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The **Mazie Jones Gallery** is featuring the artwork of **Teresa Cerda**. Teresa was born in Santiago de Chile. She grew up and lived there until 1990, then went to Madrid, Spain, where she lived until 2005 when she moved to Watauga County. Teresa has worked with and around art for many years. She has worked as a framer, decorated for special community events, and designed and made sets for plays. She is a multi-talented artist and we are pleased to have her exhibiting here in the Jones House.



From 1990-2005 Teresa developed an artistic series of work that was exhibited in various places in Spain. Most of this work was sold to two major collectors in Madrid.

The title of this show is "Landscape and Colors II"

This exhibit is the continuation of a work that she has been developing for some years. It is the result of her observation of the forms and colors of nature. This observation became an idea that developed into a language of geometrical shapes and colors and is primarily an abstract work. She's inspired by Mark Rothko and Jackson Pollock on one side but has also looked to Monet and Klein.

This work uses the concept of landscape, although it's not a copy of it, it's a poetical concept. Teresa uses a layering process along with different mediums and tools to obtain the quality she wants.



One of our Regional Artist Project Grant recipients, locally, Teresa has exhibited at the Jones House, the Looking Glass Gallery, The Turchin Center, The Greenhouse, the Crossnore Gallery, and the Dripolator Coffeehouse in Asheville. She has not had a solo exhibit here for a couple years and we are so excited to have her back at the Arts Council for this exhibit!

The **Serendipity Gallery's** featured artist this month is **Janie Endress**. She has taken different workshops while exploring various art mediums and enjoys the ongoing adventure of creating and experimenting with the Art process. Janie has been under the instruction of Marsha Holmes and is a resident of Blowing Rock.



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

Gallery News!

The **Open Door Gallery** is pleased to have the creative handmade books of **Sharon Sharp**. She studied book arts at Penland School of Crafts, and became captivated by nontraditional book forms. Since then, she has enjoyed exploring the interplay between form and content, especially regarding nature-centered themes. Sharon specializes in designing and creating one-of-a-kind and limited-edition artist's books, under the Curious Pursuits Press imprint. Often sculptural, her books incorporate widely varying features—origami folds, tunnels, pop-ups,



envelopes, and more—many of which the Open Door Gallery's visitors will get to see.

Sharon served as Mammoth Cave National Park's 2009 Artist-in-Residence, and in 2006 she and visual artist Lucia Harrison collaborated as Pictured Rocks

National Lakeshore's Artists-in-Residence. Special books were created for donation to the respective parks. The Open Door Gallery exhibition will include one of the Pictured Rocks sets, descriptions of both residency experiences, and a recently created complex sculptural book inspired by Mammoth Cave's history.

Vamp & Tramp Booksellers represent Sharon's works, which are held in corporate and private collections, as well as in the special-collections libraries of Denison University, the University of Vermont, and the Savannah College of Art & Design's Savannah campus. One of her books appears in *500 Handmade Books*, and others have been exhibited regionally and nationally, most recently at the University of South Carolina, Seattle's Columbia City Gallery, and The Bascom's "American Craft Today" exhibition.

Sharon received a 2011 Regional Artist Project of Northwest North Carolina Grant from the Arts Councils of Watauga, Ashe, Avery, and Wilkes. She applied this to attendance at a premier workshop series called Paper & Book Intensive (PBI), held this year at Ox-Bow, a school of arts and crafts in Saugatuck, Michigan. For the Open Door Gallery exhibition, Sharon will display several prototypes of the books she learned to make in the PBI workshops.



Sharon has taught bookmaking at the Florence Thomas Memorial Art School (Glendale Springs, NC) and in other settings. Her portfolio, resume, and book-arts musings appear on her website, www.sharphandmadebooks.com.

The October exhibits will be on display from October 4th through October 28th. Please join us on Friday, October 7th from 6:30—8:00 pm for the gallery reception.



Cherry Johnson

From the Executive Director's Desk:

Fall is always a busy time of year....and this year it seems to be at least as busy as always! It feels like we barely finished the Summer Concerts on the Lawn and bid a nostalgic farewell to summer days and suddenly the Jones House is bursting at the seams with children excited to be participating in the Junior Appalachian Musician's Program.

Already the school year has begun and two residencies have happened. And even with no funding with which to work, Christie is still miraculously planning our first touring arts performances for early October.

We're already talking about holiday decorations (first for Halloween and then we will dive into decorating the Jones House for the holidays). You'll notice that I didn't mention decorating for Thanksgiving but, trust me, we celebrate Thanksgiving heartily since that's the day when we finally get to take a big sign of relief that the holiday decorations are finished and ready to open up the day after Thanksgiving!

This year the holiday decorating will be a bit more challenging since our very wonderful Office Manager, Teena Cone, won't be here to help! She recently reluctantly informed me that she and her husband have decided to become "snowbirds" and spend the winter in Florida this year so she is resigning her position with the Arts Council. Therefore, if you would like to help with holiday decorations, please do contact me at wcaac@watauga-arts.org or call the office at 264-1789. We are going to miss Teena in so many ways and I hope you will find time somewhere in October to thank her for all she's done for us. She's been great!



This October, be sure to find the time to go by Doe Ridge Pottery to take advantage of the 10% discount they are offering on all purchases to members of the Watauga County Arts Council. All you have to do is show your membership card and you can get a jump on your holiday gifts.

Finally, we are in the middle of the process of selecting Regional Artist Project Grant recipients for the 2011-2012 cycle. You can see some of the impact of this great program in the work of the artists who are in our Mazie Jones and Open Door Galleries during October since both of them are prior grant recipients.

October Events

- ◆ Friday, October 7th - Art Crawl & Gallery Reception at the Jones House from 6:30-8:00 pm
- ◆ Thursday and Friday, October 6 and 7— Grades 7 and 8 are seeing "Mother Hicks" performance at Valbourg Theatre on ASU Campus
- ◆ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH—GRASSROOTS GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE
- ◆ Monday, October 31st, The Downtown "Boo!" begins at Watauga County Library at 4pm followed by trick or treating at the Jones House and downtown Boone from 5-6 pm.
- ◆ Thursday afternoons—Junior Appalachian Music Lessons at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 pm
- ◆ Every Thursday - Free Acoustic Jams from 7:30—11:00 pm (come to play or just to listen!)



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- Susan Kyler
- Mark and Sunnee Freed
- Lowell and Ineke Thomas

A Traditional Note from our Folklorist:



Mark Freed

Greetings friends,

Happy fall! This is my favorite time of the year for several reasons. One big reason is that we have kicked off our **2011-2012 Watauga Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM)** season. We have more than 70 kids enrolled. They come to the

Jones House every Thursday afternoon for lessons in fiddle, banjo, guitar, and mandolin. We even have a handful of students playing multiple instruments (not at the same time... yet!). We are very lucky to have a cast of excellent instructors, including Randy and Deborah Jean Sheets, Cecil Gurganus, Jeff Moretz,

Amanda Spencer, and Julie Chiles. I'll keep you updated about public performances that involved the JAM kids. You will be pleased and proud to hear them play! If anyone would like to help sponsor a student



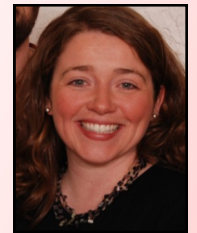
with a scholarship, please drop me a line, and we will get you involved. If you know a 6 through 18-year-old that would like to learn to play an instrument, it is not too late to get them involved with this year's JAM program (depending on instrument and playing level).

I am also happy for other fall activities, particularly the upcoming **Boone Heritage Festival**, taking place on October 8, from 9-5, at Hickory Ridge Homestead. This inaugural festival will feature music from Elkville String Band, Sheets Family, Rick Ward, Charlie Glenn, Glenn Bolick,



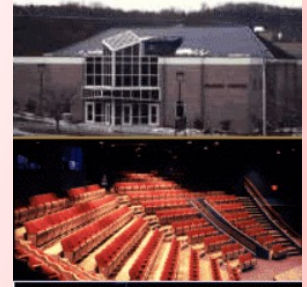
Lonnie Ward, Steve Kruger; storytelling with Orville Hicks and Mike Lowe; dancing with fiddler Cecil Gurganus and caller Warren Doyle. There will also be a jam circle ongoing throughout the day, and we will have some instruments available to borrow for those coming empty-handed. There is no admission, so bring the whole family - though I will add that this is a fundraiser for the Hickory Ridge Homestead Living History Museum. They will have donation jars around the festival that will also include craft vendors, 18th-century skills demonstrations, hands-on activities for all ages, and of course the array of historic cabins.

Focusing on Arts in Education:



Christy Chenausky

It is during hard times that we lean on our friends and neighbors so much for help and support. We are so grateful here at the Watauga Arts Council to have neighbors like the generous Mast General Store! The Mast Store agreed to sponsor two morning performances of the play *Mother Hicks* as presented by the Appalachian State University's Department of Theatre and Dance. This gift allows all of the 7th and 8th grade students in Watauga County School System schools attend this live performance in the intimate Valborg Theatre.



This year our programming budget for the Touring Arts Program (and performances and experiences like it) was eliminated. I have been determined to continue to offer some level of live artistic experiences to our teachers and students. This partnership with ASU Theatre and Dance and Mast General Store will be the first of its kind for this school year. In all, we plan to continue to serve grades 1-12 with live performances this school year, which amounts to over 4000 students and their teachers!

If you are interested in supporting our arts in education programs, please be in touch with me.

Christy Chenausky
Community Arts Education
Coordinator

See you this fall!

Mark

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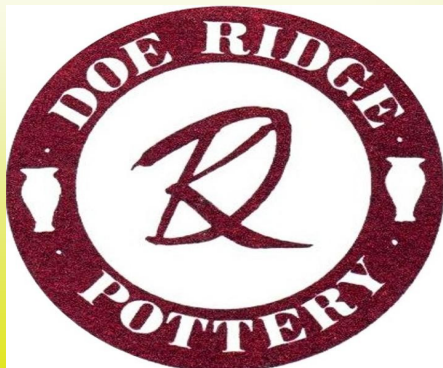


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learn which local business is helping to “Make the
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