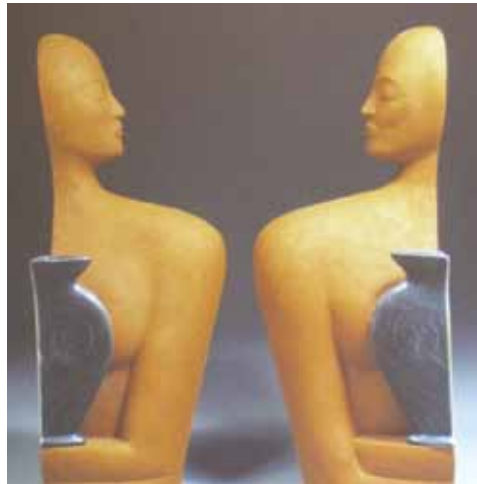


2013 Annual Report Jacksonville Center for the Arts



Sculpture by Donna Polseno, 2013 Featured Artist

State of The Center

As I reflect upon my 2013 term as the President of your organization, let me thank you for the opportunity to serve and for your continuing support of this wonderful and enduring Center. As we move into 2014, we do so with a new Executive Director, Jeff Liverman, whose love of the arts, dedication to teaching, and commitment to community make him uniquely qualified to lead the Center into its third decade.

Today, we are fondly referred to as “The Jax.” Our collective effort is highlighted by many success stories, from entrepreneurs like Sarah McCarthy, who found a supportive environment for her startup business, to the hundreds of children who have been inspired by our fun, creative classes and children’s events.

Youth education and involving youth in the arts are central to our mission. We partner with our professional teachers and school administrators to enhance



young people’s access to creative play. Like our school teachers and Floyd’s parents, we believe keeping an arts element available to growing minds will nurture a highly employable, leadership-oriented, and well-rounded citizenry for our community and greater society.

Our performing arts venue in 2013 included Jazz at Jax, and performances by Judy Bevans and Lynne Mackey (An Evening for Two Harpsichords); Opera Roanoke performing “The Masques of Orpheus;” the special appearance of Gloria Campaner, international pianist; The New River Ensemble; and Marcolivia. We initiated a “build your own subscription series,” providing reduced ticket pricing based on the number of concerts series subscribers wanted to attend.

We had our second Curated Exhibit, “Nature Nurture: Reflections on the Land,” curated by Amy G. Moore-field, lately of the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum at Hollins Univ., now Deputy Director of Exhibits for the Taubman Museum in Roanoke. The Jax Curated Shows provide our community and visitors the opportunity to enjoy artistic points of view beyond those of our immediate environment. “New Voices,” our first exhibit showcasing (and curated by) young and emerging artists took place early in the year to much acclaim. Our fourth juried showcase, with guest Jurist, Sam Blanchard, offered cash prizes and professional public recognition for the artists who were chosen to exhibit.



Donna Polseno was our featured artist for 2013. She gave three wonderful lectures at the Center along with a workshop at her studio. Charlie Brouwer (featured artist for 2012), again provided the Friday noontime “brown bag” art discussions called FAD, *Floyd Art Dialogues*. One of the discussions was led by David Mickenberg, past Executive Director of the Taubman Museum. We are very grateful to these artists, who continue to bring new perspectives and experiences to the Center, our community, and our visitors.

We are eternally grateful for the volunteers who helped us operate the in-town Galleria. It allowed The Jax to have a presence downtown for 2 years.

We accomplished much in 2013 and there is much yet to accomplish as we envision our 2014. The Jax is blessed by numerous donors who share our beliefs, goals, and vision.



Artwork by Jeanie O'Neill

Many thanks are due our dedicated and talented staff. They go above and beyond to keep the Center humming every day of the year. In addition, we are deeply thankful for you, our members, and for all those who volunteer and give of your time and talent. We hope you will tell your friends about us and continue to be so very supportive, enthusiastic, and engaged.

—Linda Fallon

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