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## Gallery News!

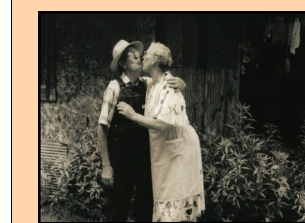
The **Mazie Jones Gallery** will feature the photography of **Clayton Joe Young** for the month of October.

Growing up Joe spent a lot of time with his grandparents in rural North Carolina. With his mother's parents he spent endless days hoeing weeds and planting vegetables. Once the chores were finished, his grandfather and Joe would walk to the nearby country store to sit by the potbelly stove, tell stories, and drink bottled Coca-Colas.



Joe's mother's parents taught a hard work ethic, but his father's parents taught him how to enjoy farm life. They were farmers too, but they had farm animals: horses, chickens, ducks, and plenty of cats and dogs. His grandfather had a garden which he plowed with his horses but let the weeds go untended. Instead, they would go horseback riding through the woods or make chores into games like who could gather the most eggs. Joe's grandmother would ring the dinner bell when it was time to eat.

These traditional ways of life and time spent with his grandparents were the inspiration for Joe to start taking photos over ten years ago. He



felt that he witnessed one of the last generations of farmers who were self-sufficient and lived like their forefathers. Joe wanted to capture this on film

before it completely disappeared.

If you too love to reminisce about simpler ways and times of your youth, you won't want to miss the exhibit this month! Joe hopes these images give you the sense of excitement that he was feeling when he took the pictures.

This month the **Open Door Gallery** will showcase the work of artist, **Kathy Dawson**.

Kathy was born in Asheville, North Carolina and grew up in Candler, just west of Asheville. She and her husband married in 1972 and have two children and three grandchildren. They moved to Mountain City, Tennessee six years ago and love this area. Kathy started painting about seven years ago and took some classes in Asheville, but is for the most part, self-taught.



Kathy says she tries to capture the likeness of a person or animal and their personality in her portraits. She loves to paint old barns, flowers and nature in general. Oil and graphite are the mediums she has worked with most often. But recently she has worked with watercolor and this has renewed her love for painting again.

Kathy hopes people can look at her work and feel the love that she has for what she paints and enjoy it as much as she does!



Our Gallery Exhibits are sponsored each month by Cheap Joe's Art Stuff



The galleries of the Jones House are open Tuesdays-Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. and from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on Thursdays during the Acoustic Jams. The October exhibits are on display from September 28th through October 29th.

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**From the Executive Director's Desk:**



**Cherry Johnson**

So how do you like it? (I'm referring to the new format of our newsletter.) We've been doing newsletters on a monthly basis since late 2002 and in all those years, our newsletter has always been a single page with one or more inserts added as needed. When we first started, we didn't really have much problem keeping within the available space but, as we've added staff members and programming, the space has become more and more cramped. It had become a real juggling act each month to wedge in all the information we wanted to be sure to share with you.....so our Office Manager, Teena Cone, came up with the idea of trying out a new expanded format. This month we're trying it out....but we would love to have your thoughts on how to make it better. In the coming issues we'll be trying out some tweaks and variations. I encourage you to email me at [wcac@watauga-arts.org](mailto:wcac@watauga-arts.org) and share your thoughts and ideas for ways we might make it even better.

As you can see, we're printing the newsletters in a black and white format and on a different paper to save money on printing expenses, but you can always see our colorful version on the Arts Council's website. And that's not all you'll find on our website....you can get a much more in-depth look at upcoming events, programs, and even opportunities for both artists and community members. Check it out at [www.watauga-arts.org](http://www.watauga-arts.org).

Also, if you're into facebook, we now have a presence on facebook where we announce upcoming events and share photos and news from recent activities and events. To find our facebook page, you can simply scroll down to the bottom of our website for a quick access point or, even better, you can "like" the Watauga County Arts Council and receive regular updates on your home page.

Between these methods and through our local media our goal is simply to keep you informed. Let us know how we're doing.

- ◆ Every Thursday –Junior Appalachian Music Lessons 4:30-7:30 pm
- ◆ Every Thursday - Free Acoustic Jams from 7:30–11:00 pm at the Jones House
- ◆ Friday, October 1st- Art Crawl & Gallery Opening Reception at the Jones House from 6:30-8:00 pm.
- ◆ Tuesday, October 19th–Touring Arts Performance by Billy Jonas (call 264-1789 to reserve seats for homeschool students)
- ◆ Friday October 29th–Downtown “Boo”

**OCTOBER EVENTS**

**Note: The Jones House galleries will be closed during the month of November for holiday decorating and reflooring portions of the building. We'll reopen on the day after Thanksgiving.**

**AND....There will be a special party for the monthly gallery crawl on November 5th...check next month's newsletter for details.**

Be sure to watch our website at [www.watauga-arts.org](http://www.watauga-arts.org) and our Facebook Page for updates!

**Thanks to our generous supporters who gave within the last month!**

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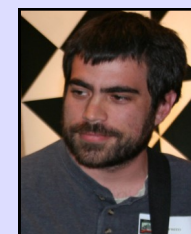
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**A Traditional Note from our Folklorist:**

Greetings friends,

Summer has now passed and gone. I'd like to thank everyone who came out to a Concert on the Lawn performance this year. We are already looking forward to the 2011 season. If there is a musician or group you would like to see on the schedule, please let me know.

Though the Concerts are over for now, we are moving full-steam ahead with Traditional Arts Programming here at the Arts Council. Our Junior Appalachian Musicians program began last week, with nearly 60 children between 3-12 grade signed up to learn traditional styles on fiddle, banjo, guitar, and mandolin. If anyone would like more information about this program, including ways you can get involved, please get in touch with me.



**Mark Freed**

Our next two gallery receptions, on the first Friday of both October and November, we will be celebrating traditional music and storytelling here at the Jones House. The October exhibit features photographs of many of our area's best traditional musicians, craftspeople, and storytellers. Come by to meet a few of them and hear some tunes and stories. Next month, we will be celebrating the new recording by master double-knock banjo player and ballad singer, Rick Ward. He will be on hand to play tunes, sing songs, and talk about his new CD.

And, of course, we continue to stay busy every Thursday night with our weekly Jones House Acoustic Jam, which takes place from 7:30-11:00 p.m. We have several new ASU student musicians in town, and the festival season is winding down. These factors lead to some great jamming at the Jones House. So, please come join us – you are welcome with or without your instrument.



See you around this fall!  
Mark



**From Our Community Arts Education Coordinator:**

Our Touring Arts Program is off and running! Through this program each child in the Watauga County School System will see at least two performances every year that they are in school Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade! That is at least 26 performances before they graduate high school if they are in Watauga County for their entire schooling career.



**Christy Chenausky**

I am so proud to be a part of making those performances take place for our school children. We work very hard to provide a wide range of performances from Theatre to Music to Dance.

This month Kindergarten, First and Second grades will see Billy Jonas at Farthing Auditorium. Billy is a favorite of both students and teachers. He combines smart lyrics with homemade instruments made from recycled materials. He can make an instrument out of anything and encourages the students to join the band.

It is so much fun for everyone in the audience (and backstage). I can't wait!

Christy Chenausky