

The Jacksonville Center for the Arts

Upcoming events at The Jacksonville Center

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November First Friday Friday, November 6, 5-8 pm

Join us for our November First Friday Celebration on November 6 from 5 to 8 PM at the center.

This month, we will be featuring our youngest-ever guest artist, nine-year-old Shayley Grace Martin. Shayley will be signing copies of her book of poetry *Lyrical Miracle: Creativity in Creation*. Copies of her book will be available for purchase in our gift shop.

The center will also be introducing its new studio artist, Marie Woolum. Marie is a fiber artist who transforms discarded clothes and fabrics into functional and decorative art.

Finally, the November Breezeway Exhibit will feature a pictorial overview of 14 years of WinterFest, leading up to this year's 15th celebration on December 4 and 5.

As always, there will be good food, good wine, good art & good company at the center.

For more information on November's First Friday event, please visit our website at www.jacksonvillecenter.org.

While you're in town, be sure to visit the other First Friday events in Floyd, including art and a Dia del Muerte (Day of the Dead) celebration at [Wildfire Pottery](#), an artists' reception at [Blue Ridge Art Connection](#) and featured artists at [Troika Gallery](#).

To volunteer at The Jacksonville Center's First Friday event, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Gloria Hilton at (540) 593-3181 or volunteer@jacksonvillecenter.org. View a list of [volunteer opportunities here](#).

"Up in Smoke" Chili Cook-off and Wine & Brew Festival at Sinkland Farm Saturday, November 7, 12-8 pm

Sinkland Farms is partnering with The Jacksonville Center and the New River Land Trust for a delicious fundraiser on Saturday, November 7 from noon to 8 PM. Featuring the best chili recipes of the region and locally-made wines and beers, this afternoon of fun will also include live music and local artisan vendors. Proceeds will benefit both The Jacksonville Center and the New River Land Trust, with reduced admission for ages 6-16. Children under 6 are free.

To our local artisans: there is still room to reserve a booth at the festival. With an anticipated crowd in the thousands, this is a great time to display your unique talents. For more information, contact Susan Sink at susan.sink@hotmail.com or call (540) 382-1920.

For more information, visit www.sinklandfarms.com. To volunteer on behalf of The Jacksonville Center, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Gloria Hilton at (540) 593-3181 or volunteer@jacksonvillecenter.org. View a list of [volunteer opportunities here](#).

Cardapalooza

Saturday, November 14, 12-4 PM

Creative minds of all ages are invited to join us for our Second Annual Cardapalooza. Local artists will be providing materials and advice for making one-of-a-kind greeting cards. Admission is only \$5 and includes three card kits. Additional kits will be available for purchase for \$0.50 to \$2.00.

For more information, visit www.jacksonvillecenter.org, email info@jacksonvillecenter.org or call (540) 745-2784.

Support Local Theater Arts

Many Floyd County residents are familiar with the Young Actors Co-op and their fantastic and funny, original plays including *Comedy Thru the Ages*, *MEN2B* and, most recently, *An Inconvenient Spoof*. YAC is now rehearsing several times a week for their most ambitious play to date: *A Christmas Carol*. With a cast of 28 children, YAC is reaching out to the community for assistance in meeting their \$1000 goal for costumes, sets and a rental space as well as provide scholarships to our young actors who cannot afford membership dues.

A donation of even \$5 would be enough to help this talented and enthusiastic group of young, local actors put on what is sure to be another amazing theatrical event. [Click here to make your donation now.](#)

Special Thanks to Special Friends

The Jacksonville Center for the Arts belongs to our community and, as such, our events would not be possible without the volunteer efforts of our community members. We would like to thank the following friends of the center for making our Halloween KidsFest a success:

- Amy Avery-Grubel
- Ada Chrisman
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- Sarah Beth Jones
- Rae Jean Rimmer
- Nikki Saunders
- Shirley Thomas
- Teri Walters
- Mark Warren
- Deb Wildman

And an extra-special thanks goes to **Susan Mead and the students and faculty of Ferrum College**, whose volunteer efforts and mask-making workshop made it a memorable events for all of our little ghouls and goblins.