

## OUR WEB SITE IS GROWING!

Thanks to the efforts of member Richard McRoberts, the Monroe Arts Alliance Web site has many added features. In addition to current information about our programs and initiatives, you can now:

- take our interest poll on-line
- renew your membership
- find downloadable forms and applications for our mini-grants and scholarship programs.
- contact us at [info@monroeartsalliance.org](mailto:info@monroeartsalliance.org)

Let us know what other information or features would be helpful to you.

## NEW MEETING TIME FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 3RD THURSDAYS, 3 PM

MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY HELD AT  
EPISCOPAL HOUSE, UNION, WV  
MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND  
SHARE THEIR INTERESTS AND CONCERNS



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.



WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THE ARTS

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING OR TEACHING AN ARTS-RELATED SUBJECT?

The Monroe Arts Alliance is in the process of expanding its arts scholarship program to include all arts disciplines, including music, dance, theater, visual arts and fine crafts. We are seeking applications from interested students and instructors in Monroe County.

The program is open to students of all ages who reside in Monroe County and who demonstrate aptitude, interest and would not otherwise be able to afford private or group instruction. Instructors must reside within a 25-mile radius of Monroe County and will be selected based on their qualifications, interest and experience in teaching their discipline.

The program has a start-up date of January 1, 2010, but it is important to be able to review applications and make scholarship awards before that date. Full criteria and applications are available on-line at our Web site for both students and instructors, or can be requested by phone at 304-772-4568.

Please pass the word about this program to your family and neighbors. We look forward to encouraging the growth of talent and vitalizing the cultural life of the county through this initiative.

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**[www.monroeartsalliance.org](http://www.monroeartsalliance.org)**  
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## “FROM MONET TO VAN GOGH”

Beginning Thursday, October 1, the Great Courses program will offer a 12-week course on the history of Impressionism entitled “From Monet to Van Gogh: The History of Impressionism.” The courses are held in the Marty Banks meeting room on the lower level of the Monroe County Public Library at 7 pm each Thursday evening. Two 30-minute lectures are presented each evening, with time for discussion afterward.

“Professor Richard Brettell of the University of Texas at Dallas, creates a vivid, “virtual” museum through which to appreciate the genius and enduring accomplishments of the Impressionists: the men and women who, in a few short decades, forever changed the art of painting,” according to the Teaching Company.

“We will take a chronological, and oftentimes biographical, approach to studying the artists rather than looking at each career separately,” says Professor Brettell. “As the life and career of each painter unfolds, we are introduced to their families, friends, and colleagues, all of whom become subjects in and influences on their work. The careers of many of the artists are discussed from their early exposure to art, their teachers, travels, and later stylistic influences.”

Join us for this award-winning program, made possible through an anonymous donation to the Monroe Arts Alliance. The Monroe County Library is a co-sponsor of this project. The courses are free and open to the community. For those attendees who would like a printed course outline, the charge is \$6.00. Contact Doris at 304-772-3038 to enroll.

## PAINTING DONATED TO BENEFIT ALLIANCE PROGRAMS

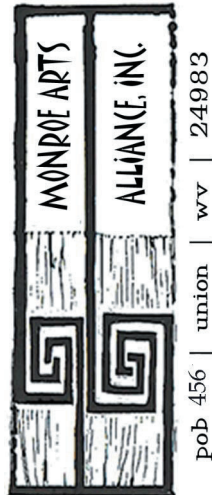
An original oil painting by Judith Bair has been donated to the Arts Alliance to be sold through raffle for the benefit of program funding.

The painting is a landscape of the view toward Peters Mountain from Keenan, WV., titled "The Lay of the Land." It is 20"H x 36"W, and is simply framed with gilded gallery strips. This painting is featured on the cover of the 2010 Monroe County calendar, and represents the month of August.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Only 500 tickets will be printed. The painting will be on display at the Autumn Harvest Festival, Sept. 25-26, and tickets will be sold there and at other Monroe Arts Alliance events, or can be ordered by phone at 304-772-4568.

The raffle drawing will be held December 1, 2009. This is a good way to support the Arts Alliance and perhaps win an original work of art by an established county artist.

**Volunteers are needed.** If you are willing to take 12-24 tickets for sale in your part of the county, we will provide you with a color reproduction of the painting to show to your neighbors, along with information about the raffle and an envelope for the stubs and proceeds. Please call us at **304-772-4568** to volunteer a few moments of your time in support of our programs.



SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

## NOTICE

**The previously announced "JAMBOREE" scheduled for October 3rd at the Larew Farm in Greenville has been cancelled.**

**We hope to reschedule this community event in the near future.**

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## 2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SCHEDULED

The Board of Directors is planning its 2010 membership drive. Renewal letters will be mailed to members starting in mid-November. As you know, memberships are our main source of funding for programs and events. Your support is always appreciated and we look forward to a continuing relationship. We encourage your input about our programs and welcome new initiatives that will stimulate the cultural vitality of our county.

## HOLIDAY CONCERT PLANNING

If you would like to be involved in planning or performing at our annual holiday concert in early December, please contact us via the Web site or at 304-772-4568.