

## The Jacksonville Center for the Arts

### *October Updates*

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### ***Time is Running Out...***

..to reserve your seats for Music for an Autumn Evening II, featuring the world-renown Kandinsky Trio and local soprano Carolyn Kirby. This champagne and wine fundraiser for the Jacksonville Center is taking place in just THREE DAYS, on Saturday, October 24, at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 in advanced and \$30 at the door. Support your local arts center and musical diversity in Floyd by reserving your tickets today at 745-2784 or online at [jacksonvillecenter.org](http://jacksonvillecenter.org).

### ***Be an Ambassador for Your Local Arts Center***

*What is important to me about my membership at The Jacksonville Center?*

For some of us, the answer involves the wide array of learning opportunities offered at the Center. For others, it's the chance to share our artistic vision with our community, or enjoy the amazing arts created by our neighbors and friends.

Whatever your answer, we hope that you will share it as an Ambassador for the Center. Tell your family, friends and neighbors what you appreciate about The Jacksonville Center. Tell those moving into our county and those enjoying a weekend here. Steer them to our events, galleries and art-filled gift shop, to our resident artist studios and friendly staff.

By becoming an Ambassador for the Center, you will help us accomplish our mission to educate, showcase and support artistic endeavors and rural creativity in our community.

**See our upcoming events below for more information to share with your family, friends and neighbors.**

### ***To Frame or Not to Frame***

Join David St. Lawrence on October 28 from 6 to 8 PM as he shares his experience and artful approach to framing in this free presentation and discussion. Learn techniques for attractive, affordable, do-it-yourself framing. Participants may bring artwork for framing ideas.

Though the event is free, advance registration will help us to plan for the event. Call (540) 745-2784, email [info@jacksonvillecenter.org](mailto:info@jacksonvillecenter.org) or stop by to register.

### ***A Spooky Family Event***

Bring your little ghouls, goblins and witches to The Jacksonville Center's Halloween KidsFest on Saturday, October 31 from 1 to 4 PM. Enjoy storytelling, pumpkin carving and painting, apple bobbing and more at this free Halloween celebration.

To volunteer at this event, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Gloria Hilton at (540) 593-3181 or [volunteer@jacksonvillecenter.org](mailto:volunteer@jacksonvillecenter.org).

### **November First Friday**

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

As always, they'll be good food, good wine, good art & good company at the Center.

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### **"Up in Smoke" Chili Cook-off and Wine & Brew Festival at Sinkland Farm**

Sample many delicious chili recipes cooked on-site by our competitors and cool down with some equally tasty local beverages. We'll also be featuring live music, along with local artisans and craft vendors. Proceeds from the event benefit the Jacksonville Center for the Arts and the New River Land Trust, and covers chili, wine, and beer tastings. Reduced admission for ages 6-16, and children under 6 are free.

For more information, visit [www.sinklandfarms.com](http://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](mailto:volunteer@jacksonvillecenter.org).

### **Welcome Our New Folks**

We're excited to welcome three new members to The Jacksonville Center family.

#### **Amy Avery-Grubel, Educational Programming Coordinator**

Though raised in Floyd, Amy comes to us most recently from Penn State where she earned her Master's degree in Geography, with a focus on education. Her work experience extends from administrative and supervisory duties in the dot com, aviation and food service industries to a variety of customer service, research, and independently contracted art and cartographic design work. As an amateur artist, Amy has dabbled in watercolor, bead work, photography, knitting, soapstone sculpture, stained glass, polymer clay and stoneware and has been commissioned for several acrylic paintings (landscapes and portraits) and beaded wedding jewelry.

To volunteer with Amy in our educational programming, please contact her at (540) 745-2784 or [education@jacksonvillecenter.org](mailto:education@jacksonvillecenter.org).

#### **Sarah Beth Jones, Marketing Coordinator**

Sarah is perhaps summed up best by the goals announced at her graduation from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro: Sarah plans to bake cookies and save the world. To date, she has achieved the first goal and continues to work on the second. In the meantime, Sarah has owned and operated a personal chef business, worked as the lead writer at Lede Public Relations and been the editor for the community newspaper *Shalom Greensboro*. Most recently, Sarah owned a small business consulting firm with her husband, Rob, and was a regular columnist for the *Greensboro News & Record*. Since moving to Floyd in August, 2008, she has focused

her efforts on her first love: writing creative fiction. (Rob is a close second.)

To volunteer with Sarah on our marketing efforts, please contact her at (540) 745-2784 or [marketing@jacksonvillecenter.org](mailto:marketing@jacksonvillecenter.org).

**Gloria Hilton, Volunteer Coordinator**

Many of you have already heard Gloria's cheerful voice over the phone as she gathers volunteers for our many upcoming events. Volunteer coordination is nothing new to Gloria, who spent her career as a nurse and has become active with Friends of the Parkway in her retirement. Kerry, Gloria's husband, can also often be found at the Center, where he volunteers to mow the grass.

To learn more about the volunteer opportunities at The Jacksonville Center, contact Gloria at (540) 593-3181 or [volunteer@jacksonvillecenter.org](mailto:volunteer@jacksonvillecenter.org).

We hope to see you at our upcoming events!