



Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

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Promoting the Arts throughout the Sacandaga Region

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

February 1, 2011

As I am writing this newsletter, I sit all warm and comfortable in front of our warm fireplace while the snow is falling steadily covering everything with a beautiful blanket of snow. I hope you all are enjoying some part of the snowy weather this year.

I have had so many people comment to me how pleased they are that SVAN is bringing so many events and workshops to the area during this cold winter season. I will be providing more information about these events and workshops later in this letter.

Retreat

This past weekend the SVAN board participated in its first retreat. It was so exciting being away from all our distractions in the beautiful Red Pines Bed and Breakfast. This retreat was planned to devote time to all the board issues and subjects that we often do not have time to discuss during our monthly meetings. But most rewarding was being with all those creative people, working together to enrich SVAN and our communities.

If you want to be part of our exciting plans and projects, whether as a committee or board member please feel free to contact me, or any board or committee member. We are searching for and welcome new and creative people and ideas.



SVAN BOARD MEMBERS

Pictured left to right back row: Hank Lang, Darla Oathout, Barb Spaeth, Linda Hinkle, Mary Ann Evans, front row: Frank Casler, Barbara Reffitt, Cindy Scunziano Other Board Members: Hannah Hanlon, and Shirl Doherty

SVAN RECOGNIZED BY FULTON COUNTY CHAMBER

Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce Tourism Partner of the Year Award



Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce Tourism Partner of the Year Award (FCRCC&I)

During the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, I had the privilege to accept, on behalf of SVAN, the 2010 Tourism Partner of the Year Award. SVAN thanks the Fulton County Chamber for this wonderful award and is truly honored. It is so rewarding to know that the business community recognizes and appreciates the value of the arts. That they understand that by supporting the arts, they help improve and enhance our quality of life, install pride and spirit in our community and help strengthen the local economy.

SVAN presents over 70 events in music, theater, visual arts, arts educational workshops and special events throughout the region. These events, not only bring the arts to our communities, but also bring tourists as well as residents from the surrounding areas. I personally thank all our artists, volunteers, members and supporters for all that you have given SVAN. Your gifts of time, talent and financial support have helped SVAN to be known as “The Arts Organization” for the Sacandaga region and contributed greatly to SVAN receiving this outstanding award.

In addition to the beautiful plaque, we also received a congratulatory letter from U.S. Congressman Paul Tonko and a certificate acknowledging our award from State Senator Hugh Farley. The award plaque will be hung in the SVAN Artists’ Gallery at the Fulton County Visitor’s Center in Vail Mills. Please stop by to see the award along with the new display of artwork in the gallery.

New York State Council on the Arts

I am also very happy to announce that SVAN has been awarded re-grants from Fulton, Hamilton and Saratoga Counties for our music programs and our Children’s Theater Workshop. We are very grateful for the NYSCA grants. Without them we would probably have to limit our offerings to our communities. Due to the financial condition of our state more and more organizations are asking for funding and the state has had to reduce the amount of funding available.

GE Foundation Matching Gifts Program

The board is searching for ways to augment our funding by investigating private foundation grants, benefactors, underwriting and other donations. To help us increase our funding, one of our SVAN members approached GE and requested that SVAN be the recipient of matching funds. General Electric has approved and added SVAN to their “GE Foundation Matching Gifts Program” database. Any GE employee, active or retired, may go to www.gefoundation.com/matchinggifts and then click on the “Non-Profit Participants” button to have their contribution matched.

This month we also received an anonymous donation of \$1,000 for our 2011 programming. With the reduction of the NYSCA grants this year, this donation is greatly appreciated.

We applaud the efforts of our members for helping SVAN in supporting the arts. We encourage all our members to find their own personal way to assist SVAN in this endeavor.

Vail Mills Artist Gallery

A new display of artwork has been unveiled at the SVAN Artists' Gallery in the Fulton County Visitor Center. We invite you to stop at the gallery to view the work of fellow SVAN members. During the winter months the tourism center and gallery, located at the intersection of NY State Routes 30 and 67, are open Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 5pm.

SVAN Art Gallery Meet the Artist

The Visual Arts Committee for the Northville Art Gallery would like to invite you to meet and visit with Michael Hine at his reception on February 8 from 6-8PM. Michael's photographs will be exhibited from January 17 through February 28. Michael stated, "I love to experiment with my photography pushing the limits of my camera and myself, and now that digital photography has come of age I have begun to experiment with my images that only a few years ago I could only dream of...Photography is not just to record a moment in time but a journey of self-discovery.

Next months Meet the Artist's featured artist will be the unique work from fabric artist, Judith Plotner. Many of our members may know Judith as the woman who started the SVAN Adirondack quilt fundraising project 12 years ago. Judith has taken her skills and love of fabric and her artistic training in a whole new direction. The following is a statement taken from her website. "My current work integrates my life experiences as an artist. ... I have embarked on an explorative journey in this new body of work."

The SVAN Art Gallery is located at the Northville Public Library at 341 South 3rd Street. The gallery viewing hours are the same as the library. View beautiful artwork, meet and visit with the artist and learn what motivates them to create their work. Refreshments served.

SVAN Coffee House Concerts

How fortunate we are in the southern Adirondacks to have such amazing musical talent right here to our area. In January we had the wonderful talent and performance by Ony Antonucci with jazz musicians George Fletcher and Peter Pashoukos of The Mockingbirds. We also enjoyed entertainment at Lapland Lake in Benson by Loose Change with Hank Lamont, Tom Wadsworth, Lenny and Pam Broiles and Tom Wetmore. Both concerts were performed to a nearly sold out audience!

Attached you will find more detailed information about the upcoming February and March music performances. You will want to purchase your tickets as soon as they are available due to the popularity of the performers. Watch for flyers and publicity articles in your local newspapers.

Scholarships

Are you aware that SVAN also gives scholarships? Each year at SMT's Hot Night performance SVAN and SMT award one or two students that have participated in a theater project a scholarship. I am pleased to announce that this year's recipients were, Karissa Henderson, a music student at SUNY

Plattsburgh and Jennifer Fisher, a Computer Science major at FMCC each a scholarship of \$250 each. Both very talented young women participated in the 2010 Summer Stars Talent Search show last summer. Congratulations to Karissa and Jennifer.

Sacandaga Musical Theater

Even with a January snowstorm the day of the performance, *Hot Night Caribbean Cruise* performed by SVAN's Sacandaga Musical Theater, was a great success. For those that missed the opportunity to attend the show, you have another opportunity this month.

Hot Night Caribbean Cruise

February 19

Timeless Tavern

\$35 per person

Dinner Seating: 6:00, 6:30, and 7:00 PM

Show: 8:00

Menu choices are Beef, Salmon, Chicken and Vegetarian

Soup and Salad are Included

Seating is limited: Reservations Required - Call 863-8600 for Tickets & Information.

SVAN Adirondack Quilt

The beautiful SVAN Hand Appliquéd and Hand Quilted "***Adirondack Outhouses***" quilt is completed and will make its début at the February 13 SVAN Coffee House concert in Northville. The quilt is not only unique but, absolutely beautiful. Well done, quilters! I am sure this quilt will be very popular and a great fundraiser for SVAN this year. We are always looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets. This is really a fun and easy way to help SVAN, and meet and talk with lots of smiling people. Please contact us if you would like to help.

SVAN Arts Educational Workshops - Cabin Fever Workshops Submitted by Laura Ginter, Chair

The Workshop Committee is hard at work finishing February and March Cabin Fever series. They had good registrations for the January classes. All students went home with wonderful art and happy hearts. Some of the upcoming classes are nearly full. The committee is hoping to completely fill these two months of classes with members of SVAN and possible future SVAN members. Their message is "register now"! Please view the Grapevine or the web site www.svanarts.org to select a workshop, and invite your friends.

The Workshop committee is also changing its name to Art Education Committee as they search for grants and sponsors for their programs. They are working to develop standards for each offering, ensuring a uniform quality in the learning environment.



**NYS
COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**
New York State Council on the Arts

Committee is asking artists from SVAN to step forward as presenters for the summer workshop sessions. There are so many skilled hands and creative arts and crafts SVAN members who have the talent to teach. Contact the committee chair, Laura Ginter, at 863-4145, to sign up to present a workshop during our summer session.

Acknowledgements and credits for the Fulton and Hamilton County music events:

Hamilton County (Lapland Lake Winter Series)

These events are made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization regrant Program. In Hamilton County, these funds are administered by the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts located in Blue Mountain Lake.

Fulton and Montgomery County (SVAN SONG Winter Coffee House Series)

These concerts are made possible with public funds from the Tri County Arts Council funding, part of the Decentralization regrant Program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). In Fulton County, these funds are administered by the Tri-County Arts Council.

SVAN Winter Coffee House Series
February and March

February 13th 5:30-7:30
Northville United Methodist Church

Scott B. Adams working with Eric Aceto and Doug Robinson are known as the **Scott B Adams Acoustic Ensemble**, performing hybrid of acoustic styles, which incorporate elements of folk, jazz, pop, and world music. Scott performs on acoustic guitar and banjo with Doug Robinson on bass and Eric Aceto on violin and mandolin.

www.orchardbeat.com



Scott B Adams Acoustic Ensemble

March 13th 5:30-7:30 Northville United Methodist Church
Doors open at 4:45



Helen Avakian

Helen Avakian Contemporary Folk / original music
Acoustic guitarist and vocalist, Helen Avakian was voted Number One Favorite Acoustic Guitar Act by Rhythm and News Magazine four times in a row and has won the Walnut Valley Festival New Songs contest for the past three years. Her guitar work utilizes a blend of classical, flamenco and folk woven together with beautiful lyrics. Her Albums "Vanishing Point" and "I love the Moon" have gotten rave reviews!

Helen will be accompanied at this concert with her husband Terry Champlin a talented guitarist who has released his own album Musikos Peripatos: a Musical Stroll "One of the nicest guitar duo albums I've had the pleasure to listen to. It is a tour de force for classical guitar." - Elwood H Smith * Helen accompanies him on this album showing her versatility and experience on guitar.

March 18th at the Lapland Lake Tuulin Tupa Grill

John Kirk & Trish Miller - Folk and Celtic Music

Performances: 5-6PM and 8-10PM Doors open at 4PM for "light fare supper"



Lively fiddle tunes, folksongs and fancy footwork are featured in a concert with John Kirk & Trish Miller. Themes of many selections are rooted in the local lore of the Adirondacks and northeast woodlands. This couple is from upstate New York near Saratoga Springs. They liven up their shows with a diverse repertoire of original and old-time music. John and Trish are multi-instrumentalists and exchange mandolin, guitar, banjo and syncopated rhythm steps as part of their show.

New Concert and Dinner Opportunities

Due to increased interest in this venue and the great success of the "Loose Change" concert in January, we have decided to offer two performances on Friday night, 5-7pm and 8-10pm. This will allow us to accommodate more people while retaining a comfortable, cozy atmosphere. This venue will seat between 40 and 45 people. Doors will open one hour prior to each performance where you can enjoy your "light fare supper". The meals are provided by Lapland's Tuulen Tupa Chef. The dinner choices are:

Chili with Corn Bread or
Minestrone Soup with Roll and Salad (vegetarian) or
Lohilaatikko (Finnish Salmon Casserole) with Beet Salad
Coffee or Tea and dessert are included

Doors will open for the first seating at 4pm for a "light fare supper" followed by the concert from 5-7pm. The second seating will be at 7:00 with the performance from 8-10pm. Additional beverages and desserts will be available for purchase prior to the shows and at intermission. Reservations for both the concert and dinner are required and will go on sale February 15th. You can purchase tickets for the concert and dinner by calling (518) 924-3008. You will be asked to specify your choice of concert time and meal selection.

SVAN will send you a ticket with your selections printed on them to bring to the concert. Regrettably there will be no "walk ins" for these concerts, however if you call the day of the performance and we have tickets available we will accommodate you. We feel that the two performances and choice of "light fare supper" will allow us to provide you with a wonderful evening of fellowship and music.

Tickets

Concert and "Light fare Supper" \$19 - \$16 for SVAN members

Concert Only \$10 - \$7 for SVAN members