MARCH

1-14... “Winter Wonderland” exhibit, Gallery of the Ashe Arts Center
1-15... “All Creatures Great and Small” exhibit, Florence Art School
8... Blue Ridge Art Clan Members’ Critique, 2pm, Florence Art School
6... Ed Perez Chamber Music Series: Verona Quartet, 2pm, Ashe Arts Center
12... Ashe County Arts Council meets, 6:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center
10... Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets, 1pm, Jefferson UMC
11... Cathy Fink, Marcia Mariner & Chaos Tian in concert, 7:30pm, Ashe Civic Center
18-31... “Young At Art” exhibit, Ashe Arts Center
28... Artists’ reception for “Young At Art” exhibit, 5-7pm, Ashe Arts Center
31... Friends of the Library meeting, 11am, Ashe County Library

APRIL

1-25... “Young At Art” exhibit, Ashe Arts Center
1-24... “All Creatures Great and Small” exhibit, Florence Art School
2... Spring Foot Drive Thru, 9am - noon, Ashe Civic Center
8... Dance Workshops - ASU Global Roots of Mountain Dance, Florence Art School
8... Tannahill Weavers, 7:30 pm, Ashe Civic Center
8-10... Ola Belle Reed Song Writer’s Retreat, Ashe Civic Center
10... Cathy Fink, Marcia Mariner & Chaos Tian in concert, 7:30pm, Ashe Civic Center
5-7... Dance Workshops - 2nd Annual High Country Boil, Lost Province Center for Cultural Arts
10... Ola Belle Reed Song Writer’s Retreat, Ashe Civic Center
18... Friends of the Library meeting, 11am, Ashe County Library

MAY

1-31... “Painters of Ashe” exhibit, Ashe Arts Center
4... Junior Appalachian Musicians End of Year concert, 6pm, Civic Center
4... 2nd Annual High Country BBQ, Last Province Center for Cultural Arts
7... Night of the Spoken Word, 7:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center
9... Wildflowers - The Women of Country Music: Part 3, Ashe Arts Center
12... Ashe County Arts Council meets, 6:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center
14... Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets, 1pm, Jefferson UMC
16... Ola Belle Reed Song Writer’s Retreat, Ashe Civic Center
20... Ola Belle Reed Song Writer’s Retreat Participant’s Showcase, 3-5pm, Ashe Civic Center
20-22... Friends of the Library meeting, 11am, Ashe County Library
25... Ola Belle Reed Song Writer’s Retreat, Ashe Civic Center
28... Night of the Spoken Word, 7:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center

KATIE DEAL TRIO PRESENTS
WILDFLOWERS: THE WOMEN OF COUNTRY MUSIC

Katie Deal honors legends such as Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Tammy Wynette, Reba McEntire, Crystal Gayle and many more in this evening of country music. Join Katie as she explores the significance of groundbreaking hits like It Wasn’t God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels, 9 to 5, Harper Valley PTA and Stand By Your Man. WILDFLOWERS: THE WOMEN OF COUNTRY MUSIC celebrates the genre’s pioneering women, their musical styles and their personal stories. From Kitty Wells to Shania Twain, this concert delivers a beautiful musical bouquet. Join us on Saturday, May 7, at 7:30 pm at the Ashe Civic Center. Tickets are $20 for adults and $5 for students. This is one you don’t want to miss!

THE TANNAHILL WEAVERS

“...an especially eloquent mixture of the old and the new...”
-NEW YORK TIMES

With over 50 years of history, the Tannahill Weavers are one of Scotland’s premier traditional bands. Their diverse repertoire spans the centuries with fire-driven instrumentals, topical songs, and original ballads and lullabies. Their music demonstrates to old and young alike the rich and varied musical heritage of the Celtic people. These versatile musicians have received worldwide accolades consistently over the years for their exuberant and humorous performances and outstanding recording efforts that seemingly can’t get better, yet continue to do just that. See them live in concert on Tuesday, April 5 at the Ashe Civic Center at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $20 for adults and $5 for students.

The concert is sponsored by The Tartan Woolly. Please stop by their store in downtown West Jefferson and thank them for helping bring this group to the Civic Center stage!

Get tickets in advance!

Reserved seats are available in advance and you can purchase tickets to events online at ashecountyarts.org or by calling 336-846-2787. Ticketing fees will apply.

Prior to attending an event at the Arts Council or Civic Center, please check our website for updated covid protocols. Currently all patrons will be required to wear masks while attending an event. Additionally, for ticketed performances, proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours will be required with a photo ID. Minors 12 - 17 may show proof of full vaccine or negative test without ID.
OLA BELLE REED
SONGWRITER’S RETREAT
The Ashe County Arts Council is pleased to present a weekend retreat of songwriting, making music, and celebrating the work of Ola Belle Reed with the Ola Belle Reed Song Writer’s Retreat. The workshops will be held at the Ashe Civic Center Friday, April 8 through Sunday, April 10. The Retreat is open to songwriters of all genres and styles, and all accompaniment instruments are welcomed. A Sunday afternoon concert that features the songwriting material of the retreat participants will begin at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 10 at the Ashe Arts Center. Free and open to the public, find more information on our website.

Instructors Alice Gerrard, Cathy Fink, John Cloyd Miller, and Pierce Freelon bring a wealth of experience in performing, teaching, and songwriting. The goals of the retreat are to honor Ola Belle Reed as a songwriter, storyteller and humanist who used her craft to build community and love, to connect traditional music and story to contemporary songwriting that builds on that tradition, and teaching songwriting with intention.

Songwriters in Concert Saturday, April 9, 7:30 pm
Bluegrass Royalty to Grammy Winners Celebrate the Year of Music in North Carolina
Join singer-songwriter-instrumentalists Alice Gerrard, Cathy Fink, Marcy Marxer, John Cloyd Miller, and Pierce Freelon for an incredible evening of music! Cathy Fink is the Artistic Director for the Retreat, a Grammy Award winner and internationally known singer-songwriter and instrumentalist; Alice Gerrard toured extensively with Ola Belle Reed and is in the International Bluegrass Music Association Hall of Fame; Marcy Marxer is a Grammy award winner and John Lennon Songwriting Contest Winner; John Cloyd Miller is an award-winning songwriter and recipient of the NCAC Artist Fellowship; Pierce Freelon is a Grammy-nominated musician, producer, and educator. General admission tickets are $20 for adults, $5 for students and are available at the Ashe Civic Center or in advance at ashecountyarts.org.

REGISTRATION
In-Person Retreat $300 Adult, $150 Student
Virtual Classes $175 Adult | $90 Student
In-person workshop space is limited; early registration is encouraged. Tuition assistance and limited partial scholarships are available; email info@ashecountyarts.org for more info.

SPRING FEST
Saturday, April 2, 2022
Creating Colorful Chaos!
Spring Fest is here again – and this is the 39th year of celebrating art for Ashe County’s young people! Spring Fest will again be a drive-thru format held at the Civic Center from 9am-noon. The event is free and registration is required. You can sign up to attend on our website.

The theme this year is Creating Colorful Chaos! Each child will receive an art bag of art supplies and other goodies to get the artistic creativity rolling.

Spring Fest is funded in part by a Grassroots Arts Program Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and is sponsored by the Ashe County Arts Council.

Winter Wonderland Exhibition
February 8 - March 12
With over 20 participating local artists, Winter Wonderland is an inviting and beautiful display of all the visual splendor of the season. From quiet moments of muted tones to the full spectrum of color, these artists give viewers an experience of winter without having to brave the cold.

Painters of Ashe County
April 26 - June 6, Reception May 13th, 5 pm - 7 pm
Painters of Ashe County Exhibition will bring artists featured in Doug Munroe and Kim Hadley’s publication together for an exhibit at both Ashe Arts Center and Florence Thomas Art School in downtown West Jefferson. The book is an extensive overview of painters associated with Ashe County, NC, their stories, and images of their work. The joint exhibitions will include over 60 artists and is bound to delight local art appreciators with the variety of our local painters. The reception will include special events such as a book signing with the authors.
VERONA QUARTET
“...outstanding ensemble... cohesive yet full of temperament” - THE NEW YORK TIMES

A string quartet for the 21st century, the Verona Quartet will visit Ashe County for a performance at the Ashe Arts Center on Sunday, March 6th at 2pm.

The Verona Quartet has firmly established itself amongst the most distinguished ensembles on the chamber music scene today. The group’s singular sense of purpose most recently earned them Chamber Music America’s coveted 2020 Cleveland Quartet Award. The Quartet serves on the faculty of the Oberlin College and Conservatory as the Chamber-in-Residence, in addition to holding residencies at the Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance, Indiana University Summer String Academy and North Carolina’s Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle. This performance is part of the Ed Perzel Chamber Music Series.

The Ed Perzel Chamber Music Series is pleased to present two Sunday afternoon concerts in April and May featuring musicians from the greater Charlotte area. The Charlotte Players will perform at 2pm on April 24 at the Ashe Arts Center. Performing the Dvorak Piano Quintet, op. 81 and Puccini’s Crizantemi are Tomoko Deguchi – piano, Lenora Leggatt and Tatiana Karpoa – violin, Vasily Gorkovoi – viola, and Oksana McCarthy - cello.

On May 15 at 2pm at the Ashe Arts Center, Chamber Music For All will feature a string quartet performing Beethoven’s String Quartet opus 95 “Serioso” and Mendelssohn’s String Quartet No. 2 in A minor op. 13. Tickets for this series are $16 for adults and $5 for students.

CATHERINE FINK, MARCY MARXER AND CHAO TIAN
March 11, 7:30 pm, Ashe Civic Center. Tickets: $20 adult and $5 student
From Appalachia to China- Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer are joined by versatile Chinese Classical Hammered Dulcimer player Chao Tian for an evening of traditional and contemporary Americana and Chinese music.

SCOTT MILLER
April 28, 7:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center. Tickets: $18 adult and $5 student
Scott Miller is a fiery roots-rock singer and songwriter from Virginia and was recently inducted to the East Tennessee Writers Hall of Fame. “Miller’s one of our most vivid, story-telling songwriters.” - Country Standard Time.