

The Jacksonville Center for the Arts

Upcoming events at The Jacksonville Center

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A Time for Reflection

Before we gather with family and friends on Thursday, we wanted to take a moment to express our deepest thanks to you, the community members and volunteers who have supported The Jacksonville Center with your time, money and love of creative expression.

Our goal is to maintain, as Pat Sharkey recently put it, "the sweet ambiance and sense of community" that filled the center even in its earliest days. It is your efforts - the hours spent painting and directing traffic, the mentions of the center to friends and family, the generous donations - that are allowing us to do so.

We hope your Thanksgiving is filled with loved ones and lots of laughter.

- The staff and board of The Jacksonville Center for the Arts

Thanksgiving Hours and Inclement Weather Policy

The Jacksonville Center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and will reopen the next day, on Friday, November 27. Bring your friends and family to see *Tangled Up in Hues* before the exhibit ends on November 29, or the pictorial Winterfest retrospective in the Breezeway Gallery. Our gift shop and artists' studios will also be open.

These rainy weeks have been a reminder that winter weather is soon to come. For the safety of our visitors and staff, The Jacksonville Center will be closed anytime public schools are closed.

Help with Your Gift List

This time of year, we're all reviewing our holiday lists, trying to think of gifts that are thoughtful, personal and unique. The Jacksonville Center has a few ideas to share:

- **Hand-crafted gifts.**

Winterfest will be a great time to see a wide range of hand-crafted, artisan gifts, from jewelry to clothing, prints to fine-art photography. Our artists' studios and gift shop are also filled with one-of-a-kind artistic treasures.

- **Gift Certificates.**

Treat someone to a class during our upcoming season. Let a friend pick out their own wooden bowl or walking stick. Gift certificates to The Jacksonville Center are available in whatever amount you'd like to give.

- **Donate in their name.**

Honor the arts lovers on your list while helping us reach our fundraising goal by making a donation in your loved ones' name. Donations can be mailed to or made at the center, or online at www.jacksonvillecenter.org. We would happy to provide a donation certificate upon request. (If you make the donation online, please use the "special instructions" box to tell us the name of the person being honored.)

15th Annual Winterfest Arts & Crafts Festival
Friday, December 4, 5 - 8 PM

Saturday, December 5, 10 AM - 5 PM

We've come a long way since our first Winterfest, when vendors and visitors alike we're bundled in hats and coats in an unheated, pre-renovation center. Fifteen years later, we're welcoming back many of the same vendors and visitors, and many more, to a celebration that will highlight how far we've come, thanks to the support of members like you.

This year, we're kicking off Winterfest as our December First Friday event. Come for the artisan vendors and live music but stay for a tasty treat, kids' activities, tree-sales and even occasional visits from Santa.

Better yet, volunteer at Winterfest and be a part of making this a great event for your friends and neighbors. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Gloria Hilton at volunteer@jacksonvillecenter.org or (540) 593-3081 for more information.

Visit our website at www.jacksonvillecenter.org for an updated list of musical performances and participating vendors.

Year-End Giving Campaign

Our year-end giving campaign is underway, and we hope you have received your letter requesting financial help.

Our goal is to end the year without a deficit -- to do this, we need to raise \$27,000 by December 31. No gift is too small to make a difference to us, and we have a new, easy way for you to donate online. As we mentioned in the letter, our friends and family list is large enough that if everyone who received that letter donated just \$50, we'd easily make our goal.

[Hit the "Donate Now" button online at the website today!](#) And we thank you for your continued support.

For more information about how you can help us meet our goal, contact Development Coordinator Lee Chichester at (540) 745-2784 or lee@jacksonvillecenter.org.

Upcoming Arts Events in the Community

- Friday, November 27, 10 AM - 5 PM; Saturday, November 28, 10 AM to 5 PM; and Sunday, November 29, 12 - 5 PM The 16 Hands ceramics collaborative is having its annual tour. Visit www.16hands.com for featured artists, a tour map and more information.
- December 3, 5, 9, & 10 at 7 PM; December 6 at 6 PM. The Young Actors Co-op is presenting its most ambitious production to date, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. For more information about showtimes and tickets, visit www.myspace.com/floydyac.

Do you have an upcoming arts event you'd like to share with us? Send event descriptions to Marketing Coordinator Sarah Beth Jones at marketing@jacksonvillecenter.org.

The Jacksonville Center is open from 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 pm on Sundays. Drop by today to view [Tangled Up in Hues](#) in the Hayloft Gallery or our Winterfest pictorial retrospective in the [Breezeway Gallery](#). Our [gift shop](#) is filled with new items and our [artists' studios](#) are always open.

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