

TRAC's 2011 List of Accomplishments

Arts in Education Programs

- Week-long art residencies in Mitchell and Yancey County schools for elementary and middle schools
- "Reading, Writing, and Art: A Collaboration: with Suze Wilde and Peg Gignoux in Mitchell and Yancey middle and elementary schools
- TRAC after school programs held at 8 schools (TAP) Traditional Arts Program – old time music, basketmaking, Native American crafts, and old time dance
- NC Stage Company – workshops on developing stories/plays with middle school kids
- 2011 Performances in the Schools included:
 - Native Nations Dance Company
 - Gary Krinsky – Toying with Science
 - Dr. Elliot Engel - lecturer on literary writers: Mark Twain, Shakespeare, Edgar Allen Poe and more
 - Brian Gurl, pianist with "The History of Music"
 - Aztec Storyteller and Dancer
- Annual Student Art Exhibits in 2 counties
- TRAC Scholarship for the Arts - \$1200 awarded
- TRAC artists at the Toe River Valley Festival
- TRAC artists at ChildFest



Burnsville TRAC Gallery 2011 Exhibitions

- Shortbus Studio
- Yancey County Arts Education Exhibit
- Frederick Franz, "Images Along the Blue Ridge"
- Henderson County Artists
- 5th Annual Paint Out Exhibit
- New Gift Shop Artists
- Shaunna Lyons and Susan Feagin, "Birds and Words" clay vessels
- Claudia Dunaway & John Richards, "The Laughter Life: 20 Years of Colliding Ideas" clay & mixed media
- Sue Grier, Patti Connor-Greene, and Denise Detrich, "Conversations with Teapots,"
- Lori LaBerge, "The Stripe: Works Inspired by Rural NC," fiber rug hooking
- Anita Connelly and Joy Tanner, Paintings and Pots



Spruce Pine TRAC Gallery Exhibitions

- "Arts Centered" student and faculty
- Mitchell County Student Art Exhibit
- Blacksmith Exhibit held in conjunction with Fire on the Mountain Blacksmith Festival
- Toe River Studio Tour exhibit of participants' work
- Roy Nichols, painter
- Auction Preview of Work
- BRAG Group Exhibit of Route 80
- Fall Celebration of Arts, juried regional show



- Toe River Studio tour exhibit of participants' work

TRAC Gift Shops

TRAC has gift shops in both of its facilities that feature the work of over 120 local artists and craft TRAC members. Around 25,000 people visit the galleries yearly with combined sales of around \$100,000. Gift Shops are run by our staff of Senior in Community workers and volunteers.



Communication

- Weekly Enews
- Website – that includes a local artists' directory
- TRAC on Facebook
- Updates with postcards, letters, tour guides, and other
- Weekly radio shows on WKYK and WTOE
- Press releases to over 100 news sources

Special Other Events

- Pan Harmonia Chamber Music: concerts on May 21 and June 4
- TRAC Annual Paint Out – plein air painting Burnsville (May 21)
- Two Studio Tours: one the 2nd weekend in June (June 10-12) and 1st weekend in Dec (Dec 2-4)
- TRAC Annual Arts Auction (Aug 14)
- Fall Celebration of Arts (TRAC's invitational and competitive art exhibit)_
- Music in the Mountains Folk Music Festival (Oct 2)
- Blacksmith Festival and Exhibition – Held in partnership with Spruce Pine Main Street
- Toe River Chamber Ensemble and Chorus- these groups rehearse separately and together for performances throughout the year: April 12, May 31, and December 13



Grants and Scholarships

- Regional Artists Program (grants for projects for artists). TRAC is the regional coordinator of this program
- Scholarship for the Arts (for degrees, arts/arts education)
- Music Honorariums for kids to attend summer music camps or band clinics
- Support in 2011 to Spruce Pine Storytelling Festival

Fiscal Agent Services

- BRAG (Blue Ridge Fine Arts Guild)
- CMLit Fest (Carolina Mountain Literary Festival)
- Spruce Pine Potters Market

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