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Late October/November 2022 **ARTicles** *A baker's dozen+ of November activities. **PAR**Ticipate!*

<p>Oct 28 – Nov. 12 7:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, Franklin</u> Scotty Corbin directs Overlook Theatre Company in this award-winning tale as old as time, showing Fridays and Saturdays; \$17 adult, \$13 youth at smokymountainarts.com or 828-524-1598.</p>
<p>Oct. 29 Saturday 10:30- 12:30</p>	<p><u>DANCE ARTSATURDAY, Macon County Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Rd., Franklin</u> This FREE Council event for kids and young families offers basic instruction in Cherokee, hip hop, and line dance. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes; no pre-registration needed. Lessons are geared to elementary school-age children, with a coloring station for preschool-age siblings.</p>
<p>Nov. 4 – 12</p>	<p><u>Mountain Theatre Co.'s A Wrinkle in Time, Highlands Playhouse, 362 Oak St., Highlands</u> This Theatre for Young Audiences production is adapted from the Newberry Medal-winning children's novel. Fridays 7:00, Saturdays 2:00, pay-what-you-can tickets at mountaintheatre.com.</p>
<p>5 Saturday 10:00-2:00</p>	<p><u>First Saturday Fiber Arts Group, Macon County Public Library Maker Space</u> All fiber artists – quilters, knitters, cross-stitchers, embroiderers, and others – are invited to bring your fiber arts projects to the Library to share ideas, inspiration, and fun; fontanalib.org.</p>
<p>6:30 PM</p>	<p><u>FIRST SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE, Macon County Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Rd., Franklin</u> Dance with caller Charlotte Crittenden and music by the band, Late to the Party, with fiddler Larry Barnett. Instruction for beginners at 6:30, dance 7:00-9:00. No experience needed. Admission by donation, \$10 suggested. Sponsored by The James Edward Hudock Trust. See Contra news below.</p>
<p>11 Friday</p>	<p><u>Presentation of Veterans' Portraits, MCAA's Uptown Gallery, 30 E. Main, Franklin</u> After Franklin's 10:30 Veterans' Day Parade, Macon County Art Assoc. honors nine vets with gifts of portraits painted by MCAA members, with a reception for the vets and their families, 349-4607.</p>
<p>13 Sunday 2:30</p>	<p><u>Singer-Songwriter Chuck Brodsky, Universal-Unitarian Fellowship, 89 Sierra Dr., Franklin</u> Brodsky is known for writing music for the movie <i>Radio</i>; fans of Dylan, Guthrie and Springsteen enjoy his music. \$20 suggested donation; \$15 with reservation at robby.concerts@gmail.com.</p>
<p>19 Saturday 10:00-4:30</p>	<p><u>Holiday Arts & Crafts Show & Sell, The Bascom, 323 Franklin Rd., Highlands</u> This seasonal show boasts a selection of high-quality handmade works by local and regional artists, with gift wrapping for a fee. Details on this and more at TheBascom.org or 828-526-4949.</p>
<p>21 Monday 6:30 PM</p>	<p><u>Foxfire Presentation, Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center off Hwy. 28 N, Franklin</u> The School's "Where We Live: Nature, History & Culture" series presents Kami Ahrens speaking on the Foxfire Program. More on this and other School activities at coweeschool.org.</p>
<p>25 Friday 7:30 PM</p>	<p><u>A Motown Christmas, Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut St.</u> The 10-member <i>Masters of Soul</i> cast of vocalists and band celebrates the songs, performers, and moves that defined Motown and soul music; \$50 and up, highlandsp Performingarts.com.</p>
<p>26 Saturday 5:00-8:00</p>	<p><u>Winter Wonderland, Main Street Shopping District, Franklin</u> Stroll uptown, enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride, do some holiday shopping, patronize an eatery, and bask in the sights, sounds, and friendly atmosphere of a hometown Christmas.</p>
<p>29 Tuesday 7:00 PM</p>	<p><u>CHRISTMAS WITH FIDDLER FINN, First Presbyterian Chapel, 26 Church St., Franklin</u> Award-winning violin virtuoso Andrew Finn Magill opens our holiday concert season with his special brand of musical Christmas cheer. Uptown Gallery artists will display original works at this pay-what-you-can event. The Chapel's wheelchair access is from First Presbyterian's parking lot. More below.</p>

In your thankfulness please remember the many cultural organizations that make our community so vibrant!

Mariachi Sol de Mexico Thursday Nov. 10, 7:30, Bardo Performing Arts Center, WCU Campus, Cullowhee
This 13-member Grammy-nominated band will have you dancing in your seats. \$25 adult, \$20 senior citizen at bardoartscenter.wcu.edu or 828-227-ARTS. View the Fine Art Museum's Bachelor of Fine Art Portfolio Exhibition.

Opera to Broadway Sunday Nov. 13, 2:00, Campbell Folk School's Keith House, 1 Folkschool Rd., Brasstown
A rising new talent, soprano Julie Webster has played roles in works by Verdi, Puccini, Lehar and Sondheim. The program also includes pieces from the folk tradition. Tickets at the door; adult \$20, student \$10. Email brasstownconcertnews@gmail.com for details and coming events.



Save these December dates. More in next month's **ARTicles...**

- 3 Saturday all day, **Cowee Christmas & Balsam Bee**, Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center
- 3 6:00, **Arts Council's Carol-Along at Winter Wonderland**, Main St. Wells Fargo Bank entrance
- 3 6:30, **First Saturday Contra Dance**, Macon County Public Library
- 6 Tuesday 10:00, **Cookies (stories, crafts, & more) with Santa**, Macon County Public Library
- 8 Thursday 7:00, **Christmas with Mountain Voices Chorus**, First United Methodist Church, Franklin
- 10 Saturday 7:00, **Brasstown Rings Handbell Choir Holiday Concert**, First UMC, Franklin
- 16-17 Fri.-Sat. 7:00, Overlook Theatre Co.'s **Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer - the Musical**, SMCPA
- 16-31 Wednesdays-Sundays 7:30, **Home for the Holidays**, Highlands Playhouse



Traveler Shaw Awarded Arts Scholarship - The Arts Council's annual \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a Macon County resident seeking a college degree in an arts field. Traveler recently graduated from Franklin High School and is pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Film and Television Production at Western Carolina University. The son of Merritt and Tim Shaw, he was a Franklin High honor student, active in the FHS Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Theater Department, and is an avid skateboarder. For scholarship forms and guidelines visit www.artscouncilofmacon.org.



Contra news - Contra dance is a highly accessible and sociable dance form. Each dance is taught and the caller gives instructions throughout, with dancers moving in two long facing lines or in groups, changing partners often. You don't need to bring a partner. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes; no perfumes or strong scents, please. You may bring a closed water container and snack. Masks are encouraged but not required. This initiative is a Friends of Contra Dance in Macon County, Macon County Public Library, and Arts Council pARTnership.

As for our promised **extraordinarily exciting news**: A generous gift from **The James Edward Hudock Trust** enables us all to enjoy Contra Dance on a monthly basis. The Library reserved first Saturdays into April 2023 for this purpose - Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, and Apr. 1. Save the dates and contra dance with us!



More on Fiddler Finn Magill - Featured on NPR, TEDx, and MTV-U, Magill has played concert halls around the world, was an All-Ireland Fiddle finalist, Fulbright Fellow, NC Arts Council Fellow, and has taught traditional and old-time music at fiddle camps across the U.S. and abroad. Hear him at andrewfinnmagill.com. He'll spend the day Nov. 29 working with students in Cartoogechaye School.



In this special season of thankfulness we heARTily thank:

Arts Scholarship Interview Team - Gail and Nate Anderson and Dorothy Smith.

October Contra dance sponsors Ron and Chris Lewis; initiators Marce Lacouture, Chris Sobek, and Tom Tyre; Caller Charlotte Crittenden and band, Late to the Party; Library Adult Services Assistant Kristina Moe; Andy LaTorre, Debra Rose Lewis, and Merritt Shaw; Betsey Gooder and Macon County News.

The James Edward Hudock Trust gift - David Clay, Pam Meister and Tom Tyre.

Motown Downtown Street Dance - Mike Contino, Gooder Grafix, Town of Franklin, Franklin Police Department.

Artists-in-the-Schools - Cherokee dance-culture instructor Bill Dyar, mountain clogging instructor Cheryl Renfro.

A belated but most sincere "Thank You!" to former Arts Council Director Tom Tyre, who has served and continues to serve the Council in too many ways to list. And welcome, new Director Dorothy Smith!