

Spreading Out

Recent years have seen the Arts Council becoming steadily more involved with other county arts organizations. Our president, Barb Murray, joined us from the Dushore Music Club, where she has served as president and treasurer. Two years ago, for the first time, the newly arrived high school art instructor, Dylan Wiesner, became a board member. In 2017, we added a student-artist category to our Fall Art Expo in October.

The county, though small in both size and population, has historically been separated – some might say fragmented – into local enclaves, mostly as a result of geography. Traveling the winding mountain roads (especially in winter) was something of a logistical nightmare in the 19th and early 20th centuries; it might take a week to move a load of farm materials from Lopez to Dushore, some 10 miles down the rutted road.

In recent decades, this isolating situation has largely broken down. Over the past summer, for instance, the SCCA provided student scholarships to Endless Arts in Eagles Mere, a week of fall classes and workshops that echoes the Chautauqua experience at the turn of the 20th century. And we have added a Community Calendar to our website; it covers a wide range of activities by a wide range of organizations, and it can be linked from any other website or Facebook page. We're always looking for new opportunities to work with any organization that could use our help or experience. If you have ideas for directions to take, please contact us.

Kathy Görg's
"Calla Tea Cup & Saucer" was
awarded first prize in 3-D work
at the 2018 Fall Art Expo.

(cover photo)



2019 Lineup

February 16

Clothesline Art Exhibit
Kiwanis Winterfest, Camp Brule

April

27th Annual Youth Art Exhibit
Sullivan County Library, Dushore
9th Annual Literary Awards and
Publication of Hills and Valleys Magazine

May

22nd Annual Choice of Show
Purchase of a High School Student's Artwork
9th Annual Theater Award Given to a
Senior High School Level Student

June

Annual Entertainment at
DarWay and Highlands Care Centers

September 13

Simple Gifts – Ukulele Workshop and Concert,
Sullivan Terrance, Dushore

October 12-13

Annual Juried Art Expo
Fall Festival, Forksville Fairgrounds

November 2

Ultimate Music Weekend
Celtic Martins Other Acts TBA

The SCCA mission is to promote, preserve and foster artistic and cultural activities, in cooperation with local organizations, that enrich the lives of the residents and friends of Sullivan County.

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The Return of Simple Gifts

The multi-talented, multi-instrumented duo of Linda Littleton and Karen Hirshon will make their third trek to Sullivan County on September 13, bringing many

ukuleles to present a ukulele workshop at Sullivan Terrace in Dushore. In the early evening there will be a concert featuring the ukulele group. Their range of a dozen folk instruments and a repertoire from at least a dozen countries leads to performances that are dynamic, joyous and educational. In past visits, they have performed workshops at the Sullivan County Elementary School

and concerts in Dushore's St. Basil's Hall, making them another staple of the Arts Council's entertainment scene.



Simple Gifts are anything but simple, as Linda Littleton and Karen Hirshon exchange a stage-wide collection of instruments to present the music of as many countries as most people can name. This year, their workshop at Sullivan Terrace will concentrate on the ukulele.



Theresa Spitler took First Prize in the 2-D art category for "Just Driving By" at the 2018 Art Expo, held during the Sullivan County Fall Festival in October.

Ongoing Programs

(with a special emphasis on students)

Choice of Show

At the Sullivan County High School spring art show, three SCCA judges pick a single work for the Choice of Show award. The winning work is purchased from the artist, framed and placed on permanent display in the high school hallway. 2019 will mark the 22nd anniversary for the Choice of Show.



The 2018 Choice of Show award went to Jasper Graves for his sauran teapot, "Eragon."

Youth Art Awards

Each spring, the SCCA honors Sullivan County visual arts students at the Youth Art Awards, open to public, private, home schooled and Red Rock Job Corps Center students. In 2018, students entered 200 art works and we distributed close to \$300 in prizes. All entries are exhibited at the Sullivan County Library.

Theater and Literary Awards

The Literary Awards are shared by four winners from throughout the county's upper grades (home, private or public school and the Red Rock Job Corps Center). Their work is featured in our annual magazine, Hills and Valleys, along with photos from high-school-level winners of the Youth Art Awards. The 2018 first prize went to Kyler Burke.

Our Theater Award celebrates the senior-level student (home-schooled or public school) who has done the most for theater over his or her student career. Gunnar Kleese took last year's award.



The Celtic Martins have become the linchpin at our fall Ultimate Music Weekend. They've promised to return and wow their audience again in 2019 with a rousing selection of Scottish and Irish music, accompanied by the three daughters' enthralling step-dancing.

Giving and Receiving

We welcome people of all ages to become members of the SCCA.

A weekly e-mail update and an annual potluck dinner are two of the membership benefits, but what you'll really be doing is helping support all the arts throughout Sullivan County.

We've constantly expanded our offerings over the last decade. Your membership offers a gift that gives back continually, through the talents displayed by our kids and adult artists.

Let us know:

What kind of public relations would you like to see or have?

What, if any, programs would you like to have?

Please circle membership level, clip form and mail with check to: SCCA, PO Box 243, Dushore, PA 18614

New Member

Renewal

Membership Levels:

Individual or family - \$25 Patron - \$50 Benefactor - \$100

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

(e-mail address used only for membership mailings)

Please add me to your volunteer list

I am an artist

My medium is _____