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August Newsletter

Dear Friends of the Jax ~

We hope that you've had a great summer! This summer has been lively at the Jax and this fall promises to be as well. We appreciate your continued interest and support. We will talk about our creative staffing program and all of our fun events and new classes - so read on!

We have had a busy couple of months and we want to first and foremost thank our volunteers - our everyday volunteers as well as everyone that worked so hard at Floyd Fest! We hope our Floyd Fest volunteers enjoyed their free time at the festival, but please know that your efforts resulted in funding from Floyd Fest for the center. We could **NOT** have done it without you. THANK YOU!

Sunni Swisher, Ernest Bryant, Laura Byler, Lore Deighan, Ann Shank, Lester Martin, Donna McMillen, Shirley Sparrow, Bill & Ginny Gardner, Kathy Whitten, Shannon Green, Susan Sutterer, Crystal Powell, Horace Chasteen, Jim Newlin, Barbara & Christine VanClaparide, Linda Petrie, Charity Anders, Carol Fiore, Judy McPhail, Linda Fallon, Megan McKewan, Kate Anderson, Marcia & Randy Ardissone, Mary Askins, Andrea & Sandra Beland, Sandy Belcher, Ronna Bell, Jack & Martha Betts, Orlena Bussy, Lee Chichester & Jack Russell, Mary Dashiells, Chesley Devine-Blake, Wilma Dotson, Judith Elliott, Don & Glenda George, John Griffin, Rusdat Hale, Mike Havill, Gloria & Kerry Hilton, Tess Jones, Kathy Kallam, John Sabeau, Ann Shank, Pam Stampler-Brandt, Jean Sumner, Sherry Tucciarone, Mike Wade, Kelly Wade, Vicki Wells, P. K. Wimmer, Rhonda Womble, Toney Jordan, Jeri Dewey, Misty Harris, Liz Stuckey, Hailey Quesenberry, Amy Avery-Grubel, John McEnhill - as well as members of the Friends of the Parkway.

New Faces at the Jax:

We welcome Brandi Gray as the Communication Coordinator and Lore Deighan as the Gallery Coordinator.

Employment Program

The **Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)**, a federal Department of Labor program, provides subsidized training and employment to income-eligible, unemployed individuals aged 55 or older. Participants work an average of 20 hours a week, and are paid the highest of federal, state or local minimum wage by SCSEP. The program provides over 40 million community service hours to public and non-profit agencies, allowing them to enhance and provide needed services.

We currently have two SCSEP program participants on staff at the Jax and one current on-call staff member that recently transferred to the Jax payroll, who had been a program participant for several years. Current program participant, Charity Anders, said "Due to my age, I couldn't get a job until I came across the SCSEP program". Marie Daniels, a past participant, commented, "I'm enormously grateful for SCSEP to enable me to have a job as a senior." Chico Estrada, another program participant, currently works as an Educational Programming Assistant to Amy Avery Grubel, our Director of Educational Programming. She says of Chico, "I couldn't do my job properly without him. He is a fast learner and goes out of his way to further his education and help out."

"We have been a SCSEP work site since we re-opened after renovation in 2003," points out John McEnhill our Executive Director. "We have had over 10 SCSEP participants at the Jax, not including current participants, almost all of them have either been hired by the Jax or successfully found jobs because of their training and experience at the center. It's a win/win situation for everyone."

For Further Information regarding SCSEP programs in your area: contact your local One-Stop Career Center through the Toll-Free Help Line at 1-877-US2-JOBS (1-877-872-5627), click on [America's Service Locator](#).

Jax T-Shirts Available for Purchase

Kids: \$12
Adults: \$15
XXL: \$17

Kid's



colors: light blue, yellow and black.

Adult's colors: green, tan and black.

To Purchase: Visit the center or call 540-745-2874.
Available on website soon.



Kid's Camp a Success



12 kids signed up for Kid's Camp this summer coming from Floyd, Roanoke and North Carolina. Activities included: tie dye, ceramics, landscape drawing, handmade books, dream-catchers, decoupage and more.

A BIG THANK YOU to Ada Chrisman, Mallea Mead, and Tess Jones who made the week a success.

Up-Coming Events (click on event for more info)

- [Second Saturday - August 13](#)
- [9th Annual New Works - July 1- Sept 11](#)
- [Breezeway Gallery Exhibit - Exposure Roanoke - August 14-Oct 2](#)
- [Polymer Clay Guild Meeting - Sept 10](#)
- [Fall Concert Series- "Love at First Duet" - Sept 16](#)
- [5th Annual Jax Silent Auction - Sept 16-24](#)
- [Fall Concert Series - "European and American Musical Travelogue" - Sept 24](#)
- [16th Annual Membership Lunch - Sept 25](#)

Up-Coming Classes (click on class for more info)

- [Cone 10 Firing & Pottery Workout - Aug 18 - 21](#)
- [Hot Glass Workshop: Pendants & Earrings - Aug -20-21](#)
- [Intermediate Stained Glass - Aug -27-28](#)
- [Wire-Wrapped Cabochons - Aug 27-28](#)
- [Introduction to Carving Soapstone - Aug 27 & Sept 10](#)
- [Simple Stone Setting - Sept 9-11](#)
- [Throwing it Together - Sept 3-4](#)
- [Fantasy & Fairy Houses in Polymer Clay - Sept 3-4](#)
- [The Blacksmith's Craft - Sept 5-9](#)
- [Wire-Weaving Jewelry - Sept 9-10](#)
- [Jump-In! -The Water's Great - Sept-9-11](#)
- [Form Fold Jewelry - Sept 11](#)
- [Raku Glaze and Firing - Sept 17-18](#)

For full calendar listing [click here](#). New **On-Demand Catalog** available soon.

Events in the Community (click on event for more

Fall Concert Series - "Music for Autumn Evenings"

Sept 16 - [Scott Williamson, Tenor, Amy Colfield Williamson, soprano, and Tim Gaylard, pianist, will perform "Love at First Duet", a collection of songs from Broadway and arias from La Boheme, Tosca, and La Traviata.](#)

Sept 24 - [David Stewart Wiley, Musical Director & Conductor of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Akemi Takayama, violonist and Concert master of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra presents "European and American Musical Travelogue.](#)

Tickets are \$25 for each concert or \$45 for the series. Concerts include a champagne reception afterwards.

info):

[Info Session for Growing Work-from-Home Opportunities Speakers on Employment and Training Opportunities- Aug 11](#)

[Livability Kickoff & Discussion - Aug 11](#)

[Montgomery Museum & Lewis Miller Art Center is sponsoring Heritage Day- Aug 20](#)

[Floyd Harvest Festival and County Fair - Sept 10](#)

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