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**Late June-July 2022 ARTicles – It’s jumpstART time with all these chances to pARTicipate!**

<p>June 29-30</p>	<p><a href="#">Friends of the Library Bookstore Half-Price Sale, 115 Highlands Road, Franklin</a> A literature-lover’s fantasy – ½ off the store’s already affordable books. Come BUY!</p>
<p>30 Thursday 7:00 PM</p>	<p><a href="#">Mountain Voices Concert, First United Methodist Church, 66 Harrison Ave., Franklin</a> Beverly Barnett directs the 50-voice mixed community chorus of singers from across the region in a something-for-everyone program of show tunes, pop, gospel, and patriotic songs, accompanied by Pianist Mary Pittman and other local instrumentalists. Free admission; donations welcome; email <a href="mailto:mountainvoiceswnc@gmail.com">mountainvoiceswnc@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p>July All month </p>	<p><a href="#">Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival</a> brings us some of the world’s greatest music played by some of its greatest musicians. The Festival’s 41<sup>st</sup> season features tantalizing themes like <i>CelloMania!</i>, <i>Champagne &amp; Chopin</i>, and a <i>Sibling Rivalry</i> rematch, all under the blazing baton of Director Will Ransom. Highlands’s concerts are in the Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street; dates and tickets at <a href="http://h-cmusicfestival.org">h-cmusicfestival.org</a>.</p>
<p>1-2 and 8-9</p>	<p><a href="#">Footloose! The Musical! Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, 1028 Georgia Rd.</a> Your last chance to cut loose at OVERLOOK THEATRE COMPANY’s rockin’ two-act show. \$17 adult, \$13 student at <a href="http://smokymountainarts.com">smokymountainarts.com</a>, the Center box office, or 828-524-1598.</p>
<p>1-24 </p>	<p><a href="#">Jersey Boys at Highlands Playhouse, 362 Oak Street, Highlands</a> Tony Award®-winning inside story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons features “Sherry,” “Walk Like A Man,” “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You,” and other top ten hits. All shows run Wednesdays-Sundays; times and tickets at <a href="http://highlandsplayhouse.org">highlandsplayhouse.org</a> or 828-526-2695. Next on the season is WWII musical revue <i>Sentimental Journey</i>, playing Aug. 12-Sep. 4.</p>
<p>2 Saturday 11:00-2:00</p>	<p><a href="#">The Bascom’s Community Day, 323 Franklin Road, Highlands</a> Free art activities for all ages - artist demonstrations, things to make, storytelling, free popcorn, plus picnic on the beautiful Bascom campus. BYOPL (Picnic Lunch), blankets or lawn chairs, visit the galleries while you’re there; <a href="http://thebascom.org">thebascom.org</a> or 828-526-4949.</p>
<p>15 Friday 7:00 PM</p>	<p><a href="#">Letters From Home, Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, 1028 Georgia Rd.</a> USO-style singing, tap dancing, corny jokes and audience interaction combine in Erinn Dearth’s high-energy show designed to honor veterans, active service members and their families and to unite the nation through music. \$25 at <a href="http://smokymountainarts.com">smokymountainarts.com</a>, the Center box office or 828-524-1598.</p>
<p>16 Saturday 5:00-7:00</p>	<p><a href="#">Chatham Rabbits, Cowee School Arts &amp; Heritage Center off Hwy. 28 N</a> This roots music duo has played smoky bars, summer festivals, busked on the streets of Nashville, and led churches in old-time hymns. On the lawn rain or sun, \$15. Tickets at <a href="http://coweeschool.org">coweeschool.org</a>. Other Cowee School activities include third Monday, 6:30 PM, “Where We Live” series and third Saturday SEBA (Bluegrass) jams.</p>
<p>30 Saturday 4:00</p>	<p><a href="#">Songwriters Collective Showcase, Rathskeller Coffee Haus., 58 Stewart St., Franklin</a> Singer/songwriters Shelley Arvidson, Diane Chermer, David Lloyd, and Dan Watkins, all members of the local collective, perform their original works. The Rat sells specialty beverages and healthy eats. Email <a href="mailto:davestewartsongs@gmail.com">davestewartsongs@gmail.com</a> for Collective news.</p>
<p>August 11-13</p>	<p><a href="#">Macon County Art Association’s ARTFest, Macon County Public Library, Siler Farm Rd</a> A 3-day interactive event to celebrate MCAA’s 60<sup>th</sup> year, capped off with a Blue Jazz arts-in-education fundraiser concert. Visit their Uptown Gallery, 30 E. Main, Franklin, 10:00-5:00 daily except Sunday and Wednesday; <a href="http://franklinuptowngallery.com">franklinuptowngallery.com</a> or 828-349-4607.</p>

Aug. 28

Sunday  
3:00

[Barbershop Sundaes, Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 26 Church St., Franklin](#)

Land of the Sky Men's Chorus sings a cappella Barbershop, doo wop and more with lots of laughs, sing-alongs, and the annual ice cream sing-off. Save the date!

**THREE RIVERS REVIEW "River of Words,"** the Arts Council's anthology of excerpts from the works of 24 Macon County writers, features varied writing styles and genres, from adventure, animal delights, and murder to inspiration, love, and living life to the fullest. The first of our THREE RIVERS REVIEW series, "River of Words" has been a year-long labor of love designed to expose local authors to a wider readership, and to let readers sample the works of many writers in one publication, similar in purpose to *The Wayah Review*, a 1980-1992 Arts Council publication edited by the late Barbara McRae. The three rivers – the Cullasaja, Little Tennessee, and Nantahala – represent all Macon County's areas, people and culture.

"River of Words" is dedicated to Maude Bivins, a charter and sustaining Arts Council member who died in 2019, leaving a generous bequest to benefit this and all the Council's future endeavors. Free copies are available at Macon County's Public Libraries, the Uptown Gallery, Franklin's Chamber of Commerce, the Arts Council office above Outdoor 76, and other locations. Contact us for pick-up sites and bulk buying.



**Historic Rickman General Store**, 259 Cowee Creek Road, hosts Saturday afternoon open bluegrass and old-time music intermediate-level jam sessions (newcomers welcome). The 1895 Store, adjacent to Old Cowee School in Cowee-West's Mill National Historic District, displays vintage stock and carries locally produced goods, books, and other must-have items.

**Summer Specials @Macon County Public Library** Visit the [fontanalib.org](http://fontanalib.org) calendar.

Poet and naturalist Brent Martin presents his new book, *George Masa's Wild Vision*, Thursday July 7, 6 PM; it includes 75 of Masa's photographs, with Martin's reflections on Masa's life and work.

Free [animated flicks for children](#) every Friday in July at 11:30. Popcorn, anyone?

[Adult Summer Reading Book Share](#) invites you to read a book in a specific genre, then come to the library to share it with others. Light refreshments served.



**Many hands make light work.** In addition to our "River of Words" writers and illustrators, we send enthusiastic THANK YOUs to project team members Merritt Shaw and Claire Suminski plus Betsey Gooder, Tom Tyre, and Bobbie Contino; cover art designer Landon Shaw, Virginia at Macon Printing, Macon County Public Library and all our distribution sites.

Fabulous Fiddler Finn wowed a full house at our June 19 [Scots-Celtic music concert, art exhibit, and THREE RIVERS REVIEW unveiling](#). We thank helpers Debra Rose Lewis, Patty O'Connor, Merritt Shaw, and Claire Suminski; Uptown Gallery Artists Cheryl Binnall, Debra Carroll, Cathy Casano, Carol Conti, Olga Herra, Greg Matthews, Pat Mennenger, Joni Mitchell, Amy Phillips, Maryellen Tully, and Kathleen Woodring; co-sponsor Suminski Family Books; April's Flowers on Main, Merrilee Bordeaux, Betsey Gooder and Macon County News, Campbell Folk School's T-Claw, and ALWAYS Pastor Tempe and our [First Presbyterian Friends](#), especially Jerry Blaydes.

HeARTy thanks to [Lionel Caynon](#), keyboardist and heart of the Council's [C-Square Music Outreach](#) with singers Bobbie and Mike Contino, for resuming nursing home songfests.



All the arts art one – all branches  
on one tree; all fingers, as it were,  
upon one hand. –W.W. STORY

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