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HEADWATERS

Headwaters Wants YOU!

Want to be part of *Headwaters* this summer? Come to the Talent Inventory on Saturday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m.

For more information or to reserve a spot, email headwaters@snca.org Anyone who wants to be in *Headwaters* can be in *Headwaters*, onstage or backstage. Ages 10 to 90 are welcome.

Kid's Talent Show

Pass the word, then pass the hat. The SNCA Kid's Talent Show returns to the Center Theatre on Saturday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. The event, which benefits the SNCA Kid's Scholarship Fund, will also feature a visual arts show and reception in the conference room after the performance. Admission is free, but donations will gratefully be accepted at fundraiser.

There will be a "show your stuff" day on February 6, 4:00-6:00 p.m., and a dress rehearsal, February 10, at 4:00 p.m. Art will be put on display on February 10.

Are you a kid? Can your parents get you to SNCA? Interested in performing? Contact Vicki McMorrough at vicmac19@windstream.net or 706-865-4857.

Interested in presenting your painting or photography or jewelry or other visual art? Mom or Dad want to contribute some finger foods for the reception? Contact Jennifer Hudgins at shudginsl@windstream.net or 706-878-3732.

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SNCA presents

Caroline Aiken and Dede Vogt March 17, 2012

Plan ahead for a very special night! With seven CDs and a nomination for a Contemporary Folk CD Grammy in 2006, Caroline Aiken is independent to the bone. She has done numerous performances to benefit thousands of causes and played thousands of shows in 40 years of touring at home and abroad. Writing and producing shows, festivals, theaters and series, Caroline has also served for 12 years as Entertainment Director for the Atlanta Dogwood Festival. Caroline has performed with artists such as Muddy Waters, Bonnie Raitt, John Prine, The Indigo Girls, Dan Fogelberg and many others. Her live performances are astonishing and she is known for her ability to "jaw drop a crowd" with her soaring dark-hued voice, spellbinding guitar work and her powerful stage presence.



Caroline Aiken

Dede Vogt has earned a gold record for her work with The Indigo Girls and sings with a deep, husky voice that echoes with experience. She is responsible for helping to nurture the Atlanta music scene and has led the way for folk musicians for quite some time. As a multi-instrumentalist, her wide range of influences and provocative style help to create magic.

"She has been my idol for so long, I used to sneak into her shows at The Harvest Moon Saloon when I was 16 and then I'd come home and try to play her songs. She is the backbone



Dede Vogt

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Valley Harmony Radio Show

Valley Harmony Radio Show With Bob Prim and The Radio Utility Players Dinner and New Show!

On Saturday, February 18 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 p.m. join Bob Prim, The Radio Utility Players and many more special guests for the new Valley Harmony Radio (VHR) Show. In its second year, this variety show is a delightful mix of skits, music, commercials, jokes, sound effects and a "Valley Pulpit" story with Warden R. Grimm. Think "Prairie Home Companion" in beautiful Northeast Georgia.

This show is a fundraiser for SNCA and the proverbial hat will be passed.

Seating for the show is "first come, first served." However, you will have a guaranteed reserved seat if you make a dinner reservation. Dinner will be served in the Community Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Saturday evening and 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. on Sunday. Chef Rhydon Mays will be preparing this "comfort food" menu for both days: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, collard greens, tea, and cookies. Vegetarian meals are available and should be requested when you make your reservation.

Dinner costs are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 years and free for children age 6 years and under. Please visit www.snca.org or call 706-878-3300 for dinner reservations.



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Message from the Board of Directors

SNCA Friends,

I was asked recently to consider taking on the position of Board President of SNCA. After consultation with my associates at work and a thoughtful discussion with my wife, Linda, I cheerfully accepted. SNCA is truly a special organization and a great group of people. I am learning more each day about the many things that make it special.

First, I want to thank Kathy Blandin for her five productive years as our Executive Director. I was always proud to have Kathy leading our organization. She was diplomatic, cheerful and professional, in no particular order. Kathy attended festivals, she spoke to groups, she was involved in *Headwaters* and she helped our organization in countless ways. Additionally, she shared her husband, Todd, with us and he also helped on so many occasions.

Secondly, I would like to thank Tom Wilbanks for his leadership on our Board. Tom has put a lot of time and energy into SNCA and I am grateful for his friendship and his efforts going forward.

I would also like to thank our loyal staff. SNCA has a dedicated and capable staff with lots of talent and work skills. The Executive Committee (John Erbele, Scott Kidd, Jerry Grillo, Mike Fisher and Barbara Luhn), with the addition of Jimmy Johnston and Skip Bassler, will meet regularly with the staff to continue the work of SNCA. Please feel free to relay any suggestions or ideas that you may have to our "interim management committee."

I know that SNCA is important to all of us, and I want you all to know that I am thankful for all of you that have helped SNCA in the past and look forward to your help now and in the future.

John Erbele
Board President

Waltz Workshop



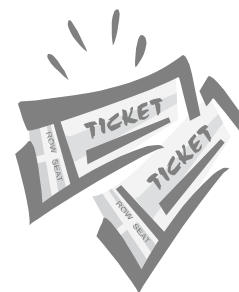
Learn the basics of waltzing and perfect your waltz technique at the Fifth Tuesday Waltz Workshop offered by SNCA. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 28 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Community Hall. Workshop cost is \$5.00.

After taking you through waltzing basics, Jennie Inglis and Mark Baker may dim the lights and spin the ball to create dance magic. Bring your dancing shoes! Some waltz experience is helpful, but not necessary. Everyone is welcome to attend to enjoy the dancing and live music.

For more information, please contact Jennie Inglis at 706-348-7542 or jringlis60@gmail.com.

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SNCA Volunteer Rewards Program

SNCA appreciates the efforts and the value of all of its Volunteers and wishes to officially recognize and to reward its most dedicated Volunteers. A new rewards program became effective on January 1, 2012, with rewards to be issued in 2013.

Rewards are based on the number of hours volunteers work in a calendar year. Volunteers will be responsible for submitting their hours monthly to the Volunteer Coordinators, Sara Rudder and Courtney Johnston, via email: srudder@snca.org or cjohnston@snca.org.

Levels	Points	Rewards
Bronze	100	SNCA Insulated Bag
Silver	150	One free ticket to six SNCA events for the year (<i>excluding Sautee Jamboree</i>).
Gold	200	One free ticket to all SNCA events for the year.

Two Winter Shows Brighten SNCA Galleries

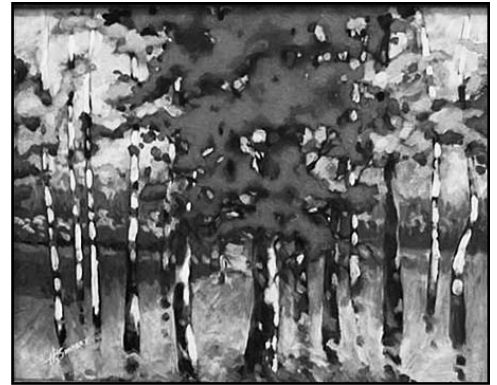
The Color Red show, which opened on January 20, continues to brighten the twin galleries at SNCA with a profusion of red art created by our local juried artists. This show has many forms of art portraying the theme, including paintings, jewelry, glass art, fine art photography, pottery, fiber art and more.

The hallway invitational artist during *The Color Red* show is Erin Holbrook, who has brought to SNCA an array of her acrylic paintings. Erin was the recipient of the first place award in the oil and acrylic category at the Toccoa Harvest Festival.

The Color Red show will run through March 4, and will be followed by the *Wonders in Wood* exhibit. Featuring the gallery's talented wood turners, wood carvers and wood sculpture artists, the new exhibit will be on display from March 9 through April 22.

Digital fine art photography by Celia Durand will be on exhibit in our hallways as the invitational artist throughout the *Wonders in Wood* show. Celia's photography won the first place award in the digital photography division at the recent Currahee Artists' Guild's 22nd Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Festival.

There is never an admission charge to enjoy the art at the SNCA galleries. More than 200 artists have been juried and display their art from time to time in our two galleries. All work on exhibit in the galleries is for sale and has been created by local artists who live within a 50-mile radius of the Center. The galleries are ideal places to purchase unique gifts for your family and friends.



Arts Program Director Tommy Deadwyler Joins Georgia Presenters Team

Sautee Nacoochee's reputation as one of the nation's top arts communities got a nod and a boost with the announcement from the Fox Theatre Institute (FTI) that SNCA arts program director Tommy Deadwyler has been named program assistant for the Georgia Presenters. Tommy will facilitate and will develop the statewide booking consortium in coordination with FTI staff, serving as the point of contact for agents and artists, and researching and promoting talent for Georgia Presenters' membership. Some of Tommy's first actions will be to coordinate the annual Georgia Presenters Showcase and to work with Fox Theatre Institute staff to develop best practices materials on presenting-related topics for the benefit of Georgia Presenters members. Tommy has been an active member of Georgia Presenters since it launched in 2009.

"We are delighted to have Tommy join the Georgia Presenters team," said Carmie McDonald, program manager for the Fox Theatre Institute. "His experience and enthusiasm have been assets to our program, and we look forward to working with him to further the impact of Georgia Presenters."

Tommy brings years of presenting and event experience to Georgia Presenters. At SNCA, he supervises year-round performing arts activities (along with co-director Terri Edgar), including SummerFest, which has been named a "Top 20 Event" by the Southeast Tourism Society. Prior to joining SNCA, Tommy was an event producer for the firm Event Designs New York and created hundreds of special events, including the 50th Gala for The School of Visual Arts in New York City, and Credit Suisse's Director's Conference on Ellis Island.

The FTI/Georgia Presenters post is a part-time position, so Tommy will continue his position at SNCA, where he and Terri have been responsible for bringing a diverse lineup of acclaimed international, national and regional artists to the Sautee Community, including the Indigo Girls, Bread and Puppet Theatre, the Atlanta Boys Choir and Francine Reed.

Call for SNCA Board Nominations

The SNCA Board of Directors is soliciting nominations for new members. Directors serve a 3-year term and are required to attend monthly meetings as well as volunteer to serve on a committee. Nomination forms can be printed from the internet at www.snca.org or a hard copy may be picked up at the Center. Forms must be turned in to board member Gracie Schwartzman. All nominees will be considered by the Nominating Committee according to the following criteria:

- Member of SNCA
- Strong interpersonal skills / ability to effectively communicate
- Sense of stewardship for the entire organization
- History of volunteerism with SNCA
- Diversity (age, race, etc.)

If selected, nominees will be notified after the March 26, 2012 Board meeting. Terms will begin at the April 15, 2012 Annual Meeting.

SNCA Visual Art Workshops

February – March 2012

Don't let old man winter keep you indoors. Come on down to the Sautee Nacoochee Center and learn something new. We are offering a series of visual art workshops sure to pique your interest. For more information or to register, check out our website at www.snca.org or call the Sautee Nacoochee Center at 706-878-3300.

Drawing with Sherry Clive

This workshop is designed for beginners, as well as those seeking a structured drawing setting. Explore different mediums used in drawing and sketching while reviewing the basics. Classes will be held in the Art Studio for still life study, as well as outside for architectural and nature drawing. Drawing is the foundation for all mediums and we welcome artists and art students ages 12 and older. Please call in advance for materials list. (Registration is on-going.)

Workshop Dates: Ongoing class each Tuesday

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per class

Watercolor Painting with Becky Threlkeld

Starting with loose washes and progressing with details, you will learn Becky's technique which she describes as, "Realism with a soul." These weekly 3-hour workshops are designed for beginners through intermediate painters and you do not have to register in advance. Each session begins with Becky demonstrating a particular technique which the group then follows as a warm-up before moving on to more in-depth work. You can drop in for a single workshop or join the group weekly for as long as you like. (Registration is on-going.)

Workshop Dates: Ongoing class each

Thursday

Time: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per class

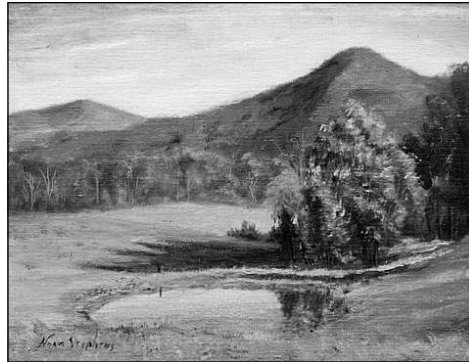
Oil Painting with Terry Harrison

This class will cover the fundamentals of drawing and painting with oils. We will start from the beginning and review basic drawing, color, composition, and the "form principle." This information will lay the foundation for our class. A sound understanding of these principles will ensure a more successful painting. Each student will work at their own level and pace. Students may work from life or photography. (Registration is on-going.)

Workshop Dates: Ongoing class each Monday starting January 23, 2012

Times: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per class



Original Artwork by Nona Stephens

Oil Painting Small Landscape Gems with Nona Stephens

The focus of this oil painting workshop is to paint small landscapes in the studio using the same principles that would be applied to larger works. For beginners to more advanced, this promises to be a fun-filled workshop in which you should be able to carry home several little "gems."

Workshop Dates: February 3 & 4, 2012

Times: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$160 for SNCA members, \$180 for non-members

Caricatures in Wood with Gary Falin

Learn techniques to improve caricature carvings, and enjoy the process. Special emphasis will be given to faces, hair, hands, clothing, and posture as you carve a character with individualized instruction. Carvings will be painted during the workshop so students will go home with a finished project. Beyond-beginning woodcarving skills are recommended. Gary will use a timer and give all students an equal amount of time. A maximum of 12 students will be enrolled in the workshop.

Workshop Dates: February 10, 11 & 12, 2012

Times: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$175 for SNCA members, \$195 for non-members

(Students will purchase roughouts from the instructor for an additional fee at the start of the class)

Carver's Choice with Helen Gibson

Enhance your in-the-round carving skills as you create the inspiring figure of Jesus kneeling in the garden, praying with his hands on a rock, or perhaps carve Moses. Experiment with carving figures from the nativity, including animals. Further your skills using coping saws, chisels and gouges. This class is for novice to professional carvers interested in studying under the direction of a master carver. A maximum of 10 students

will be enrolled in this workshop. (Registration deadline is February 24, 2012.)

Workshop Dates: March 2, 3 & 4, 2012

Times: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$150 for SNCA members, \$170 for non-members

(Students will purchase wood blanks from the instructor for an additional fee at the start of the class)

Fearless Beading with Vivian Heath

Be bold and bead! In this workshop you will create a beaded bangle bracelet. You will learn several sewing techniques with beads and how to use designer beads as a focal point. There is no pattern to follow – the bracelet evolves freeing you to be creative while producing a one-of-a-kind work of wearable art. (Registration deadline is March 2, 2012.)

Workshop Date: March 10, 2012

Times: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$80 for SNCA members, \$100 for non-members

(Students will purchase a materials kit from the instructor ranging in price from \$20 to \$30 at the start of the workshop)

Woodspirit Hiking Sticks with Allen Goodman

In this class we will use traditional hand tools to carve a wood spirit in a green or "fresh cut" sapling. These whimsical faces with their distinctive big noses and sad or "droopy eye lids" will lift your spirits as you will learn proper tool handling and learn to make carving fun because you can always find all the sticks you need for family and friends...maybe even sell a few after learning the techniques provided from someone who has been carving, teaching and selling these always popular and useful sticks for over 20 years. (Registration deadline is March 16, 2012.)

Workshop Dates: March 23, 24 & 25, 2012

Times: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$150 for SNCA members, \$170 for non-members

(Students will purchase wood blanks from the instructor for an additional fee at the start of the class)

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Schedule of Events February–December

(This calendar is subject to changes. Always check the website calendar at www.snca.org for the latest information.)

FEBRUARY		April 21	<i>Shubert Alley In The Valley: Where Broadway and Sautee Meet.</i> 8 pm in the Center Theatre	June 19	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
February 7	Seniors at the Center, potluck and program for the over 50 crowd at 12 pm in the Community Hall	April 22	<i>Shubert Alley In The Valley: Where Broadway and Sautee Meet.</i> 2 pm in the Center Theatre	June 22	Sautee Nacoochee Community Chorale Concert at 8 pm in the Center Theatre
February 7	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall	April 27	<i>Be Dazzled</i> art exhibit opens in the Center Galleries	June 23	Simply Breakfast, All-U-Can-Eat pancakes and sausage from 8:30-10:30 am in the Community Hall
February 11	Kid's Talent Show at 7 pm in the Center Theatre	April 27-28	James McGill visit to the African American Heritage Site	June 23	Folk Pottery Demonstration from 10 am – 2 pm in the Folk Pottery Museum
February 16	Open Stage Night. All performers welcome! 7 – 9 pm in the Center Theatre	April 28	Simply Breakfast, All-U-Can-Eat pancakes and sausage from 8:30-10:30 am in the Community Hall	June 23	Sautee Nacoochee Community Chorale Concert at 8 pm in the Center Theatre
February 18	Valley Harmony Radio Show at 8 pm in the Center Theatre	April 28	Folk Pottery Demonstration from 10 am – 2 pm in the Folk Pottery Museum	June 24	Sautee Nacoochee Community Chorale Concert at 2 pm in the Center Theatre
February 19	Valley Harmony Radio Show at 2 pm in the Center Theatre	April 28	Sautee Stars Children's Theatre Performance at 7 pm in the Center Theatre		
February 21	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall	April 28	Community Contra Dance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym	JULY	
February 25	Simply Breakfast, All-U-Can-Eat pancakes and sausage from 8:30-10:30 am in the Community Hall	May 1	Seniors at the Center, potluck and program for the over 50 crowd at 12 pm in the Community Hall	July 5, 6, 7	<i>Headwaters: Didja' Hear?</i> community story performance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym
February 25	Folk Pottery Demonstration from 10 am – 2 pm in the Folk Pottery Museum	May 1	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall	July 8	<i>Headwaters: Didja' Hear?</i> community story performance at 2 pm in the Historic Gym
February 25	Community Contra Dance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym	May 12	Concert TBA	July 12, 13, 14	<i>Headwaters: Didja' Hear?</i> community story performance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym
MARCH		May 15	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall	July 15	<i>Headwaters: Didja' Hear?</i> community story performance at 2 pm in the Historic Gym
March 6	Seniors at the Center, potluck and program for the over 50 crowd at 12 pm in the Community Hall	May 17	Open Stage Night. All performers welcome! 7 - 9 pm in the Center Theatre	July 19, 20, 21	<i>Headwaters: Didja' Hear?</i> community story performance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym
March 6	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall	May 18	SNCA Golf Tournament Fundraiser	July 22	<i>Headwaters: Didja' Hear?</i> community story performance at 2 pm in the Historic Gym
March 9	<i>Wonders In Wood</i> art exhibit opens in the Center Galleries	May 19	Folk Life Festival from 10 am – 4 pm on the Sautee Nacoochee Center campus	July 28	Simply Breakfast, All-U-Can-Eat pancakes and sausage from 8:30-10:30 am in the Community Hall
March 15	Open Stage Night. All performers welcome! 7 – 9 pm in the Center Theatre	May 19	Simply Breakfast, All-U-Can-Eat pancakes and sausage from 8:30-10:30 am in the Community Hall	July 28	Folk Pottery Demonstration from 10 am – 2 pm in the Folk Pottery Museum
March 17	<i>Wonders In Wood</i> Artist Reception at 6:30 pm in the Center Galleries	May 19	Folk Pottery Demonstration from 10 am – 2 pm in the Folk Pottery Museum	July 28	Community Contra Dance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym
	Dede Vogt and Caroline Aiken perform in the Center Theatre at 8pm	May 26	Community Contra Dance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym	July 31	Waltz Workshop at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
March 20	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall	May 29	Pig Out BBQ Fundraiser for Station 3 on the Sautee Nacoochee Center campus	AUGUST	
March 24	Simply Breakfast, All-U-Can-Eat pancakes and sausage from 8:30-10:30 am in the Community Hall	June 5	Waltz Workshop at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall	August 3	<i>Magnificent Mud Pottery Exhibit</i> opens in the Center Galleries
March 24	Folk Pottery Demonstration from 10 am – 2 pm in the Folk Pottery Museum	June 8	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall	August 7	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
March 24	Community Contra Dance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym	June 9	Southern Watercolor Society Annual Art Exhibit opens	August 11	HCT's Patsy Cline Show Fundraiser at 8 pm in the Center Theatre
APRIL		June 9	Twelve Rivers Art Festival, 10 am to 5 pm on the Sautee Nacoochee Center campus	August 16	Open Stage Night. All performers welcome! 7 - 9 pm in the Center Theatre
April 3	Seniors at the Center, potluck and program for the over 50 crowd at 12 pm in the Community Hall	June 18	Community Contra Dance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym	August 21	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
April 3	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall	June 21	Open Stage Night. All performers welcome! 7 - 9 pm in the Center Theatre	August 25	Simply Breakfast, All-U-Can-Eat pancakes and sausage from 8:30-10:30 am in the Community Hall
April 7	White County Cork & Keg Festival at the Helen Festhalle	June 15	<i>Baubles, Bangles & Beads</i> art exhibit opens in the Center Galleries	August 25	Folk Pottery Demonstration from 10 am – 2 pm in the Folk Pottery Museum
April 15	Annual Meeting at 4 pm in the Community Hall	June 16	Lawn Party outdoor concert on the Sautee Nacoochee Center campus	August 25	Community Contra Dance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym
April 17	Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall				
April 19	Open Stage Night. All performers welcome! 7 - 9 pm in the Center Theatre				

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SEPTEMBER

- September 1** Folk Pottery Show and Sale from 10 am – 4 pm in the Historic Gym
- September 4** Seniors at the Center, potluck and program for the over 50 crowd at 12 pm in the Community Hall
- September 4** Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
- September 18** Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
- September 20** Open Stage Night. All performers welcome! 7 - 9 pm in the Center Theatre
- September 21** *Fiberfest* art exhibit opens in the Center Galleries
- September 22** *Fiberfest* Artist Reception at 6:30 pm in the Center Galleries
- September 22** Community Contra Dance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym
- September 28** Sautee Jamboree Music Festival on the Sautee Nacoochee Center Campus
- September 29** Simply Breakfast, All-U-Can-Eat pancakes and sausage from 8:30-10:30 am in the Community Hall
- September 29** Sautee Jamboree Music Festival on the Sautee Nacoochee Center Campus

OCTOBER

- October 2** Seniors at the Center, potluck and program for the over 50 crowd at 12 pm in the Community Hall
- October 2** Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
- October 10** Celebrate the Arts performance festival for local school children on the Sautee Nacoochee Center campus
- October 11** Celebrate the Arts performance festival for local school children on the Sautee Nacoochee Center campus

- October 16** Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
- October 18** Open Stage Night. All performers welcome! 7 - 9 pm in the Center Theatre
- October 20** Lilies of the Valley Concert at 8 pm in the Historic Gym
- October 27** Folk Pottery Demonstration from 10 am – 2 pm in the Folk Pottery Museum
- October 27** Simply Breakfast, All-U-Can-Eat pancakes and sausage from 8:30-10:30 am in the Community Hall
- October 27** Community Contra Dance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym
- October 30** Waltz Workshop at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
- October 31** Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Festival on the Sautee Nacoochee Center campus

NOVEMBER

- November 6** Seniors at the Center, potluck and program for the over 50 crowd at 12 pm in the Community Hall
- November 6** Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
- November 9** *Holiday Showcase* art exhibit opens in the Center Galleries
- November 15** Open Stage Night. All performers welcome! 7 - 9 pm in the Center Theatre
- November 17** Simply Breakfast, All-U-Can-Eat pancakes and sausage from 8:30-10:30 am in the Community Hall
- November 17** Folk Pottery Demonstration from 10 am – 2 pm in the Folk Pottery Museum
- November 17** Tellabration! Storytelling event at 8 pm in the Center Theatre
- November 20** Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall

- November 24** Community Contra Dance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym

DECEMBER

- December 1** Christmas at the Cabin at the African American Heritage Site
- December 1** Sautee Stars Children's Theatre Performance at 8 pm in the Center Theatre
- December 4** Seniors at the Center, potluck and program for the over 50 crowd at 12 pm in the Community Hall
- December 4** Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
- December 7** Sautee Nacoochee Community Chorale Concert at 8 pm in the Center Theatre
- December 8** Sautee Nacoochee Community Chorale Concert at 8 pm in the Center Theatre
- December 9** Sautee Nacoochee Community Chorale Concert at 2 pm in the Center Theatre
- December 18** Contra Learn & Dance at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall
- December 20** Open Stage Night. All performers welcome! 7 - 9 pm in the Center Theatre
- December 29** Community Contra Dance at 8 pm in the Historic Gym

Sautee Nacoochee Community Chorale



The Sautee Nacoochee Community Chorale will re-convene on Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Hall of the Sautee Nacoochee Center to begin rehearsals for our summer concerts.

The Chorale is comprised of about 45 singers, and this year our performances will move back to late June in order to be part of SummerFest.

No audition is required to sing with the Chorale, but we ask that members commit to being present for most rehearsals as well as planning to sing in our three performances— June 22-23 at 8:00 p.m., and the June 24 matinee, at 2:00 p.m.

At this time our program is still “under construction” but we promise a menu of wonderful music to prepare and to perform. If you love to sing we hope you’ll join us! Call or email Barbara Luhn for further information: 706-754-0955 or Barbara.Luhn@gmail.com.

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and then I'd come home and try to play her songs. She is the backbone of the acoustic scene.”

– Michelle Malone

In celebration of Saint Patrick's Day, a traditional meal of corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, Irish soda bread and fruit trifle will be served in the Community Hall before the show. Dinner will be served between 6:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Dinner and show tickets are \$32.00, and \$26.00 for SNCA members. **Guaranteed reserved seating!** Show only tickets are \$22.00, and \$16.00 for SNCA members.

You will want to get your tickets early for this show because it will sell out quickly. The opportunity to have two such powerful performers onstage at one time doesn't happen too often. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. in the SNCA Center Theatre.

For tickets and more information, contact the Center box office by calling 706-878-3300 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or purchase tickets online at www.snca.org. Dinner reservations must be made by March 12.

Youth Programs

Sautee Stars

The children's theatre education project, Sautee Stars, will focus on Folktales from Around the World this winter. The class meets every Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Center theatre with instructors Jessi Evans and Amy Mays. From February 7 through their public performance on April 28, the children (ages 6 - 12 years) will learn basic theatre skills and will have the experience of performing onstage for their friends and families.

Registration forms are available at the SNCA front desk. Scholarships are available upon request.

Ages 6 - 12

\$75, \$65 SNCA members

Class dates: February 7 - April 26

Performance April 28



Artshops!

Classes meet once a week for 4 weeks on Thursdays from 3:30 -5:30.

Themed art projects for each session.

Ages 6 - 12

\$50, \$40 SNCA members

Dynamic art projects

February 2, 9, 16, 23

Mixed media. Explore creativity with special projects designed to stretch the imagination with Terri Edgar.

Pottery

March 8, 15, 22, 29

Play in the mud! Learn techniques of hand building and glazing with Suzanne Reese.

Tie-Dye

April 19, 26, May 3, May 10

Learn the tricks and create beautiful tie dyed clothing and accessories with Terri Edgar. Class size limited.

Dance

January is your last chance to start classes and be part of the Spring Recital on May 20.

Dance fees: \$12 per class, \$10 SNCA members

Continuing Ballet + more

Ages 10 and up

Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:00

Annette Lewis and Ginny King are co-instructors in this class for experienced students. Eclectic and challenging. Strength building, Russian ballet exercises, lyrical modern dance technique, skirt and prop work are incorporated to prepare this class for dynamic community performances. **** CLASS HELD OFF-CAMPUS ****

Continuing Youth Jazz / Hip Hop

Ages 10 and up

Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:45 pm

Broadway Jazz plus elements of Hip Hop to a variety of music. For students with previous dance experience. Community Festival performances.

Beginning Kids Jazz

Ages 7 and up

Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Stretching and isolation exercises are featured in the warm-up, then we MOVE. Basic high energy steps to irresistible music.



History Museum News

The History Museum Volunteers invite you to join us in 2012 as we expand on our special exhibit, "War Years: The Home Front." We look forward to seeing you in 2012. More volunteers are always welcome! Come visit us and find out how much fun you can have being a part of local history.

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

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Contra Dancing – It's Magic!

By Julianne Wilson

First there is the food. Unlike the conundrum of which came first, the chicken or the egg, contra dancers in Sautee have no confusion about the order of things. First we eat—and in general eat very well—and then we dance. In the process, we greet one another, exchanging lots of hugs, warm smiles, abundant laughter. Newcomers are welcomed as warmly as those who haven't missed a dance in years.

As the music plays—live, upbeat, high quality music—and the caller guides dancers across the gym floor, something magical happens *every time* we gather. Differences melt away as people join hands in pairs, in groups of four or eight, long lines moving forward and back, and giant circles that fill the hall. Teens and college students dance with octogenarians (yes, we do have a few!) and children and everyone in between. There is no other word for it—it's magic!

Walter Daves, among others, has been known to say that if more people would just contra dance, the world would be a better place. I have not doubt that he's right—at least if they were contra dancing here at SNCA. Arrive tired? Leave replenished and energized. Arrive stressed? Leave hopeful and uplifted.

If we could bottle contra dancing in pill form, where the only side effects are joy and the urge to smile a lot, we'd put pharmaceutical companies out of business! Fortunately, though, it can't be bottled—just experienced.

So come join us. Let us lift your spirits and take the chill out of our homes this winter. No partner needed. No experience necessary. Multiple left feet? Not a problem!

On Saturday, February 25th we will have TWO chances to dance: in the afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., there will be a “**For the**

Kids!” dance designed for children from birth through the 'tween years *and their families!* Live music by Cage Free and friends, with calling by Anne Forrest Prim. This dance is free, though donations are invited to help support youth programming at the Center. The first hour is geared toward the younger children, with the second half offering slightly more challenging dances for our older youth.

That evening, following our potluck at 6:30 p.m., caller Walter Daves will start off the evening fun with a welcome lesson at 7:30, and the main dance will go from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Lisa Deaton, Tom Ryan, John Grimm, and Pat Shields of the “**Georgia Mudcats**” will be filling the gym with their own unique blend of old-time string band music with a southern flair.

In March, our Saturday contra dance will be on the 24th, and what better way to welcome the start of spring than with the “**Elftones**”! Calling this dance will be David Kaynor and, as usual, the festivities will begin with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. for those who'd like to share a meal together before the music starts.

And don't forget about the Tuesday night “Learn and Dance” series in the Community Hall on the first and third Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m., with a waltz workshop every month that offers a 5th Tuesday! \$3 per person, except the waltz workshops, which are \$5 per person.

Admission for the evening contra dance is \$8/adult, \$7/adult SNCA members, \$4/students, and free for children seven and younger with a supervising adult.

For more information, email Julianne Wilson at thrivingspirit@me.com, check out the contra dance page on the SNCA website, snca.org, or give Walter Daves a call at 706-754-3254.



Tom Ryan, John Grimm, Lisa Deaton, and Patrick Shields of the “Georgia Mudcats” will fill the SNCA Historic Gym with great old-time music on Saturday, February 25th.



Contra Dance Dates

Tuesday, February 7 - Learn and Dance

Tuesday, February 21 - Learn and Dance

Saturday, February 25

“For the Kids” afternoon dance

“Georgia Mudcats” evening dance

Tuesday, March 6 - Learn and Dance

Tuesday, March 20 - Learn and Dance

Saturday, March 24

“Elftones” evening dance

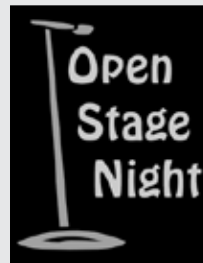
SAUTEE SENIORS AT THE CENTER

Tuesday • February 7 • Noon
Tuesday • March 6 • Noon

Our first Seniors luncheon of 2012 will be at noon on February 7 with a potluck in the Community Hall. Bring a dish to share, as well as your own plate and eating utensils. Decaf coffee and water will be furnished. **Dudley Sisk** and **James Sullivan** of Georgia ForestWatch will update us on trends, changes and challenges that concern our forests, which are so beloved by all who live in our area.

On March 6, we will have our potluck at noon again in the Community Hall, followed by a presentation by **Caroline Crittenden**, who has become an expert on the history of slavery in the Nacoochee Valley. She will discuss ongoing plans for the African American Heritage Center, a topic that is very dear to her heart.

Please join us for both luncheons, and invite your friends.



Open Stage Nights at SNCA

February 23
March 22

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Center Theatre

Calling all musicians, singers, songwriters, writers and performers! Perform on stage in front of a live audience at SNCA's Open Stage Night. Performance list is first come, first serve and Vicki McMorrough is our emcee. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Pass the hat donations appreciated.



Folk Pottery Museum News

In 2012 the Folk Pottery Museum will begin to offer a hands-on or “make and take” event during some of our regularly scheduled potter’s demonstrations. The first opportunity will be on February 25, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clay artist Suzanne Reese will assist participants in making a Valentines themed heart-shaped clay box that will be fired and available for pick up later in the month at the Folk Pottery Museum. The March “make and take” theme will include dogwoods. Come by and try your hand at creating your own keepsake in clay.

Meet Your Neighbors by Debbie Weston From

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live.
— George Bernard Shaw

Our community within a community within a community...

It starts with an email from Bob Prim, our fearless leader, asking if we want to meet and brainstorm for the second annual Valley Harmony Radio (VHR) Show. Although Bob attempts to persuade us with the promise of free pizza, I am positive we all would have shown up just for the opportunity to be a part of the creative process.

We descend on Nacoochee Presbyterian Church on the evening of January 15 to collectively craft and to produce a program that is worthy of performing at The Center Theatre at SNCA. We have only one month to get together a show that will not only entertain, but also will encourage folks to reach into their pockets and to donate to the Center. The first annual VHR Show was such a success in boosting awareness of the Center, raising funds and recruiting new members that we are up to the challenge of recreating a quality program in the short time period.

We gather as community members and artists with a pledge and a commitment

to help **our** community center. We offer our time and talent in the name of love. For me, it is the love of collaborating and performing with amazing artists to ensure there will always be a space where people can assemble. The Center was created and built by community members to benefit all members of our community. A place that promises a safe haven for inspiration, where **all** are welcomed to gather, create, perform, learn, volunteer and network.

The 2012 Utility Players are Kathy Blandin, Mike Coleman, Jill Crunkleton, Walter and Jeannie Daves, Lisa Deaton (and Hank), Mike Fisher, Gordon Fowler, Debbie From, Courtney Johnston, Barbara Luhn, Cheri and John Luhn, Jim O’Connor, Doug Oster, Bob Prim, Joanne Steele, Dede Vogt and Deb and Joe Whelchel.

We invite you to join us, February 18th or 19th for the Second Annual Valley Harmony Radio Show. We promise it will be a good time! Watch for more info. Visit www.snca.org or call SNCA at 706-878-3300.

12 Rivers Art Festival Call for Artists and Poster Contest

SNCA is proud to sponsor the third annual 12 Rivers Art Festival on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at the Sautee Nacoochee Center. This outdoor festival of fine art and fine crafts is juried and open to all artists. A maximum of 100 artists will be accepted to exhibit and sell their original work in various mediums. Call the Sautee Nacoochee Center at 706-878-3300 for more information or visit the website at www.snca.org. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2012 so don’t delay!

Plus, how would you like to see your original artwork on the 12 Rivers Poster? Then we have a contest for you! Artists are invited to submit an original artwork or design for competition in this contest. We are specifically looking for images which reflect life in Northeast Georgia. (And, images need not show a river – 12 Rivers is just the name of our festival!)

Artwork submitted for this contest can be photo, watercolor, oil, or mixed media. The winning image will be used in the creation of an 11” X 17” full color poster and 4” X 6” postcard

advertising the event. The winning image and information about the artist will also be featured in all print advertising materials and will appear on the festival program and on our website. The winning artist will also receive a free booth at the festival.

Just think your artwork could be seen by thousands of people if you win this contest! But, you can’t win if you don’t enter.

To enter, simply have your original artwork delivered by **February 17, 2012** to:

The Sautee Nacoochee Center
P.O. Box 460
283 Hwy. 255 N.
Sautee Nacoochee, GA 30571

Please attach an information sheet marked “12 Rivers Poster Contest” and include your name, address, phone number and email address.

If you have questions, please contact Gallery Director Jim Thomas at jimandjanthomas@windstream.net





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\$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 6 - 12.
free under age 6*

**February 25
March 24**

8:30-10:30 a.m.

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