Current at The Creek ~

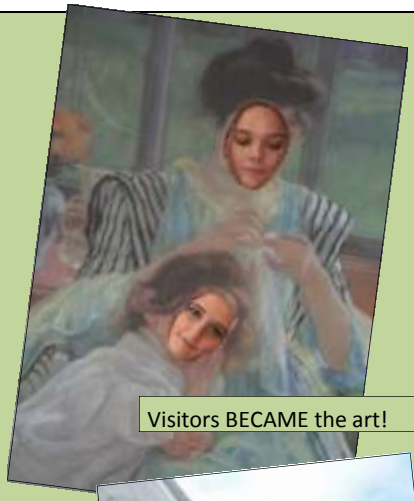
Chestnut Creek School of the Arts

100 N. Main St. Galax, VA

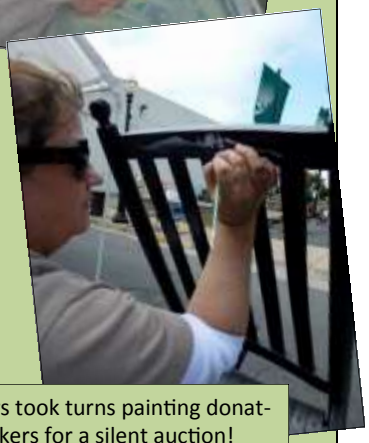
Winter 2011/2012

Greetings from the Creek!

On Sept. 24th we launched our annual Friends Campaign with a block party, Rockin' the Block! The entire community was invited to come to the school and participate in creative fun for the whole family with tours of the school, rocking chair and rock painting, and a costume contest. Folks were also encouraged to join us in supporting CCSA and the work that we do by becoming a Friend or a Founding Friend and helping to off-set operational costs and keep CCSA alive and well through annual donations.



Visitors BECAME the art!



Visitors took turns painting donated rockers for a silent auction!

Local artists painted donated rocking chairs for a live auction. This piggy chair was painted by Brigette Payseur. Thanks, Brigette!

Smadar Chaffee wins first place in our Lady Gaga Inspired Costume Contest in an ensemble made from meat-wrapping paper and other recycled materials! Thanks to Michael Dees for emceeing our event!

Visitors transformed river rocks into hand-painted works of art!

Please…won't you be our neighbor?

Complete this form and become a Neighbor and get a free CCSA bracelet or tattoo! We'll use your contact information to notify you of upcoming classes, festivals, community projects and so much more!

At only $1 each these make great stocking stuffers!
Come by CCSA and "stock" up!

Name: _____

Address:_____

City/State:_____

Phone #:_____

Email:_____

Rockin' the Block T-Shirts with original logo art by Chris Pollins-Shackelford available for purchase in our Dixon Vault Gift Gallery! $15

Friend Annual Giving Form

Name: _____

Address:_____

City/State:_____

Phone #:_____

Email:_____

◊ Individual $20.00

◊ Family $40.00

◊ Working Friend

Working Friends work a minimum of 100 hours in a year's time. This is equivalent to 8 hours each month. Please complete a volunteer brochure and include with this form.

Benefits of Friendship

- *48 hours sneak preview of all new class schedules*
- *20% discount on tuition*
- *Knowing that you're a part of a larger effort, emphasizing the importance of arts, creativity, and the preservation of the rich tapestry that is our cultural heritage.*

One time only offer, through Dec. 31, 2011:

Founding Friend

Upgrade your Friends status and commemorate your role in being one of the very first to support Chestnut Creek School of the Arts.

◊ Individual $35.00

◊ Family $65.00

Thank you and welcome to The Creek!

Master's Workshops Nov. 12

Finger-**Pickin' Guitar**
Wayne Henderson
10am-5pm Tuition: $70
Age Level: Teen-Adult
Skill Level: Intermediate
Wayne Henderson's unique style of finger-picking has been enjoyed at Carnegie Hall, the White House, in three national tours of "Masters of the Steel-String Guitar," and around the world. He is a recipient of a 1995 National Heritage Award presented by the National Endowment for the Arts. Wayne Henderson uses a thumbpick and two fingerpicks to play the guitar in a clean, driving, melodic style. Class size is limited so register early!

Flat-**Pickin' Guitar**
Will Jones
10am-5pm
Tuition: $70
Age Level: Teen-Adult
Skill Level: Intermediate
Will Jones of the Cana Ramblers will demonstrate and teach his energetic style of flat-picking — hybrid or "chicken pick-in" with lots of time for hands-on instruction and group play. Class size is limited, so register early!

Old Time Fiddle and Banjo
Martha Spencer
10am-5pm
Tuition: $70
Age Level: Teen-Adult
Skill Level: Intermediate
Multi-instrumentalist Martha Spencer will share her knowledge of Old Time music and take you to the next level in Old Time Banjo and/or Fiddle with lots of time for hands-on instruction and group play. Class size is limited, so register early!

Drystacking Stone
David Hauslohner
1:00-4:00pm Tuition: $30
Age Level: Teen-Adult
Skill Level: Beginner
Learn the age old way to stack stone without mortar. Function, style and structure will be covered. You will have an opportunity to practice the craft as you cultivate a retaining wall for the property of First Christian Church in Galax, a very worthwhile project and hopefully the first of many such community beautification projects sponsored by Chestnut Creek School of the Arts!

Classes must meet a minimum student enrollment two weeks prior to start date in order for a class to take place as scheduled. Space is limited and deposit is required to hold your spot, so don't delay! Register Today!

Holiday Gift-Making Workshops Nov. 19

A Daddy of a Tie-Dyed Scarf
Karen Simpson
10am-12pm
Tuition: $20
Material Fee: $15
Skill Level: Beginner
Age: 12-Adult
This ain't your Mama's tie-dye project...it's your Daddy's! Using old silk neckties as the dyeing medium, turn a plain silk scarf into an amazingly colorful patchwork of pattern! All supplies provided, but, if you want to hit the hubby's closet or the thrift store to hand-pick your own ties to work with, 100% silk works best. You'll be making two silk scarves in this project — one to keep and one to give!

Decorative Food Garnishes
Dixie Leonard
10am-12pm
Tuition: $10
Material Fee: $5
Skill Level: Beginner
Age: Teen-Adult (or 8+ if accompanied by an adult)
Learn to make fun and festive food garnishes out of vegetables and fruits, just in time to create wonderful centerpieces and decoration for all your holiday parties and family meals! A great project to do with your kids. Bring your child to help with your project and pay just one tuition!

Beaded Snowflake Ornament
Karin Carlson
1pm-3pm
Tuition: $10 Material Fee: $3
(covers first ornament —extra kits available to purchase)
Skill Level: Beginner
Age: 12-Adult
Learn to make 3-dimensional snowflake ornaments out of inexpensive beads and wire that you can purchase at any craft shop! Once you learn this simple technique you'll be able to make hundreds of snowflakes and never repeat the same pattern twice, just like in nature!

Poinsettia Pop-up Card
Chris Pollins-Shackelford
3pm-5pm
Tuition: $10 Material Fee: $2
Skill Level: Beginner
Age: 12-Adult (or 8+ if accompanied by an adult)
This year, surprise your friends and loved-ones with poinsettias that will never wilt with this fun pop-up card! Easy to do with this step-by-step process, this is a technique that can be used year-round to make surprisingly delightful and personal cards for every occasion, for pennies a card. This card won't end up in the trash after it's read...it will probably end up on the mantle for years to come! A great project to do with your kids. Bring your child to help you with your project and pay just one tuition!

Ways to Get Involved:

- Take a class!
- Become a Neighbor!
- Become a Friend!
- Become a Volunteer!
- Tell your friends!
- Shop in our Dixon Vault Gift Gallery!
- Sponsor a class for a deserving student!
- Schedule a Class on Demand!
- Donate to our 5-yr. Capital Endowment Campaign!

Shop With Us!

Visit our Dixon Vault Gift Gallery and choose from one-of-a-kind handmade crafts and original art by our talented artisan instructors and great CCSA merchandise!

Classes on Demand!

Interested in a scheduled class but the date or time doesn't work? Do you have family coming for the holidays and want something fun to do together? If you have a group of four or more, we'd love to work with one of our instructors to schedule a class on demand for your group!
Contact us at 276 236-3500 for more information.

CCSA is proud to host

The Blue Ridge Music Maker's Guild 7th annual Old Song Contest

Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Audience votes decide the winners! Past winners have performed a piece from a wide variety of old songs, both vocal and instrumental, from old English ballads to mountain music and story songs. It's not a requirement, but contestants are encouraged to dress in old time clothes. There will be a prize for the best costume! Register ahead of time by calling 276-238-1375 or the Heritage Shop (276) 236-9249 or at www.blueridgemusicmakersguild.com. You may also register the night of the event at CCSA from 6-7pm. There is no entry fee. Admission the night of the contest is $3 for both contestants and audience members. The prizes this year will be a variety of quality merchandise from local businesses.

Chestnut Creek School of the Arts
GALAX, VIRGINIA

Chestnut Creek School of the Arts preserves and promotes the cultural heritage of Southwest Virginia by fostering artistic and individual growth through classes in visual and performing arts, heritage and contemporary craft, and traditional music. Chestnut Creek School of the Arts is a function of the City of Galax.

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