



CENTERPIECE

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Photos by Jack Burn



Jack Burn first discovered his love of photography while serving in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Now that he is retired, he has more time to devote to his art. A member of the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley, Burn exhibited his artwork at the Center during the month of July in an exhibit called **Photos by Jack Burn**. A reception was held in his honor on July 29, 2007.

The year in review

August 2006

The Fine Arts Center's annual **Menagerie exhibit** was on display in the month of August. The exhibit featured about 50 art pieces ranging from paintings and sketches to clay and shoes. A reception was held on August 27, 2006.

The Fine Arts Center participated in **Transportation Days** August 4–6 by scheduling the entertainment, hosting a book signing and setting up a booth at the festival.

On August 18, 2006, the Billy Crawford Band played the

blues to finish out the **Summer Concert Series** in Jackson Park.

September 2006

During the month of September, the Fine Arts Center encouraged visitors to the gallery to gain a different viewpoint in the **Looking Through A Different Lens** exhibit. Visitors were able to look through the lens of a wide range of local photographers, both past and present: Pam and Brett Whitesell, Aileen Fletcher, David Kent, Rudolph Farmer and Eric Brady. There was a reception on September 24, 2006.



In 1964, at the age of 14, Dr. Bay traveled to Mexico for the first time. It was on that trip that Dr. Bay's interest in Mexican masks came alive. Since that first visit Dr. Bay has accumulated about 300 Mexican masks, some dating back more than 100 years. A reception was held on October 29, 2006.

The Fine Arts Center's **Center Stage School of Dance** held a Kindermusik class in October. Kindermusik is a class for parents/caregivers and children ages 18 months to 3 years old to experience music and movement together.

Actress Sally Struthers visited the Fine Arts Center on September 20, 2006, *above*.

Edna Love taught a **stained glass class** September through November. Students learned how to cut glass, basic design and beginning techniques of copper foil and lead came.

Lyndall Mason taught a **Watercolor class** September through November, teaching beginners and advanced students.

The Fine Arts Center's **Center Stage School of Dance** held classes in ballet, jazz, tumble bear gymnastics and Kindermusik during the month of September.

All members of the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley were invited to attend the **Annual Meeting of the Members** on September 11, 2006.

October 2006

In October and November the ancient Mexican art of mask making was brought to the Fine Arts Center in the exhibit **A Different Culture: Mexican Masks Las Manos Magica's — From the collection of Dr. Richard Bay**, *right*.

On October 7 the Fine Arts Center participated in **Downtown Days** by setting up a booth in front of the gallery.

On October 31 the Fine Arts Center participated in the annual **Halloween Treat Trail** giving out treats and inviting families into the gallery to view the exhibit.

In October and November Rhonda Whitehurst taught a beginners and intermediate **Stained Glass (Copper Foiling) Class**. Students concentrated on making small panels and gifts for the holidays.



November 2006

In November and December the **gift shop windows** were painted compliments of the Pulaski County High School Art League.

On November 30 the Pulaski Elementary School fourth graders entertained some 200 parents and guests at the **Lighting of the Trees 2006**. This year's theme was Rockin' Christmas. The celebration featured 11 Christmas trees decorated by non-profit organizations throughout the New River Valley, each incorporating its mission statement into its decorating theme.

December 2006

In December Ms. Lyndall Mason and her students displayed their artwork in an exhibit called **Watermedia – Lyndall Mason and Students**. There was a Christmas tea reception held on December 10, 2006.

On December 1 the Fine Arts Center held its annual **Christmas Gala**. Entertainment was provided by guitarist Robbie Dummitt and catering was provided by Linda Cox.

January 2007

Rhonda Whitehurst taught a **stained glass class** in January and February. Students experienced the fun and excitement of cutting glass, foiling, soldering and finishing several projects.

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February 2007

Winners of the **Southwest Virginia Regional 2007 Scholastic Art Awards** were honored at a reception on Sunday, February 4, 2007 at the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley. Over 30 schools from six counties and the City of Radford were eligible to participate by sending in artwork for regional level

judging. From these entries 54 pieces were honored with Gold or Silver Key Awards. Gold Key recipients had their work sent to New York to represent Southwest Virginia at the national competition. The Scholastic Art Awards are this country's largest and longest running awards program for students in grades 7-12. Each year over 90 regional sponsors host preliminary judging to select the best work to advance to New York for national judging. This is the sixth year Southwest Virginia has had a regional sponsor. The Southwest Virginia Awards were co-sponsored by the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley and the Pulaski County Art League and underwritten by the Bank of America Foundation. The Fine Arts Center, the Pulaski County Art League, and the Bank of America Foundation were honored to be able to recognize the work of student artists and their teachers in Southwest Virginia and to help bring this important arts event to the region. All Gold and Silver Key winners were on exhibit at the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley from January 22 through February 17. ONLY GOLD KEY artworks were forwarded to the next round of National Judging in New York. Five special pieces were designated as nominees for the "American Vision Award" and one of these will be selected at the national level as an "American Vision Award Winner" to represent our region in the Scholastic Art Awards National Exhibit this summer.



The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley is offering a series of **children's workshops** in 2007, *above*. These workshops will be FREE for the children of the New River Valley. Workshops will be funded solely by individual

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donations and business sponsors. The teachers will be donating their time and talents but we still need generous sponsors to provide funds for art materials. All donations will be greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Our first workshop was held on Saturday, February 10, at the Fine Arts Center Annex. Our project was working with clay to make a very special gift for each student's Valentine.

March 2007



The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley presented the works of the children/youth of the New River Valley in **Youth Art Month** during March, *above*. This year's theme was "The Celebration of Jamestown." There was a reception on Sunday, March 25, 2007.

April 2007

Arts At NRCC, an exhibit of works by the New River Community College students of Professors Aileen Fletcher, Won Jun Jung, Kathleen Linkous and Jerry Smith, was featured in the gallery.

Ed and Martha Biggar taught a fused glass class April 13–15. Students took their glass-working skills to a higher level at the **Fused Glass Weekend Workshop**. Students experimented with kiln carving, pattern bars, random designs, frit, stringer and rods. They learned how to make a test strip for compatibility, create tack- and fully-fused work, incorporate metal and other inclusions, and study actual historical samples of fused glass.

The Fine Arts Center held the annual **Casino Night** on April 28. This year's theme was Sports Night. There was great music, food, a raffle, an auction, a diamond extravaganza and tons of fun.

The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley will offer a variety of different **Project Workshops**, such as how-to-make stepping stones, wind chimes, etc. The first workshop was held on April 26, 2007. The project was Pot People for your Garden.

June 2007

Saturday, June 2, 2007, the Fine Arts Center proudly presented **Center Stage School of Dance Spring Recital** at Pulaski Middle School. Seven classes performed 25 dances.

Saturday, June 9, 2007, was the **Claytor Lake Festival**, *below and right above*. There were



a record-breaking number of visitors to the festival this year. The event featured a Car Show, Antique Fire Trucks, Fishing Tournament, Sand Castle Contest, Radio Controlled Cars, Wine Tasting, Arts and Crafts, Food and Drinks, Free Children's Activities, Live Music and more. The festival was a wonderful community event.



Here's the lineup for this year's **Summer Concert Series** in Jackson Park. The events are sponsored by the Fine Arts Center and the Town of Pulaski and are free to the public.

June 29 **Southern Nights** Country rock

July 13 **Sound Express Show** Variety

July 27 **Billy Crawford Band** Blues

August 10 **Encore** Beach music, oldies

August 24 **Big Lik** Variety

In Memoriam

The Center's directorate expresses our sincere sympathy to the families of **Mr. O'Dell Mayberry, Ms. Ethel Clark, Mrs. Bettye Steger, Dr. Beth Nelson, Mr. William B. Sanders, Ms. Esther S. Via, Mr. Bobby Edens, Mr. Ronald L. Royal** and **Mr. Brook Davis Eley**. The Center acknowledges and appreciates the contributions made by them during their lifetimes.

Memorials

Memorials for O'Dell Mayberry

Edna Isbill
Dru and Robert Henderson

Memorials for Bettye Steger

Edna Isbill

Memorials for William B. Sanders

Eloise B. Macgill

Memorials for Esther S. Via

Janice H. Whitt & Kimberly McKone

Memorials for Ronald L. Royal

The Class of 1958
Jill Sandidge
Julia K. Howard

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May 2007

ARTRAIN USA

Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture



ARTRAIN USA, the nation's only traveling art museum on a train, visited the Town of Pulaski on May 26–28 to present its exhibition **Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture**. The featured exhibit was a contemporary Native American art exhibition which recently was designated an American Masterpiece by the National Endowment for the Arts. The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley and the Town of Pulaski sponsored this free event. Artrain's visit was very successful with a great turnout.

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