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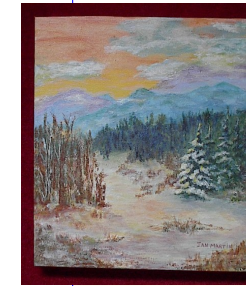
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The **Mazie Jones Gallery** is featuring the paintings of the High Country Watermedia Society. The High Country Watermedia Society (HCWS) was founded in 1997 here in the western mountains of North Carolina. Members include artists, art collectors, and community art enthusiasts who gather together for the creation,



appreciation, and promotion of all art created using watermedia. Although located in Watauga County, HCWS members are represented from all around North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida. Members also come from a variety of

professions and backgrounds – from professional artists, art students, art instructors, hobbyists, and art enthusiasts and collectors. The current membership is 120.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month May through October at Cheap Joe's Workshops located in the Industrial Park in Boone, NC. Monthly meetings are from 9:30am—noon and then from 1-4 pm they feature demonstrations and lectures by guest artists whose expertise range from hand-made paper to matting and framing. Also, collage, intaglio and relief painting as well as various watercolor techniques and applications. A hands-on workshop either by the day's demo artist or another invited guest artist follows each monthly meeting demonstration. The artist and workshop is announced in their monthly newsletter, *High Views and News*, along with other pertinent information for the group. This Annual Exhibition at The Watauga Arts Council located in the Jones House is a juried show and sale.

The HCWS encourages artists of all levels and supports High Country art projects through an endowment in association with the Watauga County Community Foundation. To join this group or to get more information, please visit their website at www.highcountrywatermediasociety.com.



Gallery News!

The **Open Door Gallery** is pleased to have the artwork of Linda Elksnin. This exhibit will showcase representative works from four of her eight series. The textile art of the Kuna Indians influenced the *Mola* series. Appreciation of the



nineteenth century folk artist Edward Hicks and contemporary Haitian artists are the inspiration for Elksnin's *Fantastic Animal* paintings. A "moon couple" soars over landscapes in the *Moon People* series. Paintings in

the *Flower* series are a contemporary interpretation of primitive American still life's. Elksnin creates her paintings by layering watercolor and gouache on a painted background. She then builds up color and texture with colored pencils.

Linda is participating in several juried art shows this summer, including Art in the Park in Blowing Rock, The Biltmore Village Art & Craft Fair in Asheville, and the Atlanta Arts Festival. She also has shown her work in Charleston, including the Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Art Exhibit, Saul Alexander Gallery, Courtney Street Gallery at the Medical University of South Carolina, and the Halsey Institute for Contemporary Art at the College of Charleston. Elksnin is represented by the Four Winds Collection in Beaufort, SC and the Gallery at York Hall in Yorktown, VA.

Linda Elksnin was born in Pennsylvania and grew up in New Jersey and Maryland. She has been drawing and painting since childhood and earned a BFA from Syracuse University. An interest in children with disabilities led her to earn a M.Ed. and Ph.D. in special education from the University of Virginia. Linda is now a full time artist after retiring from The Citadel, where she was a full professor in the School of Education. She divides her time between Charleston, South Carolina and Vilas, North Carolina.



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

The July exhibits will be on display from August 2nd through August 29th. Please join us on Friday, August 5th from 6:30—8:00 pm for the gallery reception.

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the Jones House
Community Center
at 604 West King Street in
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Do you have one of these in your wallet yet?

Watch this area of our newsletter each month to learn which local business is helping to "Make the ARTS a Presence in Our Community."



Present your **membership card** during the month of August at Stick Boy Bread Company and receive a special discount just for WCAC members!



A special thank you to Stick Boy Bread Company for their sponsorship of the Concerts on the Lawn this summer!

Stick Boy's is located at
345 Hardin St.
in Boone
(828) 268-9900

From the Executive Director's Desk:



Cherry Johnson

Most of you are receiving this newsletter each month because you are a **member** of the Watauga County Arts Council. Our new membership structure was developed last year and first implement on January 1, 2011. So you likely already know that we now have a great new membership structure....and that there are several benefits for being a member of the Arts Council (beyond the most obvious benefit of simply being a supporter of the wonderful arts programming we bring to our community each year).

I hope that means you're making it a regular practice to use your membership card each month with the "Business of the Month." It's not only a matter of you receiving the discounts or special gifts which these businesses offer.....it's also very important that you show these businesses that you are one of the Arts Council's supporters and that it is worth their time to partner with us through this program. For example, were you aware that you can get a **20% discount** during August on ANY item you purchase at the Stick Boy Bread Company....just for being a WCAC member and showing your membership card? Most of us would happily keep up with a coupon that offered a 20% discount on any purchase....so why not use your membership card (which is hopefully in your wallet all the time anyway) to get this discount. Then next month you'll be all set to take advantage of that month's special offering from the next Business of the Month.

I want to thank you for your support and your membership. It's so important that we have the ongoing support of our community if we are to be able to offer all the programs and services the Arts Council does throughout the year. I urge you to use the form above (or the one on our website) to challenge everyone you know to join you in becoming a member of the WCAC.

Watauga County Arts Council
Membership Form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Telephone _____
Email: _____
Secondary Address: _____

Please provide dates for this address _____

General Membership Categories
 Student (minimum \$20 donation)
 Individuals (minimum \$35 donation)
 Family (minimum \$50 donation)
 Artist Group (i.e. band, small crafts group, etc.) (minimum \$75 donation)
 Business (minimum \$100 donation)
 Organization (minimum \$100 donation)

OR choose to PARTNER with us to further the arts in Watauga County!

SPECIAL PARTNERS Categories:
 Friend (\$100-\$299 donation)
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(See reverse side for a listing of benefits)

Check Enclosed Amount _____
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I am interested in volunteering for the WCAC. Please contact me.

Watauga arts COUNCIL
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All Arts Council Members, including our Special PARTNERS, are entitled to the following benefits:

- Monthly Newsletter
- A vote at the Annual Meeting
- Special discounts or free gifts from the "Business of the Month" (which will be announced each month in our newsletter and on our website and facebook pages)
- Discounts on WCAC participation fees
- Invitations to Special Events
- Inclusion on the "Members" and (for artists & arts businesses) "Artists/Galleries" list on our website

In addition to the General Membership benefits listed above, our PARTNERS will also receive a special gift and an invitation to a special private event which will be held during the year.

*Should your business wish to consider becoming a PROGRAM SPONSOR, we will be happy to work with interested businesses to select programming appropriate for sponsorship and to credit your business for such support as fully as possible. Please speak with a member of the staff.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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AUGUST EVENTS

- ◆ Friday, August 5th - Art Crawl & Gallery Reception at the Jones House from 6:30-8:00 pm
- ◆ 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 (Bring a chair or blanket)



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Thanks to our generous supporters & members for their recent gifts!

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Mark Freed

A Traditional Note from our Folklorist:

Greetings friends,

With August approaching, I am highly anticipating the arrival of a new baby into my family. My wife and I look forward to introducing him to his big sister, family, friends, and community. And by the end of the month, you might even see the little fellow at a **Concert on the Lawn!**

August Concerts will include cello-instructor-by-day/folk-rocker-by-night multi-talented **Ken Lurie** and the high country's most well-known country group **Buck Haggard Band** will kick off the month on August 5. Music will shift to bluegrass on August 12 with **Upright & Breathin'** and **Amantha Mill**, two stringbands that perform original music built on foundations of tradition. August 19 will feature the hammered dulcimer and folk duet of **Steve and Ruth**, as well as the traditional bluegrass and gospel music of **Carolina Crossing**. We will wrap up the month with a bang, showcasing the eclectic repertoires of both **Dashboard Hula Boys** and **Hot Duck Soup**.

Also, we are now officially enrolling students for our 2011-2012 season of the **Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM)** program. We will be offering music lessons for 2nd through 12th grade students on fiddle, banjo, mandolin, and guitar. The lessons are offered on Thursday afternoons/evenings, beginning on September 15. The program continues through April, and features events in addition to lessons (dances, performance opportunities, guest artists, CD lending library of traditional music, etc). Classes are taught in small groups, from 4-8 students per class, using local traditional musicians as instructors. For more information and/or enroll a student in the 2011-2012 program, please send me an email or give me a call.

See you soon!
 Mark



Focusing on Arts in Education:



Christy Chenausky

As I begin my first August coordinating the Community Arts Education Partnership without the funding support from the Watauga



County Schools for our programming for schools I am really feeling the change. While we have secured a few grants to continue to ensure that quality arts experiences are available to students in each of the

Watauga County schools - our programs this year will look much different than in years past. I have spent a lot of time being sure that we can follow through on the programs that we have committed to through grants. I feel confident that we will be able to meet the commitments of each of the grants that have been awarded to the WCAC for the upcoming school year. I know that we will be able to add to the programs that are already on our calendar - but we want to be sure that we can follow through on payment for all that we commit to.

We will be looking to you, our members, over the next year or so to help us seek out additional members of the Watauga County Arts Council. It is through the strong support of our members that we are able to maintain a high level of artistic offerings to our community. In particular, I am looking to bring these quality experiences to our youngest community members.

Thank you for your commitment of support to our organization.

Christy Chenausky
 Community Arts Education
 Coordinator