

The SCCA mission is to promote, preserve and foster artistic and cultural activities, in cooperation with local organizations, that enrich the lives of the residents and friends of Sullivan County.

SCCA Programs

It was the best of years, it was the worst of years...

2011 proved a banner year for new Arts Council programs.

Most important in supporting art for youth was the inauguration of awards in theater and writing for students in high school and home schoolers at a high-school level.

The Theater Award is given to a single high school-level student who has made the most significant contribution to theater, in acting and/or stage work. Our first winner was Julie Polcrack.



"Cone Flowers," an original painting by local artist Karen Black, was offered as the prize in 2011's SCCA holiday raffle.

On the down side, the flooding of September 2011 was little short of catastrophic in Sullivan County. For the SCCA, it meant that our flagship fall program, the annual Art Expo, was cancelled. Thanks to a donation from Chesapeake Energy, the Arts Council had refurbished the Blue Building at the Forksville Fairgrounds and increased both the level of prizes and the area from which we draw our visual artists.

However, this was a minor annoyance when balanced against the widespread personal devastation, especially in the Sonestown and Hillsgrove areas, where houses were destroyed, crops obliterated and roads made impassible. It's a mark of the resilience and superb good grace of county residents that everyone has come together to support their neighbors and to clean, mend and rejuvenate the area.



For 2012, we will be bringing Simple Gifts, a superbly talented musical duo who will present a hands-on program for elementary school students this spring. It will be the first major production in our greatly expanded music program.

2012 SCCA Lineup

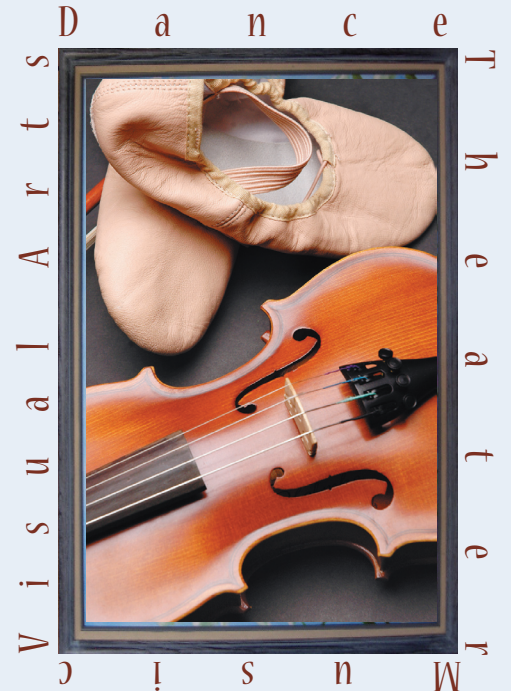
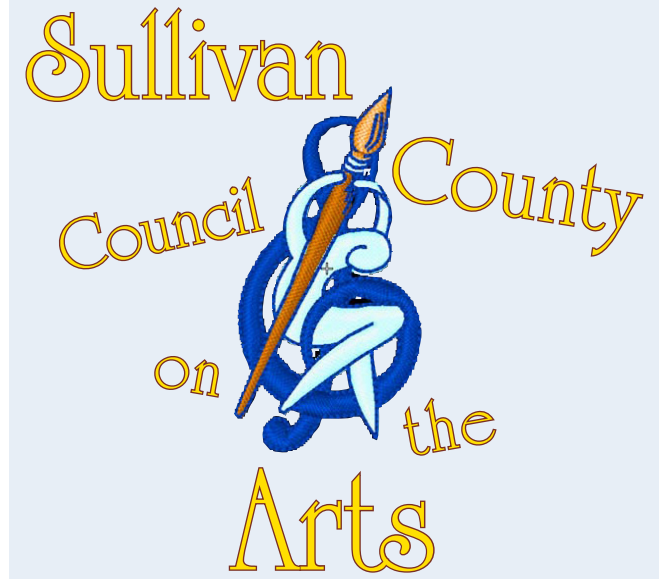
- February: Clothesline Art Exhibit, Kiwanis Winterfest, Camp Brule
- March: Spring entertainment at DarWay and Highlands care centers
- April: 20th annual Youth Art Exhibit, Sullivan County Library, Dushore
- 2nd annual Literary Awards and publication of *Hills and Valleys* magazine



The Literary Awards are based on prose and poetry contributions to our new literary magazine, "Hills and Valleys."

- May: 15th annual Choice of Show purchase of a high school student's artwork for permanent display at school
- 2nd annual Theater Award given to a high-school level student
- June: "At the Forks," Roving Historical Theater, Forksville
- October 13-14: annual juried Art Expo, Fall Festival, Forksville Fairgrounds
- October 20: annual members potluck dinner, St. Basil's Hall, Dushore
- December 8: annual Artisans Holiday Sale, St. Basil's Hall, Dushore
- Year round: Classes in the visual arts and crafts

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Youth Art Awards

Each April, the SCCA presents cash awards to students from the Sullivan County School District, home schoolers and the Red Rock Job Corps Center. In 2011, students entered over 200 art works, and prizes amounted to more than \$500.

Choice of Show

At the annual Sullivan County High School art show in May, three judges from the SCCA pick a single work by a student artist for the Choice of Show Award.

The work is purchased from the student artist, framed and placed, with plaque, on permanent display in the school hallway. The Choice of Show was first given in 1998.



Alyssa McDonald received the 2011 Choice of Show award. The SCCA purchased her painting, "Man's Ever-Changing Moods," and placed it on permanent display at the high school, along with past winners.

Roving Historical Theater

In 2007, the SCCA inaugurated the Roving Historical Theater, featuring an original production yearly, each held in a different county community, each highlighting the heritage of that community, and each written, directed, acted and staged by local residents.

Our productions so far:

"The Founding of Sullivan County" (2007): Laporte's establishment as the county seat.

"Floating Past Hill's Grove" (2008): Hillsgrove's lumbering and tanning industries.

"Dushore: Past and Present" (2009): Dushore's role as a commercial center.

"Northwest Passage" (2010): Fox and Elkland Townships' Quaker beginnings.

"Diamonds and Coal" (2011): Two of the defining endeavors in 20th century Sullivan County: mining and baseball in Bernice-Mildred.



"Diamonds and Coal" - Making do in the Great Depression.

For 2012, the Roving Theater will present "At the Forks," covering the early history of Forksville and Millview, with a special emphasis on the often-neglected Native American presence.

DVDs are available of the last four productions.



Our work is supported by Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA), the regional arts funding partnership of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. State funding comes through annual appropriation by Pennsylvania's General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PPA is administered in this region by the Bradford County Regional Arts Council.



We wish to thank Chesapeake Energy for their support of the Choice of Show, Literary and Theater Awards, as well as the fall Art Expo.

Promotional materials are funded in part by the Sullivan County Room Tax Fund and the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau.

Membership: Giving and Receiving

We welcome people of all ages to become members of the SCCA. We also encourage businesses to join, to help support both the arts and the tourist economy of the county.

Membership benefits

- free SCCA tote bag (plus other gifts for Patron and Benefactor)
- 10% discount on SCCA classes and events
- quarterly mailed newsletter of Arts Council activities
- weekly email update
- annual membership potluck dinner
- support of the artists and students of Sullivan County

Membership levels

Individual or family (receive tote as gift)	\$25
Patron (receive tote + BBQ apron)	\$50
Benefactor (receive tote + choice of Roving Theater DVD)	\$100

Please circle membership level, clip form and mail with check to:
SCCA, P.O. Box 116, Forksville, PA 18616

New member

Renewal

Member: \$25

Patron \$50

Benefactor \$100

(Benefactor: please indicate choice of DVD _____)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(e-mail address used *only* for membership mailings)

Please add me to your volunteer list

I am an artist

My medium is _____

I am interested in teaching a class