



January 2010

UCAA NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

Summary of Newsletter January Events.

- Attention UCAA Members - - - As a member of UCAA you are entitled to a page on the UCAA website. If you have not done so, please send photos (preferably in a jpg file) and a short bio to uppercumberlandartalliance@yahoo.com or mail them to P O Box 417, Byrdstown, TN 38549
- UCAA will continue adding artisans to the Cultural Inventory database - - More details inside.
- Granville's "Wintergrass". Sutton Store's January schedule details inside.
- UCAA has hired Dr. Shawn Pitts as a consultant to work with us. Dr Pitts will do an analysis to find UCAA strengths, weakness, opportunities, and help define a 5 year plan. PLEASE SEE INSIDE THE NEWSLETTER A LISTING OF WHAT WE NEED FROM EVERY MEMBER. Your comments, viewpoints, opinions, and criticisms are appreciated!
- Paul Todd's reception at Cumberland Arts Society.
- <http://tn4arts.org/> -AKA TFTA. This web site tells how arts in Tennessee are funded. More details inside

UCAA is a regional organization so we are reaching out to all 14-counties of the Upper Cumberland to gather and distribute information to our readers. In order to help us in this endeavor, please send your information about your festival or any activity in your area to uppercumberlandartalliance@yahoo.com.

- It is time to renew your membership! (If you paid your membership after October 1, 2009 you are paid up until Jan 1, 2011)

Send membership dues to address at the end of this e-mail



Cultural Inventory

UCAA continues to collect artisan names and information for the Cultural Inventory database - - -Please help in keeping us aware of artisans that are not listed - - - If you have not sent a jpg file for the slideshow please do so. Send the files to uppercumberlandartalliance@yahoo.com. Mail photos to the address at the end of this e-mail. The EXCEL database is on the UCAA web site and can be downloaded.

Granville's January Schedule

Sutton Ole Time Music Hour will celebrate "Winter Grass" during the month of January with great new bluegrass bands and a real special deal on the dinners at \$10.00. The meals will feature some of " Mammy's Best Country Cooking".

The January Schedule is as follows:

January 2nd-Featuring Tennessee Refuges Bluegrass Band-
Dinner Kraut Wieners, Stewed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Fried Apples, Corn Bread, Buttermilk Pie

January 9th- Featuring Marty Lanham & Dixie Cafe Band-
Dinner Meatloaf, Pinto Beans, Marconi & Cheese, Cabbage, Cornbread, Cobbler

January 16th- Featuring The Rigneys- Dinner Chicken
Dumplings, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Fried Corn, Corn Bread, Chocolate Chess Pie

January 23rd- Featuring Michael Feghan & Mountain String
Band- Dinner Granville Hush Puppie Dinner with Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Fried Apples and Apple Dumpling

January 30th-Featuring Sydni Perry-Dinner Chicken Casserole,
Green Beans, Fried Corn, Potatoes, Roles, Cobbler

Spread the word about Winter Grass- Great Bands, Great Food and Great Price!

You are invited to an exhibit of Artistry in Wood

by Paul Todd

Where: Cumberland Art Society Backdoor Gallery
186A Walnut St. Cookeville, Tenn

When: 01/03/10 to 01/31/10

Gallery open: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 - 4:00, Sun. 1:00 -
4:00

Reception on 01/03/10 from 1:00 to 4:00

UCAA members and interested artisans/art advocates

Please think about the following statements and let the board
know how we can accomplish or change what is needed!

As a member of UCAA, please make a list of where you think
that UCAA should place their time and energy.

Think how UCAA could help you!

Think how UCAA can help your community - -

Think how and with whom UCAA can partner and make
difference in the arts.

Please read and be familiar with UCAA's history

Know the current mission of UCAA - - -

Should the UCAA mission be changed? If so, why
and how?

How important are heritage arts ??????????

TENNESSEE STATE ARTS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION

<http://tn4arts.org/> AKA TFTA

10 Top Reasons Why You and Your Organization Should Join TFTA

1. THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!
2. TFTA enables you to be in sync with your colleagues across the state in spreading a consistent message.
3. TFTA brings the art community together at times when the voice of the arts in Tennessee needs to be heard.
4. TFTA offers resources and guidance to help you in your localized advocacy efforts.
5. TFTA's advocacy leadership can work for you and your organization.
6. TFTA works at the state level to preserve and increase funding to the Tennessee Arts Commission. That translates into more grant funds available for the arts in your community.
7. TFTA works at the federal level to keep the Tennessee delegation abreast of the state of the arts in Tennessee.
8. TFTA provides a crucial visibility within the state legislature.
9. TFTA's growing membership means greater influence with elected officials.
10. TFTA knows the power of collective action and puts it to use.

As the State's leading arts advocacy organization, *Tennesseans for the Arts* presents a strong, unified voice in support of artists, arts educators, arts organizations and friends and supporters of the arts throughout Tennessee. Your membership helps strengthen the voice for the arts in Tennessee, and is vital to our continued success.

It is an important time for *Tennesseans for the Arts*, as our efforts rapidly move to new levels. Our membership is growing, our leadership is expanding and our voice for the arts grows louder. More than ever, *Tennesseans for the Arts* is engaging state and local officials in communicating the value of the arts, promoting legislation and issues important to the arts, and working to preserve and increase funding for the arts. Our Legislative Arts Caucus continues to gain new members, giving the arts an unprecedented and vital presence in the state legislature.

It is an exciting time for the arts in Tennessee as *Tennesseans for the Arts* builds on its current foundation. In order for us to continue on this path of growth, we hope you will join us in speaking up for the arts in Tennessee by joining *Tennesseans for the Arts*.

Join today! There is strength in numbers, and your membership makes a difference.

Specialty License Plates - - - means money directly to the arts!

The State of Tennessee offers more than 90 specialty license plates for Tennessee motorists to display on their registered motor vehicles. These plates represent colleges and universities, branches of the military, special interest organizations, professional organizations and other topics. Most of these plates are readily available at your local county clerk's office. However, you may want to verify such availability before traveling to the clerk's office.

IMPORTANT-PLEASE NOTE: Making any specialty plate personalized increases the fees for that plate by an additional \$70. When placing an initial order for a personalized specialty plate, you must complete the [Application for Tennessee Personalized License Plate](#) and send it to the Taxpayer and Vehicle Services Division with the \$70 fee indicated on the application. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR RENEWAL NOTICE OR REGULAR FEE WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

Renewing a personalized plate should always be completed at your [county clerk's office](#), at which time the entire amount of the registration plus specialty/personalized fees can be paid.

Please note that future specialty plates will appear on the Web site as they are approved by the state legislature.

Be sure to visit the website at:

www.uppercumberlandartsalliance.com

UCAA can be contacted via e-mail at uppercumberlandartalliance@yahoo.com or phone 931-265-0338 or at P.O. Box 417, Byrdstown, TN 38549. *(Please note the difference in our e-mail address and website address- - there is no (s) in the word art in our e-mail address but there is an (s) in the word arts in our website address)*