



WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THE ARTS

The Monroe Arts Alliance, Inc. is a non-profit, membership supported organization committed to community service through the promotion of the arts in Monroe County and the surrounding area. Its purpose is exclusively charitable and for the enrichment of the general public.

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THIS IS OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

We are sending it to Monroe Countians who we think might be interested in learning more about the Monroe Arts Alliance, our goals and how we hope to achieve them. We are a diverse group with interests and skills in all aspects of the arts. What brings us together is our shared vision for our community and to sponsor arts activities which reflect the energy and beauty around us. We invite you to join our efforts.

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First, some background: The Monroe Arts Alliance, Inc. was established as a non-profit organization in 2001.

We are celebrating our 5th year!

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The next meeting of the Monroe Arts Alliance will be 4:30 PM, September 14, 2006 at the Monroe Co. Library. Meetings are open to the public.

2006 Board Members

Robin Wright, Pres, 832-4101
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Helen Graves
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Addie Morgan
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One of our goals is to build a creative learning community in Monroe County. We sponsor art, dance and music classes for students of all ages. We also host performances in drama, and classical, bluegrass and folk music.

Scholarships for lessons in dance, violin, and art are on-going and are an area we hope to expand. All donations are tax deductible!

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PROGRAMS - Some of what we DO!
Classes are on-going. Watch the papers for announcements. Most recently, we have sponsored a series of watercolor workshops by Jeanne Brenneman of Rupert, WV and Jerre Watkins of Main Street Studio, Hurricane, WV.

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COMING SOON!

Monroe Arts Alliance Programs:

- * Hans Creek Bluegrass Band - at the Harvest Festival, Union - Sept. 23, 2006
- * Watercolor Workshop by Jeanne Brenneman, October 16 & 17, 2006
- * Portrait & Figure Drawing with internationally acclaimed artist Donald Earley - January 2007

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Some of our past programs:

- * Bluegrass Connection
- * Caroline Johnston with Sookkyung Cho - viola concert
- * Fran Belin - classical piano concert
- * Annual Community Holiday Concert
- * Greenbrier Valley Chorale
- * Jimmy Costa
- * Student Mural Painting at Farmer's Day
- * Face Painting at community events

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Co-Sponsored by WV Humanities Council:

- Dramatic interpretations of:
- * "Ostenaco - Cherokee Leader" Pearl Buck
- Mary Draper Engles

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Special Thanks to Addie Morgan, newsletter editor

We would like you to meet --

Robin Wright, President MAA, Inc.

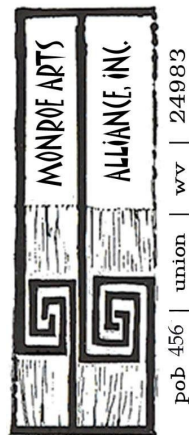
I first attended a meeting of the Monroe Arts Alliance in April 2004 and decided to join "on the spot". The MAA's slogan is "working together to promote the arts" -- something I feel strongly about and enjoy contributing to. I'm impressed by MAA's accomplishments and excited about its future. It is an honor to serve as Board President during this time of growth.

My husband, Jim Wright, and I moved back to Greenville from Glens Falls, NY in 2004. We are graduates of Concord College, have 3 sons and 2 grandsons. We're finally finishing building the house we started here in 1979!

I am certified in art education for grades K - 12 (NY & WV). I've had fun teaching pre-school through nursing home students in the public, private and non-profit sectors. While in New York, I worked at a history museum. My positions over the years were: Volunteer/Membership Coordinator, Museum Shop Manager, and Museum Educator.

Some of my volunteer experiences include: Chair, Glens Falls Home for Women, Inc. as it built a new multi-level of care retirement community; Secretary & Librarian for ACT (a children's theater troupe); Pres., Vice-Pres, Sec. of multiple PTA's; and Board Member of Ayreheads (a musical group).

I'm interested in *too many things* -- knitting, weaving, drawing, painting, pottery, gardening, music, cooking . . . I love the natural beauty and lifestyle of Monroe County and its friendly, welcoming residents. I am grateful to be here!



MEMBERSHIP - WE NEED YOU!

The Monroe Arts Alliance, Inc. is membership supported. Your membership dollars help bring great programs and classes in the arts to our community! Join today and take pride in knowing you helped make Monroe County even BETTER by providing FUN, EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL opportunities!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Annual Dues: Individual: \$15. Family: \$25.
Additional donations of any amount are greatly appreciated!

Make payment to:
Monroe Arts Alliance, Inc.
PO Box 456
Union, WV 24945

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The Monroe Arts Alliance hosts its performances and classes in many different places, some of which are:
Ames Clair Hall, Union Senior Center
United Methodist Church,
Monroe Co. Library
Union Presbyterian Church
Genevieve Gillen's classroom/studio

We are in need of a good performance space. If you know of a place not listed - give us a call or send us a note, we'll check it out.

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Is there a concert or class you wish were offered?

Let us know - we'd love to hear from you!