Welcome to South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture’s newsletter for the voluntary arts sector

Saffronhall Art Club
“Celebrating Seniors and Culture”

Members of Saffronhall Art Club were delighted to receive a grant of £7850 from Awards For All Scotland recently. This substantial sum of money will be used to complete their Project: “Celebrating Seniors and Culture” which will run for a year from August 2013.

Secretary Wilma Shepherd says: “Applying for a grant seemed like a daunting task but we received advice and help with the application from our Arts Development Officer, Claire Diggle. The process was done online through a very user friendly website and any communication we had with the staff from Awards For All Scotland was always very helpful. If you have a project in mind and you need some money then I would recommend applying to Awards For All Scotland”.

The members will also use the money to set up an exhibition of their work in Hamilton Caledonian Bowling Club on 1-3 November, 2013. This exhibition will be a showcase of art works in acrylics, oils, pastels and water colours. It will be of interest to all art lovers in the community and hopefully encourage people to take up a new hobby or develop their existing artistic skills.

An outing to the Pittenweem Arts Festival in August is an inspirational starting point for the project and members and friends will be able to enjoy a day of viewing and discussing a wide variety of art works.

The club will stock up with many new materials and members can experiment under the guidance of tutor Jason Campbell BA (Hons) Fine Art. Trying out new materials can be challenging and exciting and using the club’s materials in the initial stages is a good way to “try before you buy”.

Network Arts Directory 2014

South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture is proud to have a directory specifically promoting voluntary arts organisations in South Lanarkshire.

South Lanarkshire boasts a vast array of voluntary organisation working within the arts. With over one hundred entries, the Network Arts Directory 2012 brought together groups from a diverse range of both visual and performing arts and in doing so reflected the thriving local arts industry within the area.

South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture is committed to supporting the local voluntary sector and hopes that this unique profiling of art groups will help these groups attract new members and go from strength to strength.

In the process of updating information if you or your group is interested in being in the next Network Arts Directory 2014 please contact

Email: voluntary.arts@southlanarkshireleisure.co.uk
**Yarn Bombing – it’s taking hold all over the world**

Yarn bombing is taking place all over the world and has arrived in East Kilbride as part of the East Kilbride Summer Fest this year. Called knit graffiti in Europe it is catching on fast and South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture’s Cultural team have been encouraging the resurgence of the traditional craft of crocheting and knitting. 

Staff have teamed up with some of our more mature crafters from across South Lanarkshire to teach children and grown ups alike how to knit and crochet. This has culminated during the East Kilbride Summer Fest with trees, lampposts, benches, pillars, chairs and all sorts of things being covered with very colourful yarn bombing.

"The Yarn bombing has certainly become a great topic for conversation and interest amongst passers by and visitors to the Arts Centre during the Summer Fest.” said Councillor Hamish Stewart, Chair of the Board of South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture. It brightened up the area around the East Kilbride Arts Centre and brought something a little different to the town. I hope that the new skills that have been learned during the Yarn Bombing will last with people for all of their days.”

Yarn bombing has been taking hold all over the world. From fibre artists who craft covers for a water tower or bus to small community groups who cover lampposts and parking meters, embellishing the world with yarn is a celebration of beauty and a sign of hope and humour.

This kind of work is joyous, whimsical, and opens up what knitting and crocheting can be. Yarn is the new paint of our times. Community groups, local knitting groups and individuals have been collectively knitting and crocheting bringing the traditional craft techniques alive.

Cultural Services Manager, Benny Martin commented: “Over sixty yarn bombers turned up at the preview event on Friday last week to view the work which had gone into this colourful event. Given the great response to the call for knitting and crochet, South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture are looking at future opportunities for people to learn and enjoy these traditional crafts - so watch this space for details of how to get involved.”

Yarn bombing will take place right round the town from Saturday 15th to Thursday 20th July. For further details and how to get involved visit www.ellygreen.com/yarn-bombing - and please come and view the work which has gone into this colourful event.
Larkhall Christmas Festival

“Larkhall Christmas Festival Committee are planning ahead for the second annual event within the Town.

On Thursday 21st November, Provost Eileen Logan has been invited to participate in the switching on of the lights ahead of the Annual Christmas Fayre which will take place on Saturday 23/11/13 in St Mary’s Primary School at 10.30am -1pm. All Primary 7 pupils in the six Larkhall Primary Schools have been invited to a Festive Film Event in Larkhall Leisure Centre on Thursday 28/11/13 and Larkhall Academy Fayre will take place in the school on Saturday 30/11/13.

Asda and the COOP will help support the Events with Carol Singing taking place in the Stores. The final event will take place with the Trinity Church Concert on Monday 2nd December at 7pm.

Councillor Burns who Chairs the Festival Committee has welcomed the efforts of Council Staff in working in partnership with Regenfx and SL Leisure and Culture, ASDA and COOP in planning the festival activities. The increasing number of events reflects the interest shown by local groups and residents in making this years festival a success”.}

BBC Children in Need Small Grants Programme

Deadline: 1 December 2013; 1 February 2014

Through the grants programme, grants of up to £10,000 are available for projects that combat disadvantage and to make a real difference to children and young people’s lives. In particular, grants are available for projects that help children and young people of 18 years and under experiencing:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- Any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

Applications for funding are accepted from not for profit organisations such as registered charities, voluntary organisations, schools, churches and community interest groups.

ScotRail Foundation

Deadlines: 17 January 2014

The ScotRail Foundation is a national programme available to groups and organisations across Scotland.

The fund is provided by ScotRail directly as part of their commitment to their social and corporate responsibilities and is managed by Foundation Scotland on ScotRail’s behalf. ScotRail is looking to support and develop a wide range of projects which bring communities together, specifically:

- Support for children and young people
- Improvement of the local environment
- Improvements to local communities’ general health and wellbeing

ScotRail would prefer if you could link your project to some of their own corporate themes (see website for detail) or a local train station but this is not essential. There are two categories of award: £250 – £1,000 and £1,001 - £5,000. For more information, visit the Foundation Scotland website.

Did you know...

Nicol Williamson who was born on September 14, 1936 in the town of Hamilton, South Lanarkshire, Scotland. He is a famous British actor. He was born in Scotland and he has been called by the famous English playwright and literary icon John Osborne, the greatest actor since Marlon Brando.

Thomas Cochrane Born in Annesfield, Lanarkshire 1775 , a Scottish naval commander.

He served with distinction in Royal Navy during Napoleonic Wars, wrongly jailed for fraud, stripped of his naval rank and parliamentary seat. Then, he went on to command the Chilean, Brazilian and Greek navies, helping these countries in their fight for independence. After which he received a Royal pardon and the restoration of his naval rank. One of Britain’s greatest seamen, he is buried in Westminster Abbey.
Community arts diary

Biggar Little Cinema
The community cinema at the Corn Exchange
Argo
Cert 15
27th – 28th October
7.30pm

Life of Pi
Cert 12
22nd – 23rd November
7.30pm

Brave
Cert U
27th – 28th December
7.30pm

Quartet
Cert 12
26th – 27th January
7.30pm

For more information please visit www.biggarlittlecinema.org.uk.

Bookends Theatre Group
Some Kind of Sanctuary
7th – 9th November
8pm
Ticket price: £9
(£7 concession)
East Kilbride Arts Centre

E.K REP Theatre
Shakers
4th – 7th September
7.30pm

Comic Potential
23rd – 26th October
7.30pm

Aladdin
9th – 21st December
7.30pm
All performances at Village Theatre, Maxwell Drive, East Kilbride.
For more information Phone: 01355 248669

Hamilton Operatic and Dramatic Club
Chess
19th – 23rd November
7.30pm
The Town House, Hamilton
For further information or to contact please visit www.hamiltonoperatic.org.uk or phone: 01698 385627

New Victory Players
No Exit
14th September
7.30pm
The Guide Hall, Rutherglen

The Steamie
14th – 16th November
7.30pm
Village Theatre, East Kilbride
For further information or to contact please phone: 0141 637 7525

Studio 32
The Musical of Musicals the Musical
20th – 24th August
8pm
East Kilbride Arts Centre
For further information or to contact please visit www.studio32.co.uk

Biggar Corn Exchange
The Hot Seats
1st August
7.30pm
Ticket price: £10
For further information and tickets please contact 01899 221555 or visit the website: www.biggarconexchange.org.uk

Clydesdale Folk Club
Rudegin
29th August
Elphinstone Hotel, Biggar
8pm
Ticket Price £8/ Members £6

Hungrytown
26th September
Municipal Hall, Biggar
8pm
Ticket price £8/ Members £6

Breabach in Concert
26th October
Elphinstone Hotel, Biggar
8pm
Ticket price £12/ Members £10
Box office: Atkinson-Pryce Books, Biggar, 01899 221225
For more information please visit website www.clydesdalefolklclub.net

East Kilbride Folk Club
Every Monday
Village Inn East Kilbride
8pm -11pm
For further information please contact Anne Gomez Phone: 07812480968

Music in Lanark
Rose Room Jazz Band
21st September
7.45pm
The institute, New Lanark
Ticket price: £10

Sarah Beth Briggs
12th October
The Clydesdale Inn, New Lanark
7.45 pm
Ticket price: £10

Cera Impala
2nd November
The institute, New Lanark
7.45 pm
Ticket price: £10

Alicia Chaffey
17th November
The institute, New Lanark
3pm
Ticket price: £7.50

Cosmopolitan Big Band
18th January 2014
The institute, New Lanark
7.45 pm
Ticket price: £10
For further information and tickets please contact Kirstin Herriott 01555 663290 or visit website on www.musicinlanark.co.uk

Strathaven Choral Society
Autumn Concert with Cadzow Academy of Music and Drama Youth Choir
17th November
Rankin Church Hall
7.30pm

Clay Valley Crafts
Open Day
Try your hand at Crochet, Card making, Clay modelling and more.
First Saturday of every Month
YMCA, Lanark
10am – 2pm
For further information please contact Davina at davina.green@hotmail.co.uk

Chatelherault Courtyard Gallery
Tom Brown Exhibition
1st – 31st August
Admission free

Royal Photographic Society
1st September – 31st October
Admission free

Eve Pollock Exhibition
1st – 30th November
Admission free

Art Room Exhibition
1st - 30th December
Admission free
Opening times: Mon – Sat 10am – 5pm
Sun 12 - 5pm

East Kilbride Arts Centre - Gallery
Mugen Taiko Dojo Tartan Taiko
19th January – 17th March Cdazow Gallery, Chatelherault Country Park
Free
Opening times
Mon to Sat 10am – 5pm
Sun 12 - 5pm

Images of Research 2013
An exhibition of Strathclyde’s Global Relevance
6th October – 2nd November
Admission free

East Kilbride Arts Centre Textile Art Class
Visions of Many Moons’ Exhibition
7th November – 1st December
Admission free
Opening times 10am – 8pm daily

Dates to put in your diary!
If you have any submissions for the next issue (January 2014 – April 2014) please get in touch by November 23rd 2013

Email: voluntary.arts@southlanarkshireleisure.co.uk

Or by post
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Space permitting we will endeavour to include all forthcoming events within the Community Arts Diary.

If you need this information in another language or format, please contact us to discuss how we can best meet your needs.
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