

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS GOING FULL-SPEED

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who have already renewed their Arts Alliance membership for 2009, and a special thanks to those who have become members for the first time.

It is not too late to join our growing and enthusiastic membership. Every contribution helps us provide new and on-going cultural programming to children and adults throughout the county.

A membership application is provided on the reverse for your convenience. Please fill it out and return with your tax-deductible contribution to

Evelyn Hansbarger, Treasurer
MONROE ARTS ALLIANCE
550 Rowan Road
Gap Mills, WV 24941

Members are encouraged to attend meetings and provide ideas for programming. We can be reached by e-mail at info@monroeartsalliance.org, or contact us by phone at 304-772-4568.

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www.monroeartsalliance.org
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NEW MEETING TIME

**TO ACCOMMODATE MEMBERS WHO WORK,
THE BOARD HAS RESCHEDULED ITS
MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR**

3RD SUNDAYS, 3 PM
MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY HELD AT
EPISCOPAL HOUSE, 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 support is welcome.



ARE YOU CURIOUS? TRY OUT OUR GREAT COURSES PROJECT

A relaxed and intriguing way to learn new ideas and discuss them with your friends and neighbors, the Great Courses Project at the Monroe County Public Library will bring university-level lectures and subject matter to anyone interested in signing up for a course like:

Museum Masterpieces: The Louvre: What makes a masterpiece? How did the Louvre evolve as a museum? Explore well-known and hidden gems with art critic and historian Richard Brettell. (12 DVD lectures; 6 weeks)

Questions of Value. How do we know right from wrong? How and why do cultures differ in their value systems? What is the value of a human life? Provocative lectures by Patrick Grim, SUNY Stony Brook on the subject of ethics and morality. (24 DVD lectures; 12 weeks)

A Brief History of the World. From the development of agriculture to economic globalization, from east to west, from trade to religion, a compelling overview of the human experience.. (36 DVD lectures; 18 weeks.)

To sign up for any or all of these offerings, call 772-3038 or 772-4568. The most popular course will be presented first, Thursday evenings 7 to 9, two 30-minute lectures with discussion. We expect to begin mid-March. Other evenings may be scheduled.

A SALUTE TO DORIS McCURDY

If you don't know Doris, you're probably from another county. Librarian at the Monroe County Public Library for 21 years now, Doris McCurdy has made an enormous contribution to the education and enjoyment of thousands of people of all ages through her love of books and her willingness to bring new ideas and programs to the library.



The Arts Alliance is particularly grateful for the support and encouragement Doris brings to programs like the Youth Art Show, and our new joint effort, the Great Courses Project.

On her own, Doris has invited local artists to display their work at the library, giving them the opportunity to share their talents with the public. She teaches computer literacy on Thursdays for three two-hour sessions, including Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and basic Internet searches. For students interested in Quicken, she teaches the course and will give them a free software program at its completion while supplies last.

Doris is a talented quilter, and 16-year charter member of the Mountain Heritage Historical Quilt Guild of Southwest Virginia. She is also a member of the Greenville Ruritan and the Union Chamber of Commerce.

Doris and her husband Bryan live on Lillydale Road. Their son, Patrick (Cully), is a wildlife manager at the Rimel Wildlife Area in Pocahontas County.

Thank you, Doris, for all you do.

MONROE ARTS ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: Individual \$15; Family \$25; Fan \$26-99; Star \$100-299; Contributor \$300-499; Sponsor \$500-999; Patron \$1,000 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.

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GET YOUR CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE YOUTH ART SHOW

**PAINTING! PHOTOGRAPHY!
DRAWING! POTTERY! SCULPTURE!
CREATIVE WRITING!**

All Monroe County students are eligible to enter the 3rd Annual Arts Alliance Youth Art Show to be held in March in conjunction with National Youth Art Month. Judging will be done by grade levels as follows:

Visual Arts: K-3, 4-8, 9-12

Creative Writing: 4-6, 8-10, 11-12

All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form, available at the schools, and the libraries in Union and Peterstown. Home-schoolers should have received entry forms and criteria in the mail. Additional forms can be downloaded at our Web site.

All work must be original and created within the last 12 months. Visual arts will be judged based on originality, use of materials, composition and overall artistic quality. Creative writing (poems, essays, stories, etc.), will be judged on creativity, organization and flow of ideas, and overall artistic merit. Prose writing should be a minimum of 200 words, typed double-space and spell-checked.

Prizes will be awarded in each grade group and all work will be on display at the Monroe County Public Library from March 1 through 31. A reception and awards ceremony will be held Sunday, March 1, at the library from 3 to 5 pm.

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES;
FRIDAY, FEB.6, 2009**

Work can be dropped at the libraries for framing and judging anytime prior to the deadline.