

## Crawfish Festival

Saturday, June 4, 4:30PM until ???

Wharton Memorial Garden  
305 N Bridge St - Bedford VA



**\$25.00 in advance**  
**\$30.00 at the door**  
**Beer & wine for sale with ID**

Sponsored by Dr John Bower & Edna Curry

**Steamed Crawfish**  
**Chicken Gumbo**  
**Red Beans & Rice**  
**Louisiana Beer**  
**Zydeco Band**

### 3rd Annual Crawfish Fest

Don't miss this annual event in the Wharton Garden next door to Bower Center.

Purchase tickets early at the following locations:

**Arthur's Jewelry**  
**Aylor's Farm Store (in Forest)**  
**Bedford Welcome Center**  
**Bower Center for the Arts**

# BOWER CENTER for the ARTS

305 N BRIDGE ST BEDFORD VA 24523

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OFFICE/GALLERY HOURS: WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY 11AM-4PM - CLASSES/EVENTS ANY DAY/TIME

## MAY 2011



"Booba" by Kinzi Wilberger

### Education Through the Arts

A spring exhibit  
by Bedford County  
middle and high school artists

April 27 - May 6 - Middle School  
April 27 Reception 6PM-8

May 11 - May 20 - High School  
May 13 - 6PM-8

Second Friday Reception  
and mosaic art activity

Don't miss seeing art created by  
local young artists

### Baron Fenwick Concert



May 14, 2011 - 7 PM

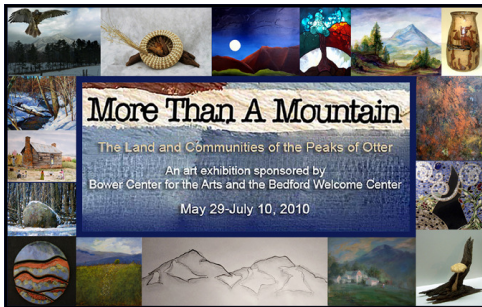
**Open to the Public - No Charge**  
Sponsored by the Bedford City Challenge Grant  
and VA Commission for the Arts

### Bower Center Yard Sale (in the parking lot)

**Saturday, May 21**  
(rain date - June 11)

**8AM-noon**

**Bring a table and join us**  
**you keep proceeds from**  
**your own sales**



### More Than A Mountain

The Land and Communities of the Peaks of Otter  
An art exhibition sponsored by  
Bower Center for the Arts and the Bedford Welcome Center  
May 29-July 10, 2010

Remember "More Than a Mountain," the exhibit that was spearheaded by Sergei Troubetzkoy, Director of Bedford Tourism, and co-hosted by The Bedford Welcome Center and Bower Center to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway? This mammoth project received an Honorable Mention Virgo Award for the Heritage Tourism Program of the Year from The Virginia Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus at the recent Virginia Tourism Summit in Chesapeake.

The success of this exhibit was possible through the cooperation of six gallery venues throughout Bedford: Art on Depo, Art Upstairs, Bedford Library, Bedford Welcome Center, Bower Center for the Arts, and Goose Creek Studio, Gallery and Custom Framing, plus the numerous volunteers and the artists who participated to make this an outstanding attraction for the area.

### Elizabeth Bygler Workshop

Painting from a Photograph  
May 13 - 15



"Not Just Another Pretty Face"  
By Elizabeth Bygler  
From photograph to painting

Check the website  
for additional information  
Call 540-586-4235 to register!

## Tai Chi

**NEW** at Bower Center  
Every Monday 6:30-7:30PM  
Begins June 6  
\$30. per month/on going classes

Certified Instructor, Steve Garay, will be teaching this low impact ancient form of exercise that benefits strength, flexibility and balance, whether you are in single or triple digit age groups!

Call Bower to enroll  
Pay instructor at the beginning of each month

## People's Choice Winner!



Winner in the Botanical exhibit is "For the Love of Nature" by Lynchburg artist, Bonnie Kinnaird, who loves working in concrete and mosaics

## FUTURE EXHIBITS

Coming May 25—July 9

**Jim Jackson, Dell Siler and Bryon Skinnell exhibit and D Day documentary photographs**

May 25 - July 9  
June 10: 6PM-8

### Abstraction

July 23-August 27

**Lucio Valverde and Nancy Wood**

September 7 - October 15

**Virginia Landscape: A Benefit Exhibition for Bower Center**

Nov 2 - 26

**Nov 5 - Bower Benefit Gala**

**The League of Roanoke Artists**  
in an invitational exhibition  
December 7 - January 14

Plan NOW!

## Summer Arts & Nature Camp

June 20-24 (middle school)  
June 25-July 1 (elementary school)  
August 1-5 (art only, 3rd - 8th grades)  
See the Bower Center website for more details

The June arts camps include a collaboration with Claytor Nature Study Center in Bedford and the 21st Century After School and Summer Enrichment Programs

## Meeting space available at Bower Center

Currently, Write Now, a writer's group, a photography club, chanters and a knitting club are holding their monthly meetings at Bower Center. To learn about these groups or find out about using our facilities for your own organizations contact Bower Center.

### Photography Club meets once a month

Monday, May 9 at 7 PM

Photographic theme for this meeting is Memorials. Come join.

BedfordPhotoGroup@gmail.com

### Write Now meets twice a month

Thursday, May 5/May 19 at 7 PM

Anyone interested in writing is welcome. Give this group a try!

## Bower Center and Wharton Garden For your next social event???

Garden wedding in the gazebo?

Birthday party or anniversary?

Indoor /outdoor events may be scheduled.

Kitchen facilities on the premises

Call or drop by for information



## CLASSES

Register NOW for  
Summer classes & workshops  
Start dates are coming up fast  
Check website for more details and to download a registration form or call.

### Mosaics as Garden Art:

#### Bird Bath

Dotti Stone

Starts June 1 - Wed: 6PM-8:30 (5 wk)

Learn about design, materials and techniques as they apply to mosaics and have fun creating a bird bath using a 14" terra cotta saucer as the basin. Spoil your feathered friends with a colorful place to drink and flutter around in your garden.

The 8-week **Introduction to Mosaics** and **Mosaics Techniques** classes will be on the September schedule.

### Pottery

Debbie Hughes

Starts June 14-Tues: 6:30PM-9 (8-wk)

Learn a variety of interesting hand building techniques and work on the potter's wheel for the first time or to improve your proficiency.

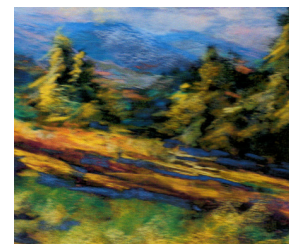
## Chinese Brush Painting with Lee Walker



June 3 & 4 10AM-4PM

## Plein Air Painting with Mary Anne Meador

Paint landscapes, architecture or gardens in downtown Bedford



June 24 & 25 10AM-5PM