

Arts Preston: Your Arts Council of Preston County

...encouraging and supporting the vitality of the arts in Preston County!

Greetings!

Here is info about art classes and arts events. All of us at Arts Preston want to encourage you to learn a new artistic skill, enjoy some new music, attend a new play reading to support new playwrights—get involved in the arts in some way or another. If you have questions, want to be on the Board of Arts Preston, or want to submit a proposal for the 2nd Annual Preston County Music and Arts Festival, feel free to contact me at 304-290-9237 or jlsz@aol.com.

- Janet Szilagyi, President

Classes at the Riverbend Art Studio in the Szilagyi Center in Rowlesburg

**** Special note: Thanks to a grant, we can offer **scholarships** for all classes offered at the Szilagyi Center. If you would like to take advantage of the scholarship fund, ask your instructor how it works. ****

Wheel-Thrown Pottery

The next eight-week session of wheel-throwing pottery classes will be held on Wednesdays **beginning March 14**.

Class fee includes semi-private instruction (meaning that each student has access to a wheel for the entire class period which is not the way many pottery classes are run), clay, use of studio tools, glazes, and firings.

3 to 6 p.m. Teens. \$30 per person. The scholarship fund covers the rest of the class fee.

6 to 9 p.m. Adults: \$249 per person. Scholarships are available.

A four-week session for intermediate and advanced students will be held on Wednesdays **beginning on May 16** and continuing through June 6. Contact Susan Ramey for details.

Contact instructor Tamarack Juried Artist Susan Ramey of Ridgetop Pottery at 304-288-0832 for more info on any of the classes or to register.

Earth Day Quilling Class

Saturday, April 21, 1 to 4 p.m. Learn the enchanting art of quilling, also known as paper filigree! Make a 4x4" flower on stretched canvas tile in celebration of Earth Day. For those 10 years old and up, beginner and intermediate. Cost: \$35 per person. Contact instructor Leah DeLauder of PractiQuills at leahdelauder@yahoo.com for information or registration. 20 spots available. Sign up by April 14.

Preston County Community Chorus

The Preston County Community Chorus will begin practicing for a concert at the River City Festival of the Arts in Rowlesburg. The performance is on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m. Practices are on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. **starting on March 12** at the Methodist Church in Terra Alta and then alternating weeks with the Presbyterian Church in Kingwood. Shauna Bloom is the director. For information, contact Janet Szilagyi at 304-290-9237 or jlsz@aol.com

Music at the Preston Community Arts Center 123 S. Price Street, Kingwood

Saturday, March 10, 7 p.m. Charles Langford shares the stage with The OutWaughts at Preston Community Arts Center. \$8 for adults, \$4 for students through HS at the door.

TOTL Theatre OLD RED BARN Reading Series

June 29th & 30th. Reading times TBD

Here are the winners for the second annual reading series!

Maryland: Jerry Slaff, "Personal Histories"

Pennsylvania: Timothy Ruppert, "Vivienne"...

West Virginia: Jeremy F. Richter, "My Career Suicide Note"

and featuring: Cassandra Hackbart, "Pepperoni Roll"

Congrats to all who submitted!

Keep an eye on the website totltheatre.org for updates on the series times and for TOTL's upcoming season announcement!

2nd Annual Preston County Music and Arts Festival

Saturday, August 4, 1 to 9 p.m. on Price Street in Kingwood. Plan to come enjoy music on the Music Stage in front of the Preston Community Arts Center. Artists will be selling their art, and food will be available. Coupons for discounts at local restaurants who support the arts will be available at the festival.

Submissions for music group performances, artists, or food vendors are being accepted through May 1. Contact Janet Szilagyi at jlsz@aol.com or 304-290-9237 for details if you would like to be a participating artist or food vendor.

Arts Preston...

- will have a display in the Preston County Chamber of Commerce window during the month of **June**. Stop by the Chamber office at 200 W. Main Street in Kingwood to check out our display.

- will host **Business After Hours** on **Thursday, September 13**, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Riverbend Art Studio in the Szilagyi Center in Rowlesburg. Please plan to join us to see the studio, meet some of our artists, and have some refreshments. There will be door prizes, too!