



Monroe Arts Alliance Welcomes New President

Join us in welcoming our new President of the Monroe Arts Alliance, Todd Sutton. Todd has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past year. Mr. Sutton has in the past served as Project Manager and Director of Construction for several companies. He was also the President of the Student Body council at Surry Community College from 2011-2012.



Monroe Arts Alliance Receives Grant

The Monroe Arts Alliance received a grant from the Greater Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation. A grant in the amount of \$250.00 was given to Todd Sutton, President of the Monroe Arts Alliance by Courtney Smith. Grants such as these are used to provide scholarships to students of any age.



2015 Last Blast of Summer Silent Auction

Once again the Monroe Arts Alliance Silent Auction proved a success in generating money for needed scholarships, with a variety of items to bid on. We would like to thank Caroline Sparks for affording us the use of the Monroe Motors Showroom to display the gallery art of local and established artists and also all art and items included in the contribution for the silent auction. We would also like to thank all those who donated goods, products, and services that were to be bid on in order to provide the MAA with the necessary funding that will allow for the continued growth of the arts in Monroe County.

Writing Workshops

The writing workshops being offered by Belinda Anderson are off to a wonderful start. There were eleven participants to sign up for the first class held in Alderson. The next will be at Peterstown Library on October 31st from 10:00am – 3:00am. Feedback from the workshops are highly encouraged, and we are delighted to receive such positive feedback and also any suggestions on any way to improve the workshops and any other concerns or ideas regarding the MAA and how it can best serve the community.

Tales of Monroe

Monroe County is beginning its third volume of 'Tales of Monroe'. Fiction, Non-fiction, and Poetry in all themes will be accepted for review. There is a maximum limit of 1370 words with a submission deadline of November 11th. Submit all entries to:

Monroe Arts Alliance
PO Box 456
Union, WV
24983



From The President

Scholarship Program Requesting Assistance



Awarding students with the opportunity to live out a desired dream within the arts is something I am honored to actively participate in, and it allows me a great sense of joy in knowing

that new, creative avenues and arenas are now open to each scholarship applicant.

It is perhaps the most challenging and difficult task to turn away potential students due to a lack of funding. The scholarship program is one of the most significant regarding funding for instructors in specialties including painting, music lessons, creative writing, and theater. Resources of those living in Monroe County do not always allow for the extras of life such as art, creative writing, music and theater. The Alliance is working on bringing as much to the community as possible regarding the encouragement of creative expression through all the arts.

We are in need of financial support, allowing us to continue the existing student scholarships and possibly affording us the opportunity to increase the number of students and instructors. We have reduced the cost of lessons by awarding scholarships that result in parents paying only 50% of the full amount.

Todd Sutton
President

Current Board Members

Todd Sutton, President June. 2015 - present

Genevieve Gillen, Vice President March 2010 -present

Jessica Abramson

Sheila Truby Johnson

Nan Bownam

Dale McCutcheon

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS MONTHLY ON THE THIRD SUNDAY AT 4:00 PM IN THE SUMMER AND 3:00PM IN THE WINTER AT THE MONROE COUNTY LIBRARY IN UNION, WV ALTERNATING WITH THE PETERSTOWN LIBRARY.

The Monroe Arts Alliance is a member driven 501C3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion and support of the arts in Monroe County, WV and the surrounding area. Programs and

Initiatives of the Arts Alliance are funded by the public, private foundations and businesses, WV Division of Culture and History and the WV



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ENCOUNTERS NEW GROWTH

An ongoing activity significant to the Alliance is the Arts Scholarship program. This program, the only one of its kind in the state, provides scholarship money for county residents to study their chosen art forms under the guidance of professional instructors. The students range in age from 5 years old to adulthood.

There is a strong tradition of art in Monroe County and surrounding areas including many talented individuals who are willing to pass their skills and learning to others. The scholarship program helps those who want to develop their artistic skills that may include a variety of forms but are in need of some financial support that would help cover the cost of lessons.

For more information about the Arts Alliance Scholarship Program, visit the website at www.monroeartsalliance.org or write to us at Monroe County Arts Alliance, PO Box 456 Union, WV 24983

MEMBERS AND DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

The Monroe Arts Alliance operates on a limited budget that is stretched to the maximum. With increasing requests for services, especially with our scholarship program, we struggle to find the funds needed. You can help by giving generously and by recruiting new members.

Annual Giving Levels

Individual \$15 Family \$25 Fan \$50 Star \$100 Contributor \$250
Sponsor \$500

MONROE ARTS ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Circle one: Individual \$15; Family \$25; Fan \$50; Star \$100; Contributor \$300; Sponsor \$500 and above

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Donors at the Star level or above will have their names included in performance programs. Please indicate how you would like

Your name to appear: _____

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

Call for Board Members

Recently the MAA has experienced the resignation of Board members because of health and family issues not from lack of interest. A nonprofit organization such as the Alliance depends on the volunteers who help manage and guide its programs. The MAA will continue to offer events centered on the arts to the Monroe community. We could use some help. If you are interested in the Alliance's programs and might want to join us, please contact Todd Sutton 540-580-9852

Peterstown Heritage Festival Photo Show

The First Annual Photography Show at the Peterstown Heritage Festival was a great success. There were 33 entries with some spectacular images of Monroe County.



Monroe Arts Alliance Scedual Of Events

Holiday Concert Dec. 12 3:00pm
Farmer's Day Photo show June 6-13, 2016
Last Blast of Summer Musical Performance and Art show Aug. 28, 2016
Peterstown Heritage Festival October 8, 2016



