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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

The Artsy Armbracoa



Anyone who knows me knows that I am a Brat. Be nice, I meant an Army Brat. My father served in the Army before joining the Coast Guard in a civilian capacity. Technically, that means that I am an Army Brat Coastie - an Armbracoa. Don't even think about it, I've already applied for Trademark protection.

This Armbracoa knows firsthand how influential the arts can be in the lives of servicemembers and their families. In my house growing up, the arts were a constant presence. They were vehicles for self-expression and a source of friends in whatever new school system we landed. From formal participation in art classes and instrument lessons to informally watching my parents annihilate a Marc Anthony song at karaoke, the arts were profoundly integrated into my childhood.

Lately, there has been a renaissance in thinking about the relationship between the arts and the military. Study after study suggests that the arts can be a powerful tool in health and healing in the military. See, e.g., "The National Initiative for Arts & Health in the Military: Reports and Publications," <http://www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/reports-and-data/legislation-policy/the-national-initiative-for-arts-health-in-the-military/the-national-initiative-for-arts-health-in-the-military-reports-and>. A lot of exciting work is being conducted in this field, including programs right here in Prince William County, such as the Hylton Center Veterans and the Arts Initiative; stay tuned for news about this pilot program.

As we prepare to kick-off the impending arts season, I challenge everyone in and affiliated with the Prince William County Arts Council to think about ways that your favorite artists and arts organizations might reach our military community. From lowering obstacles to attendance at performances and shows, to encouraging self-expression as a form of healing, to employing veterans and their families as volunteers and staff, there are countless ways for us to involve and be improved by the presence of Armbracoas and other members of the United States Armed Forces.

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Sheyna Burt, Chair
Prince William County Arts Council

Next Arts Council Meeting

***** September 8th 2015 6p.m. McCoart, Powells Creek A/B*****

<i>Upcoming Arts Council Meetings</i>		
Sept 8 th 2015	6 p.m.	McCoart, Powells Creek A/B
October 13 th 2015	6 p.m.	McCoart, Powells Creek A/B
Nov 10 th 2015	6 p.m.	McCoart, Powells Creek A/B
Dec 8 th 2015	6 p.m.	McCoart, Powells Creek A/B
January 12 th 2016	6 p.m.	McCoart, Powells Creek A/B
February 9 th 2016	6 p.m.	McCoart, Powells Creek A/B
March 8 th 2016	6 p.m.	McCoart, Powells Creek A/B
April 12 th 2016	6 p.m.	McCoart, Powells Creek A/B
May 10 th 2016	6 p.m.	McCoart, Powells Creek A/B
June 14 th 2016	6 p.m.	McCoart, Powells Creek A/B

What is the Arts Council?

The Arts Council is an affiliate program that provides year-round programming in performance and cultural arts, representing both professional and amateur endeavors. Prince William County has a rich tradition of promoting the Arts.

We believe that there are many options for your time, but the culture and tradition of the Arts are a sure bet in entertaining in a low cost manner and providing many hours of enjoyment for you, your family and friends.

Contact Arts Council members directly or visit their websites to find information on current shows and performances.

Please let your Prince William County Arts Recreation Specialist know if you'd like to promote your organization and we will post your events on Twitter, Facebook and our Website!

You'll be glad you did!

To contact the Prince William County Arts Council, call 703-221-2159 or

E-mail the Arts Recreation Specialist at CShaaber@pwcgov.org

WEBSITE INFO:

Arts Council members please email cshaaber@pwcgov.org for a Profile form so you can be featured on our Arts Council Website

Send your events to cshaaber@pwcgov.org to be posted on the Arts Council Website and social media sites.

We have lots of cyber traffic ☺

The Arts Council logo and Parks and Recreation logo is now available to download and place on your organizations website

Previous newsletters can be found on the website

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA SUBMISSIONS:

If your organization has any upcoming events **please** send them to cshaaber@pwcgov.org. The submission forms can be found on the Arts Council website

MEMBERSHIP:

Arts Council memberships are due for the upcoming year.

Please contact Caroline for the Membership form or visit the Arts Council website

UPCOMING EVENTS and HAPPENINGS:

- ✚ Summer Sounds Concert
The Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory Summer Sounds concerts for more info:
<http://www.center-for-the-arts.org/programs/summer-sounds-concerts/>
- ✚ Edgemoor Art studio Summer Art Rocks! Camps are registering and spaces are filling up fast. Children and teen's afternoon weekly classes available all through the summer. Parents may sign up online at: www.edgemoorartstudioinc.com and submit payments online, too!
- ✚ Nature Visions Photo Expo 2015 November 13, 14 & 15, 2015 Hylton Performing Arts Center, Manassas, Virginia_
Attend beginning photography classes for ONLY \$2/class
Attend FREE Light room instruction from nationally known digital photography author and instructor Tim Grey, the co-author with Art Wolfe of The New Art of Photographing Nature. Tim is well-known for his FREE daily e-mail digest on digital photography and post-processing, Ask Tim Grey. Sign up for it now at <http://asktimgrey.com/enewsletter/>
Shop with national and local vendors of photography equipment, instructional workshops, supplies and more
Enjoy two galleries of juried nature and fine art photography
Take a full day seminar with landscape photography legend Marc Muench on Friday November 13. Marc's images have appeared on covers and inside National Geographic, Sierra and Arizona Highways; Marc is the photo editor of the National Parks guides and a fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers.
Attend the keynote address on Saturday November 14 by a genius of imagery and lighting, Joe McNally, author of The Hot Shoe Diaries: Big Light from Small Flashes and other outstanding books of photography and instruction
- ✚ In the Company of Laureates
Write by the Rails October 11th 1 p.m. - 5 p.
Hylton Center for the Performing Arts, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas
Join more than 20 current and former Poets Laureate from Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia in celebration of American poetry. Meet and mingle with the Laureates and other regional poets and enthusiasts.
Workshops, panel discussions, open mics and more. Teen program and activities scheduled throughout the event.
Free and open to the public. Event website: writebytherails.org
- ✚ Celebrate the Day with Quilts
Exhibit July 30 – September 10, 2015
Center for the Arts
July 30 – September 10, 2015
Reception: August 15, 6-8pm
Celebrate the Day with Quilts
A quilt challenge organized by Shannon Shirley, artist, teacher, speaker, author, brings masterful art quilts to honor many celebrations throughout the year. Some celebration days may have you scratching your head and others are appealing to everyone. National Beach Day, anyone?
<http://www.center-for-the-arts.org/gallery/>
Gallery Hours 10-5 Weekdays, 1-5 Saturday
- ✚ Join the Potomac Nationals and Hylton Performing Arts Center as they partner to recognize the region's arts community on Sunday, August 16. This special evening in the ballpark at Pfitzner Stadium will feature short performances by performing arts organizations in the community, including the Hylton Center's Resident Arts Partners, Manassas Symphony Orchestra, Manassas Chorale, Manassas Ballet Theatre, Prince William Little Theatre, and Youth Orchestras of Prince William.

We invite you to join us at the ballpark for a fun evening of live music and baseball that also serves to recognize the vibrant local performing arts community. Gates open at 5 p.m.

To purchase tickets, with partial proceeds benefiting the Hylton Performing Arts Center, please visit: <http://bit.ly/1Ba4R1X> and enter the password "arts"

For more information on Pfitzner Stadium and The Potomac Nationals schedule visit:

<http://www.milb.com/tickets/tickets.jsp?sid=t436>

- ✚ Author Gene Schmiel to sign copies of his new Book, "Citizen General: Jacob Dolson Cox and the Civil War Era" at Prospero's Books 8/22/15 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Prospero's Books; 9129 Center St, Manassas, VA 20110
Gene is a retired Foreign Service Officer, and a former Assistant Professor of History. He received his Ph.D. in History from the Ohio State University, and has taught at St. Francis University (Pa), as well as Marymount and Shenandoah Universities in Virginia. He is active in theater in the local area, having most recently appeared as "Antonio" in Fauquier Community Theater's production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and as Jonathan Brewster in the Hylton Center's production of "Arsenic and Old Lace." He and his wife Kathryn reside in Gainesville in Heritage Hunt. This event coincides with the Manassas Civil War weekend, Aug. 21-23
- ✚ Author Gene Schmiel to Speak at Manassas Museum 8/9/15 2:00pm
Manassas Museum; 9101 Prince William St, Manassas, VA 20110
Gene Schmiel will be speaking at the Manassas Museum on Sunday August 9 at 2 P.M. about his book, "Citizen-General: Jacob Dolson Cox and the Civil War Era." The book, published by Ohio University Press, and a selection of the History Book Club, is a biography of one of the Union army's finest "Political Generals," i.e. one who did not attend West Point. Cox was a true Renaissance man, serving not only as a general, but also as Governor of Ohio, Secretary of the Interior, President of the Wabash Railroad, congressman, amateur scientist, and President of the University of Cincinnati. He also wrote four histories of the Civil War which are still cited today by modern historians as objective accounts of not only the war, but of the men who fought it. The book is on sale at the museum.
- ✚ Auditions for Play On! A comedy by Rick Abbot
The Castaways Repertory Theatre (Karla Carias, Publicity)
August 20, 7:30 – 9:30pm & August 22, 11:30 am – 2pm
The Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Dr, Woodbridge, VA 22191
Castaways Repertory Theatre holding Auditions for Fall show the comedy Play On! By Rick Abbot; Director: Sallie Willows
Performance Dates: October 23 (e), 24 (e), 25 (m), 30 (e), 31(e) and November 6 (e), 7 (e) & 8 (m). All evening performances are at 8:00 PM and the matinees are at 2:00 PM
Please be prepared to do cold readings from the script. This is the hilarious story of a theater group trying desperately to put on a play in spite of maddening interference from a haughty author who keeps revising the script.
Ages ranges and characters and descriptions:
Non-Traditional casting is always an option. 3 males, 7 females
If you have any questions or would like to help out in any capacity and training is available or if you are interested in auditioning, but cannot make the official dates, please email the director Sallie Willows radiomys1@aol.com
- ✚ Celebration Singers' Auditions
The Celebration Singers, under the direction of Terry Stackley will hold auditions for the 2015-2016 season
For more information call 703-798-8709 or visit their website www.CelebrationSingersVA.org.
- ✚ Rooftop Productions Auditions for A Christmas Carol
Event Date: 9/12/15-9/13/15 Time: 12th (1:30pm-4:30pm), 13th (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory 9419 Battle Street, Manassas VA, 20110
The Center for the Arts' Rooftop Productions announces auditions for A CHRISTMAS CAROL, directed by Ted Ballard.
Auditions are scheduled for Saturday, September 12 from 1:30-4:30pm and Sunday, Sept. 13 from 3:30-6:00pm with possible callbacks on Monday, Sept. 14 from 6-9pm.
Auditions will take place at the Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory, 9419 Battle St., Manassas, VA. Ten performances are scheduled from Saturday, November 28 through Sunday, December 13 at the Kellar Theater in the Center for the Arts.
Auditions will be cold reads from the script.
See more information on the Rooftop website at www.center-for-the-arts.org or call 703-330-2787 for more information.