



## SDDA Eblast for Thursday, February 16

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## New This Week

### CASA TRAINING BEGINS MARCH 2012.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children is seeking volunteers to lift up the voice and life of an abused or neglected child. Being a CASA volunteer does not require special education or background, simply the desire to help abused and neglected children. Requirements to be a volunteer advocate include:

- Be 21 years old
- Be willing to complete necessary background checks, provide references and participate in an interview
- Complete a minimum of 36 hours of pre-service training (Begins March 2012)
- Be available for court appearances, with advance notice
- Be willing to commit to the CASA program until your first case is closed (a year and a half on average).

This is one cause where the actions of a single person mean everything. One volunteer, trained and empowered to ensure that every child can thrive in the safe embrace of a loving home. To volunteer, contact CASA at (540) 213-2272 or by email at [info@Casa4Children.com](mailto:info@Casa4Children.com). You can also visit [www.Casa4Children.com](http://www.Casa4Children.com) for more information.

### Stanton August Art Center News & Events.

**Call for Applications, Art in the Park.** Stanton Augusta Art Center's 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Art in the Park at Gypsy Hill. Saturday, May 26 • 10 am to 5 pm & Sunday, May 27 • Noon to 5 pm

Click [here](#) for the 2012 Art In The Park application.

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Applications are due by April 15. Applicants are encouraged to [apply early](#); final jury decisions will be mailed out by April 20. Applications may be mailed or sent electronically (to [info@saartcenter.org](mailto:info@saartcenter.org)).

**New Watercolor Class.** New six-week watercolor class starts Wednesday, February 29, 10am-Noon. Pre-registration is required by calling the Staunton Augusta Art Center at [540-885-2028](tel:540-885-2028).

Springing Forward in Watercolor  
Dates: Wednesdays, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28,  
April 4  
Time: 10am-Noon  
Cost: \$160 non-members/\$144 members  
Teacher: Peg Sheridan

**Exhibits** Sunday, February 19, 1-4PM. *Divergent Visions: The Graduate Art Faculty of James Madison University*, which includes drawings, paintings, photographs, and some very interesting installations by especially well-trained, talented artists who also teach in higher education.

**The Annual juried Youth Art Show** opens Sunday afternoon, February 16, 1-3 P.M. and runs thru April 1. We will be displaying the very best works from each of 42 area public, private, and independent schools, Pre-K thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. There will be over 300 new pieces created by some amazing, aspiring artists. We are proud of them and very proud of their teachers. Please come admire and celebrate their work.

**Registrations are now being accepted for Saturdays-in-March art classes.** Staunton Augusta Art Center and Mary Baldwin College art students present Saturdays-in-March art classes for ages 6-10, 10:30-Noon in the R. R. Smith Center, 20 S. New Street.

Pre-registration required at least one week in advance of each class by calling the Art Center, 885-2028. Register now for one class or all four! Fee includes all materials: \$15 non-members/\$13 members.

Develop skill by focusing on one particular art media each Saturday. From the simple pencil to the mighty oil pastel, we'll learn about art implements and how to use them. From the desert mouse to the great white shark, we'll explore habitats and animals and how to illustrate them.

March 3: Desert Diggers  
Get your pencils ready to draw that line in the sand! Is it a desert snake or a trail of something that just disappeared underneath to escape the heat? While the animals seek shade, learn your own shading techniques and more.

**March 10: Mountain Movers**

Move those colored pencils as the mountain dwellers make their own maneuvers. Try to capture the beauty of the mountains' ever-changing colors.

**March 17: Jungle Jammers**

The jungle is lively and bright and so will your painting be as we learn the techniques of implementing brightly colored sharpie markers to the drum beat of a jungle expedition.

**March 24: Ocean Oglers**

It seems those sea creatures are always looking for something to eat and we can't seem to get our eyes off of them! Convey the luminescence and mysterious beauty of the depths by learning to apply and blend oil pastels.

March classes often sell out so be sure to register soon!

Regular Staunton Augusta Art Center gallery hours are 10-5 M-F, 10-4 Sa, and 1-4 Su. The gallery is located in the R. R. Smith Center for History and Art at 20 S. New Street in historic downtown Staunton across from the Visitor Center and public parking garage. There is no admission charge to visit the galleries and everyone is welcome. If more information is needed, please call the Staunton Augusta Art Center at 540-885-2028 or visit

[www.saartcenter.org](http://www.saartcenter.org)

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**Arthur's Home Gallery is proud to be a Donation Site for CHILDREN'S ART NETWORK !**

Bring us your small wood or metal furniture pieces for the Students of CAN to refurbish, to sell in their only Fund-Raiser, the 18th Annual Art In Bloom Auction to be held on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at 2:00PM at the Frontier Culture Museum's Lee S. Cochran Pavilion

Receive a 10% discount on in store product good the entire Month of February!\*

Show CHILDREN'S ART NETWORK your LOVE And Let us THANK YOU for your SUPPORT!

\*Consignment items excluded

**Arthur's Home Gallery ~13 E. Beverley St. ~ 540.885.8609**

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**This Week at the American Shakespeare Center.**

For additional information please contact Christina Sayer Grey, Marketing Associate

**christina@americanshakespearecenter.com.**  
540-885-5588, ext. 19.

· The 2012 Actors' Renaissance Season continues this weekend with performances of **Much Ado about Nothing, Richard III**, and **Philaster, or Love Lies a-Bleeding**. Please contact ASC Marketing Coordinator, Christina Sayer Grey, to set up a reviewer ticket.

· Through the month of February, the ASC continues its "How Do I Love the ASC" video campaign, during which fans and audience can proclaim their love through video messages on our "How Do I Love the ASC" **YouTube Channel**.

#### **Education at the Blackfriars:**

· On Thursday, February 16, our pre-show lecture series continues with a Dr. Ralph Presents lecture on Richard III at 6:00pm. You can read more on our lecture series and get the full schedule on our website.

· On Friday, February 17 and Saturday, February 18, Tusculum College joins us for a Little Academe. Their program includes a Playhouse Tour and a Workshop. They will see Much Ado about Nothing, Richard III, and Philaster, or Love Lies a-Bleeding during their visit.

· On Saturday, February 18, a group from West Potomac High School will enjoy some rehearsal time on the stage at the Blackfriars Playhouse. They will stay for the evening performance of Richard III.

· On Monday, February 20, and Tuesday, February 21, The Queens, a Mary Baldwin College MLitt project headed by second-year Michael Wagoner, will be on stage at the Blackfriars Playhouse at 8:00 p.m.

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#### **PRESIDENT'S DAY REFUSE/RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE.**

If your regular collection day is Monday, February 20, 2012, your refuse and recycling will be picked up on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please place your trash curbside no later than 7:00 AM. Downtown Central Business District (CBD) will receive pickup on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday as normally scheduled. Customers are reminded recycling can be taken to the remote site located at the football stadium parking lot Gypsy Hill Park.



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## In Case You Missed These

### **LOVE, DOWNTOWN continues throughout February.**

Our downtown merchants have outdone themselves this year, with more than 24 outstanding ways to **SHOP LOCAL. GIVE LOCAL** during the month of February. Check out all the great offers **HERE** or on our **Facebook page**.

### **All's Well Massage Studio Couples Hot Stone February.**

An hour couples hot stone massage with chocolates for \$130 (\$65 as an individual service) OR a 90 minute couples hot stone massage with chocolates for \$180 (individual \$90). A great way to spend time with a loved one! Call Laura or Lisa 540.213.1975.

All's Well Massage Studio ~ 11 E. Beverley St. Ste. 17, The Witz Building ~ [www.allswellmassage.com](http://www.allswellmassage.com)

### **Winter Clearance at Queen City**

**Consignment!** Even though we saw a small trace of winter recently, we have started our Winter Clearance! Lots of items up to 75% off the original price! Come check things out and stock up, just in case the "groundhog" was right.

Queen City Consignment ~ 126 W. Beverley St. ~ 540.849.9516 ~ [www.shopqcc.com](http://www.shopqcc.com)

### **Check Out Great Specials from Downtown Staunton Merchants on RTown Coupons.**

Massage special from FabUloUS Salon, Winter Clearance and customer appreciation from Design@Nine, deal from TEASE with donation of pet food for the SPCA, Depot Grille buy one get half off...visit **RTown Coupons** for details!

### **New Documentary Offers Local Solutions**

**to Global Problems.** A movement is growing to re-create more just and sustainable communities and re-invent economies based on a new paradigm – an economics of happiness. *The Economics of Happiness*, an award-winning new documentary, describes a world moving simultaneously in two opposing directions. While government and big business push for a globalized economy based on high technology and increased trade, people all over the world are working from the grassroots to nurture smaller scale, ecological, local economies. The Economics of Happiness shows that we can solve our most pressing environmental, economic and social crises while simultaneously improving our quality of life.

Please join Community Network on the 16th of February, 2012, at 6:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 565 Pine Avenue, Waynesboro, for film screening and discussion.

The Economics of Happiness is produced by The International Society for Ecology and Culture (ISEC), a non-profit organization dedicated to the revitalization of cultural and biological diversity, and the strengthening of local communities and economies worldwide.

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**Center Stage! presents the Harrisonburg Harmonizers & Giovedi** (High School Chorus).

WHEN: February 18, 7:30 PM

WHERE: John Lewis Auditorium  
Robert E. Lee High School  
1200 North Coalter St.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$10 at the door

[www.harrisonburgharmonizers.com](http://www.harrisonburgharmonizers.com)

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**SWAG Kicks Off 2012 with Reading from Husband and Wife Team.**

The SWAG Writers (Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta Group of the Blue Ridge Writers Club) Reading Series kicks off 2012 with a duo from Lexington, a fiction writer and a poet who happen to be husband and wife. Of Chris Gavalier's novel in stories, *School for Tricksters*, Kate Buford says, "From the painful reality of the Carlisle Indian School, Chris Gavalier has created a unique and compelling work of fiction ... a nuanced and provocative story that evokes central issues of identity." Of Lesley Wheeler's poetry collection *Heterotopia*, Pulitzer Prize-winner Claudia Emerson says, "This work fuses lyrical invention with the 'blitzed, hungry, smoke-thin world of memory'—the poems richly drawn intermixtures of narrative and place."

The presentation will take place on February 22 at 6 p.m. at the Darjeeling Café at 103 W. Beverley St. in Staunton. The reading is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase. This event is the latest public reading sponsored by SWAG organizers who hope to



elevate the profile of area writers and promote the literary arts in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County by providing a forum for local and visiting authors to share their work. The group is made up of professional, aspiring, and hobby writers who also host a monthly mixer where members meet to network and socialize and read short excerpts of their work at an open mic. Writers interested in joining the group can contact Cliff Garstang at **[cgarstang@aol.com](mailto:cgarstang@aol.com)**

