

Fall 2009

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Your community arts center

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Creative Arts Programming Coming This Fall



MSA is launching its first year-long creative arts program. this fall. Today, we live in a world where budgets are tight and offerings in our children's schools are becoming more and more limited. Frequently, creative arts offerings are many of the first to be reduced or cut entirely. MSA is hoping to fill that void

by enhancing your child's creativity with a weekly arts enrichment program. The program will run Thursdays from the first Thursday the Saxtons River Elementary School is in session through its last.

Local Saxtons River and Bellows Falls elementary students, ages 6+, will have a chaperoned walk to MSA (BF students can take the bus to the SRES), have snack time, and supervised play until 4:00 P.M. At 4:00 P.M., students will explore visual, dance, music, theater, and foreign language programming. Students coming from other schools may sign up for the second hour of the program.

The cost of the two-hour program is \$370 for the entire year. Students enrolled in the second hour only would be charged \$225 for the year. Scholarship assistance is available and tuition can be paid in installments.

If interested, please register with MSA by August 17. If we have enough to run, but aren't full, by this date, additional registrations will be accepted. Contact MSA with questions, or to register.

Wilder's Our Town Comes to MSA

MSA is pleased to be presenting Thornton Wilder's classic play, *Our Town*. It is the timeless story of the small town of Grover's Corner, which is actually modeled on towns in the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire in the 1930s. It works to find life's significance and how change affects us through the routines of the town's citizens, and, in particular, through the love story of George Gibbs and Emily Webb.

Wilder won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1938, and the play has continued to thrill audiences, winning a Drama Desk Award and a Tony Award for Best Revival in 1989. Most recently, it celebrated its 70th anniversary with a successful off-Broadway run.

The show will be directed by Larry Bramble, with performances October 23, 24, 25 and November 6, 7, 8.

AUDITIONS for the cast of 15 men, seven women and assorted children will be August 16 and 18 at 7:30 P.M. All parts are open. Those interested should contact MSA for more details and to sign up for an audition.

Class Feature: **Miniature Scrapbooks with Robyn Lantz**

Scrapbooking has become a popular hobby these days, but as anyone who loves it will tell you, it is a time consuming. So, who wouldn't like the idea of building an entire scrapbook in a three-hour workshop?

Participants will have the chance to do just that Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Instructor Robyn Lantz's work has been published in *Scrapbooks, Etc.*, *Memory Makers*, and *Somerset Memories* magazines, as well as several idea books. A materials fee of \$25 will provide you with all the materials and embellishments you'll need to create a fabulous fall-themed miniature scrapbook.

Register today!



Artist Feature: **Talk to the Hand**



Talk to the Hand, a women's a cappella quartet, comes to MSA Friday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 P.M.

The group hails from the Boston area and has been performing around New England for more than 13 years. Primarily performing their own arrangements, they feature songs from the 70's, 80's, 90's and today.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at www.MainStreetArts.org/tickets, at local ticket outlets, or at the door.

Auditions for MSA's 11th G & S Production



For 11 years, MSA's community theater group has thrilled audiences with its charming renditions of Gilbert and Sullivan's comical light operas. This year completes the cycle of the well know productions with *The Gondoliers*. In true G&S fashion, multiple plots and mistaken identity make this show difficult to explain, but it promises to bring familiar faces to the stage for your enjoyment.

The production will be directed by Annesa Hartman, with music direction by Ken Olsson. Performances will be the first two weekends in March 2010.

AUDITIONS are August 22 from 10 A.M. to Noon and August 23 from 1 to 3 P.M.

For details, please visit www.MainStreetArts.org/gondoliers. Contact MSA at 802-869-2960 or msa@sover.net with your questions.

MSA is on FACEBOOK!

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Annual Members' Event

Sunday, August 30
4 - 6:00 P.M.
RSVP at 802-869-2960

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MSA is always looking for help with projects and events throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these projects or events, please contact Betsy at 802-869-2960, or download a Friends Sheet from our website:

http://www.mainstreetarts.org/get_involved/volunteer.htm

Oct. 16 - *Talk to the Hand*
Box Office Staff / Ushers

Oct. 23 - 25, & Nov. 6 - 8—*Our Town*
Box Office Staff / Ushers

Come attend an event for free and help out MSA at the same time!

Fall Events

August

8/15	10:00 A.M.	Painting Flowers in Watercolor
8/16	7:30 P.M.	<i>Our Town</i> Auditions
8/18	7:30 P.M.	<i>Our Town</i> Auditions
8/22	10:00 A.M.	<i>The Gondoliers</i> Auditions
8/23	1:00 P.M.	<i>The Gondoliers</i> Auditions
8/24	12:30 P.M.	Ex-Sighted Artists
8/30	4:00 P.M.	Annual Members' Event

September

9/6	6:00 P.M.	Spanish Potluck
9/13	6:00 P.M.	French Potluck
9/14		FALL CLASSES BEGIN!
9/20	6:00 P.M.	German Potluck
9/28	12:30 P.M.	Ex-Sighted Artists

October

10/3	9:00 A.M.	Quilting Workshop, Day 1
10/4	6:00 P.M.	Spanish Potluck
10/8	6:00 P.M.	A Taste of the Arts, Series Event #1
10/11	6:00 P.M.	French Potluck
10/16	7:30 P.M.	<i>Talk to the Hand</i> Performance
10/17	9:00 A.M.	Quilting Workshop, Day 2
10/18	6:00 P.M.	German Potluck
10/23	7:30 P.M.	<i>Our Town</i> Performance
10/24	7:30 P.M.	<i>Our Town</i> Performance
10/25	3:00 P.M.	<i>Our Town</i> Performance
10/26	12:30 P.M.	Ex-Sighted Artists
10/29	6:00 P.M.	Pumpkin Carving Workshop
10/31	TBA	Pumpkin Carving Contest and Trick-or-Treat

November

11/1	6:00 P.M.	Spanish Potluck
11/6	7:30 P.M.	<i>Our Town</i> Performance
11/7	10:00 A.M.	Basket Weaving Workshop
11/7	7:30 P.M.	<i>Our Town</i> Performance
11/8	3:00 P.M.	<i>Our Town</i> Performance
11/8	6:00 P.M.	French Potluck
11/12	6:00 P.M.	A Taste of the Arts, Series Event #2
11/15	6:00 P.M.	German Potluck
11/17	5:30 P.M.	Main Street Children's Chorus Concert
11/18	5:00 P.M.	GFRCC Mixer with the Jelly Bean Tree
11/23	12:30 P.M.	Ex-Sighted Artists

December

12/11	7:30 P.M.	Seasonal Concert
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Calling all Community Members!

If you would like to be part of our seasonal concert in December, please contact Betsy at 802-869-2960. We are looking for singers (children and adults), readers, and other acts to share in the spirit of the season.

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