

JUNE

- 7, 21, 28... Back Street Summer Concert, 5:30 pm, BackStreet Park
- 1-8... "Through the Camera's Eye" exhibit, Ashe Arts Center
- 8... Feast for the Arts Dessert Gala & Silent Auction, 8pm, Arts Center
- 11... Ashe County Arts Council meets, 6:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center
- 12-30... "Light and Lighthouses" exhibit, Ashe Arts Center
- 14... Gallery Crawl, 5-8pm, Downtown West Jefferson
- 14... Artists' reception for "Light and Lighthouses" exhibit, 5-8pm, Arts Center
- 13... Ashe County Piecemaker's Quilt Guild meets, 2pm, ASA
- 15... Wordkeepers Salon, 4pm, Ashe Arts Center
- 15... Wayne Henderson Festival, Grayson Highlands State Park, Virginia
- 20-24... Ashe County Little Theatre: *Gypsy*, Ashe Civic Center
- 22... Blue Ridge Art Clan meets, 9:30 am, Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church
- 26... Friends of the Library meet, 11am, Ashe County Library
- 27... Auditions for ACLT's *Calendar Girls*, Ashe Civic Center

JULY

- 1-6... "Light and Lighthouses" exhibit, Ashe Arts Center
- 5-6... Christmas in July Festival, Downtown West Jefferson
- 9... Ashe County Arts Council meets, 6:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center
- 10-27... "Backroads" exhibit, Ashe Arts Center
- 11... Ashe County Piecemaker's Quilt Guild meets, 2pm, ASA
- 12... Gallery Crawl, 5-8pm, Downtown West Jefferson
- 12... Artists' reception for "Backroads" exhibit, 5-8pm, Arts Center
- 13... Violet Bell in concert, Ashe Arts Center
- 16... Little Theatre quarterly meeting, 5:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center
- 19, 26... Back Street Summer Concert, 5:30 pm, BackStreet Park
- 23-24... JAM Camp, noon-5pm, Ashe Civic Center
- 24... Friends of the Library meet, 11am, Ashe County Library
- 25-27... 50th Annual Bluegrass & Old Time Fiddlers Convention, Ashe Park
- 27... Blue Ridge Art Clan meets, 9:30 am, Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church

AUGUST

- 1-4... "Studio Tours" exhibit, Gallery of the Ashe Arts Center
- 2, 16, 23, 30... Back Street Summer Concert, 5:30 pm, BackStreet Park
- 3-4... Ashe County Studio Tour, Ashe County Artists' studios
- 7-31... "Bold, Bright and Colorful" exhibit, Gallery of the Ashe Arts Center
- 8... Ashe County Piecemaker's Quilt Guild meets, 2pm, ASA
- 9... Gallery Crawl, 5-8pm, Downtown West Jefferson
- 9... Artists' reception for "Bold, Bright and Colorful" exhibit, 5-8pm, Ashe Arts Center
- 10... 30th Annual Blue Ridge Brutal Bike Ride, Ashe Civic Center
- 10... Wordkeepers Salon, 4pm, Ashe Arts Center
- 12... Auditions for ACLT's *Who's on First*, 6:30 pm, Ashe Civic Center
- 13... Ashe County Arts Council meets, 6:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center
- 17... Corey Ann Celebration of Women in the Arts Workshop & Symposium, Florence Art School
- 17... Chatham Rabbits, 7:30pm, Ashe Arts Center
- 22-25... ACLT's *Calendar Girls*, Ashe Civic Center
- 24... Blue Ridge Art Clan meets, 9:30 am, Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church
- 28... Friends of the Library meet, 11am, Ashe County Library

There are so many opportunities to experience the arts in the High Country this summer - too many to list! Check out these websites for shows, exhibits, concerts and more!

- An Appalachian Summer Festival, Boone: www.appsummer.org
- Ashe County Farmer's Market: www.ashefarmersmarket.com
- Ashe County Public Library: www.ashelibrary.com
- BackStreet Park Concert Series: www.visitwestjefferson.org
- Barter Theatre, Abingdon: www.bartertheatre.com
- Florence Art School: www.FlorenceArtSchool.org
- LMC Summer Theatre: www.lmc.edu/community/summer-theatre/
- Mountain Home Music, Boone: www.mountainhomemusic.com
- The Paramount Center, Bristol: www.paramountbristol.org
- Phipps Store Friday Night Jams: www.blueridgemusic.org
- The River House, Grassy Creek: www.RiverHouseNC.com
- The Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts: www.theschaefercenter.org
- Todd Summer Music Series: www.ToddNC.org



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THROUGH THE CAMERA'S EYE
A showcase of landscapes, animals, foreign lands, and unbelievable images are featured by photographers from the High Country through June 8



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ARTS / DATES

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FAREWELL, JANE LONON!

What a mixture of emotions we all are feeling at this time. Joy, that Jane is reaching a milestone and looking forward to rest and relaxation – no clock, no meetings, no deadlines, and no batting clean-up after events. Sadness, because we are moving into a Jane-less era. Uncertainty, as we prepare to shepherd the Arts Council into a new era.

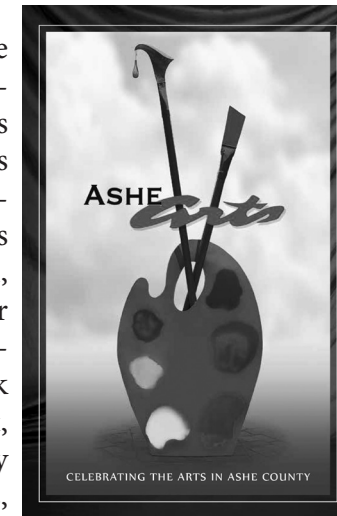
What we do know is that the Arts Council has a strong foundation on which to build our future. We have a foundation fortified by a dedicated director who cared so much for the organization and the community that she devoted endless energy and leadership and built the best Arts Council in the state and beyond. We join the whole community in wishing Jane every happiness in her bright new future.

– The Ashe County Arts Council Board of Directors

ASHE ARTS BROCHURE

Check out the latest offering from the Arts Council! The twenty page, full color brochure features everything artsy that Ashe County has to offer and it's hot off the press!

Co-sponsored by Ashe County Economic Development and the Arts Council, it celebrates the arts and the thriving arts scene that is important to tourism, the economy, and our quality of life. This brochure offers a good look at visual art, public art, music, theatre, literary art, tours and festivals, and more!



MUSIC CAROLINA JAZZ

featuring Martha Bassett

Join music enthusiasts at the Ashe Civic Center Saturday evening, July 20 when **Music Carolina Jazz** takes the stage. Concert time is 7:30 pm.



Martha Bassett returns to the stage with the Winston-Salem based ensemble for an evening of jazz standards and favorite tunes. Martha's signature vocal sound is always a crowd pleaser.

Seating is reserved; adult ticket price is \$20, students are \$5. Tickets are available in advance at the Ashe Arts Center, by calling 336.846-2787; and beginning July 1, tickets may be purchased online. Check the website www.ashecountyarts.org for details.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets for all events included in ARTS/DATES, go on sale the first month of each issue. For example, this issue covers concerts June through August and you can call NOW to get those favorite seats, 336.846-2787.

Coming July 1 – online ticket sales for all events!

FREE CONCERT SERIES

The West Jefferson Community Partnership Presents the 13th Annual

BackStreet Park SUMMER CONCERTS

Downtown West Jefferson on the Backstreet
Music in the Park • Enjoy the Outdoors
5:30-7:00 p.m.



MAY 31, 2019
Wayne Henderson, Helen White, & Herb Key
Put together a renowned finger-pickin' Appalachian guitar player and an award-winning singer and fiddler, and you get a sound that's... oh so sweet!

JUNE 7, 2019
Lucky Strikes Trio
Classic 50's-70's Rock-n-Roll and more!



JUNE 21, 2019
The King Bees
International roots artists playing dynamic blues and American roots music.

JUNE 28, 2019
Crooked Road Ramblers
Old Time fiddle-driven string band music of the Blue Ridge Mountains.



JULY 19, 2019
Mountain Laurels
The High Country's highly acclaimed band with an inventive approach to traditional Celtic and Appalachian music.

JULY 26, 2019
Cane Mill Road
High energy bluegrass band with an eclectic mix of traditional and original sounds.



AUGUST 2, 2019
Nobody's Business
Based in SW Virginia, Nobody's Business performs a variety of Old-Time, Traditional Bluegrass, and Classic Country music.

AUGUST 16, 2019
Restless
Rock and Roll variety for older kids.



AUGUST 23, 2019
Gap Civil
The best of Old Time music from Alleghany County!

AUGUST 30, 2019
Zephyr Lightning Bolts
Old time band that keeps your toes tapping!



www.VisitWestJefferson.org
1-866-607-0093

Light and Lighthouses

JoAnn Pippin and Carole Bryant share a love of painting. Through workshops and classes they discovered common artistic interests and they both serve on the board of the Watercolor Society of North Carolina.

JoAnn and Carole continually challenge each other to paint more and to strive to portray light in their work. Thus was born the duo exhibit, *Light and Lighthouses*.



Currituck Lighthouse
by Carole Bryant

LIFE: Learn something new. Be inspired by others. Enjoy friendships new and old. Be enriched along the way. Look for this new booklet that contains an array of events and activities that you will love.

Find a season of incredible offerings, assembled by the Ashe County Arts Council, Ashe County Public Library, Ashe Services for Aging, and the Ashe Campus of Wilkes Community College.

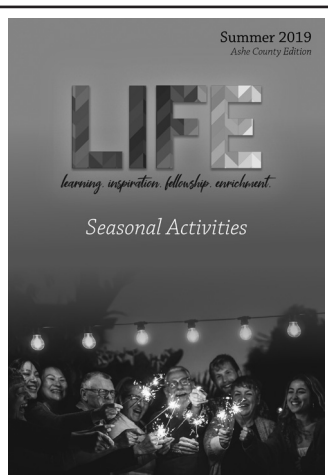


Like a Spiral in a Circle
by JoAnn Pippin

Both artists use watercolor and Carole also uses oils and pastels.

Their work tells stories and their paintings will take you to many corners of this country.

The exhibit runs from June 12 through July 6. Meet the artists for an opening reception from 5 – 7pm on Friday, June 14.



FUND DRIVE

The Ashe County Arts Council exists to enrich the cultural life of Ashe County by nurturing and supporting the arts. Your contribution is an investment in the future of your community. Our 2018-2019 Fund Drive continues with lots of community support. The Ashe County Arts Council is grateful to the business and individual contributors who make our programs possible. **These donations were made between November 11, 2018 and May 17, 2019.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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303 School Avenue
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Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm
Saturday 10am – 4pm



ON THE SAME PAGE LITERARY FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars now for the 12th annual Literary Festival celebrating reading and writing September 17-21, 2019!

Author readings... workshops ...discussion groups ... theatre ...

Diane Chamberlain! P.T. Deutermann! Elliot Engel! Georgann Eubanks! Robert Gipe! Jaki Shelton Green! Ronni Lundy! Beth Macy! AJ Mayhew! Alan Michael Parker! Stephanie Powell Watts!

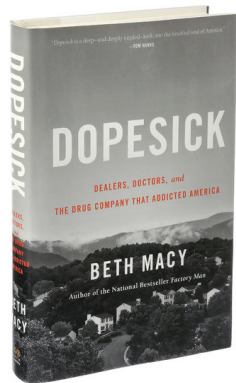
Sponsored by the Ashe County Arts Council and the Ashe Public Library. Call 336.846-2787 for schedule and information.

Stay tuned! Watch the website, www.onthesamepagefestival.org, follow *On the Same Page* on Facebook, and see further announcements in your local newspaper.

Festival Read Selection Announced for 2019!

On the Same Page Literary Festival celebrates reading, and each year a book selection is chosen to spark discussion and dialogue in the community. The Festival Read gets things underway in August with this year's book, *Dopesick*.

The author of *Dopesick* is Beth Macy who will be a featured author during the September Literary Festival. Ms. Macy appeared at On the Same Page in 2016 with her award winning books *Truevine* and *Factory Man*.



The Festival Read will kick off on August 8 at the Library in conjunction with the VAYA Health presentation on the Opioid Crisis. A Panel Discussion will be held August 29 with representatives from the medical community, law enforcement, First Responders, and families. The Festival Read wraps up at 1:00 pm on September 17 during the Festival.

Copies of *Dopesick* will be available to check out at the Library, for purchase at the Ashe Arts Center, and a limited number of books will be available to "read, discuss, and share." This year's Festival Read is an important book, and it will help facilitate the dialogue surrounding this country's Opioid Crisis.

FUND DRIVE

Thanks, arts friends! Your support of our 2018-19 Fund Drive has been terrific! If you haven't already done so, please take this opportunity to contribute to the ASHE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL in support of school and community arts programming. These contributions are an investment in the arts future of Ashe County. Thanks for your support!

Please take this opportunity to contribute to the Ashe County Arts Council.	
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Ashe County Little Theatre

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ASHE CIVIC CENTER

June 20-24, 2019

Thursday, Friday, Saturday,

Monday 7:30 pm • Sunday 2:00 pm

Adults: \$18 Students: \$5

Reserved Seat Tickets Available online at www.ashecountylittletheatre.org or at the Ashe Arts Center - Call (336) 846-2787

Best of the Blue Ridge



Painters from Ashe and surrounding counties are invited to submit works for **BEST OF THE BLUE RIDGE**, a juried fine art competition and exhibition. Visual artists residing in Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes, Grayson and Johnson Counties are eligible to submit original work that has been executed within the last three years. Paintings, drawings, hand pulled prints and mixed media works will be accepted. There is a non-refundable entry fee and delivery dates are October 4, 5, and 7 at the Ashe Arts Center. A Prospectus for the show is available from the Arts Council.

Juror for the Best of the Blue Ridge is Lee Carol Giduz. The awards for the show are provided by corporate sponsor, Cheap Joe's Art Stuff.



Lee Carol Giduz



The exhibit opens October 9 and runs through November 21. The public is invited to the opening reception for the artists and awards ceremony during the Gallery Crawl on October 11 from 5 - 8 pm. For more information, contact the Arts Council at 336.846-2787.

Ashe County Arts Council sponsors

Junior Appalachian Musicians

JAM CAMP

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 23-24

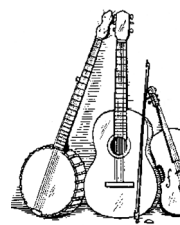
12:30 - 5pm

Ashe Civic Center, West Jefferson

Come join us for a two day JAM camp. Enjoy traditional music, square dancing, workshops, and more.

Registration fee: \$35.00

Please register by July 12, 2019. Email rebecca@ashecountyarts.org or call 336-846-2787.



This program is funded, in part, by a Folklife Initiatives Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, a grant from the Wayne Henderson Foundation, and is sponsored by the Ashe County Arts Council.

GALLERY CRAWL

Promoting

West Jefferson's Arts District

Music... Refreshments... Maps... Free!
5 - 8pm • Downtown West Jefferson

The nineteenth season of GALLERY CRAWLS takes place on the second Friday of the month from June through October. Mark June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, and December 6 on your calendars for continued opportunities to see new, creative, innovative works by Ashe County's leading artists. Extended gallery hours are from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at galleries, studios and craft shops in downtown West Jefferson.

Participating galleries

- Acorn Gallery
- Ashe Arts Center
- Ashe Custom Framing & Gallery
- Backstreet Beads and Handcrafted Jewelry
- Bohemia Gallery
- Catch Light Gallery
- Farmers Market Crafters
- Florence Thomas Art School
- Great Southern Gothic
- Originals Only Gallery
- Quilt Square Girls
- RT Morgan Gallery and Glass by Camille
- Shoemaker Studio
- The Vintage Locket

The ARTS DISTRICT is the place to find paintings, photography, pottery, stained glass, quilts and fiber arts, weavings, furniture, toys, jewelry, wood-turned products, and lots of other handcrafted items. Restaurants and other downtown shops will be open during the CRAWL. The Crawl is sponsored by the Ashe County Arts Council in cooperation with the West Jefferson Business Association, the West Jefferson TDA, and is funded, in part, through a Grassroots Arts Program Grant of the North Carolina Arts Council. For more information, call the participating galleries or the Arts Center at 336.846-2787.

VIOLET BELL IN CONCERT

Violet Bell, Lizzy Ross and Omar Ruiz-Lopez, weave soul, bluegrass, and classical influences with folk-rock roots. The duo will appear in concert at 7:30 pm at the Ashe Arts Center on Saturday evening, July 13.

On stage their chemistry is fiery, intimate, and intuitive. Multi-instrumentalist Ruiz-Lopez on violin, viola, cello, guitar, and mandolin and singer-songwriter Ross come together for an unique sound that puts a twist on traditional and contemporary roots music.

Don't miss this concert that "puts an avant-garde twist on traditional roots music." Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$5 for students and may be purchased in advance at the Ashe Arts Center, over the phone (336.846-2787), or after July 1 online at www.ashecounyarts.org.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY FESTIVAL



The 33rd annual Christmas in July Festival returns to the "Backstreet" of downtown West Jefferson Saturday, July 6.

Featuring handcrafted, original arts and crafts, the best in local music and dance, Non-Profit Row, Christmas Trees, and great food, the Festival runs from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm.

The festivities kick off at 3:00 pm Friday afternoon, July 5 with music and a street dance. Performers throughout the weekend include Wayne Henderson and Friends, Amantha Mill, Cane Mill Road, Claybank, and Lucky Strikes. Food vendors will be serving up your festival food favorites beginning at 4:00 on Friday.

Enjoy the celebration of our mountain heritage with Christmas in July! Check out the full schedule of events at www.christmasinjuly.info.

WORDKEEPERS SALON

Wordkeepers, an afternoon salon featuring writers reading their latest prose and poetry will be held at the Ashe Arts Center on Saturday, June 15 and August 10 beginning at 4:00 pm. Five-minute open microphone time slots are available; spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis by emailing Diana Renfro at renfrodiana@msn.com. Wordkeepers was begun in 2010 by local writers Chris Arvidson, Scot Pope and Julie Townsend to encourage the creation of new work and to provide an appreciative audience for the writer. Wordkeepers is free and open to the public. Refreshments are provided.

MUSIC • DANCE • THEATRE • VISUAL ARTS • FILM

AN APPALACHIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL

JUNE 29 - AUGUST 3, 2019

2019 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Ben Folds with the Winston-Salem Symphony **JUNE 29**
 Summer Exhibition Celebration at the Turchin Center **JULY 5**
 Pilobolus **JULY 12** • Patti LaBelle **JULY 13** • Lily Tomlin **JULY 20**
 Punch Brothers **AUGUST 1** • The Temptations **AUGUST 3**

Plus chamber music, theatre, global film series, visual arts workshops, lectures and much more!

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION
 BOONE, NC **800-841-ARTS • appsummer.org**

Chatham Rabbits



Sarah + Austin = Chatham Rabbits. When this talented husband-wife duo take the stage, the sound is electrifying and your feet will start tapping. Sarah and Austin McCombie tour full time with their hound dog,

Ruby, taking their special blend of vocals and instrumentals all across the United States.

Chatham Rabbits will appear in concert at the Ashe Arts Center in West Jefferson on Saturday, August 17. Concert time is 7:30. Tickets are available in advance or at the door; adult price is \$16, students price is \$5. Call 336.846-2787 for tickets or more information.

REGIONAL ARTIST PROJECT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR ARTISTS

The Regional Artist Project of Northwest North Carolina (RAPNNC) announces the availability of funds to offer grants to artists living in Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga and Wilkes counties. The project supports a broad range of talented artists including visual, performing, literary and interdisciplinary art. Eligible candidates may be either emerging or established artists, and funds may be used to pursue projects that will further their artistic development.

The RAPNNC is supported by a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Deadline for the 2019-2020 award cycle is September 13, 2019. Application and guidelines may be obtained by calling 336.846-2787 or at www.ashecounyarts.org.

Thanks to all of our hard working committee members, our movers and shakers and folks who do things for us on a daily basis. Thank you from the Arts Council!

Donna and Bill Apple, Wesley Barker, Peggy and Jerry Brandt, Michael Bell, Tab Bell, Deb Caine, Joy Campbell, Kelly Clampitt, Theresa Early Curd, Judy Current, Jane Davis, Amber Dillingham, Jeff and Linda Dreyer, Dave and Lynne Eastburn, Melissa and Richard Edmondson, Christine Franklin, Jill Gambill, Katherine and Jonathan Greene, Shane Greene, Evalynn Halsey, Connie Hardison, Kathy Howell, Carolyn Johnson, Dana and Donnie Johnson, Diane and Wayne Johnson, Sharon Kasel, Elizabeth Lauer, Callie Lewis, Grady Lonon, Ken Lynn, Jane and John Maddocks, Becky Marsten, Susan Meredith, Edie Miller, Susan Miller, Dani and Dennis Mory, Barb and Bill Naser, Owen Peeler, Ed and Ellie Perzel, Scot Pope, Traylor and Diana Renfro, Christy Rivers, Sarah Sanders, Barbara Sears, Martin Seelig, John and Lucy Smyre, Leila Spriggs, Jorena Sparks, Becky Stragand, Roger Swanson, Pam Tapp, Susan Van Wyk, Guyla Vardell, Della Vodenicker, June Weaver, Jim Williams, Marilyn Wooten.

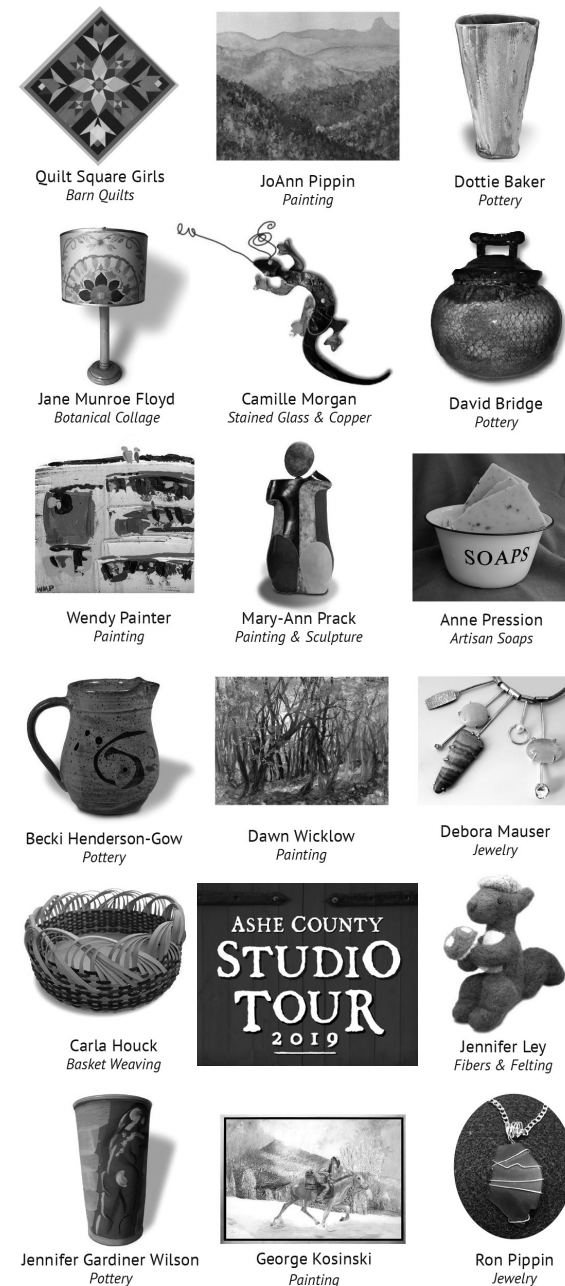
Spring Fest Youth Volunteers: Page Anderson, Madison Avery, Shawn Bast, Cora Billings, Allie Blevins, Nathalie Cabera, Mal Calhoun, Sadie Cole, Ellen Cooper, Alessandra Corne, Brandt Denniston, Harley Dixon, Braxton Downs, Marley Eller, Wendy Escabedo, Elania Graham, Zoe Greene, Savannah Greer, Lindsey Greer, Molly Greer, William Howell, Karoline Keith, Sydney Leek, Blake Lewis, Cole Lewis, Natalie Little, Dylan Little, Olivia Little, Joseph Martinez, Taylor McNeil, Haley Miller, Leanne Miller, Isabella Parker, Celeste Presnell, Olivia Randolph, Karina Rash, Ava Rector, Grady Rector, Emily Reed, Shaylee Rocksvold, Natalie Scogin, Mason Shumate, Mary Sullivan, Destiny Thomas, Ashley Tilley, Samuel Tsohis, Nayne Tucker, Wesley Waddell, Mabry Watson, Rachel Weaver, Mike Wehunt, Avery Winterton.

Spring Fest Food Contributors: Bobby D's, Hardees, Ingles, Little Caesar's Pizza, Pie on the Mountain, Pizza Hut, Subway of Wilkes County, Village Inn, Winner's Circle.

STUDIO TOUR

Ashe County's Studio Tour returns for two days of open artist studios! Seventeen visual artists throughout Ashe County will be opening their studios to visitors on Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4 for a close up look at the creative process. Studio Tour hours are from 10am – 6pm on Saturday and from noon – 5pm on Sunday.

Maps and driving directions will be available after June 15th on the website, www.ashecountyarts.org or at the Ashe Arts Center, headquarters for the Tour. Studio Tour is free!



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BOLD, BRIGHT AND COLORFUL

High Country artists Susan Van Wyk and Patrick Richardson join forces to present an exhibit of work that thrives on light and color. Their paintings emphasize composition over realism and they explore diverse subjects. **Bold, Bright, and Colorful** opens in the Arts Center Gallery on August 7.

Susan holds a BA in Fine Arts from the University of Tennessee and she taught secondary school art from 1988 to 2011. Susan has an ongoing exploration of subject matter and technique leaning towards a bold impressionistic use of color and light.

Patrick attended the North Carolina Governor's School in Art and is an electrical engineer at ASU. Patrick's work is a combination of musical color, impressionism, & surrealism that focuses on the sensual aspects of organic materials.

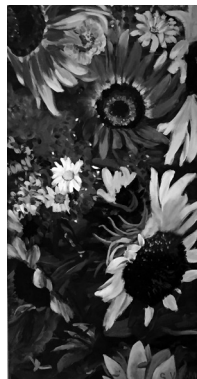
Both artists work in oils and acrylics with both having received awards at the prestigious Ashe County Arts Council's "Best in the Blue Ridge" and Wilkes Art Gallery's "Northwest Artist's Juried Competition and Exhibition."

The exhibit opens with a reception during the Gallery Crawl on Friday, August 9 from 5 – 8pm and remains in the Gallery through September 7.

STUDIO TOUR ARTIST EXHIBIT

The popular **Studio Tour Artist Exhibit** returns to the Ashe Arts Center. An exhibit of work by the seventeen participating artists will give viewers a sneak peek at what they will find in the studios during the Tour. Paintings, pottery, stained glass, barn quilts, fiber arts, sculpture, botanical collage, baskets, jewelry, and more will await you.

The exhibit runs from July 30 - August 4. The kick-off Studio Tour reception will be held from 5 – 7 pm on Friday evening, August 2. Enjoy refreshments, see incredible artwork, and meet all the artists!



Susan Van Wyk



Patrick Richardson

BACKROADS



Bald Mountain Road by Joan Bell

Driving the backroads ... exploring new places ... finding hidden gems in the land around us ... Artists from Ashe and the surrounding counties showcase their creative visions of BACKROADS. Paintings, photography, fibers, and mixed-media work have been created that will lead you on a backroad journey.

The exhibit opens with a reception for the public from 5 – 8 pm on Friday evening, July 12 in conjunction with the Gallery Crawl. Participating artists include Kim Abernethy, Tara Belk, Joanie Bell, Evalynn Halsey, Kathy Hentschel, Susan Jesperson, Ellen Jane Messina, Rex Miller, Gerry Patterson, Ed Perzel, Scot Pope, Cheryl Roberts, Colette Shomaker, Audrey Spencer, Ann Spragens, Susan Van Wyk, Carolyn Weckstrom, Bill Wysor, and others.

Backroads will be on display in the Gallery from July 10 – 17.

FIDDLERS CONVENTION

The Ashe County Bluegrass and Old Time Fiddlers Convention turns 50 this year! There's lots of excitement building for the Convention which will take place July 25-27 at Ashe County Park. Camping opens at 4 pm on Wednesday the 24th. The event is sponsored by the Ashe County Arts Council.

Traditional music lovers and performers will gather at the Park for three days of music, dancing, and workshops with individual and band competitions in youth and adult categories; prize money totals \$4350. Dale Morris is the Emcee for the event. The 2019 Judges are Gerald Anderson, Cindy Brooks Baucom, and Trevor McKenzie.

Several new events have been added this year including a Bluegrass Jamming Camp with Gilbert Nelson who teaches the Wernick Method. The Camp runs July 25 from 3-7pm and all day Friday the 26th, 9am-5pm. Cost for the two-day camp is \$169.

Bluegrass legend Terry Baucom will be at the Ashe Fiddlers Convention leading an open Jam Session on Saturday, July 27th at 1:00 P.M. This event is open to all musicians and is covered in admission to the Convention. A special private 1:1 banjo lesson with Terry will be made available to one lucky bluegrass banjo player! Applications are now being accepted. Check the website for information on how to apply.



Terry Baucom

Friday night will feature an old fashioned Appalachian Barn Dance with Trish Kilby Fore and the Dixie Wildcats Band and John Turner as the dance caller. Jam sessions will take place throughout the Park on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Visit craft vendors and the luthier's tent area; check out the displays from the Museum of Ashe County History and the Farm Life Museum.

WKSJ's Old Time and Bluegrass Radio Show with Gary Poe will broadcast live from a stage at Ashe Park "a little after 11" on Saturday to kick off the competitions. The Dollar Brothers Band will be the featured performer and the youth competitions begin at 11:00 am.

Meal concessions on Saturday will be provided by the Todd Ruritan Club. Admission to the Fiddlers Convention is \$5 on Friday and \$10 on Saturday. Proceeds from the Fiddlers Convention support the Ashe County Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) Program providing instruction in guitar, banjo and fiddle for students in grades 3-8 at the Ashe Civic Center.

A complete schedule of events and competition times can be found on the Fiddlers Convention website, www.ashefiddlersconvention.org. Additional information can be obtained from the Arts Council at 336.846-2787.

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