

Arts Update

A Newsletter of the Monroe Arts Alliance



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2019**

Membership Drive Funds New Scholarships

Our annual Membership Drive got underway in December, with a mailing to friends and supporters that included the Winter **Arts Update**. We are grateful to all who have responded to our appeal, and hope to hear from more of you as Spring approaches. We have an active schedule ahead, and every dollar counts in our efforts to provide the Monroe County community with activities and events in support of the arts.

With the newly raised funds and help from the West Virginia Commission for the Arts, we will be able to assist three new students in our Scholarship pro-

gram. Two are adults who are pursuing their interests and talents in the visual arts, and one is a young woman preparing for her college voice audition with supplemental voice lessons. We look forward to the opportunity to showcase their talents soon.

Donations and memberships to date total \$1,800. Our goal this year is \$3,500 to match grants and fund operations.

It's not too late to sign up! Send your donation to us at PO Box 456, Union, WV 24983

New Board Members Announced

The Arts Alliance is thrilled to welcome two new Board members to the Board of Directors. They both bring valuable experience in service to Monroe County.

Linda Terry is a retired pre-school teacher assistant with experience at Peterstown Elementary and other educational facilities. She is a self-taught artist who enjoys painting with oil and acrylics and learning new skills.

Linda is from Peterstown, calls herself a "full-time nana and dog Mom," and looks forward to working with the Arts Alliance and serving the community.

Papi Crabtree is a West Virginia native who has travelled widely and lived in Guam, Alaska, Florida and North Carolina, but is glad to be back home in Monroe County. She is currently teaching Pre-K at Talcott Elementary School.

Papi is a member of the Peterstown Rotary Club and recently returned from a service trip to Ghana with the Rotary's Clean Water for Ghana project. She is happy to be a part of the Arts Alliance, and also takes part in local and church projects.

Board meetings are held monthly; watch for dates, time and place on our Facebook page or web site. We invite you to join us.



Linda Terry



Papi Crabtree

Holiday Concert Warms a Crowd



The Arts Alliance Holiday Concert was held at the beautifully decorated Union United Methodist Church.

Celebrating the holiday season with music and song is an Arts Alliance tradition, and our opportunity to showcase the talents of our Scholarship students and instructors.

Parents, families and community visitors met on Saturday, December 15th, in the sanctuary of the Union United Methodist Church for a program that featured Monroe County students of Elizabeth Reed. Among the performers were violin students Gabriella Houck John Owens, David Broyles, and Sydney Pierson; vocalist Maggie Hunter, pianist Matthew Counts, and guitar and vocals by Wil Bogges.

Josiah Wransky, a former piano student of Dr. Craig Mohler who now studies music at Berea College, performed "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" and "In the Bleak Midwinter." Scheduled performances by Dr. Mohler and his daughter Maddie had to be cancelled due to family emergency. We look forward to seeing and hearing them next December.

Thanks to pastor Kelly Martin and the congregation of the church for hosting this concert.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

In the planning stages are an exhibit by **Monroe County Artists** at the Sweet Springs Resort in late May, a **Spring musical concert**, and a **Photo Show and Contest**. Look for announcements on our Facebook page and in the local papers.

ANNUAL YOUTH ART SHOW

The 2019 Youth Art Show will be held this year at the **Monroe Motors Showroom in Union, W.V.** The **Opening Reception** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Awards will be made at 2:00 p.m. Both cash prizes and certificates will be given to the ribbon winners, and trophies will be presented to the Best in Show winners from each participating school.

Judges of the show this year are Bruce and Jeanne Brenneman, of Lewisburg. Both are leaders and long time members of the Greenbrier Artists. Jeanne is a nationally respected watercolor artist, and Bruce has recently begun to work in woodturning.

The art will be exhibited in the artists' respective schools at the close of the show. Ribbon winners will be displayed at the Union and Peterstown libraries.

Thanks to Caroline and Mark Sparks once again for the use of the showroom, and to the WV Commission for the Arts for its grant in support of the Youth Art Show.

The **Monroe Arts Alliance** is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization supported by memberships, donations and grants. Our volunteer Board of Directors meets monthly. Meetings are open to all. Check our Web site or Facebook page for times and places.

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