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Our Visitors Say...

"We can hardly wait to see the next exhibit and to be here for the opening of the theatre. Congratulations to the hard workers..." G.H. W.

"...an exciting addition to our community!" J.G.

"Great acoustics in the gallery.... R.G.

"...I am so glad to see this building fixed up and used. I went to school here.." N.J.L.

ART CENTER SEASON OF EVENTS

We are delighted to introduce a variety of programs, in a desire to enrich your lives on many levels. You are invited to enjoy and explore new creative experiences.

On November 4th, *Peter Fields & The Anthem Trio* played for the **Sunday Concert in the Gallery Series**. Guitar virtuoso, Peter Fields, and the trio's world-class musicians, created a beautiful program of Fields' award-winning compositions and innovative interpretations of chamber music, and World Music, including Brazilian and Celtic. The memorable performance was embellished with interesting and witty stories of Fields' inspired songwriting. The acoustics in the Purcell Gallery proved to be excellent for music events.

The monthly **Sunday Concert in the Gallery Series** features excellent musicians, playing a variety of music. The Historyland Barbershop Chorus, Celtic harpist Eve Waters, vocalist Jennifer Kirkland & guitarist Bert Carlson will be playing an eclectic collection of music.

Saturday Kid's Quest provides a monthly opportunity for children four years and older to enjoy and explore creativity through various programs. October's event was *Autumn's Artist: Discover Shapes, Colors and Design* – now create! Art instructors shared the value of being aware of our senses in enjoying life, also recognizing shapes and how they can be used in design, and exploring the park's natural setting for ingredients to use in a collage or with pumpkins and paints. November's Saturday was *The Rhythm and Rhyme of History*, highlighting the beauty of the artwork, music and stories of the Native American culture. Also, included in the program was an *Introduction to Gallery Manners*. The Saturday Kid's Quest monthly program will continue into the new year with programs presented in the gallery or theatre.

The Center's indoor holiday decorations include a Christmas tree, which every year will have a different theme. For 2007, it is **The Children's Tree**. Bettye Dickinson's students from Thomas Jefferson Elementary made beautiful handmade ornaments and visited the Louisa Arts Center on November 29th with their families, to ceremoniously hang their ornaments on the tree. Music, cookies and the magic of the season made this event very special.

On December 1, *Celebrating the Season*, brought children and families to share the Center's holiday festivities, including caroling and the music of The Spirits.

The Spotlight Series, beginning in January 2008 and presented in The Purcell Gallery, includes lectures by published writers, visual and performing artists, art educators, photographers and more!

Art lessons for all ages will be given in the upstairs studios, as soon as the renovations are complete and the rooms are prepared for classes, which are anticipated to be in February 2008. In the summer of 2008, there will be a **Performing Arts Camp** and a **Visual Arts Camp**, structured for different ages.

The **Concert Series**, *Celebrating American Music*, will highlight genres of American music onstage in the Cooke-Haley Theatre beginning in the spring of 2008.

Future artists will include *Brass 5*, *Robin & Linda Williams*, *Robert Jospé & Inner Rhythm*, and military service bands, playing Big Band, jazz and country music. The theatre's performing arts calendar will include a vast array of music, dance, drama, comedy, lectures and film. Scheduling and details of all developing programs can be found at www.louisiaarts.org, as well as in the Central Virginian newspaper and media throughout the region.

As Director of the Louisa Arts Center,
I wrote most of the newsletters & website content