



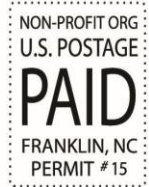
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<p>2022 ARTicles May 8 Sunday (Mom's Day) 3:00</p>	<p><u>World Music by The Ubuntu Choir, First Presbyterian Chapel, 26 Church St., Franklin</u> The Ubuntu Choir of the Great Smoky Mountains sings uplifting a cappella songs and chants from diverse traditions and cultures, often inviting audience members to join in. Ubuntu is a worldwide movement open to all people who share a passion for harmony singing. Begun in 2009, the local Choir has members from Macon and Jackson Counties and is part of the Worldwide Ubuntu Choir Network. Director Tom Tyre, a member of the Natural Voice Network in the U.K., received Ubuntu training in British Columbia. Pay-what-you-can admission, \$5 suggested. Wheelchair access from First Presbyterian's parking lot.</p>
<p>11 Wednesday</p> 	<p><u>Uptown Gallery Hosts Cartoogechaye Students, 30 E. Main, Uptown Franklin</u> The Macon County Art Association, celebrating its 60th year, and the Arts Council pARTner in a pilot Gallery Field Trip Program for Cartoogechaye Elementary School second graders, who will tour the gallery, interact with practicing artists, document their experience, and participate in a collaborative art installation piece. Students will be exposed to the processes of professional artists and view how their product is shared with the community. The Gallery is open 10:00-5:00 daily except Sunday and Wednesday. Classes, workshops, and member info at franklinuptowngallery.com or 828-349-4607.</p>
<p>14 Saturday 4:00</p> 	<p><u>Brasstown Ringers PUT A RING ON IT! First Presbyterian Church, 26 Church St., Franklin</u> This extraordinary community handbell choir's spring concert focuses on the power of friendship and the magic of love, expressed through traditional classics, favorite hymns, and Broadway tunes. All Brasstown Ringers' concerts showcase the beauty and depth of handbell music and spotlight various ringing techniques using Schulmerich bells and Malmark chimes. Founded in 1992, the Choir has toured Europe and performed at the Biltmore House and other venues in NC, GA, and TN, and boasts members from these three states. For details contact Director Linda Sterrett, lksterrett@gmail.com.</p>
<p>15 Sunday 3:00</p> 	<p><u>Sadhana Song Circle, Wayfarers Chapel off Hwy. 246, Dillard, GA</u> Host Tom Tyre invites people who love to sing to join him and several other song leaders; all will bring their personal favorites to the gathering. <u>No singing experience is needed</u>, just a willingness to "sing and get happy." It isn't a concert and there's not room for an audience; attendees must join in! The Chapel's creek-side setting is beautiful; you may wish to linger and commune with nature.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p><u>Application deadline for Arts Council's \$1000 Arts Scholarship.</u> Guidelines and forms are available from Macon County high school guidance offices, our website, and the Arts Council office. Maconians of all ages pursuing a college degree in the performing, literary, or visual/graphic arts or arts education may apply.</p>
<p>May 21 Saturday 5:00-7:00</p> 	<p><u>Mountain Heart</u> award-winning Bluegrass band with 130+ Grand Ole Opry appearances kicks off Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center's summer concert series; the lineup includes Canada's <i>Slocan Ramblers</i> (traditional roots) June 18; Chatham Rabbits (old time music) July 16; <i>Border Collies</i> Sept. 17, and <i>Unspoken Tradition</i> Oct. 15. All are on the lawn rain or shine. Get details and buy tickets at coweeschool.org, and check out other activities like third Saturday noon-3:00 SEBA (Bluegrass) Jam Sessions.</p>
<p>June 19 Sunday 3:00</p>	<p><u>Casual Concert with Fiddler Finn Magill, First Presbyterian Chapel, Franklin</u> The Arts Council closes the Taste of Scotland Festival with internationally-known award-winning fiddler Andrew Finn Magill, featured on NPR, TEDx, and MTV-U. Finn was a Fulbright fellow, NC Arts Council fellow, and South Arts Emerging Traditional Artist. Save the date now and learn more about this exceptional artist in your June ARTicles.</p>


Outdoor Sculpture at The Bascom - 2022 marks the second year of The Bascom's campus-wide outdoor sculpture exhibit, 323 Franklin Road (Hwy. 28), Highlands. Explore the Horst-Winkler Sculpture and Nature Trail and view new works on display through April 2023. Participating artists are North Carolinians Michael Austin, Kyle V. Lusk, Beau Lyday and Shawnaizja Simmons; and Jonathan Forrence of Kentucky. Don't miss the gallery exhibits and studios. More at TheBascom.org or 828-526-4949.

Pickin' on the Square launches another season of free open-air Bluegrass, Country, Gospel, and vintage pop concerts on Franklin's Town Square Gazebo starting at 6:00 P.M. alternate Saturdays from May 14 through October 15. Bring a lawn chair and plan to chow down at one of our uptown eateries or take advantage of Pickin' food vendors. The event is sponsored by the Town of Franklin.



They're baaack... Good news for Arts Council friends who ask, "When will the **Barbershop Chorus** return?" **Sunday, August 28, at 3:00**, Land of the Sky Chorus brings us a new program of timeless tunes sung Barbershop style with lots of laughs and plenty of pARTicipation, in First Presbyterian Church's Tartan Hall. *Did we forget to say (or sing) "ICE CREAM?"*

While you're saving August dates, mark Saturday the 20th, 10:00-4:00, for the annual **Franklin Area Folk Festival** at Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center - a free showcase demonstrating the everyday skills, crafts, and music of our ancestors. The Arts Council sponsors J. Creek Cloggers as part of the day's varied lineup of heritage entertainment.

 **Many hands make light work** and the Council's two April events benefitted from a great many helping hands. Thanks to Rathskeller Coffee Haus owners Adam and Natasha, Franklin High School English teacher Tyler Faetz, son Andrew, and all the **Teen Poetry Night** pARTicipating students.

Our **Student Talent Showcase** volunteers included Betsey Gooder, Laura Lansford, Andy LaTorre, Debra Rose Lewis, Pam Meister, Merritt Shaw, Dave Stewart, and Tom Tyre, plus Macon Middle School's Bryan Wilkinson, Soundman Paul Farley, Blair King of Franklin High School, Renee Burt and Josh Lynch at the School Central Office, New Century Scholars Director Pam Collins and our 17 NCS volunteers: Ashley, Kayla, Lida, Jackie, Emily, Zackary, Yaneli, Geovanni, Elisabeth, Elly, Elizabeth, Ashlee, Jessica, Lydia, Crystal, Alyssa, and Abby! Thanks also to The Franklin Chamber of Commerce, The Franklin Press, Macon County News & Shopping Guide, and everyone who helped promote these events.

Our **new ARTicles masthead** was created by graphic designer Morgan, of Gooder Grafix. We're using the colorful, rhythmic design on our website, signs, banners - just about everything you'll be seeing of us in the future. Thank you, Morgan, for the lively new look!



Culture?

Fleeting as birdsong, as laughter; solid as bone and stone.

We create it and are re-created by it, our lives flowing like water into the stream of it.

It's us, who we are and what we do in this place, in this time... our dreaming, singing, dancing, loving, working, playing, planting, tending, looking, learning, listening.

It's us, delighting in our diversity, singing our own songs, choosing to become our best. -SALLY KESLER

(The late Sally Kesler was a multi-talented silk screen and fiber artist and musician, and an Arts Council charter member. She contributed this to the Council's 1979 member brochure.)

Our mission: The Arts Council serves Macon County as a presenter, promoter, and resource for artists, cultural organizations, and schools working to meet their goals.