



# Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

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June 2007 *Keeping In Touch*

**SUMMER CELEBRATION – AUGUST 14!**



## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

**Welcome to summer 2007!** Did you get a chance to read our last newsletter? If not you can go on our website at [www.svanarts.org](http://www.svanarts.org) and read it. As I mentioned, **SVAN has reached a milestone! It is our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** I said to watch for more information regarding our annual meeting and celebration this year as we are working on an enjoyable event. Please get out your calendar and circle Tuesday, August 14 immediately!

**Announcing the SUMMER MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION EVENT - to celebrate 10 years of Sacandaga Valley Arts Network.** We have the privilege of bringing to you an evening of enjoyment. We will have a buffet dinner at Lanzi's Sport Island and we have booked one of our best coffeehouse entertainers to come back and provide an evening of great music. We will provide some history of the organization and a chance to honor special people and reflect on the folks that made SVAN what it is. We will take a look back at what we (you?) (us?) have done. Our business portion to elect officers will be very short. The evening will focus on enjoyment and memories. We have a truly enjoyable evening planned.

We will start the evening at 6 PM by enjoying refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and exploring the history of SVAN. Dinner will be served at 7 PM. Our entertainer will begin at 7:30. At 8:15 we will honor our people and accomplishments and elect officers. By 8:45 we will be back to the entertainment and fun for the rest of the evening.

Please allow me to introduce the performer we have booked for the evening:

Just back from a tour in England...



**"Little Toby Walker is quite simply one of the finest finger picking guitarists to come out of the US.... Once again, a truly memorable evening with this wonderful entertainer and musician who just gets better every time I see him. Hurry back Toby!"**  
**Ashwyn Smyth - Digital Blues Review and Phoenix Radio, England**

Little Toby Walker is a unique, accomplished fingerstyle guitar virtuoso. Toby is adept at blues, rags, hot country picking, and coaxes more out of a guitar than anyone can imagine, but the originality doesn't end there. He is also a skilled singer and songwriter who draws inspiration from traditional and contemporary music. Toby takes that musical foundation and creates something uniquely his own and has been eagerly received in various venues including concert halls, festivals and coffeehouses throughout the U.S., England and Europe. Whether it is telling the humorous and heartwarming tales of other masters, talking about his inspirations, or astounding you with his mastery, his performances are a feast for the senses. The audience is moved in ways that delight them long after the encores. You can catch a taste of these stories on his Web site in the "Blues Travels" section. But make no mistake about it - he is to be experienced live. Those fortunate enough to attend one of his shows will vouch for that. The love Toby has for his craft pushes him to share his history and experience where he has performed in libraries and schools allowing others to share the sounds, sights, and emotions of his unique abilities. His teaching credits include, among others, Jorma Kaukonen's Fur Peace Ranch in Ohio. In 2006, Carnegie Hall acknowledged his rare talents and hired him to augment and teach in their "American Roots" program aimed at honor level middle school students. This one-of-a-kind series demonstrates the history of blues music and traditions, while teaching the history of African Americans as they migrated from the south into the north. His mastery of the blues was recognized in Memphis when he won the **International Blues Challenge Award**. Check out more on Toby at his website [www.littletobywalker.com](http://www.littletobywalker.com). There is no doubt that Toby Walker has found his life's calling, and as a result everyone keeps calling for more Toby Walker.

We enjoyed Toby Walker at a January Coffeehouse concert. Those that could not make it on that stormy night missed a real blessing. It didn't take us long to decide what we would do for our summer program. It is our pleasure to offer this amazing performer once again in our community and to have him join us for our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Don't miss him this time! Get your reservation in early. If you want to be sure you're on the list for the evening just call my cell phone at 518-321-3468 and I will take care of your RSVP. I hope to see you all at this fantastic event. Pass the word to your friends and let's have a memorable night. My goal is to have this be the biggest and best event ever. Let's try to have everyone there. The cost for members is 12.00 and for non-members wishing to attend is \$28.00.

Please feel free to call me if I can help you with any questions or concerns. Get more information on our new website at [www.svanarts.org](http://www.svanarts.org).

As a reminder, we need you, 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?"**

**Check out our New Website, same address- [www.svanarts.org](http://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 downtime, 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](http://svanarts.org) and click on 'calendar')

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](mailto: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!! A big THANK YOU to MaryAnn Evans, Hank Lang, John Scunziano and Mike Brace for the nice work transitioning from the old site.

**SVAN Artists Summer Show**

Our SVAN Group Show this year will be sizzling with diversity. **Opening on July 2nd**, the show will continue through August 30th in the Mayfield Community Library at Mayfield High School. Several of the artists have not shown with us before and it is exciting to see such great new work and new faces. Participating artists are wood carver Larry Spinak, color pencil artist Linda Naske, hook painter Susan Fessler, fabric artist Judith Plotner, mixed water media Linda Hinkle, silk painter Lynn Holstein, photographers Harry Wirtz and Gary Larsen, watercolorists William Mosher and Margaret Downing, woodworker Mike Kratky, and oil painters Jean Berg, Bill Case, Constance Dodge, Marion Kratky, Ann Larsen, Anne Miller, Emma Obern, Ruth Peck and Patricia Purtell.

An **Opening Reception will be held on July 19th from 7 to 9 p.m.** Come celebrate the artists and enjoy good refreshments and fine art.

If you cannot make the reception, you can view the work from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Saturday and from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday evening.

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**YES!! Sign me up for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Celebration featuring "Little Toby Walker".**



Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at the member discount rate of \$12.00

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at the non-member rate of \$28.00

Make your check payable to:

**SVAN**  
**P.O. Box 660**  
**Northville, NY 12134**



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**SVAN Summer Membership Celebration**

**Tuesday, August 14, 2007**

at

**Lanzi's Sport Island, Northville**

Cash bar at 6 with dinner served at 7  
 Program starting at 7:30

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## Music Committee News

The Music Committee has put together another great series of SVAN Song Sundays. The concerts start out July 1<sup>st</sup> with Family Day from 3-8 celebrating the grand opening of the Northville Lakefront Park and continue rain or shine until August 26 when the SVAN Heirloom Quilt will be raffled off to the lucky winner. This popular event drew nearly 200 concertgoers a week as last season ended. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, pack a picnic or purchase food from vendors and local restaurants. Enjoy a leisurely Sunday afternoon overlooking the Northville Lake in the new park listening to a variety of live music each week. **Concerts start at 5 pm with professional entertainment for the first hour. Open Mic follows from 6 – 7:30 offering both professional and amateur musicians of all ages and abilities an opportunity to perform on stage with an excellent sound system before an appreciative audience.** Open Mic participants need only sign up to perform the day of the concert. Concerts take place rain or shine. Rainy day concerts move to the upstairs of the Northville Fire House, same time, same format. The "hat" is passed for voluntary contributions to offset expenses. These concerts have grown in popularity since their inception four years ago. Be part of this community event ---- join family, friends, neighbors, and guests for a great time.

**July 1**---- Park Opening Family Day --- 3-8 pm; **Bel Aires**—Classic Rock and Roll

**July 1- 5-7;** **SVAN Showcase** plus community groups 3-4, 7-8.

**July 8**---NO CONCERT due to Northville Doins

**July 15**---**Nick and Christine Lynch**.....Gospel and Country Duo

**July 22**--- **Aaron Mittler and Elizabeth Emery**....*Classic Rock and Folk Duo*

**July 29**---- **Emily Smith and Friend**.....Contemporary and Traditional Country

**August 5**-- **The Sentimentalists**.....Mixed Choral Sextet from Mohawk Valley Chorus; All styles

**August 12**--- **Ony Antonucci**.....History of the Blues

**August 19**----- **Rustic Riders**..... Songs from Life and Love; All Styles ; Trio

**August 26**---- **Skeeter Creek**.....**Bluegrass Band Favorite,**

**Drawing for SVAN heirloom quilt winner at this event.**

Watch for the flyer to be mailed under separate cover for specific details. Keep it for your own reference or post it in a local establishment for others to see. See you soon for some great musical fun!

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.

## Quilt tickets - quilt viewings

We included a packet of quilt tickets to either purchase (to win the beautiful "Butterflies of The Adirondacks" quilt) or to sell for us and help our financial bottom line. If you need tickets please contact us. 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 were 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 how beautiful this year's quilt is.

## Drum Circle News

We recently (June 17) had the last circle of the season and will be taking the summer off. The drum circle is now 2 years into being. As we have grown we had to make minor changes along the way. The drum circle will now operate September through June at our new home at the **Northville Fire Department**. We will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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.

**The SVAN Mini-grant Selection Committee** recently met to review 2007 mini-grant applications.

Grants were awarded to:

Robin Gaiser and Judy Mirczak to conduct a workshop entitled Music and Movement for Health and Healing in Northampton.

Connie Dodge to provide a watercolor workshop to be conducted by Karen Cooper in Wells next summer.

Gary Van Slyke to conduct Summer Youth Concerts and harmonica workshops at Summer Youth camps at various locations throughout the Sacandaga region this summer.

## **ART CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS-Summer/Fall Class and Workshop Schedule**

We have announced our course offerings for this art filled season. Choose between drawing, painting, fabric art and photography. Join us in celebrating the artist in all of us.

**Drawing with Dramatic Contrast** with artist and teacher Constance Dodge.

Date: September 12, 19, October 3, 10, 17, 24

Place: Edinburg Community Center Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$45. for SVAN members, \$50 for nonmembers.

For: ages 16 to adult. No experience needed.

**Oil Painting: Two Views** with artists Anne Miller and Ann Larsen.

Date: August 27, 29 and 30 (Rain dates to be decided and will be available at time of registration.)

Place: Meet at Common Ground Gallery/ outdoor sites for painting.

Time: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tuition: \$90.

For: ages 16 to adult/ advanced beginner to advanced.

Other: a materials list will be available at time of registration.

**Making a Mark on Fabric and Paper for Mixed Media Collage** with fabric artist, Judith Plotner.

Date: August 23 Place: TBA Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuition: \$35.00/ Materials Fee: \$25.00. For: ages 15 to adult.

Other: Bring a bag lunch.

**Basic Photography/ Film and Digital** taught by professional photographer, Harry Wirtz.

Date: August 3, 4, 7, and 9.

Place: Edinburg Community Center

Time: 6 to 8 p.m. / Aug. 4 Field Trip, 3 to 6 p.m. rain or shine. Tuition: \$90. Materials fee to be arranged. For: 16 to Adult.

**Landscape and the Elements of Nature in Watercolor** with Adirondack watercolor artist, Elizabeth O'Brian.

Date: September 15 Time: 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Piseco Community Center/ Bag Lunch needed.

Tuition: \$10.00 (made possible through a SVAN mini- grant.)

For: Hamilton County residents/Four slots for others. Beginners & painters returning to watercolor.

Other: Supply list available at registration. Boards to attach watercolor paper to be provided if student has none.

**Registration forms available July 1** at local libraries from Gloversville to Lake Pleasant and through the SVAN web site. Questions? Call Ann Larsen at 863-6507 or e-mail larsenstudio@frontiernet.net.

## **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.

Beginning in August, in collaboration with the Northville Public Library, the SVAN Film Club will feature award-winning, recently released independent and foreign films interspersed with great old films. Film titles and synopses will be advertised in the SVAN Newsletter, SVAN Grapevine, Edinburg News, and the Hamilton County News.

The Film Club will be showing the following films in July:

**July 5 at 7:00 p.m. Chinatown** 1974 - Los Angeles detective Jake Gittes (Jack Nicholson) is hired by a woman claiming to be a Mrs. Mulwray (Faye Dunaway) to spy on her husband. Shortly after Gittes is hired, the real Mrs. Mulwray appears in his office threatening to sue if he doesn't drop the case immediately. Gittes pursues the case anyway, slowly uncovering a vast conspiracy centering on water management, state and municipal corruption, land use and real estate, and involving at least one murder. Directed by Roman Polanski, Chinatown won an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay and is considered one of the best 100 films of the 20th Century by the *Village Voice*.

**July 19 at 7:00 p.m. Pan's Labrynth** (2006) - Mexican director Guillermo Del Toro's political fable and fantasy (Oscar nominated for Best Foreign Language Film)) won Oscars for Art Direction, Cinematography and Makeup. Set in 1944 fascist Spain, it also inhabits the imagination of 11 year-old Ofelia. Pan, a faun, tells the story of a dead princess. "If you recall the chills that ran down your spine and the surreal horror that tickled your brain in the presence off "Alice in Wonderland" ... or "The Wizard of Oz when you were a child ... you 'll discover those sensations once again..." (Roger Ebert, *Chicago Sun-Times*, 12/2/06)

The SVAN Film Club meets in the Lounge of the Northville Presbyterian Church, is free, and is open to the public. Contact Mary Ann Evans at 863-7052 for more information.

### **SVAN Library Gallery Changes/ Artist Group Show- note to Artists**

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** mentioned earlier in this newsletter, which will run from **July 2nd through August 30.**

All artists wishing to participate in the group should have contacted Connie Dodge by June 15. 863- 2201 or e-mail [cdodgeart@frontiernet.net](mailto:cdodgeart@frontiernet.net). Please deliver your 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.

### **\*\* Meet the Artist-June 28 at the Mayfield Library - please see the enclosed flyer**

SVAN's program Meet the Artist will continue at the Mayfield Community Library, the library conference room is located upstairs (handicapped accessible) in the Mayfield High School, 27 School Street. Last month we enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Stu Eichel. These artists freely share with us and provide knowledge you won't get anywhere else. Join us in supporting the artist and the organization on June 28, 2007, at 7 p.m.

The Sacandaga Valley Arts Network and the Friends of the Mayfield Community Library co-sponsor this program. We are proud to announce our featured artist for the June Meet the Artist program, Pat McEvoy. Pat will present her work and a slide presentation of her journey as an artist. **All are welcome.** Admission is free. All art students should be there. The building is handicapped accessible.

McEvoy resides in Saratoga Springs and is a Member of the Guild of Adirondack Artists. She is a prolific painter whose work can be seen locally in Saratoga and throughout the Capital Region. Her art has also been shown nationally and she was awarded a Fellowship at the Virginia Center for Creative Arts in 2002. In 2005, McEvoy was honored with a Residency at Oberpflzer Kunstlerhaus, an artist colony in Schwandorf, Germany. Five of her recent paintings will be published in the July '07 Spanish/ English arts journal, "Terra Incognita", originating in Madrid.

This program is cosponsored by SVAN and the Friends of the Mayfield Library and is funded in part by a NYSCA Decentralization Grant administered by the Tri-County Arts Council.

### **Art Classes for Wilderness**

Wilderness Fund for Kids has a business membership in SVAN and is guided by SVAN member, Mary Cleland. As an annual fundraiser, Wilderness is sponsoring summer environmental workshops and art classes. These are available to adults and students as indicated in the individual course descriptions. Work by younger, gifted students will be reviewed by portfolio if such a child is to be considered for participation. The registrar may be contacted at 518-835-6335. Checks can be made out and mailed to Wilderness Fund for Kids, PO Box 355, Johnstown, NY 12095.

> Wood Carving with Jim Underwood. July 24th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fee \$25. Age 16-adult. Carvers bring exacto knife, jack knife or own carving tools. Blacks will be provided.

>Watercolor with Ellen Panero. July 31st. One day workshop to provide guidance and problem solving. Class limited to 10. Fee \$35.00.

>Discovery of Nature through Photography with Darla Oatout. July 10th. 9 a.m. to noon. Limit 8 people. Fee 35.00.

>Drawing from Nature with Constance Dodge. July 17th from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Dramatic composition with high contrast will be explored with pencil and graphite powder on paper. Techniques on sighting and shading will be emphasized. Limited to 14 people, ages 12 to adult. Tuition \$35.00. Bring lunch.

>The Environmental workshops will be led by Garrett Schaperjahn, a student at Roanoke College in Virginia. All are invited. Make reservations by e-mail, gdschaperjahn@roanoke.edu or call 518-605-8363 or 835-6335.

June 20-The Adventure of a Rain Drop

July 9- Sustainable Living 101

July 18- Life, Liberty and the Environment

August 6- Saving our Adirondacks

Other Mondays and Wednesdays from May through July, August 6 and 8. 9 a.m.--3p.m. call for program specifics and to indicate interest.

### **Art in the Park / Call for Artists**

On July 1, 2007 the Village of Northville, SVAN and Senator High Farley will sponsor a Family Day in the Northville Waterfront Park from 3 to 8 p.m. to celebrate the beginning of summer. There will be food vendors, a SVAN Song Sunday event, and visual artists are being invited to display their art for this celebration. Artists will have to provide their own 10' x 10' canopy or shelter. If interested, please contact John Spaeth at 863-8047.

### **From Terry VanGenderen, SVAN Member...**

Members of Sacandaga Valley Arts Network are invited to participate in an Art Fest on August 11, 2007 on Main Street in Gloversville. They are interested in artists to exhibit and sell their works. The Date is August 11, 2007 -Time is 9 to 5PM - There will be 3 tents set up for the artists and/or they can set up their own area. This will take place on Main Street in Gloversville. The street will be blocked off of all traffic for the Art Fest. If needed there will be indoor accommodations for the artists. Please contact Wally Hart at the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce for your reservations. Telephone 725-0641.

### ***From our friends in WELLS- "MUSIC ON THE GREEN" concert schedule***

Rt. 30, Wells, NY, Saturday nights in July and August 7:30-9:30 pm RAIN OR SHINE under the covered pavilion.

July 14- ANNIE AND THE HEDONISTS-folk/blues/jazz/gospel

July 21- SONIC MAYHEM- blues/funk/rock/jazz

July 28- THE BELAIRES OLDIES SHOW- Rock and roll oldies

August 11- FLAME- 11 piece soft rock band featuring Michelle King

August 18- HILLTOWN RAMBLERS- Country/bluegrass/originals

Sponsored by Wells Improvement Group,

Partially funded by NYS arts decentralization grant and distributed by Blue Mtn. Lake Ctr. for the Arts.

### **Election of Officers and Board Members**

This is your official notification of the 2007 board election to be held at our annual meeting. The nominating committee requests names and contact information of qualified individuals willing to serve if elected. Please contact a member of the executive committee. (Frank Casler, MaryAnn Evans, Hank Lang and John Scunziano) You may also send a note to our official address on the heading of this newsletter.

**Please join us for an artful summer season in the beautiful Sacandaga Valley. Until next time, enjoy the summer in Sacandaga!**

