

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 rain or shine event in the Wharton Garden next door to Bower Center. In case of rain music and eating will be inside Bower Center.

Purchase tickets early at the following locations:
 Arthur's Jewelry
 Aylor's Farm Store (in Forest)
 Bedford Hardware
 Bedford Welcome Center
 Bower Center for the Arts

Music by

Zydeco Crayz

These musicians, favorites of fans of Louisiana roots music, have entertained at many Mardi Gras celebrations, concerts and festivals.



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JUNE 2011



"Bright Eyes" by April Layne

Best in Show
High School Exhibit
"Education Through the Arts"

April Layne, a student at Liberty High School, was awarded Best in Show at the recent all media "Education Through the Arts" exhibition.

Students from Jefferson Forest, Liberty and Staunton River High Schools participated in the exhibit. Art teachers Joseph Curcio, Melissa Friedewald, Susan Hubble, Patricia Lester and Leslie Padgett helped to plan and hang this show that, hopefully, will become an annual event.

Coming ...

Marc Baskind

Blues concert - July 16



Current Exhibit

Zim Jackson, Dell Siler and Bryan Skinnell exhibit, plus D Day documentary art work

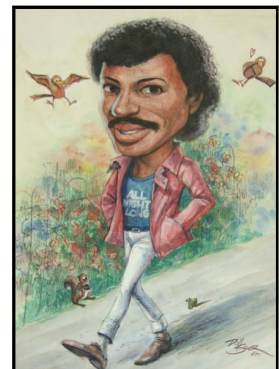
(see Page 3 for a D-Day preview)

May 25 - July 9

Reception: June 10: 6PM-8
 Second Friday



Zim Jackson



Dell Siler



Bryan Skinnell

Tai Chi

Sign up for the newest class at Bower Center

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!

Beginning June 6, this class will meet every Monday from 6:30 - 7:30

\$30. per month/on going class

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

FUTURE EXHIBITS

Abstraction

July 23-August 27

Call for Artists is available to download from Bower website
www.bowercenter.org

Lucio Valverde
and Nancy Wood

September 7 - October 15

A Benefit

Exhibition for Bower Center

November 2 - 26

Nov 5 - Bower Benefit Gala

The League
of

Roanoke Artists

an invitational exhibition

December 7 - January 14, 2012

Looking ahead to 2012???

Black & White

An all media theme exhibit
January 25-March 17

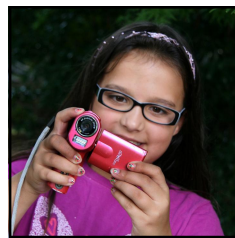


Summer Arts & Nature Camp

June 20-23 middle school

June 27-30 elementary school

These June camps are linked with the 21st Century After School and Summer Enrichment Programs and include a collaboration with Lynchburg College's Claytor Nature Study Center in Bedford for the June 25-30 week.



Bower Center

Summer Arts Camp

August 1-5 - 8AM-noon

For rising 3rd through 8th grade students Registrants will select four different classes from a variety of art and music offerings.

See the Bower Center website
www.bowercenter.org for more details



Join in the fun and learn something new!

CLASSES

Register NOW for Summer classes

Start dates are coming up fast
Check website for more details

Mosaics

Dotti Stone

Mosaics as Garden Art:
Bird Bath

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

Mosaics as Garden Art:
Gazing Ball

Starts July 13 - Wed: 6PM-8:30 (5 wk)

Learn about design, materials and techniques as they apply to mosaics and have fun creating a beautiful art piece from a colorful array of tiles and other materials for your home or 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

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

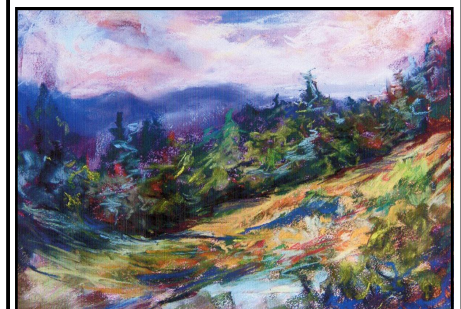
NEW WORKSHOP

Register Now

Plein Air Painting
with

Mary Anne Meador

Paint landscapes,
architecture or gardens
in downtown Bedford



June 24 & 25

10AM-5PM

WRITE NOW

This is the first of a regular column from WRITE NOW, a recently formed writer's group that meets the first and third Thursdays each month at Bower Center. Whether you are an aspiring writer or have always loved putting words on the page this is a group that has fun and enjoys the camaraderie of like minded people.

This submission of Donna Kalinski's developed out of a fascination for condensing stories and ideas to six words, the original inspiration being a challenge put to Ernest Hemmingway.

MY SIX WORD MEMOIRS

Six word memoirs, that define me.

Badge number 306, my other ID.

Mom, wife, with an alternate life.

Never towed the line, erased it.

Short or small, always stand tall.

A coat couldn't warm my heart.

He said hello, I said yes!

Talk to myself, pray to God.

Try oysters first, then order chicken.

There's always a garden to sew.

Pasta, wine, family, friends, love, priceless.

Words in rhyme and meter matter.

Next chapter unwritten, all ideas

welcome.

Donna Kalinski - 2011

Develop your own six word stories or phrases...better yet ...

Join WRITE NOW and write now!

Future Concerts

Aug 13: Riddle in the Harp

Sep 30: Kike & Miquel

Oct 20: No Strings Attached

Nov 5: Sophistokatz
For the Bower Gala

Dec 9:

Roanoke Chamber Brass

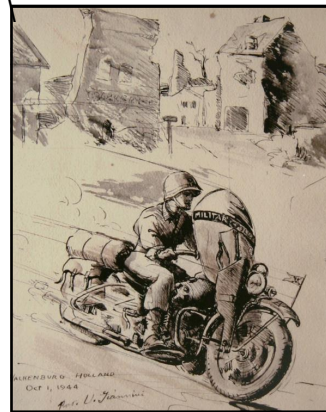


A collection of Giannini's sketches may be seen in the lower lobby gallery at Bower Center through July 9.

The Ugo Giannini WWII Collection

Born in New Jersey, Ugo Giannini served with the 29th Infantry Division Military Police Platoon in WWII. Giannini landed with the first wave on Omaha Beach on D-Day. Then a young art student, he produced a series of sketches detailing the scenes that confronted him at Normandy and through the European War.

These sketches were not found until after his death in 1993.



The Bedford Photography Club Theme of the Month for May - "Memorials"

The D-Day Memorial graciously allowed the newly formed photography club to access the grounds early on the morning of May 14 for what had been hoped to be a sunrise photo op. The morning mist that greeted the group was more reminiscent of the actual conditions on June 6, 1944.



Katie Hoffman captured this view of what the Germans at the top of the cliffs might have seen.



Bill Douglass thinks this shot was luck, while his wife attributes it to a good eye.



Len Hoffman

The Bedford Photography Club meet the second Monday of the month at 7PM - Bower Center.
Newcomers welcome anytime

Meeting space available at Bower Center

Does your group need a permanent meeting location?
Are you forming a club and need a home?

WRITE NOW, a recently organized group of writers, meets the first and third Thursdays at 7PM each month and THE BEDFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB holds monthly meetings on second Mondays. New members welcome. Work from both these groups appears on page 3.

A group of chanters and a knitting club also meet at Bower Center.

To learn about these groups or to use the facilities for your own organization contact Bower Center.

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

Garden wedding in the gazebo?

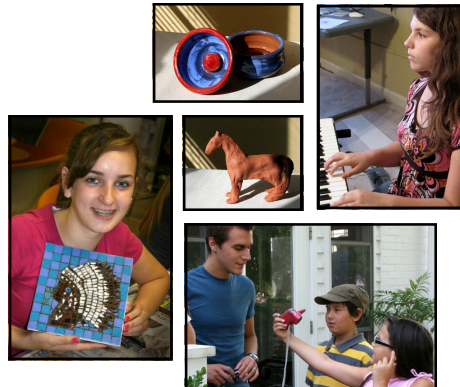
Birthday party or anniversary?

Indoor and outdoor events may be scheduled. Kitchen facilities on the premises.

Call or drop in for information.

Bower Center's role with 21st Century Enrichment Programs for the Bedford community

Bower Center had opened its doors to welcome local students for afterschool and summer enrichment programs the last two years and will be continuing this summer and the coming school year. Students from Bedford Middle School have come to the Center for pottery, mosaics, and music classes during the school year and instructors have gone to Bedford Elementary and Primary Schools to teach drawing and mosaics classes. A more extensive list of classes is available for the summer programs. Don't miss the opportunities at Bower Center.



Join the growing list of Wharton Memorial Garden Bower Center Supporters

Dr John Bower

Bower Center & Annual Crawfish Festival

Bedford City

Challenge Grants

Bedford Rotary Club

Sound system

George Cadiero

Small tables for casual concert seating

Duis Nursery

Wharton Memorial Garden and Bower Center grounds maintenance & concert underwriter

Ferris, Eakin & Thomas PC

Concert underwriter

Kiwanis

Arts Camp scholarship fund - 2011

Dorothy Reynolds

Roslyn Reynolds

K Kawai piano

Smyth Inc

Concert underwriter

Target

Arts Camp grant - 2010

VA Commission for the Arts

Arts camp grants - 2009, 2010, Concert

Suzi Viemeister

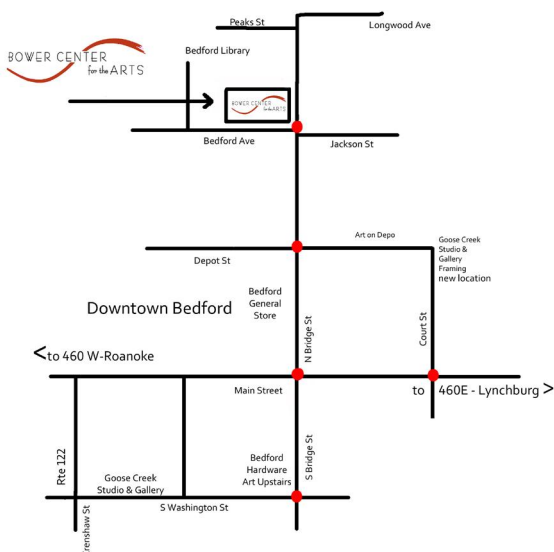
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Langley Weber

Be a Volunteer at Bower Center for the Arts

There are many opportunities to be involved at concerts, receptions, special events, as class assistants, and in the office.
Call to find your niche.

Bower Center for the Arts is located at 305 N Bridge St, Bedford VA 24523
540-586-4234 www.bowercenter.org bowercenter@gmail.com



Bower Center Hours

Office & Gallery
Wed thru Sat
11AM - 4PM

The following may be scheduled any day/time:

Classes
Workshops
Special Events
Concerts
Meetings & Programs