



Toe River Arts Council

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Dear Artists,

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TRAC would like to extend an invitation to apply for the following upcoming 2012 events. Below is an overview. **Please visit our website for complete details, applications, guidelines and to submit payment, www.toeriverarts.org.**

TRAC MEMBERS' GIFT SHOP: **Jury deadline: must be received by March 2, 5 pm.** Artists may submit work for review for one or both of the TRAC Galleries. Jury review is held only **once a year** so don't miss this opportunity. Guidelines: a) artist must be a current Yancey, Mitchell or Avery County resident and a current TRAC member; b) work must be original, handmade, not from kits or patterns; c) a completed application with guidelines and contract at www.toeriverarts.org with up to three items representative of the work proposed for the gift shop to the Burnsville Gallery by March 2, by 5 pm. Incomplete applications will not be considered. We will be exhibiting New Juried Gift Shop artists April 6 – May 12, 2012 in the Burnsville Gallery.

BLACKSMITH EXHIBIT: Application **deadline March 2 by 5 pm** at Spruce Pine Gallery. Open to all blacksmiths who work with anvil and hammer and held in conjunction with the Fire on the Mountain that takes place on April 28. Submit up to 3 pieces (no fee to submit). Exhibit March 31 – April 28. Delivery of work to Spruce Pine TRAC Gallery March 19–23 only. Reception: Friday, April 27 from 5-7pm. Pick up work Saturday, April 28 after 4 pm.

TOE RIVER STUDIO TOUR: June 8-10. Application deadline: **March 9** (application downloadable at our website). Open to all current TRAC member artists/craftpersons. The Studio Tour is a self-guided art and craft studio tour and open house. TRAC provides postcard, map-flyers, road signs, exhibition of participant work, and promotion. Delivery of work to Spruce Pine Gallery: May 1-4 only. Exhibit dates: May 12 – June 10.

TRAC MEMBER 2013 EXHIBIT PROPOSALS: **Application deadline: must be received by March 30 by 5 pm.** Drop off proposals at either Gallery location or mail to: TRAC, PO Box 882, Burnsville, 28714. TRAC will accept exhibit proposals for the year 2013 for both TRAC Galleries. Please submit a completed proposal application at www.toeriverarts.org. Incomplete proposals will not be considered for review.

TRAC 6TH ANNUAL PAINT OUT: **May 19 from 8 to 5 pm.** One-day event open to artists working in painting and drawing mediums. Artists check in at Burnsville Gallery on the day of the Paint Out from 8 to 10 am to authenticate their supplies. Completed work is returned to TRAC by 5 pm for judging. Cash awards total \$1000. Work will be displayed May 19-June 2 at the Burnsville Gallery. Participation fee: \$25. Application will be available at TRAC Galleries and downloadable at our website. No early registration required.

REGIONAL ARTIST'S PROGRAM: **Application deadline: Oct 15.** A competitive grant program supporting projects pivotal to an artist's career. Artists from Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Yancey, and Buncombe counties may apply. Amounts generally range from \$400 to \$1200. Grant writing workshops will be held in a number of locations. Please visit the TRAC website for updates and full schedule.

TRAC Annual Art Auction: Our annual fundraiser has been moved to coincide with the Spruce Pine Potters Market and will take place on the evening of October 13 at the Spruce Pine TRAC Gallery. More information to follow.

TOE RIVER STUDIO TOUR: November 30 - Dec 2. Application deadline: **August 24** (downloadable at our website). Open to all current TRAC member artists/craftpersons. The Studio Tour is a self-guided art and craft studio tour and open house. TRAC provides postcard, map-flyers, road signs, exhibition of participants work, and promotion. Delivery of work to Spruce Pine Gallery for exhibit November 6 - 9 only. Exhibit dates: November 17 – December 29.

All applications for TRAC events will be available at the Toe River Arts Council galleries in Burnsville & Spruce Pine, and downloadable at our website, www.toeriverarts.org. TRAC retains a 40% commission on all sales through gallery exhibits.

2012 TRAC Calendar of Artists' Application and Artwork Deadlines:

Mar 2	TRAC Gift Shops, jury application deadline by 5 pm
Mar 3	Blacksmith Exhibit, intent to exhibit deadline by 5 pm
Mar 9	Spring Toe River Studio Tour, application deadline by 5 pm
Mar 30	TRAC Member 2013 Exhibit Proposals, application deadline by 5 pm
Mar 20 - 23	Blacksmith Exhibit, work accepted these dates
April 2	Deadline for Tour Ad Commitment
May 1-4	Spring Toe River Studio Tour Exhibit, work accepted these dates
May 19	6 th Annual Paint Out, event day and registration deadline
June 12 – 15	Pickup Tour Artwork
TBA	Auction work accepted these dates
Aug 24	Holiday Toe River Studio Tour, application deadline by 5 pm
Sept 14	Deadline for Tour Ad Commitment
Oct 15	Regional Artist Grant, application deadline by 5 pm
Nov 6 -9	Holiday Toe River Studio Tour exhibit, work accepted these dates
Jan 2-5, 2013	Pickup Tour artwork

Other Area Festivals, etc you may be interested in (contact sponsoring organizations for more information and to confirm dates, times, etc)

April 28: Blacksmith Festival, downtown Spruce Pine, from 10 to 4 pm. www.sprucepinefestivals.com for application and more information. 765-3008

June 16: Rhododendron Arts and Crafts Festival: downtown Bakersville; if you would like to have a booth at the Rhododendron Festival Street Fair contact Tommy Norman at tnorman@mtnpro.com or by phone at 688-3456. www.bakersville.com/rhod.html

Old Fashioned Patriotic Celebration on the Burnsville Square. The Burnsville Lions Club is the sponsor this year and will be continuing to offer a \$10 discount to current TRAC members. Non-profit food and game booths. Local art and craft booths. (Application will be available in the spring.) Demonstrations & Entertainment Stage. Contact Jim Parlier with the Lions Club for more information 682-6128 or 682-5754.

August 3-4: Mt Mitchell Crafts Fair on the Burnsville Square. Contact the Yancey Chamber of Commerce for more information 682-7413. . Application online at www.yanceychamber.com

Sept 29: Old Timey Day Festival, 10 to 4 pm, Burnsville Square, Contact Cultural Resources Commission for more information 828-682-9654

Sept 29: Bakersville Creek Walk Art Festival, Juried festival in downtown Bakersville, 10-4 pm, www.bakersville.com

Oct : Mineral City Heritage Craft Festival in downtown Spruce Pine from 10 to 4 pm. Contact Spruce Pine Main Street at 765-3008 or visit the website, www.sprucepinefestivals.com

These events from TRAC and our local community represent opportunities for visual arts and crafts. Contact TRAC or visit TRAC's website for performing and literary events.