

The Jacksonville Center for the Arts

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First Friday

Had a chance to see the Blue Ridge Camera Club exhibits yet? With the piles of snow and icy parking lot, not many people have. So, we've decided to extend the Breezeway Gallery exhibit through March, and will relaunch it this First Friday. In order to stay on schedule for the upcoming exhibit, *The Art and Craft of Three Dimensions*, the Hayloft Gallery exhibit will still close on March 13, so catch it while you can!

This First Friday, we're also offering a chance to advocate for the arts. At a time when the Virginia Commission for the Arts is at risk of being eliminated by 2011, it's more important than ever to speak out about the importance of the arts in your life. David Larson of the LCF Group will be filming while airing live at www.n4usatv.com – come share your thoughts!

As always, there will be good wine, good food, good art – and good friends at this free event!

For more information, visit www.jacksonvillecenter.com or call (540) 745-2784.

Submissions Open for our Juried Exhibit: All This I Am

From women artists to the feminine muse, women have created or inspired all forms of creative expression. Thousands of venues across Virginia will be celebrating the contributions of women to the arts from March to June with the *Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts*.

All female and male artisans 18 and over are invited to join The Jacksonville Center in this celebration by submitting work to our first, formal juried exhibition with cash awards since 2005, entitled *All This I Am*.

The deadline for application is April 2; the exhibit will be held from Friday, May 7 to Sunday, July 11, with a reception on Saturday, May 15. The prospectus is available for download at www.jacksonvillecenter.org.

Upcoming Arts Events in the Community

- **Susan Hensley Solo Exhibit**, January 20 to May 31, Holtzman Alumni Center at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg. This one-artist exhibit will feature mixed media, ink, watercolor, collage and digital photography. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Polymer Clay Guild Meeting**, Saturday, March 13, 1-4 pm. Join us in making bunny rabbits that will melt your heart! Diann Dubovsky will demonstrate her style of bunny making, so hop on out and join in! [Click here for more information on this meeting and the guild.](#)
- **Book Binding Workshop**, Sarvisberry Gallery and Studio, March 20 and 21st. This workshop will cover several alternative book structures including portfolios, Japanese stab bindings, and pamphlet bound books. [Click here for more information.](#)

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.

Opportunities for Artists and Craftspeople

- **Southern Entrepreneurship in the Arts Conference**, Sunday, March 27. UNCG is hosting a conference for artists and art supporters, with programming for visual, literary and performing artists. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Call to Artists: Whispering Muses – Inspired by Women Artists.** CommunityArtsWork invites all Blacksburg Regional Art Association visual artists and students, faculty, and staff of art departments at area universities and colleges to submit work to this exhibit. The deadline for submission is April 7, 2010. [Click here for more information.](#)

Share arts opportunities with other local artists and artisans! Send workshops, seminars, grant opportunities and more to Marketing Coordinator Sarah Beth Jones at marketing@jacksonvillecenter.org.

Winter Hours and Inclement Weather Policy

As wintry weather continues to loom, we wanted to remind you that The Jacksonville Center often closes when the Floyd County Public Schools close for inclement weather. To avoid inconvenience, please call to ensure we're open on those days.

As with last year, we have shortened our public hours at the center for the winter months, allowing us to stretch your generous donations through lower heating and electrical costs. As of December 27, our hours are:

- Mondays and Tuesdays: 10 am to 2 pm
 - Wednesdays through Saturdays: 11 am to 4 pm
 - Closed Sundays
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Currently at The Jacksonville Center for the Arts:

Hayloft Gallery: [Photography by the Blue Ridge Camera Club](#), through March 13

Breezeway Gallery: [An overview of the Blue Ridge Camera Club](#), through March 31

And don't forget our [artists' studios](#) and our [gift shop](#), where one-of-a-kind artisan works are always available!

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