

Spring 2011 Newsletter



Old Court House (photo 2002) soon to be the new Jackson County Library Complex!

Jackson County Arts Council: \$25,000 Pledge to the New Library Complex Opening June 11, 2011

It's almost spring and a really wonderful thing is about to happen in Jackson County and the town of Sylva. The new Jackson County Library Complex is scheduled to open in June. When you consider all that it has taken to make this project happen, it is nothing short of a miracle. It is such a privilege to live in a community where an endeavor of this nature and magnitude is not only possible, but has been considered a priority. Our new library will provide incalculable hours of serenity, joy, learning and discovery for all of us who enter its beautiful doors! In accordance with the JCAC \$25,000 pledge to the library, we will be moving into our new office on the second floor this spring! We believe that this more visible and central location will make the Arts Council more accessible, and thus, help us extend our reach into the community with grants, classes, exhibits and information about the arts in Jackson County. This, along with the wonderful ambience and incredible view from our second story office, is a dream come true for us. Please visit us in our new office and leave your contact information in order to receive newsletters and up to date information concerning the arts in Jackson County. Other organizations with offices in the new library are the Jackson County Historical Association and the Jackson County Genealogy Society.

As always, we are committed to the support, advancement and teaching and of the arts for all residents and citizens of Jackson County. In light of our new association with the library, we anticipate many rewarding and collaborative achievements over the years to come.

You have to see it to believe it!

If you haven't seen or visited the new library, do so at your first opportunity! It is a remarkable and exquisite facility. In addition to the extensive increase in collections of books, magazines and movies, there will be an expanded children's area and a dedicated space for teens. The beautiful exhibit areas, gallery and performance space will provide opportunities for many artistic endeavors. Finally, the new library will feature a large state of the art computer room with increased Internet access including wireless service.

The new library is beautiful beyond words!

Works of several local artists have been chosen to add permanent aesthetic value to the already fine structure. The reference desk will feature stained glass and metalwork by local artist Owain Hutchinson, whose "silhouette family" has for some time graced the front of the new library climbing the "steps to success." Painted tiles by Smoky Mountain High School students will enhance the Children's Desk, as well as Cherokee Clan tiles and cake walk paintings by Doreyl Ammons Cain. Handmade red earthenware clay tiles featuring wildflowers and plants native to Jackson County will add style and warmth to the new computer room. We are very blessed with talented individuals here in Jackson County!



The view from our new office



**Stained Glass Window at New Library
Photo by Nick Breedlove**

Calendar Highlights: JCAC funded events

- Sunday, April 3 3:00 pm** Coulter Community Chorus Concert
- Tuesday, April 5 8:00 pm** Coulter Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet
- Saturday, April 9 8:00 am – 1:00 pm** JCAC 21st Annual Indoor Yard Sale at WCU
- Sunday, April 10 1:00 pm** Youth Art Month Reception Fine Arts Museum
- Friday, April 21** Art Education/Gallery Tour hosted by WCU Fine Arts Museum
- Saturday, April 16 8:00 pm** Civic Orchestra Concerto Concert Coulter RH at WCU
- Saturday, April 23** Greening of the Mountains Downtown Sylva
- Thursday, May 19** Art Education/Gallery Tour hosted by WCU Fine Arts Museum
- Saturday, June 11 10:00 am** Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet performing music of David Sampson for dedication of the new Jackson County Library Complex
- Thursday, June 16** Art Education/Gallery Tour hosted by WCU Fine Arts Museum

JCAC Supports.....



Civic Orchestra February 2011
Bob Holquist soloist, Bill Henigbaum conductor



Black History Week February 2011
Western Carolina University Inspirational Choir



Kids Art Reception Dalton Rogers
4th grade, Scotts Creek

Remember the Yard Sale!

Saturday, April 9, 2011
8:00 am until 1:00 pm
at WCU Ramsey Center

Sponsored by the
Jackson County Arts Council
*Get rid of all that stuff in your way, make
quick cash and support the Arts Council!!*



10X10 booths available \$35.00 each
For info contact Susan Lanier
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JCAC presented each Jackson County Public School art teacher with \$500.00 at the February school board meeting. Funds will be used for much needed art supplies, depleted by cuts in federal and state budgets.

In photo: John Speier, Blue Ridge; Barbara Wilkes, Scotts Creek; Candice Heiskell, School of Alternatives; Gayle Woody, Smoky Mountain High; Buddy Parton, JCAC; Jennifer Dall, Smokey Mountain Elementary; Leigh Ayling, Fairview; Sylvia Smythe, Vice-President JCAC; Nathan Frizzell, Cullowhee Valley, accepting check for Penelope Adams

More photos from the Kids Art Reception



Anna Buchanan, 5th grade, Scotts Creek



Trey Tritt, 7th grade, Scotts Creek



Emily Ashe, Smoky Mountain High School

Take a minute to read the following excerpt from the NC Arts Council website:

North Carolina – The Creative State

The North Carolina Arts Council

- Promotes excellence in artistic expression, citizen engagement and community enhancement
- Encourages a culture of creativity expressed through innovative approaches to economic development, education and government
- Develops the arts at all levels to achieve sustainable economic growth and enrich the quality of life of all citizens.

The North Carolina Arts Council has fostered the state’s rich cultural climate since 1964. The arts are both a destination and a way of life deeply rooted in the same North Carolina values that have already positioned our state as a leader in the arts and a leader in finding ways that the arts can add value to every community. North Carolina has a remarkable pool of artistic traditions known throughout the world, including pottery, literature, and music. The arts attract and keep not only the creative individuals who drive innovation but also the enterprises that seek a culturally rich and diverse environment for business and a stimulating quality of life for their employees.



Anna Duong 3rd grade, Scotts Creek; and mom, Dao Hua

NCAC website excerpt continued:

Public Impact

A Robust Arts Industry

- More than 3,000 nonprofit arts organizations provide opportunities for citizens to experience the arts in their own communities
- Arts Council awards became a “blue ribbon stamp of approval” to leverage additional funds from foundations, businesses and local governments, generating almost \$17 in matching funds for every \$1 invested

Lives Filled With Discovery and Learning

- Arts Council-funded projects attract more than 8.7 million participants [FY08-09]. Nearly 2.9 million of these are children and youth
- The arts teach our children the skills to make them successful in the 21st century workforce-innovation, imagination, critical thinking and collaboration.



Ariana Martin soloing with the Civic Orchestra 2005



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....and our new office at the Jackson County Library Complex opening June 11, 2011

Artists, poets and musicians....

"This universe was not conceived in beauty. It was conceived in tragedy and travail. It evolved, and continues to be, only in the throes of desperate struggle. Pain, and ugliness, and brute force rule it. In the midst of that continuous hurricane of destruction and death there are born from time to time men who resolve this disorder. They create another vision from the fire and dust of disaster. They are poets, and musicians, and artists. That is their answer to the ugliness of the world. They do not ask to be understood. They do not even ask to be liked- But without them we should find the universe an intolerable habitation. They lessen its terrors, and ameliorate the eternal torture of its unanswered and unanswerable questions. They are a gallant company. They go singing down the highways of the world, and the echoes of their words comfort us when they have passed

From: Kings Row
 by Henry Belleman

Many thanks to Tim Lewis for his time and efforts constructing our new website!

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Jacob Buchanan, Scotts Creek
 Only at a Kids Art Reception can you have this much fun!

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