

Art world going strong during summer

We are full swing into summer, and I thought this might be a good time for an overview into fun things currently in the arts scene and those coming up in the next few weeks. Though most of the students are gone and many residents are still showing art work and planning events that will appeal to art lovers of all ages.



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Arts Talk

Art and Science Show

At the Powerhouse, you can catch the Art and Science Show as part of the Powerhouse Gallery Series before it closes. On the gallery walls, you can see artists' interpretations of science and scientific subjects. There are even works present created by real life scientists. Planetary references, cicadas, birds and other subjects are represented in this smart show thought up by Dr. Laine Day. Day is an associate professor at the University of Mississippi in the Biology Department. She brought up the show idea at last year's gallery series planning meeting. The committee agreed this would be interesting, and now the exhibit is up on the walls at the Powerhouse. This show will be open until Friday and you can see it from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Powerhouse today and tomorrow.

Fields-Croom show

Also closing this weekend is the Botanical Genius exhibit at Bozarts Gallery. This show features pastel drawings of dangerous plants by Katherine Rhodes Fields and photography of plants on the properties of Rowan Oak and a Water Valley cabin by Ed Croom. This show can be seen until Saturday and the gallery is open Friday from noon-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. It is located at 403 Main Street in Water Valley.

In the works is a student exhibition put on by the Orchard Church at their North Light Gallery. They are calling all children aged 18 and under to submit art inspired by the theme "What I Wished I Did This Summer!" The work needs to be no larger than 11 x 14 inches and on paper. They are asking that the work not be on canvas or framed. So get out the paper, pens, markers, colors, and paint and let your child create a masterpiece.

Art Truck visit

If you would rather have your child have guidance during this art experience, bring them to the Orchard Church on July 18 from 10 a.m. to noon where they can participate in an art truck activity based on the theme. The Art Truck visit is sponsored by Yoknapatawpha Arts Council and Chick-fil-A. You can submit work for the exhibition during this time at the Orchard regardless of whether the work is done at home or onsite. For more information on this exhibition, call the Powerhouse at 662-236-6429 or email me at andbedsworth@gmail.com.

Also coming up in July is an alliance show at Bozarts Gallery, a show about food at the Powerhouse and more. Check out next week's column for more information on local arts news as the summer is heating up and so are the offerings of local art.

SUNSET SERIES PERFORMER



Bryan Hayes will be performing Sunday evening at the final Summer Sunset Series show of the month.

'Late bloomer' Hayes caps Sunset series season

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Tennessee native Bryan Hayes joined the National Guard in 2007, during wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Hayes enlisted in the Army and spent the next couple of years training to become an infantryman. He and other soldiers were mobilized at Camp Shelby, and he spent 2010 in Iraq.

"My wife and I are both very strong in our faith, and we felt like we were both being called to serve," he said.

Hayes is also a musician, and he will perform with his band, Bryan Hayes and The Retrievers, on Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Grove on the Ole Miss campus as part of the Summer Sunset Series. The group will perform songs from their new album, "Farther Down the Line," released earlier this month.

Families are encouraged to pack a picnic, spread a blanket and bring chairs.

Hayes was born and raised in Brownsville, Tennessee, a town between Memphis and Nashville. He and his wife now live in Moscow, Tennessee, about 30 miles outside of Memphis. He said it only takes about 40 minutes to travel to Oxford.

Hayes describes himself as a "late bloomer" on the music scene. He didn't purchase his first guitar until he was in college when a neighbor introduced him to Texas songwriters like Guy Clark and Robert Earl Keen.

Hayes and his wife foster abused and neglected dogs. That's why the band is called The Retrievers. The band released its first record in 2004 and just celebrated its 10th anniversary.

"We really started getting out and

touring, and doing all of our stuff in late 2004," he said.

The bass and keyboard players are the only original members of the band that includes drummer Kirk Barkley, bass player Steve Dunavant, guitar player Brenton Woodall, multi-instrumentalist Eric Lewis, keyboard player Gee Brannon and vocalist Kim Boewing.

Hayes describes the music as a cross between Texas country and Tom Petty or Bruce Springsteen, with Johnny Cash, Jackson Browne, The Eagles and Kris Kristofferson influences.

"About four or five of the songs on the new record were written completely or partially while I was deployed in Iraq," said Hayes. "I always tell people, you can't send a couple of Tennessee boys over there and not expect us to break out into song."

Hayes said the new album is personal for him.

"It was very heavily-rooted in my time being deployed and coming back," he said.

Proceeds from the sale of the band's first single "I Wanna Run" will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

"For us, it's a way to give back to some of the soldiers I've served with," he said. "We want to use this record to also pay tribute to our military, especially those who have come back wounded."

"It's been a really special thing to have soldiers come to the shows. We're seeing more and more military soldiers come out."

The video for "I Wanna Run" features one of the soldiers that Hayes served with in Iraq. He wrote the song using the soldier's guitar.

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Youth Musical Theatre caps workshop with Friday performance

The 20th annual Youth Musical Theatre Workshop ends this week and will close with a performance by all children enrolled in the workshop at noon Friday in the Nutt Auditorium on the east side of the Ole Miss campus.

The theme is Everything is Awesome! from "The Lego Movie." The students, ages 9 to 17, will perform classic and modern musical numbers alike, from "Annie Get Your Gun" to "Hercules." It's an original work written especially for the participants.

Parents with children going into 3rd and 4th grade are encouraged to take their children to this free performance so they can experience musical theatre performed by children close to their own age.

The focus of the training in the two-week workshop is the development of performance skills for music theatre and includes exercises in singing, acting, and movement/dance.

If you have questions, contact Julia Aubrey at jaubrey@olemiss.edu or 662-915-1280.

Meet the artists class for adults scheduled

A class offering a look into artists, their process and their studios, including giving students hands-on time at the

Powerhouse Community Arts Center with instructors Andi Bedsworth and Gail Morton, is scheduled for July 6-10 with limited spaces available.

The class is suitable for any adult interested in art and for teachers who want to incorporate more creativity into their classrooms, with special interest for teachers who specialize in art.

The cost for the class is \$120 for Yoknapatawpha Arts Council (YAC) members and \$135 for non-members. Teachers

who are interested in receiving 1.5 hours of CEUs for the class can pay an additional \$20.

The class will be held at the Powerhouse and various art studios in the area. Studio visits scheduled include those with Bill Beckwith and Ron Dale, Oxford Treehouse Gallery with Vivien and Walter Neill, and Taylor Arts with Christine Schultz and Marc Deloach. Art projects include making mobiles, mixed media and some fiber art.

Call 662-234-6429 for more information, and go to <http://meetheartists2.bpt.me/> to register online.

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Hill Country Picnic this weekend

The annual two-day North Mississippi Hill Country Picnic featuring local and regional acts playing the hill country blues will be held Friday and Saturday at the event site near the intersection of Highway 7 and Highway 310 about halfway between Oxford and Holly Springs.

The popular event, which also includes harmonic and guitar workshops today, will open at 3 p.m. Friday and close at midnight on Saturday.

Included in the lineup of performers for this weekend are The Hill Country Funk, Rosie and Jamey Posie, the South Memphis String Band, Bill Steber and Friends, Tate Moore, Rocket 88, Blue Mother Tupelo, John Nemeth, Jimbo Mathus, the David Kimbrough Band, the Duwayne Burnside Band, John McDowell, R.L. Boyce, Blues Doctors, Solar Porch, Little Joe Ayers, Rev. John Wilkins, Bill Abel, Cary Hudson, Eric Deaton Rising Star Drum and Fire Band, the Garry Burnside Band, Alvin Youngblood Hart's Muscle Theory,

the Kenny Brown Band and North Mississippi Allstars.

Coolers are allowed in the picnic ground (for a \$10 fee per cooler). Guests are free to pack whatever food and beverage they would for the picnic experience as long as it's not in glass. Coolers are inspected at the gate when you check in. Any glass found will be confiscated. Please pack your liquids in plastic bottles or bring cans. Ice is sold on the picnic grounds. Select food vendors will be on site selling items like barbecue and catfish.

An artist's village is set up on site, while there is also a raffle with an eclectic assortment of goods donated. Raffle tickets are sold at the raffle booth on Friday and Saturday only. Items are raffled off beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday via the main stage, and you must be present to win.

For more information about this year's event, go to nmshillcountrypicnic.com.

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