

Gallery News!

The **Open Door Gallery** is pleased to have the work of three talented potters, Kate Colclaser, Jimmy Savely, and Remo Piracci. Their show is titled, "Influences of Nature in Clay".



Remo Piracci has been a potter for five years having studied at Penland and John C. Campbell Folk Schools. His interest started with face jugs and as he studied, he wanted to express not just the faces, but the emotion he saw in portraits of the great Native American Chiefs as they face the demise of their tribes and heritage. Later he became interested in

more functional items –bowls, cup sets and casseroles which he still does today. His work always involves the emotional and cultural heritage he learns about from studying and researching the techniques he uses.



Kate Colclaser has been making pots for about 14 years and finds her expression of the natural world in textures and colors taken from nature. Trees, bark, leaves, rocks and the lacy patterns of a frozen stream edge or frosted forgotten flower can be seen in the surfaces of the vases and sculptures she makes. Kate combines functional and decorative elements in her work giving her the most freedom to play with texture and shape. Kate has been influenced by, and has worked with Liuske Misuno, Sandy Pierantossi, and Hayne Bayless and has studied at Penland and the Arrowmont School of Craft.

Jimmy Savely works nature into his pieces using plants found near his home. Jimmy studies ceramics at the University of Tennessee Knoxville where he earned a BFA degree in 1976 working with Sandra Blain and James Darrow. For the work he produces now his primary influence is the Danish potter/photographer Eugen E. Franck of Beaufort, North Carolina. The inspiration for this work involves placing one's self in nature and using found objects to create images. Clay is the medium, his love of the natural world, especially plants, takes care of the rest. The message: place yourself in nature, observe, and the natural world will educate. Jimmy has maintained "Tree of Life Potters" in Creston since 1994 and sells his work in several local shops. He is currently an instructor in the Michael R. Patricelli Craft Enrichment Program at ASU.



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

The **Mazie Jones Gallery** is featuring the artwork of Orna Bentor. We are thrilled to have Orna exhibit here at the Jones House again. Her last exhibit here was in 2006. She is an award-winning artist, graphic designer, and art instructor. Originally a right handed painter, but due to Multiple Sclerosis nerve damage, she has learned to paint with her left hand.

Orna was born and raised in Israel and says that, "living between two cultures is at the heart of her work". Although she has lived in America for many years now, her memories and part of her heart remains in Israel. The dramatic political and social event taking place there prompts her to respond artistically. Her painting has evolved from using overt metaphors



and symbols to more abstract painting — hinting at representational motifs. Orna

uses strong contrasting colors, harsh lights and rough textures to convey the feeling of a 'landscape'. These are 'landscapes' of memory to which she gives personal interpretation.

Her work also expresses the conflict between the present and the past as she grapples with a broken dream. Orna's subject matter is personal and specific, but also concerned with larger, more universal ideas. In an era of new hopes for peace, but of destructive events all over the world, she moves between beauty and bloodshed, between building and destruction.

The title of this show is "Gray Matter". It is a study in brain MRI's. You will find Orna's work to be both intriguing and thought provoking.

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The June exhibits will be on display from May 31st through June 24th.
Please join us on Friday, June 3rd from 6:30—8:00 pm for the gallery reception.

From the Executive Director's Desk:



Cherry Johnson

Can you believe it's already nearly summer? With apologies to my friends in the ski industry, it can't get here quickly enough for me! I always enjoy the Concerts on the Lawn so much! In particular, I love standing in the windows of the upstairs of the Jones House and watching YOU enjoying them! That program is most definitely one of which I'm most proud. After all, it can really warm your heart when you have a brainstorm with a good friend and the end result is that, nineteen years later, over 5,000 people (and likely even more) will be sitting out on the lawn under those wonderful giant maple trees this summer enjoying some of the best music around. You can be one of them, you know....just bring something to sit on and come join us every Friday from 5:00—7:00 for a free concert! (That's free to you....but it wouldn't be a free concert for any of us if it weren't for our wonderful community business sponsors this year: Downtown Boone Development Association, Mast General Stores, Footsloggers, M-Prints, and Melanie's Food Fantasy/Stick Boy Bread Company.)

And then there's another program that gives me a huge sense of pride and joy....and that's our Summer Arts Camp for children. Ever since 1993 we've hosted a little red pickup truck laden with costumes, sets, script, music, and two very energetic and capable young directors. The Missoula Children's Theatre sends trucks like that all over the country to work with 60-65 of our most talented local children. If you've never seen the end result, you really owe it to yourself to plan to be at the Watauga High School Auditorium on Saturday, June 25th at either 3:00 or 6:00. It will be a Snow White like you've NEVER seen before, I promise you (but I also promise you that you'll really enjoy it!).

If that weren't enough, we also have our weekly Jones House Jams which seem to be even more fun when the musicians can spill out onto the lawn and enjoy the evening breezes while strumming, picking, or singing away. Don't forget that the Jones House is open every Thursday evening during these jams and, if your schedule is as busy as mine, you might find that your best opportunity to come check out the wonderful gallery exhibits we've got scheduled for this summer.

Speaking of gallery exhibits, the one that Orna Bentor is planning for June has to be one of the most intriguing and unique exhibits we've ever hosted. Due to her illness, Orna has undergone a number of MRI's and she has decided to share them in a creative and artistic manner that not only is visually intriguing, but also gives us a very rare look right into the mind of an artist! I assure you that you won't get an opportunity like that one in most galleries!

Since I'm running out of my allotted space to tell you more, you'll simply have to come on over to the Jones House to check out the rest of the many, many wonderful things we're up to. It's a very busy and exciting place to be. I hope you'll come be a part of the action!

JUNE EVENTS

- ◆ Friday, June 3— Art Crawl & Gallery Reception at the Jones House from 6:30-8:00 pm
- ◆ Friday, June 3 - 5:00pm, first Concert on the Lawn of the summer featuring Brian Yerman & Boone Mennonite Brethren Choir—Folk and Gospel Music
- ◆ Every Thursday - Free Acoustic Jams from 7:30—11:00 pm
- ◆ Thursday afternoons—Summer Music Lessons
- ◆ Concerts on the Lawn every Friday at 5:00pm

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A Traditional Note from our Folklorist:



Mark Freed

Greetings friends~

Summer may not officially be here until the later part of the month, but we are ready to roll out the red carpet for the season and get things underway. Our 19th season of **Concerts on the Lawn** begins on June 3, and we have some excellent concerts for you this month.

Brian Yerman and the **Boone Mennonite Brethren Choir** will kick off the season on June 3. It has been a couple years since Brian has performed, but he is fresh off several appearances at this year's Merlefest. Guitar in hand, Brian will bring some of the best music of the golden age of stringband music, from Jimmie Rodgers to the Carter Family to Riley Puckett to gospel gems. The Boone Mennonite Brethren Choir has not had a performing group in quite a few years, and we are excited to bring this solid group, led by multi-instrumentalist and singer, Danny Whittington.



June 10 will feature songwriter **Mary Neil** and the multi-versed hodge-podge of **The Lazybirds**. Mary Neil Schrumm is a Boone native, who has moved to the expanses of the west. She will return home with a set of original tunes and a new recording project released last year. The Lazybirds, an annual favorite for many, will bring their mix of country, blues, jazz, hokum, soul, and stringband sounds to the porch for a festive set - to be sure!

We welcome back **The Worthless Son-In-Laws** and welcome anew country singer **Jeff Luckadoo** on June 17. The Son-In-Laws (purposely grammatically incorrect) will perform a set of original songs and covers from a variety of Americana styles. Jeff Luckadoo also brings good songwriting to the porch in his personal country style.

We will finish off the month with the much-anticipated **Doc Watson Statute Tribute Evening**, which will include performances by Creekside Grass, Clint Howard, Charles Welch, Wayne Henderson, Herb Key, Jeff Little, David Holt, T. Michael Coleman, and more. This will truly be an evening to celebrate the music and friends of Doc Watson. The event will likely draw an unusually-large crowd, and we are making every accommodation to be ready.

So, see you around this month!

Cheers,
Mark

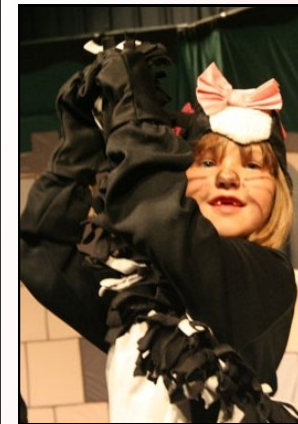
Ps - We're still signing up students for summer music lessons and jamming every Thursday night at the Jones House Community and Cultural Center.

Focusing on Arts in Education:



Christy Chenausky

Ah, summer! We have been waiting for this all year. Our camp (as of the time I'm writing this) still has a few spaces available in each age group! I'm looking forward to a great week with a full camp and a super production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."



In addition to the two folks from Missoula Children's Theatre (headquartered in Missoula, Montana), we will be welcoming several teaching artists to lead workshops and classes throughout the week. Campers delight each year in the Storytelling of Dianne Hackworth, (they even learn to spin a few yarns themselves)! Our

fabulous Visual Art instructor, Dacia Trethewey, will be working her magic with our campers once again. Pat Lanno, another camper favorite, will again teach music lessons as well as provide live piano accompaniment for the final productions of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Teachers Mary Anne Maier and Kelly Sheets Snider will also join us for a wide variety of artistic endeavors from juggling and dance to music and visual art projects - anything is possible with these great teachers!



Please consider making plans to check out the new Watauga High School Auditorium and see our performances on Saturday, June 25 at 3pm and 6pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door (\$8/ adults and \$5/children). It will be a lot of fun and I hope you will be able to join us!

Christy Chenausky
Community Arts Education Coordinator