



Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

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APRIL 2007 Keeping In Touch



FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Happy Spring 2007! SVAN has reached a milestone! It is our 10th Anniversary. Watch for more information regarding our annual meeting and celebration this year as we are working on an enjoyable event.

In early 1997 Sacandaga Valley Arts Network was born from the vision of a group of local artists and lead by David Cook who became Sacandaga Valley Arts Network Chairman for many years. The group was developed from an extension of the Sacandaga Valley Heritage Association. They had some brick and mortar plans back then as they were very interested in locating an old building centrally located in the valley and restoring it for musical performances and art events. We still hold on to that same dream of someday having our very own Sacandaga Valley Community Arts Center.

At one of the first public forums to develop the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network a guest speaker, Benjamin White, executive director of Hubbard Hall in Cambridge, NY made a point. He said to the attendees, "You must persevere. All your area needs is a small group of crazies who believe and won't give up!" The newly formed group formally elected officers and an oversight board in November 1997 and established an annual calendar. The focus was on promoting the arts in the Sacandaga Valley and they said they would like to see the area nurture all kinds of arts – from summer band concerts in local parks to better opportunities for visual artists. A few local businesses participated in the very first meeting: Vishnu Music and Color Key from Gloversville, Mountain View Framing in Broadalbin, Soave Faire Art and Office Supply and Craven Books. Some of these original business sponsors are still a part of our organization.

It is extremely exciting to see that Sacandaga Valley Arts Network has reached this great anniversary. Many of you understand what it has taken with much sacrifice and hard work of many people. I wish I had room to mention all by name. The most I can do now is to say a hearty **THANK YOU** to all of you for doing what you do to keep us moving forward. **THANK YOU** to all our fellow crazies who believe and refuse to give up. **So I say, "My dear crazies, will you please keep on keeping on?"**

As I wrote in our last newsletter we have recently completed more events and activities in one year than ever in our 10 year existence. Volunteers are still weary from the last season and about to embark on a new season beginning now. These volunteers bring the arts to the people of our community and are providing the leadership to a better life for us.

This mailing has been expanded to include addresses which were previous supporters that have not renewed membership. I ask that you please consider coming back into the fold of crazies and help us to be around for at least another 10 years. Please feel free to call me if I can help you with any questions or concerns. My phone number is listed on our new website at www.svanarts.org. Remember, there is no paid staff yet in our organization and all is done by volunteers. Please consider volunteering some time or assets to help us. **"IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?"**

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

OFFERED APRIL 28 -SVAN members Judy Mirczak and Robin Gaiser, both professional practitioners in the field of health and healing are combining their talents, experience, and education to present an afternoon of music and movement for personal health and healing on **Saturday, April 28, from 1-4 pm at the Gaiser's home on the lake just outside of the Village of Northville.** Participants will learn about and experience the benefits of these modalities through gentle, relaxing exercises which require no previous knowledge or practice and which do not involve physical exertion or strength. **Anyone may participate, including persons with disabilities.** Sequential activities will introduce principles behind specific sounds and movements and their effects on the human body, followed by exercises applying these principles, leading participants to access and implement their own physical, emotional, and spiritual resources. The afternoon will conclude with a guided meditation accompanied by live music aimed at achieving balance and deep relaxation. Current research demonstrates that stress reduction, improved sleep, enhanced creativity, pain release, better digestion, sharpened mental focus, immune system boost, among other benefits, may be achieved with the practice of activities taught in this afternoon retreat. Participants will be provided with review materials to take away in order that they may continue to realize benefits beyond the conclusion of this informational and experiential event. Class size will be limited to ten persons in order to achieve a retreat-like setting at Robin Gaiser's private home on the shores of the Great Sacandaga Lake. Ample flat parking and first floor restroom facilities are available. Light healthy refreshments will be served during a short break midway through the afternoon. Cost is \$10 per person. **Reservations and questions may be called in to Judy Mirczak at 696-7022.** Directions to the Gaiser home will be provided at that time. This program is made possible in part with a grant from Sacandaga Valley Arts Network.

Quilt tickets enclosed- quilt viewings

We have included a packet of quilt tickets to either purchase yourself to win the beautiful "Butterflies of The Adirondacks" quilt or to sell for us and help our financial bottom line. The quilt is our major fundraiser each year and we are asking for your help in selling tickets. Please don't look on us as being presumptuous. These tickets are provided as a convenience to you and the choice to purchase or sell is all yours. The favor I am asking is that if you are not buying or selling them would you kindly return them to one of our board members. You can also mail them back to us at the address at top of this newsletter. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and Checks should be made out to Sacandaga Valley Arts Network and sent in with the name and address stubs. Please check our website calendar for locations of our quilt showings and see for yourself that it will be the best one yet.

New Website, same address- www.svanarts.org:

Finally our new site is up and running and looks real sharp. Please log on and have a look. Much more work is to be done but we are online and running again. Please forgive us for the down-time as we have been busy putting it together. It seems like everything takes much longer than you anticipate. Our new calendar is up and running. (go to svanarts.org and click on 'calendar')

We are just starting and have a few things listed on the calendar, but it seems like it's going to work out quite well - especially as we start to fill in more and more dates with various events. Just clicking on the date of an event brings up more information on each topic. Members can send their event info to www.office@svanarts.org to have information posted on the calendar. Please give at least one full week advance notice for posted material, and remember that we're still feeling our way around this new feature - which we think is going to be GREAT!!

Drum Circle News

In March the drum circle sponsored an instructional workshop on hand drumming with 40 people in attendance. The workshop was lead by Brian Melick, a gifted and enthusiastic percussionist from the capitol district. Participants learned new skills to bring back to the regular group. It was so successful we are considering a Part 2 workshop in the fall.

The drum circle is now 1.5 years into being. As we have grown we had to make minor changes along the way. Effective this month the drum circle will operate September through June at our new home at the **Northville Fire Department.** We will meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3-5 PM. Exceptions to this schedule would be holidays falling on the date of the circle.

If you are interested or curious please pay us a visit or call Sue for more information at 883-5761.

Meet the Artist

May 10th at the Mayfield Library

SVAN's program **Meet the Artist** will resume this spring at the Mayfield Community Library, the library conference room is located upstairs (handicapped accessible) in the Mayfield High School, 27 School Street. On May 10, 2007, at 7 p.m. Stu Eichel, a master plein air painter will present and speak about his work. While painting on location (plein air), Stu captures landmark buildings and interesting vehicles, especially old trucks against the landscape that enfolds them. The artist's fluid brushwork animates each canvas, causing a viewer to wonder about the people who may have once been a part of the scene. The Friends of the Mayfield Library are also holding a fundraising **Spaghetti Dinner** from 5 to 7 p.m. on that same evening. The food will be catered by Lanzi's making the event one not to miss. Plan a full evening starting with dinner and continuing with Eichel's talk, which will give us an appreciation of the journey of this prolific artist.

This artist talk is partially funded by a Tri County Community Program Grant made possible by the NY State Council on the Arts. The Sacandaga Valley Arts Network and the Friends of the Mayfield Community Library co-sponsor this program. Our next program will be June 28 and features artist Pat McEvoy.

Music Committee News

The music committee had an eventful winter with the completion of its third year of monthly coffeehouses. This year, our programs were at the Northville United Methodist Church. The artist's were Little Toby Walker, Windjammer Ragtime Band, Martha Gallagher with Sue Grimm and Peggy Lynn with Dan Duggan. Audience comments remarked that **this was the best series SVAN ever put together**. I'm not sure we can agree 100% with that, as SVAN has done other great things in the past, but we are delighted people appreciate the committee's work.

The committee is now starting to work diligently on the summer in the park series. We are looking for talented regional artists to do a concert for an hour followed by an open mic session. The schedule will be broken up this year as the Northville "Doin's" will occur when we would normally be having programming.

The schedule is July 1, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12 and 19. The first event on July 1st will feature the premier performance of the **Northville Community Band** followed by 1.5 hours of Open Mic. We hope you can join us.

The music committee could benefit from additional volunteers. If you have a little or a lot of time to donate please call Robin (863-7078) or Sue (883-5761) to discuss how you could help.

SVAN Library Gallery Changes/ Call for Entries

The Northville Library will be pursuing renovations upstairs to create a versatile meeting room and a wonderful new gallery space with track lighting to illuminate the art. The current gallery will be used for storage during this construction phase.

Meanwhile, we have been offered gallery space at the Mayfield Library to continue our program of displaying the work of local and regional artists. Our first show in Mayfield will be the **SVAN Artist Group Show** which will run from **July 2nd through August 30**.

All artists who wish to participate in the group show MUST contact Connie Dodge by June 15. Please call 863- 2201 or e-mail cdodgeart@frontiernet.net. Work must not exceed 36 inches (smaller is better) and be ready to hang. Deliver work to the Mayfield Library second floor on June 28 between 9 a.m. and noon. The exhibit will be installed June 30 between 9 a.m. and noon. Any exceptions must be arranged ahead of time with Connie.

SVAN 2007 Mini-grant Award applications are due

Application deadline is Thursday, May 31, 2007

The SVAN Board of Director's have set aside \$2000 from our budget to support mini-grants for Sacandaga Valley Arts Network members. The purpose of the mini-grant program is to encourage greater participation of SVAN members in the quality and quantity of arts in the Sacandaga Valley and expand programs into location not currently being served. The maximum award will be \$500. Examples of proposals that may be funded: events and presentations in theater, dance, music, visual arts or art workshops. Application is on the last page of this newsletter and can be found on our website.

SCANDAGA VALLEY ARTS NETWORK 2007 ART CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Again this year SVAN will be offering art classes and workshops taught by some of our region's well known professional artists.

Anne Miller, Painter and owner of the Common Ground Gallery in Northville, and Ann Larsen, Landscape Painter from Edinburg, will conduct a joint three day course entitled "**Oil Painting: Two Views.**"

Constance Dodge, Painter and owner of The Dodge House, Lakeside Gallery/Studio, will offer "**Drawing with Dramatic Contrast.**" Fabric Artist Judith Plotner will be conducting a one day workshop entitled "**Making a Mark on Fabric and Paper for Mixed Media Collage.**" Professional Photographer Harry Wirtz will again be teaching a course in photography.

In addition to the above, Adirondack Artist Elizabeth (Betty) O'Brien will be teaching a one day workshop in watercolor in Piseco. Hamilton County residents will have first choice of registration.

This year all classes will be in August, September and October. With the exception of Betty O'Brien's workshop all classes will be held in Northville or Edinburg.

Additional information concerning enrollment dates and time, cost, location and material fees will be in June's [Edinburg Newsletter](#).

If you have any questions, or are interested in teaching your own course, please contact Ann Larsen (AFTER JUNE 1) at 863-6509, or email her at:

www.larsenstudio.com.

The SVAN Film Club

The film club meets twice each month in the Lounge of the Northville Presbyterian Church to enjoy viewing quality films of interest to its members. In the month of April the Film Club will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays (April 26). The Club will begin meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month beginning in May (May 3 and May 17). The Film Club is free and open to the public. Contact Mary Ann Evans at 863-7052 for more information.

Amelie-Thursday, April 26

Nominated for five Academy Awards, Amélie (Audrey Tautou) works as a waitress in Paris. When she falls in love with Nino (Mathieu Kassovitz), she pulls him into an elaborate courtship dance. Nino trails after Amélie, still the mystery woman to him, as she leaves clues about herself everywhere. Directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet. 2001

Akeelah and the Bee-Thursday, May 3

Akeelah Anderson, an eleven-year-old girl from south Los Angeles with a gift for words, earns a spot in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and unites her neighborhood as they witness her courage. Starring Angela Bassett, Keke Palmer, Laurence Fishburne, Curtis Armstrong. 2006

The Missing-Thursday, May 17

In 1885 New Mexico, a frontier medicine woman forms an uneasy alliance with her estranged father when her daughter is kidnapped by an Apache brujo. The Missing is a magnificent contemporary western with a great plot. The locations are stunning and the soundtrack powerful. Directed by Ron Howard, starring Tommy Lee Jones and Cate Blanchett. 2003

Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl-Thursday, June 7

Nominated for 5 Oscars, this film is a sweeping action-adventure story set in an era when villainous pirates scavenged the Caribbean seas. The tale teams a young man, Will Turner, with an unlikely rogue pirate Jack Sparrow. Together, they must battle a band of the world's most treacherous pirates, led by the cursed Captain Barbossa, in order to save Elizabeth, the love of Will's life, as well as recover the lost treasure that Jack seeks. Starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, and Keira Knightley. 2003

A Very Long Engagement-Thursday, June 21

2004 French. A Very Long Engagement concerns the efforts of Manech's childhood sweetheart and fiancée Mathilde (Tautou) to find him in 1920, as she is convinced he is still alive, despite all evidence to the contrary. "She stubbornly holds on to her intuition like a flimsy wire," we are told by the narrator (Florence Thomassin). Taking as its key theme how war traumatizes and shatters the foundations of society by destroying relationships. For more information please contact Mary Ann Evans at 863-7052.

The 49th Annual Fulton County Art Show

Opens Sunday, May 6 and runs through Sunday, May 13. Located at the First Congregational Church, 31-33 East Fulton Street, Gloversville. Once again the **SVAN Commemorative Quilt** will be exhibited at the show. If you have not seen this years, "Butterflies of The Adirondacks" quilt be sure to go to the show and stop and view this beautiful quilt. This is their 49th annual show. Last year 93 artists exhibited work

with this year looking to equal or exceed those numbers. Anyone who lives, works, owns property or grew up in Fulton County may enter the show.

The media may be original prints, paintings, drawings, original sculpture and photography. All paintings must be framed and wired with screw eyes. Watercolors, drawings, and original prints must be under glass. Artists may submit up to six entries, of which at least 2/3 must be for sale. All entries should be delivered to the church on Friday, April 27, from 7 to 9 PM or Saturday, April 28, from 1 to 5 PM.

Additional information and entry forms can be obtained from Ann Lee Clough 725-7572 or at the church office 725-4304 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

The art show will include a juried competition for high school art students. Prizes of more than \$1,325 will be awarded. This competition is open to students from participating Fulton county high schools. High school students interested in submitting one of their works to the competition should contact their art teacher or Mrs. Clough.

The show will be open weekdays and Saturday from 2 to 5 PM and 7 to 9 PM with both Sunday's open from 2 to 7 PM. There is no admission. The church is handicap accessible. Art show committee members include: Program, Phyllis Frederick; Artist preview, Chris Stegel; Hosts, Eleanor Reppenhagen; Publicity, Ellen Wood.

Hadley Business Association Event

Our friends in Hadley will hold The Hadley Maple Festival April 28. The festival is always the last Saturday in April and includes a maple syrup demonstration and breakfast at Wilder's sugar house on Rockwell Street. They are also sponsoring a Craft Fair, Dust-off Car Show, Children's Coloring Contest and a raffle of two Adirondack chairs made by Gary Bourdeau. Tickets are on sale now by all H.B. A. members or call Georgia at 696-3685. Artist and crafters are invited to participate in the Craft Fair in the little park on Rockwell Street. Call Roni at 696-3694 to reserve your spot. Also, mark your calendar for the Travers Festival August 18.

Last but not least-

Don't forget the Edinburg Classical Concerts-

Place these dates on your calendar now. Each concert is at 2:00 PM at the Batchellerville Presbyterian Church located at the foot of the Edinburg/Batchellerville Bridge.

July 15th - Ballet Brass, a brass quintet from the NYC Ballet Orchestra

July 29th - Joel Brown, a classical guitarist who is an artist in residence at Skidmore College, with the Luzerne Chamber Players, faculty members from the Luzerne Music Center

Tickets: \$12/\$10 for SVAN members or purchase the entire series for \$20/ \$16 for SVAN members.

Children admitted free while attending with an adult.

As you can see, we have another year full of wonderful art events for our community to enjoy. Please join us for an artful summer season in the beautiful Sacandaga Valley. Until next time, enjoy the Spring!



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Examples of proposals that might be funded: events and presentations in theater, dance, music, visual arts or arts workshops

SVAN Member's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Member's Phone (day) _____ **Member's phone (evening)** _____

Total Request Amount \$ _____ *(The total request amount cannot be more than \$500.)*

Project Title:

Project Description: *Please include a one page or less project description on a separate sheet of paper.*

Target Audience: _____

Anticipated Number of Participants: _____

Community Benefit: _____

Estimated date(s): _____

Project Location: _____

Have you obtained permission to use this facility? Yes ___ No ___

Who is responsible for this facility? _____

How are you qualified to undertake this project? _____

Budget Page

Please include any needed budget explanations on a separate sheet of paper.

Project Income	Project Expenses
Admissions, tuitions, fees, etc. _____	Artistic Personnel _____
Contributions _____	Other Professional Services _____
Other _____	Materials (supplies) _____
_____	Space (not your own) _____
_____	Travel/transportation _____
_____	Advertising _____
_____	Other _____
Total Project Income	Total Project Expenses

Total Expenses \$ _____

Minus Total Income \$ _____

Total Request Amount \$ _____

List of in-kind services and goods: Do not include them in your budget and do not give value amounts

Note: Additional consideration will be given to projects to be carried out beyond the Northville-Edinburg region and to SVAN members not previously involved in SVAN projects.

Note: Funds will not be awarded for equipment or capital expenditures; operating expenses of privately owned facilities – such as homes and studios; or scholarships, fellowships, awards and prizes.

If you have questions contact Mary Ann Evans at maevans@frontiernet.net or phone 863-7052.