Announcements

The two most recent events added to the schedule are the Wine Tasting at Mountain Lake on Sunday May 20 and Roanoke Festival in the Park on Saturday June 2. Check the schedule at the end of the newsletter for the complete list of upcoming concerts.

Meet the Band

Meet Leda Stubbs. Leda has been playing flute in the band for 11 years (since 1989!!). She also sings alto in the Master Chorale. She currently works at the Blacksburg Area Library.

Meet Lance Matheson. He plays the clarinet in the band and has been adding his unique style to the band since 1996. He has 2 boys and currently works in the Management Science & Information Technology department at Virginia Tech. In his spare time he likes to garden and spends his summers taking groups of college students to Europe! How brave!

Ed Stoddard

Ed played Baritone Saxophone in the Blacksburg Community Band from around 1993 to 1999. He was also active in the Old Pros for a number of years. Ed was a native of Boston, Massachusetts, who also spent time in Portland, Maine. He majored in Chemical Engineering at the University of Maine in Portland. Ed played saxophone professionally for 15 years during the 1940’s and 1950’s. He then resumed his career as a Chemical Engineer. He retired some years ago in Blacksburg and, later, moved to Christiansburg, VA. Ed died at age 73 on March 1, 2001 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife Pat, son James, and daughter Jil. Ed has been buried in North Carolina where his son James resides. His wife Pat has moved down to the same area.

Ed – you will be missed. Karl
Upcoming Events

They’re Playing our Song is being performed Saturday March 24 at 8pm. This is a Neil Simon musical depicting the relationship between a witty lyricist and a wisecracking, neurotic composer starring Erin Moran (Joanie from Happy Days). Preston Hall, Radford, Tickets $12 Adults, $8 Children, 831-5265, www.Radford.edu/~cvpa/ruarts.html.

Once Upon A Mattress will be presented by State Your Name Theatre Company on March 26-31. This Rodgers and Hammerstein musical comedy will be performed in Squires Haymarket Theatre on the VA Tech campus. Tickets are $5 for students/children and $7 general public and are on sale at the UUSA Ticket Office in Squires. All shows at 8pm, except Sat. March 31 at 7pm. 540-231-5615.

Rising Stars in Concert by Opera Roanoke will be held Saturday and Sunday March 24-25 at 8pm. This performance will feature 5 talented young singers who show great operatic promise. Squires Recital Salon, 231-5615, www.sota.vt.edu

Cinderella will be performed on Thursday March 29 at 7:30pm. The Virginia Opera brings together music, dance, and drama in this classic fable for audiences of all ages. Lyric Theatre. Tickets $10.50, 951-4771, www.thelyric.com

Much Ado About Nothing will be performed Wed-Sun March 21 – April 8. This performance of William Shakespeare’s battle of wits between bickering lovers is cheerfully antic. Mill Mountain Theatre, Tickets $16-$30, 341-5740, www.millmountain.org.

Arsenic and Old Lace will be presented by the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville March 1-April 1. Shows are Thursday (dinner 6pm, show 8pm, $17), Friday & Saturday (dinner 6pm, show 8pm, $22), and Sunday (lunch 1pm, show 2pm, $17). Dinner additional $18. 223-0891; www.wohlfahrthaus.com/

SCHEDULE

During the spring, the band meets from 7:30-9:30 in the Blacksburg High School Band Hall. Sometimes particular instruments will meet from 7:00-7:30. The band is currently practicing for the spring concert.

Upcoming Concerts:
Spring Concert, April 21, 7:30
Mountain Lake Wine Tasting, May 20
XYZ, Blacksburg Methodist, May 24, 7:00
Roanoke Festival in the Park, June 2

Peninsula Community Band, Yorktown, July 1
Fourth of July - Radford, July 3
Fourth of July - Blacksburg, July 4
Oak Grove Pavilion - Floyd, July 7

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