



# Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

P.O. Box 660, Northville, New York 12134

Promoting the Arts throughout the Sacandaga Region

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

December 6, 2010

I hope that all of you have had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are enjoying the holiday season with family and friends.

As with each fall, the SVAN board and committee chairs have been very busy with planning, grant writing and budgeting for this next exciting year of bringing the arts and entertainment to our members and community. Due to the growth of SVAN's venues and offerings we have submitted a record number of grant requests for 2011.

As SVAN grows and expands, it is important that the board look closely at what is best for SVAN the organization, as well as our members. It has been suggested and mentioned many times that SVAN should open an arts center. While this would be a wonderful benefit to the community and to SVAN, it would also be a huge organizational commitment. Therefore, in 2010 one of our members, Rick Reffitt conducted a Needs Analysis and Feasibility Study regarding the need for a SVAN Arts Center and presented this study to the board. The board will be reviewing this study and will keep you, the SVAN members, informed of the evaluation process.

To help facilitate with the planning and growth initiatives of SVAN, Rick and I represented SVAN by participating in a "Thinking Strategically" workshop at the Adirondack Lake Center for the Arts in Blue Mountain Lake. The workshop was very interesting, thought provoking, and stimulating. The workshop instructor clarified the importance of SVAN developing a short and long term strategic plan, whether SVAN establishes a new arts center or remains a decentralized organization.

To continue SVAN's assessment and revitalization of the board, the SVAN Board members will also be attending our first Organizational and Administration Planning Retreat.

### **Fulfilling the SVAN Mission with New Venues**

SVAN's mission is to *"Improve the quality, quantity and diversity of cultural programming throughout the Sacandaga region"* and to help fulfill this mission we have expanded our music venues to include the Towns of Benson and Day. This winter we will enjoy coffee house concerts in not only Northville but also at the Lapland Nordic Ski Center in the Town of Benson and at the Community Center in the Town of Day.

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## **SVAN Cabin Fever Workshops Announced**

Our Workshop Chair, Laura Ginter has been working very hard in expanding the SVAN Workshop Program. Following is a message from Laura.

It is almost here. That time during January, February March, and sometimes even into April, when Adirondackers begin to get it. And we dread it, because we know it is coming. It's CABIN FEVER!! Wisely, the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network has developed the cure for those long, cold wintry days and nights. It's our CABIN FEVER WORKSHOPS, made especially to ease the urge to run outside and scream "I NEED SOMETHING TO DO, AND I NEED TO DO IT NOW!!"

These workshops are also great Christmas presents for you to share with your family members and friends. Sign up early because class sizes are limited. Visit SVAN's website at SVANarts.org to choose a workshop(s). You may register on line using your credit card on PayPal, or fill out the registration form and mail the form with your payment to Mary Ann Evans, SVAN, PO Box 660, Northville, NY 12134.

The January and February workshops are listed at the end of this document. Watch for the brochure, flyers and posters for upcoming workshops. If you have any questions, you may call the instructor listed or Laura at 863-4145.

## **Presentation by Carl Heilman, Nature Photographer**

On November 5 SVAN sponsored a wonderful digital multi-image presentation entitled "I Am the Adirondacks" by the very talented nature photographer, Carl Heilman. The presentation was held at the Fulton Montgomery Community College with support from the FMCC Art Guild to a sold out standing room only audience. SVAN is very grateful to St. Mary's Hospital for their support and generous donation for partially underwriting this spectacular event. The evening began with a lovely reception followed by the video presentation by Carl and live musical entertainment provided by Adirondack Folk Musician, Dan Berggren. After the entertainment people happily stood in line for a book signing and for the purchase of art products and CD's by Carl and Dan. For more details please go to our website for the after event article about this moving and exhilarating presentation.

## **Visual Arts - Vail Mills**

Linda Hinkle, Vail Mills Visual Art Chair hosted a beautiful open house and sale. The following is a message is from Linda.

The SVAN Artists' Gallery held it first *Holiday Open House and Sale* on Saturday, December 4, in the Fulton County Visitor Center in Vail Mills. Twelve artists were on hand to talk with shoppers and also present additional pieces of artwork and gift items available for sale. There was a steady stream of visitors throughout the day, many stopping at the gallery for their first time and pleased to learn that it is open year round with a rotating display of artwork. An additional benefit mentioned by the artists was the opportunity to talk with one another between customers, sharing stories and information, getting to better know one another, and coming up with program ideas for the future! Thanks to everyone who participated and to everyone who stopped by!! And a special thank you to the Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce and its wonderful visitor center staff, Eunie and Bill, who supported and helped us before, during and after this inaugural event!!

## **SVAN Adirondack Quilt**

The beautiful SVAN Hand Appliquéd and Hand Quilted “**Adirondack Outhouses**” quilt is in the process of being quilted and will be available for display and raffle ticket sells at our winter coffee house concerts.

The next *Quilters Meeting* is planned for 10:00 AM on Saturday January 22 at the Bradt Building in Northville. The purpose of the meeting is for the quilters to view their labor of love, the completed “Adirondack Outhouses quilt”. Each quilter who worked on the quilt will receive a beautiful poster of the quilt to add to her collection.

During the January 22nd meeting the quilters will choose the 2012 quilt theme and develop the meeting schedule. All quilters that have previously worked on a SVAN quilt and anyone interested in working on the 2012 quilt are invited to attend. Beverages and refreshments will be served. Please contact JoAnne at 863-8440 or Barb at 661-6248. You may learn more about and view the beautiful quilts of the past 11 years, on SVAN’s website [www.SVANarts.org](http://www.SVANarts.org) under SVAN Quilts.

## **Meet the Artists**

The Visual Arts committee has modified the mid-winter exhibition schedule. Please visit the SVAN website for future Meet the Artist, schedules, artists and reception dates. Gallery hours are the same as the hours of the Northville Library.

*Robert Furda’s* exhibition will be from December 1 through January 14. Robert describes his oil paintings as, “Farmscapes, wilderness and shoreline vistas that strengthen the peaceful harmony within to blend my painting vision. Art is a blessing and gift embraced in my soul, etched into a painting for us to walk through.”

*Michael Hine’s* photographs will be exhibited from January 17 through February 28, with a reception on February 8 from 6-8PM. Michael states “I love to experiment with my photography pushing the limits of my camera and myself, and now that digital photography has come of age I have begun to experiment with my images that only a few years ago I could only dream of...Photography is not just to record a moment in time but a journey of self-discovery.

## **Sacandaga Musical Theater**

The Sacandaga Musical Theater is once again offering the ever-popular Hot Night variety show. For those few of you who have not attended a Hot Night performance, this is always a very enjoyable evening of song, dance, fun and laughter.

### ***Hot Night Caribbean Cruise***

January 14 & 15

*Sport Island Pub*

7:00 Dinner, 8:00 Show

### ***Hot Night Caribbean Cruise***

February 19

*Timeless Tavern*

7:00 Dinner, 8:00 Show

Seating is limited: reservations are required: call 863-2233 for tickets & information.

Once again SVAN and SMT will be announcing and presenting scholarships during the January 16 Hot Night production. This year SMT has decided to award two \$250 scholarships to two college students who participated in the Summer Stars Talent Search this year.

## **THANK YOU TO SVAN MEMBERS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The membership committee would like to say thank you to all those members who with our "Invitation to Join" campaign through letters, speaking engagements and casual conversations helped us reach our goal of 300+ members for 2010.

SVAN membership now at 312 members includes 12 new business members, 45 family and individual members, from the areas of Amsterdam, Gloversville, Johnstown, St. Johnsville, Hadley and Northville.

We would especially like to thank SVAN member Marion J. Bayly for contributing the idea of an "Invitation to Join" to the committee as a campaign theme. Anyone who would like to submit their ideas for future membership campaigns may do so by contacting any SVAN membership committee member.

Help us to spread the word about supporting the arts in our local communities by displaying the ***enclosed SVAN member decal*** in a prominent viewing spot showing your support of SVAN.

Again, the SVAN Board thanks you for your continued support as a member of SVAN.

Have a wonderful Holiday season.

The Membership Committee,  
Darla J. Oathout, Chair  
Cindy Scunziano  
Rick Reffitt  
Mary Ann Evans

## **Cabin Fever Workshops January and February**

January 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20 from 6-8PM (6 Evening Sessions)

*Introduction to Clay: Tile and Handbuilding Class /w Michele Drozd @ 863-8013*

*Bellwether Studio @ the Orendaga*

Cost to Member/Non-member \$100/\$105

Supplies: \$35.

January 12 6-8PM (1 evening session Max 10 Students)

*Floral Arranging w/ Wendy Hotaling, @ North Country Florist 863-4374*

Cost to Member/Non-member \$35/\$40

January 15 and 16 9AM-4PM (2 days Max. 6 students)

*Beginning Stained Glass w/ Jeff Meuwissen @ Jeff's Studio 863-8116*

Cost to Member/Non-member \$50/\$55

January 25 and 27 8AM-4PM (2 day Max 5 Students)

*Antler Basketry w/ Laura Ginter @ BasketThyme Hope Valley Lodge 863-4145*

Cost to Member/Non-member \$50/\$55

February 3, 10, 17, March 3, 10, 17 6-8PM (6 sessions Max. 15 Students)

*A Workshop for Writers- Improving the Craft w/ Sharon Perrella @ Northville*

*Central School 863-7000*

Cost to Member/Non-member \$75/\$80

February 12 9AM-4PM (1 session Max. 7 Students)

*Birch Bark Picture/Mirror Framing w/ Roy Edwardsen @ BCON Corner 863-8898*

Cost to Member/Non-member \$60/\$65

February 15 and 17 8AM-4PM (2 days Max 5 Students)

*Pine Needle Basketry w/ Laura Ginter, BasketThyme @Hope Valley Lodge 863-4145*

Cost to Member/Non-member \$30/\$35



## Music Coffee House Concerts January and February

January 9 ~ 5:30 pm

Northville Winter Coffee House Concert - Ony Antonucci

Ony Antonucci of the Stone Wall Girls will perform with jazz musicians George Fletcher and Peter Pashoukos. You are sure to love the combination of vocals and guitars.

Held at Northville United Methodist Church. Doors open at 4:45 for sale of light dinner \$7.00 for SVAN members and \$10.00 for non-members

January 21 ~ 7:00 pm

Benson/Hope Winter Coffee House Concert - Loose Change

The groups name stems from the fact that they play an eclectic range of music, which can change at any moment. They perform a wide range of music from classic jazz, Texas swing, radio country, blues, and Django jazz. The band is comprised of Hank Lamont on Vocals, guitar, and mouth harp; Tom Wadsworth, vocals, guitar, and mandolin; Lenny Broiles on Fiddle; Pam Broiles, Vocals; and Tom Wetmore plays bass.

This coffeeshouse concert will be held at the Lapland Lake Nordic Ski Center. Admission is \$7.00 for SVAN members and \$10.00 for non-members

February 13 ~ 5:30 pm

Northville Winter Coffee House Concert - Scott B Adams Ensemble

Scott B Adams has spent his career capturing landscapes and history of the Adirondacks and other parts of New York State turning them into lush, acoustic compositions. He has played with various orchestras and at the White House. Scott will be accompanied by Eric Aceto and Doug Robinson. This group combines the bass, banjo, violin, mandolin and guitar to perform Adirondack songs.

Held at the Northville United Methodist Church. Doors open at 4:45 for sale of light dinner \$7.00 for SVAN members and \$10.00 for non-members

