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

May Jim Clewell, oils and pastels

June Annabell Rothe, painting

July Burke Shires, photography

August Kenny Bostic, paintings and crafts

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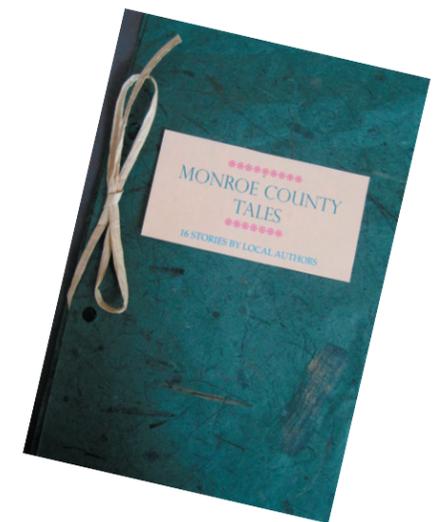
In the **Life Stories** category, first place went to Marti Minogue for “The Greening of Leo’s Grave,” a paean to spring and special animals.

In the **Fiction** category, the judges chose two stories by Stephen Weir (writing as Willis Campbell, the name of his grandfather). “Mailing Trudy” took first place with a tale based on true events at the Greenville post office almost 100 years ago. “Declaration of Independence” won second place. It is a dramatic description of domestic violence.

The remaining categories were grouped together, and first place was given to Shirley Walker’s “The Gift.”

Because of the limited number of entries, prizes were not awarded in all categories.

Winners will be reading from their work at the “Art in the Hills” event in June. The Arts Alliance will also have a workshop that morning to assemble the second edition of “Monroe County Tales,” containing these stories and others, some from the Youth Art Show Creative Writing contest. The book will be on sale throughout the day, and proceeds from the sale will support future writing contests and workshops.



Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist in the assembly of “Monroe County Tales” will be given a complimentary copy. Please call Judith Bair at 304-772-4568 to sign up.