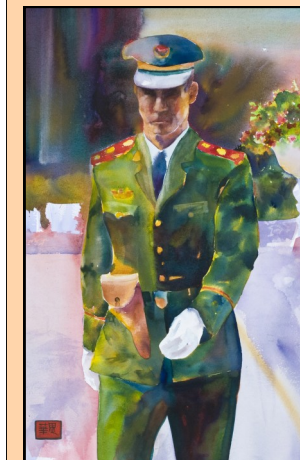


Gallery News!

The **Open Door Gallery** is pleased to have a group show from the instructors of Appalachian State's Craft Enrichment Program. This group is under the leadership of Eric Reichard, who is also an instructor. They work in many mediums and you will want to see what they have created in pottery, jewelry, glass, collage, weaving, and sewing projects. The Craft Enrichment Program offers workshops that provide opportunities for students and community members to have "hands-on" experience with many forms of creative expression through learning crafts. Participants have the opportunity to take part in a variety of instruction that gives them the chance to begin or continue a hobby that could last a lifetime. The program is growing, and classes are now held at three different locations: Katherine Harper Hall and the Living Learning Center on the campus of Appalachian State University, and The Art Mart Academy. For more information you may visit their website at www.craftenrichment.com.

The **Mazie Jones Gallery** will feature the art of Wes Waugh. Wes has lived in Watauga County for 22 years now. He is an art instructor, juror, and has had many solo exhibitions. He works as a product consultant and workshop instructor for Cheap Joe's Art Supplies and is currently a full-time program director and instructor



within the Learning Assistance Program at Appalachian State University. Wes describes his influences as stemming from the translational and design influenced watercolor landscapes of the late Eliot O'Hara and

Edgar Whitney, both prominent mid-20th century American watercolor masters.

Wes's own workshops combine an intensive focus on the principles of design combined with a unique approach to

building subject relationships. He has been painting since the age of twelve and is now noted as one of the southeast region's leading landscape watercolorists. Wes has not had an exhibit with the Arts Council for eleven



years and we are excited to see what he has been doing and to share his work with the community.



The WCAC is grateful for the ongoing support of Cheap Joe's Art Stuff for our Monthly Gallery Exhibitions!

The April exhibits will be on display from March 29th through April 29th.. Please join us on Friday, April 1st from 6:30—8:00 pm for the gallery reception.

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Present your membership card during the Month of April at **Go Postal** and receive 20% off any wide format printing ...including giclee, wallpaper, banners, outdoor signs, magnets, posters, and vehicle graphics.

Located at 197 New Market Center in Boone

From the Executive Director's Desk:



Cherry Johnson

I once had someone tell me that I had the best seat in town....and I do have to agree. Having an office in the Jones House Community Center has afforded me a prime location from which to watch what's going on in the Town of Boone (and in particular, downtown Boone) since the early 90's. Until about five years ago my office was located directly over the front entrance to the building and every time I looked up from my desk I could see virtually everything going on in front of the building. Now my office is in the next room and my desk is not right at the window...so while I can still see the glorious trees and watch the seasons change, I can no longer enjoy watching people coming and going in downtown Boone.

One of the things I used to really enjoy was watching people interact with the sculpture on the Jones House lawn. Now, several years later, we are very fortunate to have several sculpture pads in the downtown area, in addition to the one on the Jones House lawn, which rotate wonderful sculptural works once a year. And there will soon be a very special permanent sculpture installed which I think none of us will grow tired of and which will offer a whole new way of interacting with public art.

A life-sized sculpture of Doc Watson sitting on a bench playing his beloved Gallagher guitar. You'll be able to join him on his bench and see what it feels like to sit right beside the internationally known musician who quite literally got his start right on the streets of downtown Boone. A special event is planned for June 24th to honor him and the sculptor, Alex Hallmark from Blowing Rock. The Downtown Boone Development Association is sponsoring this project and is still raising the last of the necessary funds to complete it. If you would like to contribute, contact them at 828-262-4530 or check out their website: www.boone-nc.org.



Commemorative bricks are still being sold to support the project and, for a \$1,500 or more will also receive a life-size cold-cast bronze study just like the one currently on display in the Jones House Community Center.

This is an unusual opportunity to salute not only our traditional music but also our wealth of talented artists of all disciplines in our community. I urge you to participate in some way!

APRIL EVENTS

- ◆ Friday, April 1st— Art Crawl & Gallery Reception at the Jones House from 6:30-8:00 pm
- ◆ Every Thursday —Junior Appalachian Music Lessons 4:30-7:30 pm
- ◆ Every Thursday - Free Acoustic Jams from 7:30—11:00 pm
- ◆ Tuesday, April 5th—Grades K, 1, 2 see Steely Pan Band at Farthing Auditorium
- ◆ Monday, April 18—Grades 3, 4, 5 see Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble at Farthing Auditorium
- ◆ Tuesday, April 19-Wednesday, April 20—Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 see Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble at Watauga High School's Auditorium

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A Traditional Note from our Folklorist:



Mark Freed

Greetings friends~

Now that we have had a handful of 60+ degrees days and (hopefully!) the last of snow for the season, we are gearing up for summer programs with full steam ahead. We have several opportunities for you to get involved, so read on and get ready for an eventful year as we continue to celebrate the Watauga County Arts Council's 30th anniversary.

Our **Concerts on the Lawn** schedule is nearly full, and we have an extraordinary summer of performances. Just a few of these highlights include a Doc Watson



Tribute Night, along with the unveiling of the new Downtown Boone Doc Watson sculpture; veteran storyteller and entertainer, Michael Reno Harrell; the area's finest Country groups, the Buck Haggard Band; perennial

favorites like the Lazybirds, Amantha Mill, The Sheets Family, and the Forget-Me-Nots; and many more! We will be sending out schedules in our May newsletter, and we will update our website as soon as the schedule is complete. We are still looking for single-concert sponsors for the series and volunteers to help staff our information table. Please get in touch with me if you would like to get involved.

We are now ready to start taking names for novice, budding, and intermediate musicians and dancers interested in taking **summer music and dance classes**.



We plan to offer instruction for fiddle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, dulcimer, flatfoot dance, and square-dance

calling. Lessons are offered in groups of five for \$50, and we have instruments available for rental for an additional \$10 per five-lesson session. The first session will start in late-May, a second session will begin in late-June, and a final session will begin in early August.

Please contact me to get your name on our enrollment list or to ask any questions about the lessons. Each class requires a minimum number of students, so encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to sign up with you!

Our **Jones House Jams** continue every Thursday evening from 7:30-11:00 p.m., and they are open to musicians and listeners alike. So, don't be a stranger, and we'll see you soon!

Cheers,
Mark

Focusing on Arts in Education:



Christy Chenausky

Happy April! We are busy as bees here at the Arts Council in the month of April. So many of our spring programs are scheduled in April to avoid bad weather and school testing schedules!



We will see five of our Spring Touring Arts Performances at Farthing Auditorium and on campus at the new Watauga High School. I am so ready and excited to see these performances come to our county! If

you are ever interested in joining us to see how these performances work, please let me know. We'd love for you to experience the magic of our Touring Arts Program.

Summer Arts Camp registration is open now, too! Camp will be held at the new High School June 20-25, 2011. Our featured production will be "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." I know it will have a Missoula Children's Theatre twist to it that will add some fun and more adventure to an old favorite.



You can sign your camper up by using the forms that are posted on our website, (or by contacting me). Here's hoping you will come and see the final production on the last days of camp! Contact us for details.

Christy Chenausky