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Lackawanna County Holds Annual Arts and Culture Grant Ceremony

Scranton, PA – Lackawanna County Commissioners Corey D. O'Brien, Jim Wansacz and Patrick M. O'Malley, in conjunction with Maureen McGuigan, Lackawanna County Deputy Director for Arts and Culture, announce that the 2012 Lackawanna County Arts and Culture grant ceremony will be held on Monday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. in Shopland Hall at the Scranton Cultural Center, 420 N. Washington Ave.

The ceremony will include the announcement of the 2012 Lackawanna County Community Arts and Culture Project Grants. In addition, other arts and culture organizations and groups that receive county funding will be recognized. Arts and Culture Project grantees could apply for up to \$3,000 for an arts or culture project that benefitted the community. The county received 46 applications. Twenty-seven grants are being awarded.

Also at this year's ceremony, the Pocono Arts Council will recognize Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts Project Grant recipients from Lackawanna and Luzerne counties. The Pocono Arts Council manages the local grants for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts state grant program.

Doors open for the ceremony at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments and music, followed by the grant ceremony at 6 p.m. A snow date is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 17. If the event is cancelled, it will be listed at on the county's web site at www.lackawannacounty.org. For questions about the ceremony, please contact the Lackawanna County Department of Arts and Culture at 570-963-6590 ext. 102 or artslackawanna@gmail.com.

2012 Project Grants

Abington Area Joint Recreation Board - \$1,800

On Sept. 29, at 11 a.m., artists Jennifer Brandon, Leela Bakaidi and Joan Mead Matsui will showcase their artistically designed signs along the trail at the Abington Area Community Park. The event is open to the public and will also include music and activities.

Arts Council of the Abingtons - \$1,800

Throughout 2012, monthly Second Friday Community Art walks will take place in Clarks Summit. A two-day Arts Festival will also be held.

Arts at First Presbyterian Clark Summit - \$1,572

A series of free events at First Presbyterian Church in Clarks Summit will occur throughout this spring. The arts and music events will occur during the Clarks Summit Ice Festival, Feb. 17 through Feb. 19; and Friday, March 16 (Elise Henkelman, Cello concert) and Sunday, April 22 (Bill Carter and the Presbybop Quartet).

Margo Azzarelli - \$2,250

The historical theatrical production, "A Walk through the Past," will be performed at the Scranton Iron Furnaces on Sept. 8.

Melanie Boisseau - \$1,650

Throughout June, local high school students will work on a collaborative project at New Visions Studio and Gallery in Scranton. Their finished products will be unveiled to the public on July 12.

Jake Burke - \$1,838

The I Care Community Art Project is sponsoring workshops for local teenagers from January through August. Workshops will focus on the use of urban art and silk screening techniques to create portable murals and silk screen designs. All artwork will advocate environmental stewardship and will travel to various locations throughout the county.

Chabad of the Abingtons/Jewish Discovery Center - \$3,000

In June, Elon Gold will be performing "L'Chaim, to Life!" at the Mellow Theatre at Lackawanna College in Scranton. The performance is a celebration of Jewish comedy and cuisine from Master Chef Levana Kriscbebaum.

Covenant Public Concerts at Covenant Presbyterian, Scranton- \$2,000

Four free public concerts at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Scranton will be held throughout 2012: January 22 (Tom Heinze, Oboe, Harp & Strings), March 11 (Timothy Smith, organ), May 20 (Jay Stevesky, guitar), and October 7 (Simple Gifts, ethnic folk music sung and played on folk instruments).

Julie Etsy- \$2,400

In October, an historical, theatrical walking tour through the Dunmore Cemetery will be held.

Tim Farrell - \$2,250

On May 5, the "Rhythm of the Region II" will perform at The Vintage Theatre in Scranton.

Ghostlight Productions - \$2,400

June 1 through June 10, South Abington Park will host six free performances of Romeo and Juliet for "Shakespeare in the Park".

Rosemary Hay-REV Theatre - \$2,400

June 30 through July 1, "Shakespeare in Scranton" will take place in Nay Aug Park. Free outdoor performances of A Midsummer Night's Dream will begin at 6 p.m. and will be followed by interactive Shakespeare drama workshops at United Neighborhood Centers.

Dolores Hippler-Poco Notes - \$1,483

June 22 through 24, an exhibit called "The Faces and Voices of the Blues" will take place at the Tripp House in Scranton. The exhibit will include a photo showcase by photographer Jim Gavenus and live musical performances by blues musician Toby Walker.

Northern Tier Symphony Orchestra - \$3,000

Brass music from the 16th century to present day will be performed at the Waverly Community House to highlight the talent of various brass music composers.

Hope Horn Gallery at the University of Scranton - \$3,000

Sept. 7 through Oct. 5, the Hope Horn Gallery will hold an exhibit at the Lackawanna Iron Furnaces including lectures, concerts and theatrical presentations.

Keystone Environmental Education Center - \$1,156

Feb. 1 through Sept. 1, the “The Stone Art Project” will be held at the Keystone Environmental Education Center. The project will include community art workshops that will connect people with nature by creating handcrafted jewelry made from stones found throughout Lackawanna County.

Valier Kiser-The Pop-Up Studio - \$2,250

Throughout 2012, the Pop-Up Studio will create adaptable and interactive artwork that will be designed specifically for each venue that the art is displayed in throughout the county.

Leadership Lackawanna - \$3,000

Throughout June 2012, the Oil House Restoration Project will work to restore the Oil House, one of the three historic buildings left on the Gravity Slope Colliery site in Archbald.

Jeannine Luby - \$2, 080

January through November, Jeannie Luby will collaborate with illustrator Mindy Mendicino to create a children’s book about acceptance. Public readings of the books will be held along the trail and at libraries.

Matthew Mindrup - \$1,800

March 31 through April 7, “Reconstructing Scranton” will work to encourage people to rediscover the unique potentials of under-utilized buildings. The program will include short-term architectural installations during First Fridays at the Connell Building.

Eugene Moyer - \$2,250

July 9 through Aug. 19, a public exhibit of 50 Ice Age mammal wood carvings will be featured at the Anthracite Heritage Museum in Scranton.

St. Joseph’s Center - \$2,348

Jan. 1 through Nov. 10, a photography project using adaptive equipment will take place at the St. Joseph’s Center.

Doug Smith - \$2,250

The Doug Smith Dixieland All-Stars and the Schoolhouse Rock Band will hold a series of five concerts throughout 2012 at parks, camps and community venues.

Julian Sparacino - \$2,175

Throughout the spring and summer, various local performers will hold free concerts showcasing original music at the Mall at Steamtown and the Vintage Theater in Scranton.

The Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania - \$2,400

Aug. 21 through Aug. 22, a two-day arts festival will take place on Courthouse Square featuring artists demonstrating traditional Turkish arts.

Sally Wiener-Grotta - \$2,025

July 2 through Aug. 28, a visual storytelling exhibit titled the “Mind’s Eye View” will be held at the Abington Community Library that explores narrative in photographic images.

The Women’s Resource Center - \$1,800

Throughout 2012, “A Window Between Worlds - Scranton Project” will provide a series of art workshops for women and children who are survivors of domestic violence at the Women’s Resource Center safe house. Artwork created at the workshops will be showcased at local community exhibits.

Program Grants

- Everhart Museum - \$250,000
- Lackawanna County Library System - \$250,000
- Scranton Cultural Center - \$250,00
- The Commonwealth Medical College - \$40,000
- Electric City Television - \$25,000
- United Neighborhood Centers - \$23,000
- The Northeastern PA Philharmonic - \$20,000
- Broadway Theatre League of NEPA - \$20,000
- Lackawanna Historical Society - \$15,000
- Scranton Jazz Festival - \$10,000
- Scranton Public Theatre - \$8,000
- Actors Circle - \$8,000
- Arts on Fire Festival - \$7,500
- Community Concerts at Lackawanna College - \$7,000
- Ballet Theatre of Scranton - \$7,000
- Pages and Places Book Festival - \$6,000
- Artist for Art Gallery - \$6,000
- First Friday – Scranton - \$5,000
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade Association of Lackawanna - \$5,000
- RTJP Events – Motown Show - \$5,000
- Boys and Girls Club of NEPA - \$5,000
- Choral Society of Northeastern, PA - \$4,500
- City of Carbondale Pioneer Nights - \$4,000
- American Federation of Musician’s Federation - \$4,000
- Scranton Civic Ballet - \$ 3,000
- Robert Dale Chorale - \$ 3,000
- Lyric Consort - \$ 3,000
- Catholic Choral Society - \$ 3,000
- The Gathering at Keystone College - \$ 2,500
- Lackawanna River Corridor Association - \$ 2,500
- First Night Scranton - \$2,500
- Clarks Summit Festival of Ice - \$2,000
- Classical Guitar Society - \$1,700
- Mostly Opera - \$1,500
- N.E.I.U. #19- Poetry Out Loud - \$1,000
- Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority - \$1,000
- All County Band - \$1,000

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