



Happy
Holidays !



Avery Arts Council

*Enriching the people of Avery County through
meaningful arts and cultural experiences*

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We're in the mood to celebrate the entire winter! Here's some news that just couldn't wait to be shared.....

Fun with Wine and Paint

Want to create your own masterpiece in a relaxed environment? You're invited to join us for a Bottle and Brush afternoon! Spend a wintery Sunday afternoon with a glass of wine, some quality time in front of an easel, and a friendly group of fellow creative types. We're opening the Cheese House on two Sunday afternoons, January 17 and 24, to see if we can't paint away the winter grays. Artist Jessie Schmidt will provide guidance, and we'll have white and red wine available to steady our hands! All materials provided; you can take a finished art piece home. \$30 per person per class, \$25 for current members.

Bottles & Brush Sundays—2 PM, January 16 & 23. Please reserve in advance, call 898-4292.



Cirque de Carnival



Don't let those winter boots get in the way of your dancing' shoes — Carnival season begins January 6! The Friends of Avery Arts are pleased to announce their second annual Carnival Party, an evening of masked revelry, feasting and dancing. Make **Saturday, January 30** the FIRST special date you mark on your new 2010 calendars. Invitations with full details to follow in early January. \$35 per person or \$60 per couple.

2010 Carnival Dance, 7 PM, January 30. Advance reservations required, call 898-4292 for more information, costume and mask recommended.

WINDING ROADS TOURS

We've gone tour crazy at the Arts Council! One of our new adventures starting Spring 2010 will be a series of organized tours of the Avery Quilt Trail. Now that we're up to 52 squares (and counting), we've decided it would be the most fun for folks to climb aboard a van and let us do the driving. It would take hours and hours to see all of them, so we're developing several routes for a pleasant 3 or 4 hour drive along Avery byways, complete with stories about the quilt designs and opportunities for photo taking. \$30 per person per tour, \$25 for current members.

Quilt Trail tours will have regularly scheduled summer tours, but you can make advance reservations for April and May by calling the office, 898-4292



Exhibit Schedule 2010

Cheese House Gallery

Jan— Tracy Booth
 Feb—AVAILABLE
 March—Elizabeth Guthrie
 May—Member Showcase
 June—Heidi Fisher
 July—Dee Pellicio & Friends
 Aug—Patti Connor-Greene & Germaine Galjour
 Sept—John Weber & Giselle Wiseman
 Oct—Jessie Schmitt
 Nov—AVAILABLE
 Dec—AVAILABLE

Dickson Gallery, Cannon Hospital

Jan—Craig Franz
 Feb—AVAILABLE
 March—AVAILABLE
 April—Avery Student Showcase
 May—Avery HS Senior Exhibit
 June—Bill Rhyne Retrospective
 July—Art Loft
 Aug—Three Docs who Paint
 Sept—AVAILABLE
 Oct—AVAILABLE
 Nov—AVAILABLE
 Dec—Lenoir Paint & Palette Group

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of Gallery Sitters during the months of January and February. If there is any time you have available to help out, it would be much appreciated. Please contact us at 828-898-4292 or info@averycountyartscouncil.org if you are able to help.

Space is still available in the 2010 gallery schedule. We invite you to submit your artwork for an opportunity to have and exhibit at the Cheese House Art Gallery or the Dickson Gallery at Cannon Hospital.

For the Kids of Avery

cARTwheels



Black Banjo Reunion

Avery County has been chosen as one of the sites for the spring tour of a professional performing arts group sponsored by the cARTwheels program. Quoting the NC Arts Council website, cARTwheels is an educational performing arts touring program that ensures that third, fourth, and fifth grade students experience free professionally-staged opera, dance, theater, and music performances before they leave elementary school.

We'll know soon just what type of performing arts troupe will come to our county, but whatever the group, it's exciting to think that our kids will get to see first-rate professionals in performance! Stand by to hear more about the show, and about volunteer opportunities which would put YOU in the audience.

We're proud to be one of the presenters for the biannual Black Banjo Gathering, an organization of musicians who celebrate the African origins of the American Banjo. Avery school children will be treated to a performance of some of the renowned bands who participate in the Gathering on Wednesday, March 24.

Don Vappie and his Creole Serenaders, a group known for their expertise in traditional jazz, will be among the musicians who present the musical store of 300 years of banjo history. We're working to organize a public performance of these groups—stay tuned for more details.

