



Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

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Promoting the Arts throughout the Sacandaga Region

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Hello SVAN Members,

During the winter months, SVAN had undergone a series of board members resigning due to careers and/or family issues. We have needed to fill three positions, Vice President, Membership Chair and Publicity. Although these were key roles for SVAN, the board wanted to fill these positions with individuals that will be true assets to SVAN and the board. I would like to take this opportunity to announce that we have found two of these people.

The first person I would like to announce is for the Executive Board position of Vice President is John Spaeth. Many people know John through his participation in the Northville music program. However, I would like to tell you just a little about John. For the Vice President position, it was important to find someone that had been in a leadership position with experience in a not for profit organization. John certainly fills that requirement within both his professional career with GE and Lockheed Martin and his many years of service in and with civic and social organizations such as schools, clubs, and church. With SVAN's growth and expansion, John will be working closely with the President to help support and promote SVAN.

The second person I have the pleasure of announcing for a position on the Board of Directors is Pavlos Mayakis. As mentioned in the June newsletter, Pavlos is chairing the ARTrails Open Studio Art Tour for this fall. Pavlos is an accomplished fabric artist and was recently awarded the Tusher Architectural Group Award, from Hawaii's Handweavers' Hui. Pavlos majored in Interdisciplinary Arts at Goddard College and is also a retired advertising executive. He has also been accepted into a Doctoral Studies program at Prescott College on Sustainability Education beginning in August.

Both men have already jumped into their roles with creative and very effective ideas and actions. Please welcome and congratulate both men to their new SVAN board positions.

Photo taken by Debra Kosrud of the
BID/SVAN Art Fair and Sale.



BID / SVAN Downtown Gloversville Art Fair & Sale

Author Linda Hinkle, Vail Mills Gallery Visual Arts Chair

The BID / SVAN Downtown Gloversville Art Fair & Sale was fortunate, for the third year, to have fabulous weather, 20 exhibiting artists (15 SVAN members) and over 500 people browsing and shopping. Thanks to everyone who participated or visited and a special thanks to SVAN and BID for their support of this event.

Vail Mills Artist Gallery Reception

Author Linda Hinkle, Vail Mills Gallery Visual Arts Chair

The SVAN Artists' Gallery held a reception celebrating the start of the summer season and fresh artwork on display! It was good to see many familiar faces as well as some new. It was a good opportunity to discuss the value of SVAN membership with new future members. Stop by the gallery and check out the current display. The Visitor Center and Gallery are now open seven days a week from 9am-5pm, with extended hours on many Fridays until 7pm.

Northville Visual Arts Gallery

SVAN's upcoming Meet the Artist event at the Northville Library is a beautiful presentation of Nature and Wildlife photography by a local photography group, PALS. PALS is an acronym for photographs by Piseco, Arietta, Lake Pleasant and Speculator photographers. While the exhibit will be displayed for the entire month of July, you will have the opportunity meet with these talented artists and learn about their photo techniques, on July 19, from 6 to 8pm. The exhibiting PALS are Chips Arend, Marion Bayly, Joann Bush, Diane Corvetti, Judy Damkoehler, Dick Miller, Darla J. Oathout, Tom Preston, and Nancy Wheeler. All are welcome; refreshments are available at each of our "Meet the Artist" events at the Northville Library Gallery at 341 S. Third Street.

Presenting Member

Congratulations to SVAN member, Ellen Rae Panero who was awarded the Mary Buckley Memorial Award at Essential Art: Regional Juried Art Show Cooperstown Art Association for her oil painting, "Koi Fish Feeding". You can view several of Janet's paintings in the SVAN Participants Gallery on the SVAN website.

New Business Member

SVAN would like to welcome and introduce our newest Business Member, "**Java Johns**" on Main Street in Northville. Many of us have enjoyed a wonderful cup of coffee, a delicious pastry or purchased one of his wide varieties of coffee's or specialty items at John's shop. The good news is you will also be able to purchase Java Johns refreshments again this summer at the SVAN Song Sunday concerts at the Waterfront Park.

Java John also displays a number of our local artist's artwork turning his charming coffee shop into a mini art gallery. John has asked me to extend an invitation to all local artists to contact him at 863-3045 or bring a sample of your work to his shop for the opportunity to exhibit their work. You may

currently see several of our SVAN artists in his mini gallery such as Emily Falco, Judy Olson and Norma Porteus.

SVAN Adirondack Outhouse Quilt

This year's quilt fundraiser has had very positive response. The whimsical subject "Outhouse" can't help but bring a smile to everyone who sees it. For the next two months this quilt will be seen at most of our events and when not at an event will be displayed at the wonderful north county gift and furniture store Colorful Collections. Randy and Debbie have hung this beautiful quilt on a custom designed quilt rack in the front display room of their store. The artwork, Amish furniture and handmade products in Colorful Collections is either provided by local artists or made in the USA. While shopping in Colorful Collections remember to help SVAN and yourself by purchasing a packet of raffle tickets for a chance to win this queen sized beautiful but fun quilt.

Social Media

As mentioned in the last newsletter we were investigating the use of Facebook. SVAN is now on Facebook. It is new and will soon have more information about SVAN and upcoming events. Please go into Facebook, do a Like (similar to being a Friend) and comment on SVAN. And please tell your friends about SVAN and all our great events and entertainment.

To improve communications with our members and SVAN participants, SVAN now has a virtual office with a new phone answering machine that will direct the caller to the appropriate SVAN personnel. The new phone number is (800) 941-1640. We are in the process of setting up the mailboxes and extensions, and expect this service to be available by July 25.

Arts Educational Workshops

SVAN also has several great workshops in July. See the attached flyer for workshop opportunities in July, which include gourd sculpting and painting, flower pressing, handweaving, digital photography, stained glass, and woodworking.

I am sorry to announce that the Special Event: Adirondack Pack Basket Demonstration by Jack Leadley at his workshop has been cancelled.

Barbara Reffitt, President

SVAN July Grapevine

Town of Hope- Music in the Park Series - Saturdays, 6-8pm
Located at the Hope Pavilion- Rt. 30 - Located next to the Hope Fire Department
Approximately 6 short miles from Northville

July 9 - Woods Tea Company is an acoustic group that performs Celtic tunes, sea shanties, American folk and novelty songs with ease and skill. All members are fine vocalists and audiences often leave in awe of their wonderful harmonies. During a performance they use as many as a dozen different instruments. After building a solid reputation in New England, Woods Tea Company started touring on the concert circuit nationwide, eventually playing in all the lower 48 states. Notable performances include New York's Lincoln Center (twice), the Chautauqua Institute (three times), appearances on PBS and National Public Radio, who labeled them "Vermont's hardest working folk group."

July 23 - Chris Shaw - Adirondack Storyteller and Folk Musician. While Chris Shaw was born and raised in the Adirondack Mountains, he has traveled the world and performed at such highly respected venues as the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the Smithsonian Institute. Chris wrote the soundtrack and was "the voice of Seneca Ray" on the PBS television special "Seneca Ray Stoddard: An American Original" and most recently performed a live concert called "Chris Shaw: Live in Concert" also showing on PBS stations across the country.

Bring a lawn chair. Refreshments and picnic tables are available.
Free will donation will be appreciated.

SVAN Song Sundays **Located at the Northville Waterfront Park. 5-7pm.**

July 10 - Toby Walker- Fabulous Acoustic blues. Toby's bluesy voice and intricate guitar picking style has him performing all over Europe and the U.S.A.!
Before the concert From 1-3pm Toby will be giving a guitar workshop on the stage at the Park. Workshop fee \$35.00. To register for the workshop call Barb or John at 863-8047

July 17 - The Staber and Chasnoff Trio- Bluegrass and folk Dick Stabber (vocal, mandolin) and Judith Chasnoff (vocal, guitar) have been performing their unique brand of folk and Bluegrass-based acoustic music since 1993. In their evocative and focused performances they bring their material to life through pristine harmonies and expressive mandolin breaks, well grounded in rhythm.

July 24 - Panther Creek- American Roots Music They play an energized foot stompin' array of Traditional Cajun, Appalachian, Rock, and Old Time Music with a reverence to the exuberant spirit of our American forefathers.

July 31 - Penny Jar- World Folk This Fulton County band plays a variety of international folk music including French, American, Irish, English, Canadian Eastern European, Gospel and more! This group of four play many instruments providing a colorful arrangement to foot tapping songs that may have indeed been lost if they had not rescued them!

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Edinburg Classical Concert – Monday, July 11 – 7pm

A very special summer event! CONCERT FAVORITES RETURN

The Sacandaga Valley Arts Network (SVAN) and the town of Edinburg are pleased to announce the return of concert favorites The Ballet Brass, a quintet from The New York City Ballet Orchestra on Monday, July 11 at 7PM at the Batchellerville Presbyterian Church, near the bridge in Edinburg.

The acoustics in this historic church allow you to experience these talented musicians as they were meant to be heard.

Back by popular demand, this highly-entertaining group will be bringing a special guest: Betsy Norden, a soloist for twenty-two years with the Metropolitan Opera. A veteran of over 600 performances including live TV & radio, concerts & galas and numerous recordings, Betsy has thrilled audiences throughout the country.

The Classical Concert Committee is proud to bring this high-quality entertainment to our area. The program will include pieces by Copeland, Bach and Tchaikovsky, with Betsy performing Gershwin, among others. This is the eleventh straight year residents and visitors have been able to enjoy —big city classical music at —small town prices.

Tickets will be available at the door and are \$15 for adults (\$12 for SVAN members) and as always, children are free. To help continue this tradition, please consider becoming a Concert Patron. Your tax deductible contribution to SVAN, a 501(c)3 organization, assures these concerts will continue. Just ask any committee member at the concert for information.

MUSICAL THEATER Intermediate Theater Camp

July 7-16th kids from grades 3-6 will have a chance to join Intermediate Theater Camp - Daily from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. \$25.00 tuition fee. There will be two Musical Theater Camp performances at Northville Central School on July 16 at 10:30am and July 19 at 11:30am. Free will donation accepted. Class is reaching maximum, so if you are interested call Natasha at 863-2224.

ELEMENTS IN ALLIANCE-NATURAL VISIONS

July 8 through August 7

Featuring the works on Barney Bellinger, Caroline Ramersdorfer,
Jonothan Sweet and John Van Alstine

Lake Placid Center for the Arts

Opening Reception- July 8, 5pm-7pm

NORTHVILLE ROTARY

Presents the

2nd Annual Woodworking and Fine Arts Show

Friday, July 15th/6-9pm- Meet the Artists

Saturday, July 16th/9am-5pm

Sunday July 17th/10am-3pm

Bradt Building, S. Main Street, Northville