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Gallery News!

The **Mazie Jones Gallery** will feature the work of Joe Miller this month. Most of you know Joe as "Cheap Joe" the owner of Cheap Joe's Art Stuff. Joe was born and raised right here in Boone. When he graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, he returned to have a career at Boone Drug. He started the Cheap Joe's Art Stuff business in 1985 located in the Boone Drug Store. Now retired from pharmacy, he still paint, teaches workshops, and hangs out at Cheap Joe's Art Stuff now located off Hwy. 421 on Industrial Park Drive.

Joe has had several one-man shows, and has won several awards, including the American Watercolor Society's highest award- "The Dolphin Medal". He has written two books,



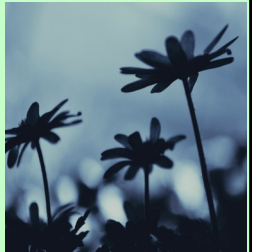
Joe's Journals and *Old Watercolorists Never Die, They Just Wet Their Sheets.* His art is in the collection

of presidents, congressmen, and many private and corporate collections. Joe is a life member of the High Country Watermedia Society, the Watercolor Society of North Carolina, and the Florida Watercolor Society. He resides in Boone with his wife, Lynda. Come out to the gallery reception on Friday evening and meet Joe and enjoy his wonderful artwork!



The **Open Door Gallery** will showcase the work of the employees of Cheap Joe's Art Stuff. Cheap Joe's Art Stuff is an internationally known Art Supply Company headquartered out of Boone. Employing nearly 60 staffers, one third of the employees are practicing artists.

The work of several of these employees is featured for the month of December. The artists are locals and some are graduates from Appalachian State University.



A variety of mediums will be represented including watercolor, gouache, acrylic and photography. Terry Henry, Graphics Manager at Cheap Joe's, has been with the company over 15 years and creating art for over 25 years. Terry states, "Every piece of art I have ever done is still waiting for the next step."

Though the artists are employed in many different positions with the company, their love of art is evident in their unique artwork. Come in this month and see the diversity and interesting subject matter of each of their pieces!



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



The December exhibits will be on display from November 26th through December 22nd. Please join us on Friday, December 3rd from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for the gallery reception.

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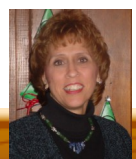
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Happy Holidays from the Watauga County Arts Council Staff!



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Teena

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From the Executive Director's Desk:



Cherry Johnson

I'm sure you've seen the large yellow fundraising cones that are placed in front of some stores. If you want to donate to the cause, you put a coin into them and, as it begins to roll around the rim and work its way toward the middle, it circles quite slowly but gets faster and faster until it drops into the hole along with all the other coins which have been donated. By the time it finally drops into the hole, it's moving very fast indeed. I've been saying for some time that my life feels like I'm that coin...the older I get, the faster time seems to move and each year circles by even faster than the last one! I'm completely shocked that it's already December and that 2010 is nearly over!

Already the Jones House is filled with the sights, sounds, smells, and even tastes of Christmas! We've just spent two intense weeks tucking, hanging, and carefully placing all sorts of holiday decorations into every nook and cranny we could find. By the time you read this, we'll already be open for the holiday season and I encourage you to come by and see what we've done....as well as to come see the new exhibits which are displayed in the galleries. As you've seen on the front page of this newsletter, in December we're saluting our long-time friend and supporter, Joe Miller, and his very creative staff at Cheap Joe's this month. Did you know that Joe was one of the fifteen individuals who signed our Articles of Incorporation back in 1981? He has been a staunch supporter of the Watauga County Arts Council ever since. He served on the Board of Directors and has been a member of the Advisory Council for nine years. When we've asked for his advice or his help, Joe's always willing to help us. Also, for the last several years Cheap Joe's has sponsored our gallery exhibits and periodically supported a variety of other activities over the years.

I think it's highly appropriate that we are exhibiting the artwork of one of our founders during the last month of 2010 because in 2011 we are going to be celebrating 30 years of "Making the ARTS a Presence in Our Community" throughout the year. And just like a coin dropped into the fundraising cones, I feel like each year with the Arts Council goes by faster than ever. When I look back over the years I've been here (which is just over half of the Arts Council's history) I realize that we seem to be doing more and more every year. We've grown so much from those early days and certainly there are a lot of things to celebrate and to be proud of. I do hope that Joe and his co-founders of the Watauga County Arts Council feel that we're living up to the vision which inspired them.

- ◆ 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, December 3rd- Art Crawl & Gallery Reception at the Jones House from 6:30-8:00 pm
- ◆ Saturday, December 11th– Boone Christmas Parade 11:00 am (come by to enjoy the parade, the decorations, and hot cider and cookies)
- ◆ Wednesday, December 22–The Jones House closes for the Christmas holidays at 5:00 pm

Note: The Jones House galleries will have the exhibits of Joe Miller & the employees of Cheap Joe's on display through December 22nd.

DECEMBER EVENTS

BE SURE TO WATCH OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.WATAUGA-ARTS.ORG AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES!

A Traditional Note from our Folklorist:

Greetings friends,

Happy Holidays! We will be wrapping up an exciting year of Traditional Arts Programming in December.

Our Junior Appalachian Musicians have been hard at work, learning to play traditional tunes on fiddle, banjo, guitar, and mandolin every week at the Jones House Cultural and Community Center. They will be presenting a holiday recital for family and friends on December 16, at the Watauga Public Library. The concert will feature performances from all of the individual classes, led by our fabulous instructors: Cecil Gurganus, Amanda Spencer, Martha Spencer, Erika Godfrey, and Jeff Moretz. Deborah Jean Sheets has also been leading a group of high school students, who will hopefully be in attendance at the December performance.



Mark Freed

Of course, as we wrap up a great 2010, we also look ahead to 2011 with anticipation. We have already started hearing from bands that are interested in performing in the 2011 Concerts on the Lawn series and interested musicians wanting to get involved with our spring/summer music lessons at the Jones House. We will be sending out more information for the 2011 Concerts on the Lawn series early in the year, so if you, or someone you know, is interested in performing, sponsoring, and/or volunteering, please get in touch with me.

We may have a new class starting with the Junior Appalachian Musicians program in January, and we have started a list for interested summer students. If you are considering picking up an instrument, stop by the weekly Jones House Jam session some Thursday night in December and get a little taste of styles that are taught. The jam sessions have been well-attended, and the December jam sessions are also extra festive with the Jones House holiday decorations in full swing.

Hope to see you again in 2010, and look forward to being with you in 2011.

Cheers~ Mark



From Our Community Arts Education Coordinator:

As another year comes to a close, I'm happy to say we are going out with a bang! December 3, 2010 is the date for Parkway School's Renaissance Festival. There will be an activity for everyone. Almost every classroom in the school is involved in some way. There will be dancing, singing, musical instruments, food, poetry reading and more!

Music teacher, and long time arts advocate, Sondra Edwards came to me early in the year to find out how we could help make the Renaissance Festival saturated with the arts! We enlisted Mary Anne Maier to help us with that task.

Mary Anne is a Mountain Arts Program artist who lives here in Boone. She is able to work with us on these creative endeavors because she lives so close. Mary Anne is a juggler, a dancer, a theatre teacher just to name a



Christy Chenausky

few talents she has shared with the students and staff of Parkway! She has helped to pull the evening together so that we can feel as if we are stepping back in time and are part of a real Renaissance Festival.

Call Parkway School for more information at 828-264-3032, and see you at the Festival!

Christy Chenausky
Community Arts
Education Coordinator