



WHAT'S NEW AT BCAA

Bringing the Arts to Bath County



"Koi" by Paula Melton

From the President

BY LEIGH JOHNSON



Hello BCAA Members! Leigh Johnson here sending greetings as the new President.

Thank you for all you do to enable us to bring the arts to Bath County. It's been a busy year so far, and this fall is full of great events and opportunities. Take a moment to check out what is happening!

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Community Grants

BY KIT BURNETT

The Bath County Arts Association has been privileged to fund more than 10 arts-related events/activities/programs in Bath County this year. Funding for the community grants comes from the sale of artwork at the Art Show and donations to BCAA.

You may have been fortunate enough to attend the 21st Bath County Bluegrass Jamboree, the Bath County Night Out Against Crime, or the Bath County Fair. All of these and more have received funding from the Community Grants program through BCAA. Garth Newel and BCAA have joined funds for years to support the Allegheny Mountain String Project and other programs. The Bath County Public Library and Bath County Plein Air Festival also came up with creative ideas that were funded through BCAA grants.

Do you have an arts-related event planned that is open to the community? If so, please read our grant eligibility guidelines and complete a grant application on our website at www.bathcountyarts.org/community-grants.



Blue Ridge Thunder playing at the Bath County Bluegrass Jamboree 2023.



Bath County Fair 2023



Bath Plein Air Community Painting Wall

Membership Update

BY MINDY BROOKS

Thanks to all of you who believe in our mission of supporting the arts in our schools and throughout our community.

NEW WAYS TO DONATE:

- “In Memory of” or “In Honor of.” Click on the Donations button on our website’s home page or go to <https://www.bathcountyarts.org/donate>.
- Matching Gifts: Please check with your employer to see if they’ll match your gift. If you need information from BCAA to make this happen, send us a note at membership@bathcountyarts.org.

Programs



Save the Date for BCAA’s annual holiday show, “A Christmas Carol” by the Virginia Repertory Theatre of Richmond. December 16 at 4 p.m. at the Bath County High School.

This hour-long family event is free and open to everyone. BCAA invites show attendees to join us for free cookies and hot cocoa at the high school starting at 3 p.m., right after the Hot Springs holiday parade.

Don’t miss this remarkable holiday performance! It’s our gift to the community and to you. See you there!

Online Raffle



Our fabulous online raffle is coming soon! We’re offering a two-night stay at the Omni Homestead Resort, which has just completed more than \$150 million in renovations. All proceeds from this raffle go to funding BCAA scholarships. (Read more about our scholarships on the next page.) Check your email for this exciting chance to win a great Homestead Package!

Scholarships

BY LINDA CAULEY & RACHEL CAMACHO

High School



This year BCAA was very excited to offer three scholarships to Bath County High School graduating seniors, including our first award to a student in the technical trades. Our three award winners were Caitlin Moore (pictured left), currently a student at UVa-Wise majoring in psychology; Braden Gibson, a student in the welding program at Mountain Gateway Community College; and Alison Morton, a student at James Madison University majoring in Art History. We are also continuing to fund last year's award winner, Sarah Eaton, a student at Liberty University majoring in English who plans to become a teacher.

Please encourage any high school senior, privately, publicly or home schooled, who has demonstrated talent and enthusiasm for the arts to apply. Information may be found at bathcountyarts.org/scholarships.

Adult



The BCAA Scholarship Committee was very happy to award our first adult tuition assistance grant to Madison Barnett. Madison teaches students in the Allegheny Mountain String Project at Garth Newel. Madison became endeared to many of us when she played delightful violin music several afternoons during the art show. Madison used her grant to attend a workshop in Ohio where she honed her skills for teaching introductory and intermediate violin. She also began training on a "secondary instrument," which, because she already plays violin and viola, was the cello. Her enthusiasm for the professionals she met, the new friends she made, and the skills gained were obvious in her report. We can't wait to work with Madison again as she continues to grow as a musician and teacher.

Please share this opportunity for financial assistance with other practicing artists and artisans. Information may be found at bathcountyarts.org/scholarships.

Arts in Education

BY SUE HIRSH

Students in Bath County Schools benefitted from both BCAA grants and a partnership with the Allegheny Highlands Arts Council (AHAC) in October:

OCT 4 – Ginny Neil, author/illustrator, visited Millboro Elementary School, Grades 3-5

OCT 12 – Ginny Neil, author/illustrator, visited Valley Elementary School, Grades 3-5

- Ginny Neil, author, illustrator, award-winning teacher, and master naturalist, described how she wrote and illustrated her first picture book, *The Glorious Forest That Fire Built*. Students also participated in activities related to the story: Grade 3 – food web, Grade 4 – tree cookies, and Grade 5 – figurative language.



Ginny Neil with the Millboro Elementary Students.



Ginny using a puppet as a teaching aid.

OCT 10 – Virginia Repertory's "Have You Filled a Bucket Today? The Musical" at MES and VES.

- This fun-filled musical from Virginia Rep uses the concept of a "bucket" to show students how to express kindness, appreciation, and love by being "bucket-fillers" with positive, thoughtful behavior. "Have you Filled a Bucket Today? The Musical!" relays the joys of friendship and compassion for both the receiver and the giver.
- The program addresses Health Mental Wellness & Social Emotional Skills, Decision Making, Self-Management, Character Education, Communication, Multimodal Literacies, and Arts Innovation & Collaboration.

(Photographs on next page)



The elementary school principals applied for a grant to provide a live theatrical experience for students. “Have You Filled A Bucket Today? The Musical!” relays the joys of friendship, kindness, and compassion which fills the bucket of both the receiver and the giver.

OCT 17 – Elizabeth Massie, author, visited English classes at Bath County High School

- Beth Massie is an award-winning author of horror novels and short fiction. She has written historical fiction for young adults, teens, and middle schoolers, as well as mainstream fiction, media tie-ins, and nonfiction for American History textbooks and educational readers and testing programs. She focused on the creative writing process in her conferences with students.

OCT 30 – Brass5 – “Roots: The Evolution of Jazz” performance at Bath County High School, Grades 6-12

- Brass5 has been entertaining audiences with vast repertoire and wit for over 30 years. With over 4,000 concert engagements in the United States and Europe, Brass5 brings great music to audiences with their signature, light-hearted fun approach.

NOV 2 – Virginia Repertory’s “Hugs and Kisses” at MES and VES

- Virginia Rep’s “Hugs and Kisses” is Virginia’s principal child sexual abuse prevention program. Age-appropriate for K - 5 students, it has proven to be a highly effective prevention and early intervention teaching tool.
- The program addresses Family Life, Health Mental Wellness & Social Emotional Skills, English Communication & Multimodal Literacies, and Arts Innovation.

Art Show Recap



**People's Choice Award
BCAA 2023 Art Show
"8 AM"
Jeffery Stockberger**



Patrons Party -- Leigh Johnson, Norvell Whitaker, Mindy Brooks & Molly Haynes

Our July art show was a huge success! Under the the leadership of Molly Haynes and her amazing team, we registered 295 artists and sold over \$170,000 of art. Once again, we have exceeded the prior year's goals.

To kick off the show, close to 200 BCAA members raised their glasses at Franny and Walter Kansteiner's home as we celebrated corporate and individual sponsors, our incredible volunteers, and the stars of the show - 970 works of art!



**Best in Show
BCAA 2023 Art Show
"Near & Far"
Jeffery Stockberger**

We are excited for the 2024 art show, and we welcome this year's art show chairs: Molly Haynes, Kate Ackerly and Pari Baker.

AS ALWAYS, WE ARE EXCITED BY YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING US BRING THE ARTS TO BATH COUNTY! WANNA DO MORE OR HAVE A GREAT IDEA?

EMAIL ME: PRESIDENT@BATHCOUNTYARTS.ORG

ALL THE BEST -- LEIGH JOHNSON, PRESIDENT BCAA