

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS GOING FULL-SPEED

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who have already renewed their Arts Alliance membership for 2010, and a special thanks to those who have become members for the first time.

It is not too late to join our growing and enthusiastic membership. Every contribution helps us provide new and on-going cultural programming to children and adults throughout the county.

A membership application is provided on the reverse for your convenience. Please fill it out and return with your tax-deductible contribution to

MONROE ARTS ALLIANCE  
PO Box 456  
Union, WV 24983

Members are encouraged to attend meetings and provide ideas for programming. We can be reached by e-mail at [info@monroeartsalliance.org](mailto:info@monroeartsalliance.org), or contact us by phone at 304-772-4568.

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**[www.monroeartsalliance.org](http://www.monroeartsalliance.org)**  
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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS  
MONTHLY ON

**3RD THURSDAYS, 4 PM**  
MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY HELD AT  
EPISCOPAL HOUSE, UNION, WV



The Monroe Arts Alliance is a member-driven 501C3 organization dedicated to the promotion and support of the arts and culture in Monroe County and the surrounding area. Your support is welcome.



WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THE ARTS

### FIRST-EVER GRANT RECEIVED FROM WV ARTS COMM.

The Monroe Arts Alliance has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the EZ-ARTS ACCESS program of the WV Commission on the Arts for the first six months of 2010.

The grant will help to fund the Youth Art Show (\$500), and a new Arts Scholarship Program (\$1,500). The Arts Scholarship Program will connect instructors and students of music, dance, theater, visual arts and fine crafts.

The program is open to students of all ages who reside in Monroe County and who demonstrate aptitude, interest and would not otherwise be able to afford private or group instruction. The Arts Alliance is in the process of recruiting instructors to the program and will be seeking students beginning in January, 2010. Full criteria and applications are available on-line at our Web site for both students and instructors, or can be requested by phone at 304-772-4568.

### MARGARET MANN/PAUL THEISSEN IN CONCERT APRIL 18TH

On their next visit to the USA from Germany, Margaret Mann and her husband Paul Theissen will perform a concert of voice and piano sponsored by the Monroe Arts Alliance. The concert will take place on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Union Presbyterian Church and will be followed by a reception for the artists.

### ADAM DEGRAFF TO PERFORM FOR BENEFIT OF ARTS ALLIANCE

On Sunday, February 14, 2010, violinist Adam DeGraff will perform a solo concert on behalf of the Monroe Arts Alliance 3:00 pm at Ames Clair Hall, Union, WV.

DeGraff has a long association with the Arts Alliance and has taught several Monroe County students, including Rebecca Campbell and Hannah and Peter Soukup. He is a founding instructor in the Arts Scholarship Program.

DeGraff and his wife, Lisa, came to West Virginia via Gap Mills in 2001. They now reside in Lewisburg. Besides teaching, DeGraff and his partner, Lynn Wright, have built a national reputation and following for their unique musical duo, Pianafiddle.

His solo concert on Valentine's Day will feature original compositions and classical pieces that showcase DeGraff's extraordinary talent. This is a FREE concert, with donations accepted at the door.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO TED DAVIS

On Dec. 1, 2009, the drawing for the MAA Raffle was held. Ted Davis, Assistant Librarian at the Monroe County Public Library was the lucky winner of an original oil painting by Judith Bair.



*Ted Davis and Judith Bair with "The Lay of the Land", a painting of Peters Mountain*

Thanks to all who participated. Raffle sales topped \$750, which will fund Arts Alliance programs that benefit the entire Monroe County community.

# MONROE ARTS ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: Individual \$15; Family \$25; Fan \$50; Star \$100; Contributor \$300; Sponsor \$500; Patron \$1,000 and above.

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Donors at the Star level (\$100) and above will have their names included in performance programs. Please indicate how you would like your name(s) to appear: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Monroe Arts Alliance is a 501C-3 non-profit organization. All membership contributions are fully deductible.*

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## GET YOUR CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE YOUTH ART SHOW

**PAINTING! DRAWING!  
SCULPTURE! CREATIVE WRITING!**

All Monroe County students in grades 5-12 are eligible to enter the 4th Annual Arts Alliance Youth Art Show to be held in March in conjunction with National Youth Art Month. Judging will be done by grade levels as follows:

Visual Arts: 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

Creative Writing: 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form, available at the schools, the libraries in Union and Peterstown and at our Web site. Home-schoolers should have received entry forms and criteria in the mail. Additional forms can be downloaded at our Web site.

All work must be original and created within the last 12 months. Visual arts will be judged based on originality, use of materials, composition and overall artistic quality. Creative writing (poems, essays, stories, etc.), will be judged on creativity, organization and flow of ideas, and overall artistic merit. Prose writing should be a minimum of 200 words, typed double-space and spell-checked.

Prizes will be awarded in each grade group, and all work will be on display at the Monroe County Public Library from March 1 through 31. A reception and awards ceremony will be held Sunday, March 14, at the library from 3 to 5 pm.

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES;  
FRIDAY, FEB. 12, 2010**

Work can be dropped at the libraries for framing and judging anytime prior to the deadline.

**HEY KIDS! GET CREATIVE!**