



About the Arts

An Occasional Newsletter

Community Arts Center Project!!

In keeping with its mission to further the cultural, educational, and economic growth of Caroline County through community arts development, the Caroline County Council of Arts (CCCA) is pleased with the progress of its Community Arts Center project. In December, the CCCA acquired the 401 Market Street building in Denton to house a community art gallery and other art center services. Renovations have been underway ever since. The executive offices of the CCCA

will soon be relocated to the building with the hopes that the gallery will be open to the public this Fall. During the 2nd annual Community Arts Block Party, held on June 28th, the public was able to preview the extensive renovations. Fundraising efforts are continuing to help cover the expense of this capital project, including the "Paint a Tile" campaign with close to 100 tiles painted so far. Volunteer work parties are



now being organized for landscaping and interior restoration work in September. Contact the CCCA office to sign up, 410-479-1009. Get involved!

Special Summerfest Edition
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A Word From CCCA President, James D. McPherson

Last year I declared that to have been chosen as president of The Caroline County Council of Arts, Inc. (CCCA) was a great honor. Indeed it was! But now that I have served for a full year in office, I find that it has been an even greater honor to be associated with the great folks who are the Board of Directors. These are the people who make it work. They get things done ... with class! A glance at a list of our programs and events that the Arts Council has sponsored or funded will provide the proof of this statement. The CCCA functions as a collection of committees. The President appoints, and the Board approves. Each committee then selects its Chairman and then they proceed to get the job done. Since last *Summerfest* we have sponsored four (4) local art exhibitions including the annual *Youth Art Show*. We

held our first and second *Community Arts Block Party*. Good times were had at our annual *Celtic Gathering* while the annual *Robert Burns Supper* drew an over flow crowd. The *Short Story Contest* was a huge success and *Second Story Live* presented five (5) fantastic performances. Our *Performing Arts Series* brought a group of excellent entertainers to the County with four (4) free performances at the Central Library stage. With a hotdog, a soda, and great entertainment, *Noontunes* provided a nice way to spend four (4) Fridays in May. The Arts Council will, of course, continue and expand these programs, adding new ones when appropriate. I believe that our greatest accomplishment during the past year was the phenomenal progress that has been made on the renovation of the historic Wilson's

Foundry Dwelling located at 401 Market Street in Denton. Records show that the building was erected circa 1847. Our architectural historian advises us that the building contains elements from older buildings, possibly dating back to 1810. We have salvaged much of the old lumber and some local artists have been turning bowls and bottle stoppers, as well as clocks and desk accessories, to be sold to raise funds. The exterior work on the structure will be essentially complete with the impending installation of new windows and a front door. Plumbing, electrical, HVAC and sprinkler systems are complete and inspected. The interior is ready for the installation of the lower level flooring. I hope for your continued support of the CCCA and its many projects as we take the next steps in our continuing quest for excellence in our service to Caroline County.

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The 3rd Annual Celtic Gathering is set for Saturday, October 4th



The first Saturday in October marks our annual Celtic Gathering event. Held at the historic Bryant-Todd House in Denton, guests will enjoy the beautiful waterfront setting while being treated to an array of traditional Celtic "grub" including meat pies, fish & chips, and Guinness beef stew. Live traditional Celtic music by the *Boys of*

Bay Hundred will fill the air and our local piper, Brian Pierman will again honor us with his bagpipes. Guests are invited to perform their own party pieces and join in an end-of-evening sing along. This unique experience is just \$25 and proceeds will benefit Arts Council programs.



3rd Annual Celtic Gathering

4pm Saturday, October 4, 2008
Bryant-Todd House 119 Gay St, Denton
\$25 per person donation.
Reservations required
Contact 410-479-1009 or
ccartscouncil@verizon.net

Don't Miss Second Story Live!

Located on the second story stage of the Caroline County Public Library in Denton, this series features nationally known performers and singer/songwriters. Featured performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10; Members \$9; Students \$5. Tickets available at the door starting at 6:45 p.m. Coffee, tea, and dessert refreshments for sale by the *Friends of the Library*. **The 2008/2009 schedule includes:**
Sep. 27th- Burning Bridget Cleary, Irish tunes, percussion, spontaneous step dancing, whistling, singing and giggling. Celtic music with award winning teen fiddle players Genna & Rose with Rose's dad Lou for an evening of high energy twin Irish fiddles and guitar.



Oct. 25th- Lea with Wilpower
Last season Lea wowed all of us with a performance at Summerfest and an amazing solo performance at Second Story. She returns with Will Henderson on bass and Doug Alan Wilcox on percussion and vocals.

Nov. 15th- Ruut & Naked Blue, Influenced by Tori Amos, Carole King, and Shawn Colvin, songwriter and pianist Ruut is backed on guitar by Scott and on cello by Jen of NAKED BLUE. "Ruut lives and breathes music... she has a natural ability for grasping the human spirit with her earnest lyrics and rolling piano chords..." -- American Superstar Magazine.



2ND STORY coffeehouse LIVE concert series

Jan. 31st- Joe Crookston. Joe is equally talented on guitar, banjo, fiddle & even accordion. "Versatile songwriting, excellent musicianship and a charismatic stage presence should earn him a permanent



place on the national folk scene". -- Sing Out! Magazine.

Feb. 28th- Bob Sima. Bob comes to us with a smile, a positive upbeat presence and a suitcase full of tuneful original songs and stories that will make you laugh and cry and go home humming his melodies.

Mar. 28th- Little Toby Walker. He learned the blues, rag, folk and American roots music at the feet of authentic masters such as James "Son" Thomas, Etta Baker, and R.L Burnside. The award winning guitarist and songwriter shares his songs and stories of the road. An American treasure.



The Mark Grande Arts Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund is administered by the Arts Council in honor of Mark Grande, who served as the Arts Council's Executive Director before his untimely death in 2005. Being a talented musician and photographer, Mark helped shape the Arts Council from the artists' viewpoint as well as from a member and director's perspective. In addition to his duties as executive director, he poured his heart and soul into our community, volunteering his time and considerable talents to many organizations. As he did so much for the community, our hope is that, in supporting the higher education of future artists, Mark's memory and contributions to the artistic community will continue on.

This year the Arts Council awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, who are planning to study performing or visual arts at college in the Fall. The 2nd annual recipients of the Mark Grande Arts Scholarship are Andrew Largent (NCHS) and Laura Richardson (CRHS). Anyone interested in contributing to the Mark Grande Arts Scholarship Fund may send their donation to:

Caroline County Council of Arts, Inc.
P.O. Box 292,, Denton, MD 21629
All donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information call 410-479-1009 or visit us at Carolinearts.org



Formerly known as *Carnival*, the Performing Arts Series, **PAS**, brings a rich variety of entertainment to the residents of Caroline County. These **free** performances are held at various venues throughout the county, and offer fun for the whole family! From brass, jazz, blues, and classical musicians to comedians, dancers, circus acts, and more, these critically acclaimed performances are

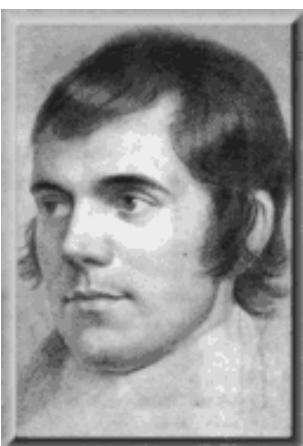
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a "must see". This year, all **PAS** performances will be held at the Central Library- 100 Market St. Denton on Fridays at 7pm. This season's 2008/2009 series presents:



Feb. 7th Ferko String Band Since 1922, the Joseph A. Ferko String Band has been entertaining audiences the world over, 20 musicians from Philadelphia playing Mummer's Parade style on stage and down the aisles! **Mar. 13th Katherine Needleman & Amy Klosterman** Katherine Needleman, Principal Oboist of the Baltimore

Symphony Orchestra and Amy Klosterman, pianist and active chamber musician in the Baltimore-Washington area, perform an oboe & piano recital. For more info & updates call 410-479-1009 or visit www.carolinearts.org.



The Eighth Annual Burns Supper will take place on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Caroline Country Club in Denton. This will be, once again, an authentic,

historically accurate Scottish function. It will not be a pipe band concert or a children's dancing school recital as many American Scottish programs are. We will accurately duplicate that Scottish tradition

The Eighth Annual Robert Burns Supper

now more than 200 years old which includes the *Toast to the Immortal Memory*, the *Toast to the Lassies* followed by a *Reply from the Lassies*. Of course, the Haggis will duly honored. The *Immortal Memory* will be proposed by our very own board president, James Dunbar McPherson. A noted Burns scholar, Mr. McPherson has given over 120 toasts in Scotland, England, Canada, and the U.S. He is frequently called upon to speak at international conferences and has been chairman of our Annual Robert Burns Supper ever since he initiated it eight years ago. The Haggis will be piped into the hall with much pomp and ceremony and will be suitably addressed and toasted by Cdr. Andrew Mackel, USN, Ret. It will be served with *neeps and tatties* and perhaps a *wee*

drap o' guid whiskey. This year, Caroline County residents, James and Diana Lapsley have the honor of performing the *Toast to* and the *Reply from the Lassies*, a traditional tongue-in-cheek roasting of the opposite gender. With Mr. Lapsley's Jamaican wit and Mrs. Lapsley's English charm, they are sure to be entertaining. Guests will also be treated to Scottish songs and music as well as some great Burns poetry, wit, and much, much more! There will be a cash bar and we will offer our now famous, all you care to eat four course buffet. Space is limited so be sure to reserve your seat today! The cost is \$36 per person (only \$1 more than last year). For tickets call the CCCA office 410 479 1009, or visit www.carolinearts.org for the latest information and updates.

The 7th Annual Short Story Contest : Calling all Artists! (incl. performers)

Gear up for some great story writing. Whether you want to write a story of your own or hear some great stories read aloud, the CCCA has it covered for you. The 7th Annual Short Story happens in 2009. Entries will be accepted at any Caroline County Public Library between January 15 and April 18, 2009. Independent judges will read all the stories and select the winners in several age categories. Cash prizes and plaques will be awarded to each winner. On the other hand, if you prefer to hear good stories, don't miss the Literary Reception where the first place winners will read their prize stories aloud. Light refreshments will be served. Escape into the world of short stories. Information, updates, and entry forms will be available on our website, carolinearts.org.

Register with us to receive updates and artist specific mailings. Registration is free and will include you in our Artist Directory which is available to the public online at our website, carolinearts.org. Our website also contains an "Artist Corner" section that list links and resources for artists including current calls for artists, contests, grant opportunities and workshops. Registered artists will also have the opportunity to be involved in the programming of our Community Arts Center and Gallery space and other public art projects within the County. Our Artist Registry is open to visual artists, artisans, crafters, photographers, musicians, performers, vocal artists, graphic artists, and literary artists who reside or do a significant amount of artwork in Caroline County. Call 410-479-1009 for info.

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CCCA Art Grant Awards for 2007/2008

Arts in Education \$ 6,638

Summerfest \$11,500

Rec & Parks Art & Drama Classes \$ 2,700

Linchester Mill Arts & Music Festival \$ 2,500

Friday "Nites" at the Library \$ 2,100

Denton Spring Gala & Christmas \$ 2,000

Greensboro Trading Co. Art Classes \$ 2,000

Federalsburg Extravaganza \$ 1,000

Other Art Grants \$ 2,525

Total 2007/2008 Art Grants \$32,963

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