



Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

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Promoting the Arts throughout the Sacandaga Region

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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What a wonderful welcome this early spring has been. Even where I live in the mountains our leaves are finally on most of the trees and our soon to be flowering plants have burst out of the soil with promise of beauty and color. Spring is an invigorating time of the year and that leads me to the many exciting events SVAN has planned for you this summer.

Mermaid of Edam

There are a lot of wonderful things that come along with being president of an organization that brings culture and entertainment to our community, and this event was one of those really special occasions. During a time when local schools have to make difficult decisions often resulting in unpopular choices; SVAN was able to bring laughter and a cultural experience to approximately 300 elementary students attending the "*Mermaid of Edam*" play at the Northville Central School. Children from Northville and Edinburg schools, home schooled children and young siblings of students were entertained and delighted by the talented actors from the *Schenectady Children's Theater*. Congratulations to Julis (4th grade) and Isabelle (5th grade), children of Natasha and Chris Cucinella from Northville who also performed in the play.

We all thank the Stewart Shops for underwriting this cultural event for children and Natasha of our theater group, Sacandaga Musical Theater, for arranging and organizing this performance opportunity.

Sacandaga Musical Theater (SMT)

Watch for information regarding SMT's Dinner Mystery Theater tryouts are tentatively scheduled for June 3. SMT will issue a press release informing the public of the actual time and date.

SVAN Website

SVAN's new website project is progressing very well. Linda Hinkle, Graphic Artist and Visual Arts Chair of the Vail Mills Artist Gallery is the technical contact for this project. Linda has generously donated hours upon hours of time, working with the webmaster, designing and planning SVAN's new website. The website should be up and running by the end of May just in time for SVAN's summer events.

Music Committee

In March, Barb Spaeth gave notice that she will no longer be available to Chair the Music Committee. The SVAN Board wants to thank Barb for stepping up to fill the Chairpersons position of the Music Committee during 2009 and early 2010. Barb has not only chaired the music committee, but also prepared and submitted the SVAN NYSCA Grant request for the Northville Concerts for the past two years. Thank you Barb and best wishes to you and your family.

I would like to thank and welcome Michele Derwin for volunteering to move up to the Chair position the Music Committee. Michele has taken over finalizing and organizing all the details for this year's Northville and Hope events. Michele has many exciting ideas and plans for SVAN's 2010 music programs. The music committee is a small group of individuals with a lot of responsibility. In this time of change and re-growth the music committee is looking for and needs many new members. As the English Playwright, John Heywood wrote, "Many hands make light work". If you are interested in working on this exciting committee please contact Michele on fornoone@frontiernet.net. A listing of the Northville and Hope events are enclosed with this document.

Arts Supporters

If you have not had the opportunity to read the new Fulton County *Images* magazine, SVAN is featured in an article entitled "Artsy Scene" Fulton County is home to a flourishing arts community. The author of the article states: "*At the top of the organization chart is the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network...*". SVAN is very grateful to the chamber for recognizing SVAN as one of the leading arts organizations in our region. The *Images* magazine is available at the Fulton Chamber of Commerce in Gloversville, the Northville Library and at the Visitor Centers of Vail Mills and Northville.

SVAN is also participating in projects outside the norm. Recently SVAN members met with other arts organizations and art supporters to discuss how we can all promote the arts in the southern Adirondacks and beyond. Nothing has been formalized, but everyone involved is excited that we are communicating, recognizing the many different art groups and artists and working on how we can support each other. The term "Art or Artists" in this instance, stands all forms of art whether it is painting, photography, music, theater, crafts or any other creative medium.

Another new exciting venue and promotional opportunity for SVAN, is provided by SVAN member Hannah Hanlon. Every Friday morning at 7:45AM, Hannah gives a 15-minute broadcast from radio station WIZR, frequency 930AM, in Johnstown reporting on the Visual Arts of the region. Thank you Hannah for providing this promotional opportunity for SVAN. If you have a Visual Arts announcement, would like to be interviewed on radio about your visual arts event or the arts in general, please contact Hannah at hannah@skyheartstudio.com.

As an on-going commitment to education and training, Rick Reffitt, Michele Derwin and I attended the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC) Not-for-Profit Arts and Cultural Meeting with a Funding Panel. This workshop featured a panel of area funders (Charles R. Wood Foundation, Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation, Glens Falls Foundation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, and Walmart). Each funder made a presentation about their policy requirements and answered questions from participants. We found this workshop informative and beneficial in understanding the various requirements and possibilities for grant application.

SVAN Quilt Group

The year 2011 is right around the corner and the quilt ladies are already working on next years quilt.

JoAnn Hipp, Chair of the SVAN Quilt Group stated that we all need motivation. To help stimulate that motivation, quilters at the March 18 meeting were fortunate to have SVAN member Judith Plotner, fabric artist and the originator of the SVAN Quilt attend. Eleven years ago Judith decided to make a quilt to raffle with the proceeds going to SVAN. She and a few friends were able to find other women that were willing to work on this hand appliquéd quilt. Some of the women were not quilters but they worked and taught each other and in the year 2000, created the first SVAN quilt "Adirondack Wildflowers". Terry Conaway of Bleeker NY, who in turn gifted this work of art to Betsy Foster, won the Adirondack Wildflower quilt.

Judith is very pleased and grateful to know that the SVAN quilt has become a tradition and a great fundraiser for SVAN. The quilt group was delighted and wants to thank Judith for being their guest speaker and for sharing her story with them.

If you are interested in participating in creating the SVAN quilt please contact JoAnn at 863-8440.

Vail Mills Open House and Reception

The next rotation of art at the SVAN Artists' Gallery in Vail Mills will take place on Wednesday, May 12, from 11AM to 1PM and 4PM to 6PM. The first 2010 Open House and reception is scheduled for Thursday, June 3 from 5 to 7PM. Details will follow, but please pencil it in on your calendars!

The Second Business Industrial District (BID)/SVAN Downtown Gloversville Art Fair and Sale will take place on Saturday June 19. The art fair tent will be located directly across from the Gloversville Farmers' Market in the park between Elm and North Main Streets— rain or shine! Adjacent space is available for artists using their own tents or displays. The event is co-sponsored by Gloversville Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) and SVAN. This event brings art, music and the bounty of the farm together for a "creative recharge." Live acoustic music and storytelling will be presented at intervals throughout the day. More detailed information and registration forms can be downloaded from the SVAN website.

Visual Arts Northville

Connie Dodge was the featured artist for SVAN's Meet the Artist reception on April 6 at the Northville Library Gallery. Connie gave very interesting presentation which included a question and answer session about her project entitled "Traditions, Faces and Places" featuring paintings of local Edinburg residents and businesses, as well as several new pastel paintings, all with Adirondack themes. The Traditions, Faces and Places paintings are on display at the Edinburg Community Center.

The featured artist for the month of May is Mary Lou Strode. Mary Lou's show, entitled "Acadia/Arcadia", is on display at the Northville Public Library Gallery. This solo exhibit is comprised of oil paintings of Acadia National Park on Mt. Desert Island in Maine paired with landscapes of Strode's own surroundings in Washington County. Mary Lou's painting exhibit is available for view at the Northville Public Library Gallery located at 341 S. Third Street, Northville. Library hours are: Monday, Friday, Saturday: 9 a.m. – noon, Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SVAN's next Meet the Artist event at the Northville Library is a Mixed Media exhibition presented by Northville High School students on June 1, 6 to 8PM. Please support and encourage our talented students by attending their reception to view their wide variety of creative artworks. The student's display, organized by Pat Purtell, will be on exhibit for the entire month of June.

Art and Blues Call for Artist

Saratoga Arts - Caroline Street Art & Blues Festival, in Saratoga Springs will be held Sunday, June 6, 2010 1-7PM. If you are interested in participating, please contact Saratoga Arts at 518-584-4132. There are a limited number of spaces; paid registrations must be made by May 21.

Membership

Enclosed with this mailing you will find a letter and a brochure from the membership committee encouraging you to take an active role in SVAN's membership drive.

Have a wonderful spring!

Barbara Reffitt

Sundays July and August Beginning July 11th 5-7pm Svan Song Sundays at Waterfront Park behind Main Street

July 11 - The Stonewall girls: Farewell performance of this Female Trio. Wonderful Harmonies bring to life standards, folk, and gospel with guitar backup. Join us between 3-5pm for an art exhibit in the park and a live Drum Circle Performance

July 18 - Kevin Shea: High energy acoustic guitar and vocals. Classic folk rock and Irish melodies in a style that lends itself to all music lovers.

July 25 -The Rocky Mountain Choir: Lush vocals and harmonies intertwine with the melodic sound of guitar and banjo playing an ode to John Denver and more.

August 1 - The Tequila Mockingbirds: Unique and spicy arrangements of largely instrumental blues, jazz gypsy swing and originals.

August 8 - Jim Gaudet and the Railroad Boys: Bluegrass at it's best! Exceptional vocals combined with mandolin, bass, guitar and fiddle

August 15 - Annie and the Hedonists Blues, Jazz, Swing, and folk. Annie Rosen and her five piece group pair first class harmonies with diverse well crafted musicianship.

August 22 - The Zucchini Brothers This internationally known group referred to as the "Beatles of Kids Music" will bridge the gap between young and old. Join us earlier between 3-5 for a Family Fun Day!

Entertainment at the Hope Pavilion Located off Route 30 next to the Hope Fire Department Five Miles North of Northville Music on Saturday 6-8PM- Play on Friday 7-9PM

July 10th - Big Sister This group plays folk, blues and rock! There original sound incorporates the enchanting sounds of flute with guitar, bass, and wonderful vocal harmonies. **Saturday 6-8PM**

July 24 - The Intermountain Trio (iM3)! Folk Music tells a story and these three weave that story with the music that helped to define the 60's & 70's **Saturday 6-8PM**

August 6 - Shakespeare in the park! This one of a kind touring theater group features professional actors and local talent performing the Shakespearean Musical Comedy called the Twelfth Night adapted and updated to reflect the 1960's **Friday 7-9PM**

August 14 - Jazz Train Music Ensemble! This Jazz Band consists of 12 young adults who play contemporary Jazz and old loved standards. **Saturday 6-8PM**