



Greetings from RVCC

We have a new front yard now, thanks to the VDOT workers who removed the remains of the storm-damaged trees along the road. **Eleanor Amidon**, a dedicated member and volunteer, was first on the job and raked the grassy area clean. The remaining debris has also been cleared away, so it's looking pretty good. We lost some nice shade trees, but perhaps the grass will now grow better along the road.

There is also a new picnic table on the west side of the building, thanks to **Henri Weems**. Henri scavenged the picnic table from Lake Monocan's discards, knowing that with a little work the table could benefit RVCC for many years. Four new legs, a little reinforcement, and some flipped bench and table boards made it almost as good as new. It just needs a fresh coat of paint to make it even better. Feel free to come by and enjoy the shade. The table is also doing a good job of keeping cars off the tree roots.

On Saturday, August 18 a group of 20 incoming freshmen students from **Mary Washington** will be spending the morning at RVCC, painting the exterior of the thrift store. To finish the job, **APO service fraternity from the University of Virginia** will be coming on September 1. In order to make good use of their time and keep everyone safe we need 3 volunteers to be supervisors on each of those days. If you would like to help with this important project please let us know. These workdays can be really fun, rewarding and productive, especially when organized properly.

Thanks for your continued support of RVCC.

Gifford Childs
President, RVCC Board

Broadband News

A couple of RVCC members have attended the Board of Supervisors meeting regarding the laying of the fiber optic line for broadband internet service up Route 151, and the location of cell towers for wireless connection. Unfortunately, RVCC is not included as an anchor site for receiving the wiring (for budgetary reasons, we are told). The cost of \$32,000 seems minor in a \$2.4 million budget. The Nelson Center is the only community center receiving wiring.



We think that the 15 RVCC tenants, most of whom could be considered small businesses, and the public internet access that RVCC could provide certainly qualifies us as an anchor site. Look for more information about a possible meeting on this topic in the fall. If you have comments or would like to join the "interest group," please let us know at rockfishcc@gmail.com.

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COMING EVENTS AT RVCC

- » **Rosalba Valentino Art Reception** |
August 3 | 5:30-7:30 pm
- » **Pancake Breakfast** |
August 4 | 8:30-10:30 am
Members get a discount!
- » **Thrift Store Bag Day** |
August 4 | 9 - 4
*Fill a bag with all the clothes that fit for \$10!
(Members discount.)*
- » **Hamner productions:**
 - Aug 10-11 | Agate Hill to Appomattox
 - Aug. 18-Sept 16 | A Midsommer Nights Dream
 - Aug. 20 : Improv Garage

August Art Exhibit: Rosalba Valentino | Fiber Arts

Rosalba Valentino specializes in unique couture that elevates the concept of clothing into individual pieces of art. She has been creating and selling pieces using a wide range of media, often incorporating vintage textiles, buttons and found baubles in her intricate, detailed wearable art.

The show will feature both fashion sketches and unique couture by Rosalba Valentino Designs, and will also give people a wider view of how fabric and clothing are intertwined in our psyches and ideas about ourselves, even as, daily, we may take little notice.



Rose also hopes people will think about their power of choice in relation to clothing consumption. “My goal,” she says, “is to emphasize the idea of dressing as a means of personal expression, a celebration of our bodies and abilities. Mass produced clothing often feels very stale, and has no backstory. I work with fabric and the art of sewing as a way to transmit one’s inner world to the outer world and vice versa. The materials become a “second skin”, a silent but often more powerful visual cue about the emotions and mood of the wearer. Colors, shapes, and combinations of materials have strong subconscious impacts on a viewer and I play with these to create emotional narratives. Because these pieces are wearable, I am often creating with mythologies and archetypal images in

mind so that a wearer might express their inner psyche and outer image in harmony. The materials I use are the main informants of how I get started creatively. Not only is a piece of fabric transmitting descriptively through its colors and patterns; it may also transport us to another era or event in history, thus carrying with it a whole host of feelings both individual and collective. This is the power of dress, and my fascination with how much significance it can express in just a suggestion.”

Rosalba Valentino art reception:

Friday, August 3 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | Conference Room Gallery & Auditorium
Open to the public | Refreshments served

For more information, call RVCC office at 434.361.0100

For those who missed the July Cosmic Visions Reception... **Trudi Goodwin’s** paintings will be on display in the Auditorium until the end of August.

September Art Exhibit: Nancy Lauler | Reception: September 22

If you are interested in exhibiting at RVCC, please contact the RVCC office (434-361-0100 or rockfishcc@gmail.com) and leave your contact information.



Got a functional, post-1980 sewing machine gathering dust in your closet? Please consider donating your gently-used sewing machine to Rosalba Valentino Designs for an after-school sewing class starting this fall. Contact Rose at rvc.couture@gmail.com or 434-906-0668.

New CORE Class:

September 6: CORE Silver & Gold class begins | Thursdays at 10:30 am

Not ready to RETIRE those aerobic shoes? Core Silver & Gold is a “softer” version of Core Fit. Fee: \$38/month or \$13 walk-in. Plus! The first 5 to register gets 50% off the class!!

To register, contact instructor Karen Walker-Cooke at kwcooke@earthlink.net. For a full list of Core Fitness Synergy, Yoga, Zumba, and Tae Kwon Do classes offered at RVCC, visit www.rockfishcc.org.

WHO ARE OUR TENANTS?

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 The Hamner Theater
 John Helfrick
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 Rose Valentino*

WHO ARE OUR TEACHERS?

*Sara Pope Agelasto
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Volunteer Appreciation Party | September 8

To celebrate the completion of the **Ceiling Renovation and Painting of the Auditorium**, and the incredible volunteer energy that went into it, RVCC is having a party on Saturday, September 8, starting at 6:30 pm. Local musicians in the **Central Virginia Blues Society** bands will be entertaining



us with their fine sounds. We will provide chicken barbeque sandwiches and ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to round out the meal. Beer and wine will be for sale. RVCC members are invited, and especially the volunteers who helped tear down the ceiling, scrape, paint, clean, haul, and whatever else it took to get the work done. **Let's celebrate!**

To help us get a count for food and beverage, please RSVP to rockfishcc@gmail.com to let us know how many of you are coming.



Coffee House Music Series Returns September 21 | 7 pm

We kick off the fall Coffee House Music Series with the beloved father-daughter duo **Pete and Lindsey Osborne**. Pete and Lindsey are each powerful songwriters, skilled in the subtle, delicate crafts of melody and composition, but the real magic lies in how they draw you in with sweet imagery and feeling ... and then floor you with their razor-sharp sense of humor. A typical set ranges from ballads and folk covers to original material featuring flute and guitar pairings.



SAVE THE DATE: Rockfish Nights 2012 | November 10

Mark your calendar for RVCC's annual fundraising gala and silent auction. This year's band, the **Acme Swing Mfg. Co. Band**, will excite you to kick up your heels and dance!

We are recruiting volunteers to help with the auction and other aspects of the event. Please contact **RVCC** or **Sarah Jane Stewart** at sarahjane@sjstewartconsulting.com if you can help.



WHO'S OUR TEAM?

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Summer is Sizzingly at the Thrift Store!

What a busy July! This month there were some exciting bargains scored: a \$200 zero gravity leather recliner, a child's puppet theater, a skirt from designer Betsy Johnson and a vintage thermos by Stanley. Thanks to great donations and all of our dedicated volunteers, we are on pace to achieve our 2012 goal of \$72,000 in gross sales.

We have a new volunteer, 14 year old **Zaynab**. She has been a great help in developing our clothing and teen departments.

Stop by and check out our growing furniture department!

Hamner Happenings

Cool events for a Hot August at the Hamner Theater ...

- » Coming August 10 and 11 - **Barbara Bates Smith and Jeff Sebens** return with **Agate Hill to Appomattox**. | This duo returns to the Hamner with the narratives of three standout authors: **Lee Smith, Ron Rash and Allan Gurganus**, woven into a zesty, bold and gripping Civil War tapestry. (Ron Rash's *Serena* is currently filming in Hollywood.) Doors at 7pm, curtain at 7:30. Tickets are \$10 and may be reserved by calling 434-361-1999. Visit the Hamner [website](#) for more information or Ms. Smith's [website](#).
- » Coming August 18 and running through September 16, the inaugural: **Hamner Theater Shakespeare Winery Tour: A Midsummer Night's Dream**.
The Hamner Theater is proud to announce its inaugural tour of local wineries for five weekend performances of Shakespeare's comedy **A Midsummer Night's Dream**.
Gates open an hour before curtain at each venue; tickets are \$10 at the gate (children 10 and under are \$5) and are first come, first served, no reservations necessary. Chairs available at Del Fosse, Pollak, or Glasshouse ... or bring your own. Bring a blanket and a picnic ... and bring bug spray! Please DO NOT bring any outside alcoholic beverages! Wine will be available before and during the performance at each winery! Questions? Call 434-361-1999 and we will do our best to answer them!
- » Coming Wednesday, August 20 - Another **IMPROV GARAGE!!!** Doors at 7 pm and the show starts shortly thereafter. This event is free and fun for all - don't be shy, come out and tickle your funnybone.

As the summer winds down, the Hamner winds up - come pass an evening with us!

For more information, visit www.thehamnertheater.com.



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at the Rockfish Valley Community Center ...
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