



Arts Monthly

The Official Newsletter of Garrard Arts

President's Report

C. Dewayne Horn

Collaborative Art at its Best

After months of brainstorming and a bushel of meetings we decided that the theme for the Kids Summer Art Camp 2022 would be "Art in Nature". A theme that I was really pushing for and many couldn't see the vision. The art piece titled Salmon Run ended up being that one thing that enabled me to get my vision across and in turn gave us the privilege of studying the way art is present in nature for kids art camp. Salmon Run was somewhat of an original idea for us, taking bits and pieces from here and there to make a collaborative art instillation that not only enabled the students to collaborate on



the work, but also it allowed Art Center Director, Bobbie Gayle Lewis, Artist Pamela Harrison and myself to get in on the action

as well. The instillation is a 4 foot by 8 foot acrylic painting and we had to get creative to achieve our goal of a mural sized piece of artwork that is also able to be hung independently and able to be moved. The student collaboration was the most important part for us, we used salmon images printed onto card stock so the students could watercolor and achieve the desired look. The kids seemed to have a great time working on a project that all ages 4-15 could enjoy. This installation has since been taken down but Salmon Run will forever leave a mark on Garrard Arts.

-Dewayne Horn



Arts Center Report

Bobbie Gayle Lewis

Garrard Arts Summer Art Camp

Summer Art Camp was held at the Garrard Education Center so that we could accommodate the number of kids that signed up for our summer art camp program. Thirty-five kids attended camp, the largest number we have had to date.

Our theme this year was "Art in Nature". The kids

were given passports that were stamped each day referencing the adventure for the day.

One of the highlights came the day we explored sounds of nature. Our kids were given percussion instruments to play while we told a story talking about the sounds in nature.



Each instrument was assigned a nature sound and they were to play their instrument when that sound was mentioned in the story.

Everyone's favorite sound was "thunder". The kids drummed wild-



ly using drumsticks on 5 gallon buckets to replicate thunder. Other instrument sounds were rain, frogs, crickets, leaves rustling and a woodpecker. Everyone took turns playing the different instruments before trying their own hand at making a "Canjo" with tin cans and banjo strings.

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Other art projects during the week included using watercolor to paint salmon fish which were then displayed on a mural painted by BG Lewis and Dewayne Horn. They also made owls using dried twigs and cardboard, and painted beautiful sunsets again using watercolor paint.

Many other crafts emphasizing the patterns and art forms found in nature were on the schedule for the week. All artworks were brought back to the Arts Center and displayed for the parents and grandparents to view on Saturday at our closing day picnic. At the end of the day, we sent everyone home with hands and hearts filled with art. I really appreciate all the volunteers that helped to make this year's Summer Art Camp a success. Without those volunteers we would be lost. And a special thanks to First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster for their generous donation funding this Summer Art Camp.

If your child missed Summer Art Camp, there are still options for them to get involved in ART this summer with our "Summer POP-UP Art Days". Call today 859.792.6395 to reserve a spot.

- BG Lewis



Classes and Events

POP-UP Art Days

We have POP-UP Art Days happening in July. If your child missed Summer Art Camp they can still get in on the summer art fun. These will be held on Mondays & Thursdays. Kids will enjoy and explore art at the center.

- July 7 @ 10am** - **Painting** w/ Bobbie Gayle
Ages 9 thru 11
- July 11 @ 1pm** - **Mosaics** w/ Dianne Sawyer and Haydee Verdia
Ages 8 and Up
- July 14 @ 10am** - **Painting** w/ Bobbie Gayle
Ages 4 thru 8
- July 14 @ 1pm** - **Basket Weaving** w/ Rebecca Sigmond
Ages 9 and Up
- July 18 @ 1pm** - **Mosaics** w/ Dianne Sawyer and Haydee Verdia
Ages 8 and Up
- July 21 @ 10am** - **Painting** w/ Bobbie Gayle
Ages 12 thru 14
- July 21 @ 1pm** - **Crafting a Medallion** w/ Geri Trinler
Ages 8 and Up
- July 25 @ 1pm** - **Crafting and Storytime** w/Bobbie Gayle
Ages 4 thru 8
- July 28 @ 10am** - **Painting** w/ Bobbie Gayle
Ages 15 thru 18

Volunteer Opportunities

I am looking for volunteers to help with kids summer art programs. Contact BG Lewis @ 859 792.6395 for more information

Membership Benefits

- First notice of all events and programs offered at GA (you are most apt to get into the classes you want.)
- Free and reduced pricing on classes offered
- Membership discounts in Wherrit House Gifts (during our Membership Appreciation Day.)
- Free table at our fall POP-UP Craft shows.
- Use of meeting/gathering rooms for your events
- Knowledge that your support has helped those in your community.
- Art benefits everyone by reducing stress, improving cognitive abilities and building positive self esteem in our youth.

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In the News

Students from Garrard Arts Win at County Fair

Willabee McCullough took first place at the County Fair in acrylic painting division. Ms. McCullough has several hobbies. She enjoys sewing, quilting, embroidery and crafting along with painting. "I am so excited to win first place. I didn't expect it at all," said Ms. McCullough when pre-



sented with her blue ribbon.

In second place was another student of painting from Garrard Arts; William Davis. He has always had a love for drawing and painted on his own before taking private lessons with BG Lewis. "I am learning a lot

about mixing colors and getting my paintings to look more realistic since I started my lessons. I am enjoying learning."

Taking first place in the oil painting division and overall grand champion was their teacher; Bobbie Gayle Lewis.

"Oil is not my medium, but I decided

to give it a try," said Mrs. Lewis. "I am prouder of the ribbons my students have won than my own.



I love teaching and sharing the joy of painting."

Fundraising Report

Blue Jean Gala

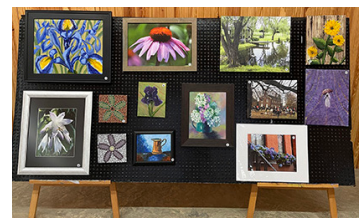
On June 4th, 2022, Garrard County Arts Council held their 2nd Annual Blue Jean Gala; a fundraising event to help Garrard Arts provide art programming in the community. This year Rene Keaton served as chairperson. Rene wants to personally express gratitude on behalf of Garrard Arts. "I am very appreciative of our local community and sponsors that helped make this event so successful. The money raised will help us offer more



community art programs for children and adults, as well as make improvements and repairs to our historic building that houses Garrard Arts Center here in the heart of Lancaster."



This year's Blue Jean Gala was held at the beautiful Englewood Estates venue in Lancaster, KY. Highlights of the evening included a buffet style BBQ dinner catered by The Back Porch Smokehouse, fresh-squeezed lemonade made by our own Director, Bobbie Gayle Lewis, and specially made favors, the blue jean pocket shaped cookies by Karie's Kountry



Kitchen, LLC. We had a cash bar this year offered by Chenault Vineyards and Dreaming Creek Brewery. Music was provided by Donna & Lewis Lamb.

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Fundraising Report continued

The businesses and individuals that purchased sponsorship packages were given a piece of artwork donated by local artists. In addition, this year a silent auction was added with many works from well-known Kentucky artists and items such as paintings, prints, and hand-crafted jewelry. Adding a little extra fun to the evening, another new addition was our drawing for giveaway items that were donated from local



businesses. Then there were the hand-crafted pig sculptures made by our artists at Garrard Arts and used as part of the table decor on each table. One lucky person at each table won their table's pig to take home.

Those in attendance say they are looking forward to next year's Blue Jean Gala. If you would like to attend next year's Gala and want to request a Save-the-Date card, please contact the arts center at 859.792.6395.

Calendar and Classes

Needle Group

Dates: Every Tuesday
Time: 10am - 12noon

Over 65 Painters Group

Dates: Every Tuesday
Time: 11:30am - 3pm

Writers Group

Dates: Every Friday
Time: 10am - 3pm

Artist Mentoring Group

Dates: Every Friday
Time: 10am - 11am

Painters Group

Dates: Every Friday
Time: 11am - 3pm

Kids Art Club

Dates: Sept. 9,
Time: 3:45pm - 4:45pm

POP-UP CRAFT Sales

Dates: Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19,
Dec. 3
Time:

CALL TO ARTISTS:

"Changes" Exhibition

Entry Due: Sept. 16 by 5pm
Exhibit: Oct. 1 thru 31

"Beauty In Nature...The Art of Science" Photo Contest

Entry Due: Nov. 11 by 5pm
Exhibit:

"Winter Blues" Contest

Entry Due: Jan. 20 by 5pm
Exhibit:

Rural Heritage Tobacco Festival 2022

Date: August 26 and 27
Time: 10am until Closing

Generous Step Further

Judy Burkhead

A "Good Neighbor" showed up this month in the form of Katie Farthing and State Farm! Katie made a generous donation to Garrard Arts and went a step further by submitting an application to State Farm to match her generosity. Being the "Good Neighbor" they are, State Farm matched the grant and awarded Garrard Arts the match. These funds will be used to support our programs, fund teachers for our classes and purchase supplies for Garrard Arts. A big thank you to Katie and State Farm for recognizing the importance of the arts in our community and putting action to their enthusiasm.

Fall's Afterschool Art Club

We are taking applications for this Fall's afterschool Art Club. This year we will have three groups: **Grades 1-4; 5-7 and 8-12.** Come explore the world of art with your peers. Contact GAC for more details at 859.792.6395



EASEL SPONSORSHIP DRIVE

Help us supply the Garrard County Art Center with much needed replacement Table Top Art Easels. Your generous, tax deductible donation of only \$45 supplies one new easel, adorned with a custom plaque engraved with a message of your choosing.

This is a wonderful way to honor a special loved one and help support your local community art programs!

The easels will be used in many of our painting and art classes and programs offered to children and adults in our local community.

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