



The Wharton Foundation's
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

Riddle on the Harp

Saturday, August 13

7:30
 \$15.00

Tickets may be purchased online thru lynchburgtickets.com/bowercenter or they may be purchased in Bedford at the Arthur's Jewelry, Welcome Center and Bower Center and at the door the evening of the concert

This Celtic and traditional music band is comprised of three Bedford County VA women who perform using a variety of wind and string instruments, i.e. harp, violin, bowed psaltery, guitar, flute, recorder, hammered dulcimer, and mandolin.

Enjoy Riddle on the Harp's concert in the Performance Hall here at Bower Center where seating will be arranged casually to create a comfortable atmosphere.

THE WHARTON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION'S
BOWER CENTER FOR THE ARTS
 2011 GALA TO SUPPORT
 COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAMMING
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 7:00 PM

paint the town
RED

AUGUST 2011

Abstraction
 July 20 - August 27
 Reception: Second Friday, August 12, 6PM-8
 Music from 6-7 and Public Art Presentation at 7:30

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NEW EXHIBIT!
 July 23-August 27
 Reception
 August 12 6:PM-8
 Second Friday
 6-7 music
 7:30 a special
 Public Art
 Presentation
 by
 Jordan "Jojo" Villa

69 works of art by 25 artists comprise this exciting exhibit that covers the walls both galleries lobbies. Don't forget to pick up a ballot and vote for your favorite for the People's Choice.

NEW - 2 day workshop
Encaustic Wax Painting
 with Donna Nevers
 Sept 9 & 10 9:30-4:30

Learn how to use molten beeswax and colored pigments to create both abstract and realistic painting.

"Beautiful Blue Ridge" by Donna Nevers

Encaustic wax painting dates back to the 5th century BC, probably best known for Fayum funeral portraits in the 1st and 2nd centuries AD, has been enjoying a resurgence of interest among artists.

NEW - class
Clay Masks
 with Mary Tousman
 Begins Sept 10 10AM-noon

"I Do Windows!" by Mary Tousman

Memory Masks hold snippets of the past. Learn to make clay slabs for face molds, mask carving, designing backgrounds, underglazing, adding personal affects, and some history of masks in art.

See page 2 for more class information and visit Bower Center's website.

Fall Classes See full details on the Bower Center website - register early

Drawing

8 sessions
with Revelle Hamilton
Tuesdays 10 AM-11:30
Beginning Sept 20

Watercolor

8 sessions
with Revelle Hamilton
Tuesdays 1PM-4
Beginning Sept 20

Pottery

8 sessions
with Debbie Hughes
Tuesdays 6:30PM-9
Beginning Sept 20

Mosaics

8 session classes
with Dotti Stone
Introduction to Mosaics
Tuesdays 6PM-8:30
Beginning September 20

Mosaic Techniques

Thursdays 6PM-8:30
beginning September 22

Tai Chi

On going class on Mondays
6:30PM-7:30

Oil Painting

6 session classes
with Judy Hylton
Adult Class
Saturdays 9:30 AM-11:30
Beginning September 17

Youth Class

Saturdays 10:30AM-11:30
beginning October 29

Landscape Painting

with Mary Anne Meador
Oct or Nov dates being planned

There are other classes being planned - check the website often. Register early to avoid being placed on a waiting list - some classes fill early - some have registration deadlines.

Coming in October

Chinese Brush Painting

With
Lee Walker



"Chrysanthemum"

October 7 & 8 10AM-5PM
Sept 20 - Registration Deadline

FUTURE EXHIBITS

**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 4 - January 14, 2012
Opening reception :
December 4, 2PM-4

Looking ahead to 2012???

Black & White
An all media theme exhibit
January 25-March 17

Looking further ahead
April: Brobeck father/son exhibit
May: Middle & High School Art
June: SMAC Invitational exhibit
July: Summer theme exhibit:
Wildlife, pets and
strange creatures

Paddy Dougherty's

music classes have been
extremely successful.
Check back to see if she will be on the
fall schedule

Bower Center Summer Arts Camp

August 1-5 - 8AM-noon
For rising 3rd through 8th grade students

This is the last arts camp for 2012.
Contact Bower Center now to be added
to an advance notification list for the
2012 arts camps season.

**This summer over 100 students have
taken part in one of three arts camps**

Mark your Calendar for 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

Music lessons

Violin
with Heather Southard
and
Viola
with Sally Carter

Call Bower center for details and to
schedule lessons

Blue Ridge Voices and The Mountain Larks Singing Groups being formed by Karen Nichols, Conductor

The Mountain Larks
youth choir
will meet on Saturdays, 10:30-11:30
Bower Center

Blue Ridge Voices
adult choir
will meet on Saturdays, noon-1:15
Bower Center

Both groups will begin Saturday
September 10. Call Ms Nichols at
540-586-1446 for details and to
reserve a spot.

WRITE NOW

Entry for the month

One by One

by Joy S Barefoot

I spooned the black olives
from the fat round salsa jar
where I pour them from the can,
putting them in the fridge to cool.
One by one,
the dark juice was dripping down
my long fingers,
all the way
from the sunny hills of Italy,
just like on the yellow table cloth
I bought at T J Maxx.
Maybe that's when
I decided to eat
those round olive berries.
Maybe that's when I thought
One day I might go to Italy
and see those green trees
shining in the yellow sun,
just like I had seen in pictures.
One by one,
sucking in the salty juice,
and loving it
like the best thing
I ever tasted;
better than a hot fudge sundae
from the Dairy Queen
over on Longwood Extension,
I ate them.
one by one.

What's Trending? - The Bower Enews+ Blog!

Donna Kalinski

The Bower Center has recently launched its official blog site, bowergallere-news.blogspot.com. You can use this address or simply search for bower enews on your web browser. Click the home page to view recent posts and pictures or Write Now Writers to read a snippet from a local writer. The Photography Club posts recent pictures taken by club members. Our daily posts include pictures taken by students of The Bower Summer Arts Camps and the 21st Century Enrichment Arts and Nature Program.

So what exactly is a blog and why has blogging become so popular? A blog is a type of web page designed so the user, or blogger, can continuously update by adding a new entry. It's an online journal where each entry is dated and kept in reverse chronological order. Who blogs? Everyone! People blog about anything from politics to poetry, and yes, art! Artists have been adding blogs to their websites. Blogs allow the user to stay connected with visitors to their website and be more interactive with them. Artists are able to post daily entries on different projects or perhaps list changes to their exhibits and concert schedules. Some blogs have regular visitors, called followers, who leave their own comments after each entry and - let the dialogue begin!

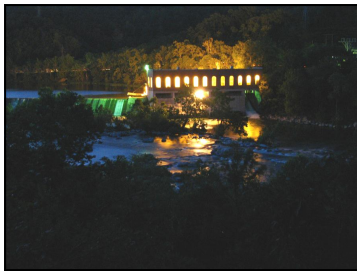
Visitors to the Bower Enews can check for daily updates on current workshops or upcoming concerts. There are links to other blogs we follow and information on past exhibits. It's an additional resource which enables The Bower Center to be the connector linking art, the artist, and the art community to one another. Blogging is as new to the Bower Center as it is to most people but we're always excited about bringing arts to our community. We invite you to log on to see what's trending!

Here it is again: <http://bowergallerenews.blogspot.com/>

WRITE NOW

Each month members of WRITE NOW submit writings for Bower Center's monthly newsletter. New members are always welcome when the group meets at 7PM on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Bower Center.

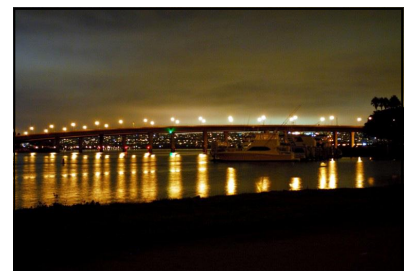
The Bedford Photography Club - Theme for the Month: Night



Dam at Night+by Edward Harris
Dominion Power dam on the
James River at Snowden



Moon Shot+by Ed Wennerstrom
(from his Montvale backyard
Using a 600 mm lens)



San Diego Bridge+by Ed Wennerstrom

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.

Bedford Chants and The Bedford Knitters 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 website has a new look!

The time arrived to redo and update the website and, hopefully, navigating around it has become easier. Input is important to us and we would like to know what you like and what you think could be changed to facilitate use.

Please take a look:
www.bowercenter.org

Please email us at bowercenter@gmail.com or from the website and give us your comments. It is our goal to make the site easy to navigate to find the information you want and enjoy just browsing to discover what is happening at Bower Center.

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.

Join the growing list of Wharton Memorial Garden Bower Center Supporters

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Bedford City

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Bedford Womens' Club

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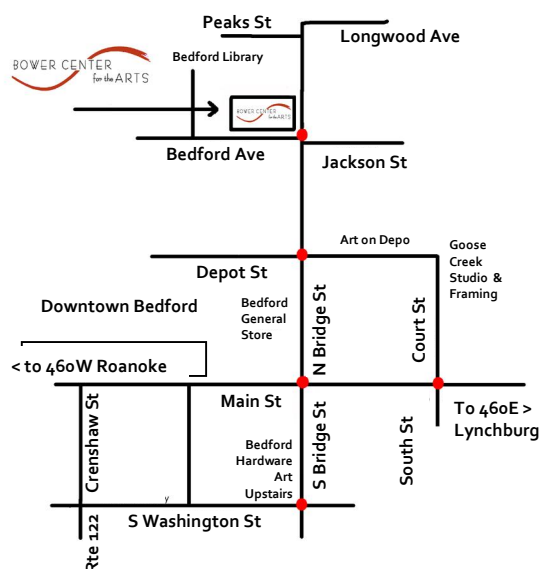
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The following may be
scheduled any day/time:

Classes
Workshops
Special Events
Concerts
Meetings & Programs