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Saturday Nov. 18, 7:00 P.M.

Student Talent Showcase

Franklin High School Fine Arts Building

2017 Spotlight School - East Franklin



See the back for information on simplifying your holiday shopping with *The Gift of Art*. We wish you all an arts-filled holiday season!

ARTicles Nov.-Dec. 2017

Nov. 9

Thursday
5:30 P.M.



["Side By Side" Senior Sing-Along, Crawford Senior Center, 108 Wayah Street, Franklin](#)

To celebrate National Family Caregiver Month, Macon County Senior Services holds a FREE "Date Night" with dinner and an informal "Side By Side Singing," a therapeutic, research-based program for people with mild to moderate cognitive impairment such as Alzheimer's and dementia, and their caregivers. Songbooks are provided; Cindy Miles and Hickory Knoll United Methodist Church members lead the singing. Reservations are required, 349-2058.

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Saturday



[Student Talent Showcase, Franklin High Fine Arts Building, Panther Drive off Bus. 441](#)

Macon County's student stars shine in our annual non-competitive showcase of selected third to twelfth graders performing a variety of entertaining acts, with singers, dancers, instrumentalists, gymnasts, and more. Admission is \$5 adult, \$2 youth under age 16, \$15 family of two adults and their children. Doors open at 6:15. Proceeds support the Arts Council's Artists-in-the-Schools Program.

Dec. 2

ARTSaturday
11:00-2:00



6:00 P.M.

[Holiday Crafts & Music Workshop, Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center, Highway 28 N](#)

This free workshop for elementary school-age children and young families offers make-and-take evergreen swags, 3-D cards, gift bags, Christmas cookies to decorate and eat, face painting, and caroling with keyboardist Lionel Caynon. The Suminski Family sponsors ARTSaturday to honor Macon County grandparents. It's part of the annual Cowee Christmas celebration, 10:00-4:00, with art and craft demonstrations and sales, food, and lots more – a great opportunity for holiday gift buying. Take Bryson City Road to Cowee School Drive.

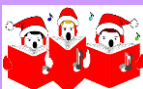


[Carol-Along at Winter Wonderland, Wells Fargo Bank Entrance, Main Street, Franklin](#)

Come sing familiar carols with us at Franklin's annual winter fest. Stroll the uptown shopping district 5:00-8:00 and bask in the friendly feel of a hometown Christmas. (First Winter Wonderland is Saturday Nov. 25, 5-8 P.M.)

Dec. 7

Thursday
7:00 P.M.



[Christmas with Mountain Voices, First Baptist Church, lotla at Church Street, Franklin](#)

Macon County's 55 voice-strong mixed chorus sings a program of secular and sacred holiday music. Beverly Barnett directs; Mary Pittman is piano accompanist, with guest musicians providing accompaniment on other instruments. Mountain Voices also performs in the Dec. 3 benefit concert for CareNet at First Presbyterian Church (see back).

8-9

Fri-Sat
7:00 P.M.



["The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts](#)

Scotty Corbin directs Overlook Theatre Company in this hour-long, fun for all ages holiday tale of a surprising gift of faith and redemption when the mischievous Herdman Family kids take over the church's annual Christmas pageant. \$12; tickets at greatmountainmusic.com, the Center box office at 1028 Georgia Road, or 524-1598.

To be an artist is not the privilege of the few but the necessity of us all. –ROBERT SHAW

Council events hit the mark every time, thanks to our volunteers!

- Meet Jeweler Laurel Martinez – Jann Ramsey, Dorothy Smith, and our great Public Library staff.
- Council Webmaster Marty Greeble revived artscouncilofmacon.org with grant and scholarship forms, and is developing a new, more user-friendly website. Stay tuned!
- Welcome newsletter processor Jane Correia!
- Welcome volunteer office assistant Rachel Fiesel, who is starting her service by organizing our office treasure trove of children's art supplies!



Avoid the holiday shopping hassle and support local arts programs year-round by giving **THE GIFT OF ART**. Watch your mailbox for your mid-November Gift of Art letter.



[Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, Thursday Nov. 9, 6:30 P.M.](#)

The Center announces its 2018 season lineup at this FREE open house featuring live entertainment, refreshments, giveaways, and advanced specials on event tickets. Become a Patron Club member and start planning your 2018 show calendar.



[Songwriters in the Round, Friday Nov. 10, 7:30, Franklin Underground, 28-A E. Main](#)

Featured songwriters Marie Dunkle, Dan Kowal, Liz Powell, Rob Ricotta, and Eli Roach share stories and songs. Dinner menu and drinks available. For details contact Project Director Dave Stewart, davestewartsongs@gmail.com or 342-1930. Listeners welcome!



[Veterans Portrait Presentation, Saturday Nov. 11, Noon, Uptown Gallery, 30 E. Main](#)

To honor local military veterans, each year members of the Macon County Art Association paint true-to-life portraits from photographs and present them to the honorees' families. The ten 2017 portraits are exhibited in the Gallery now till the presentation.



[Franklin's Annual Christmas Parade, Sunday Nov. 27, 3:00](#)

[Highlands Olde Mountain Christmas Parade, Saturday Dec. 2, 11:00](#)

Visit Chamber of Commerce websites for parade routes and enjoy both these holiday-spirited annual parades, plus tree lightings and other events that usher in the Christmas Season.



[Brasstown Ringers Christmas Concert, Friday Dec. 2, 7:00 P.M.](#)

Our region's premiere handbell choir, directed by Pat Meinecke, rings sacred and secular holiday favorites in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Harrison Avenue off West Main Street, Franklin. Everyone is welcome; an offering will be taken.



[Benefit Concert for CareNet, Sunday Dec. 3, 3:00, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin](#)

Enjoy a Franklin High School vocal ensemble, Mountain Voices, Nikwasi Dulcimer Players, Pianist Frank Armato, Flugelhornist Bob Melanson, and the First Presbyterian Chapel Choir.



[Franklin High, Macon Middle, and Mountain View Intermediate Schools Joint Bands Christmas Concert, Monday Dec. 11, 7:00 P.M., Franklin High Fine Arts Building,](#)

free. We'll ARTBlast you notices of additional school band, chorus, and drama department holiday events closer to the dates. We urge you to support these fine programs.



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