



the Rockfish Reader

All the News from RVCC



November 2012

Greetings From RVCC!

From Executive Director Stu Mills:

Please don't tell me it's been a month already.

There has been so much to learn, so many people to meet, and so much happening here that October was a total blur.

And that's just the way I like it.

First, thanks to you all for the wonderful, warm welcome and encouragement. I wake up every morning determined to earn your continued enthusiasm, and to garner the support of those who have been watching from the sidelines.

Now to tackle November, which promises to be even busier.

We look forward to Saturday's pancake breakfast, the always-hopping Bag Day at the TC, and the first **Winter Market** of the year. I think this'll be the first year that I'll have all my Christmas shopping done by November 3rd! You can read more about the Market on page 3.

Also with this November edition of the *Rockfish Reader*, we're very excited to announce the launch of "**Floor Us!**" - our campaign to rejuvenate the beautiful maple floors throughout the building. Every day that I walk through the foyer and into the auditorium I envision these historic floors as they will be when they are revived, putting the golden, finishing touch on our interior renovations. In a word, they will be spectacular - particularly in the auditorium - and will transform this grand space from a gymnasium into a ballroom. It's a big undertaking, but we've got a great start with dedicated gifts of \$2,000 already, and I hope you'll join me in "buying" a stake in the renaissance. Read how you can buy yours in the announcement on page 2.

And of course, then there's the night I'm looking forward to most - **Rockfish Nights!** I hope you've all cleared your calendars to join us next Saturday the 10th. for a great silent auction, some hometown libations, a delicious and creative meal and some non-stop dancing (I haven't set foot on a dance floor since the Bistro 151 days almost 10 years ago, but they say it's like riding a bike...) There's still time to make your reservations, but not much - we need to have a nose count for dinners by this weekend! Dance-only tickets will still be available up to the 10th, though. See the reminder on page 2 and click on the reservations link to save your place - or reserve an entire table for 8!

And as if that isn't enough to keep us all busy this month, November will see the launch of the **2013 Membership Drive!** Next year is going to be transformational here - and we want you to be a part of it. You can sign up or re-up on the website, or better yet drop by to do it in person. And we hope you'll help us get the word out to your friends and neighbors that the RVCC membership card is proof that you care about Community - and that you know where it happens.

Excelsior!

Stu Mills | Executive Director, RVCC

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COMING EVENTS AT RVCC

11/3: Winter Market

11/3: Pancake Breakfast & TC Bag Day

11/9 & 10: 18th Annual Artisan Tour

11/10:

Rockfish Nights

12/1: Holiday Wreath Exhibit

12/14: Coffee House Music: Virginia Schweninger Harp Concert

Get Your Tickets for Rockfish Nights by November 4!

ROCKFISH NIGHTS

November 10, 2012 | Tickets On Sale Now!

Please join us at RVCC's annual fundraising gala! **Eat, bid, and dance** the night away with dinner by **The Invisible Chef**, the **RVCC Silent Auction**, and jazz/swing dance music by **Acme Swing Manufacturing Company**.

Tickets are available [on our website](#), at the **RVCC office**, the **Treasure Chest**, and **Basic Necessities**.

In order to get an accurate head-count for the caterer, we need to have advance ticket sales in by **Sunday, November 4**. Tickets are going fast—don't miss out!

We're still accepting last-minute donations for the Silent Auction. The auction is a great way for businesses to advertise their products, and donations to RVCC are tax-deductible. Please contact **Mary Cunningham** at 540-456-8316 or msc@ntelos.net by **Saturday, November 3** if you have something you'd like to donate.

Rockfish Nights

Auction begins at 5:30pm | Dinner at 7:15pm | Music & Dancing at 8:00pm

Full ticket (admit one) for auction, dinner & dance: \$40 | Dance only (admission at 8pm): \$20

We Invite you to...



Immortalize yourself, your family or your group by "buying" a piece of RVCC!

The campaign to raise the funds to refinish the beautiful wooden floors in the foyer, the auditorium, the stage and the hallways is underway – and with two major donations to kick us off, we're 20% of the way to our goal of \$10,000!

Here's how it works –

- ◆ **Any donation of \$100** or more will "stake your claim" to a piece of the floor, and your stake will be permanently displayed on our RVCC floor plan in the Conference Room Lobby.
- ◆ Minimum donations of \$100 will buy you 50 square feet of the auditorium – a perfect size for your reserved table at the next Rockfish Nights! Want more floor? You can buy more in increments of 25 square feet at \$50 each. Families, churches, businesses or others are welcome to contribute as a group – just let us know the name of your team.
- ◆ **Are you a kegler?** \$280 will buy you one of 10 "lanes" in the "bowling alleys" –the long hallways on either side of the stage
- ◆ **Want to be the RVCC "Greeter?"** \$450 will buy you the foyer
- ◆ **Have dreams of stardom?** \$550 will buy you one-third of the stage – Stage Left, Stage Right or Center Stage – or you can have the stage to yourself for the discounted price of \$1,600!

"Floor Us!" donations may be made on the website – rockfishcc.org – by clicking "Donations." Be sure to designate the contribution as being for the "Floor Us!" campaign under "Comments", as this is a dedicated and restricted asset fund.

Donations will also be taken at **Rockfish Nights** – just fill out a donation form at the display at the Silent Auction and hand it in with your other purchases as you check out.

Or, of course, we'd love to have you stop by the office to make your donation in person!

WHO ARE OUR TENANTS?

[Alexander Driving School](#)

[Carol De La Herran: Reiki](#)

[Claudia Gibson Catering](#)

[Susan Gorman: Derby Vixen](#)

[Habitat for Humanity](#)

[John Helfrick: Afton Laser Arts](#)

[Sallie Justice: Life Coaching](#)

[Cathy Kiehl: Art Therapy](#)

[David Lipscomb: Virginia Rock Shop](#)

[K Robins Designs: Symbolic Jewelry](#)

[Treasure Chest Thrift Store](#)

[Rosalba Valentino Designs](#)

[Karen Walker-Cooke Core Fitness Synergy](#)

Cork Recycling



Do you have corks that you are saving to recycle? Bring them to RVCC and we'll recycle them for you and donate the proceeds to the Center! Phil Hearne has offered to take these directly to the cork recycling co. in Maryland and donate the money to RVCC. So bring those corks to the front foyer!

Treasure Chest

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday

10am-4pm

Saturday

9am-4pm

(434) 361-0103

rvccthriftstore@gmail.com

Christmas Tree Sales



RVCC opens our annual **Christmas Tree Sale** on November 24!

These freshly-cut North Carolina **Fraser Firs**, prized for their shape, beauty and longevity, will be available Saturdays from 9:00am-1:00pm in the tree lot. They'll also be available for sale through the Treasure Chest.

Christmas Tree prices start at \$40. RVCC Members get a \$5 discount!

December Art Exhibit: Holiday Wreaths

CALLING ALL WREATH MAKERS!

The Art Committee at the Rockfish Valley Community Center invites you to submit a hand-made or hand-decorated wreath to be exhibited in our main hall for the month of December, 2012. Traditional and non-traditional wreaths are welcome. You can use the wreath form to express a hobby, sport, activity, favorite poem, etc.

Requirements for exhibiting wreaths:

- ◆ Natural and other materials are fine.
- ◆ Every wreath **MUST** have a tag on it indicating the maker's name, phone number and email address (if you have one). If you want your wreath to be for sale, please write the price on your tag.
- ◆ Deliver your wreath to the main office at RVCC during the last week of November (Nov.26 - 30), between 9 AM - 5 PM. The Art Committee will hang the wreaths.

If you wish, you may include a description of your inspiration or design on the tag or on a card to be displayed with your wreath.

If you have any questions please contact Sue Chase at: 540 456-8176 or schase@cstone.net.



Sixth Annual Winter Market Season begins!

The Sixth Annual Community Market season begins on Saturday, November 3rd! Indoor Winter Markets feature local produce, meats, cheeses, jams, baked goods, plants, greenery, art and crafts.

The markets run 9:00am-noon on the first Saturday of the month and each market coincides with **RVCC's Pancake Breakfast**.

2012 Winter Markets

November 3

December 1 *(with live music by Rockfish Gap)*

2013 Winter Markets

February 2 *(with live music by the Warmed Over Boys)*

March 2 | April 6

For more information, contact Donna Kincaid at mountainvision@earthlink.net.



WHO ARE OUR TEACHERS?

Yoga

Martina Compton | Sandra Pleasants | Brian Webb | Karen Walker-Cooke

Fitness & Zumba

Karen Walker-Cooke | Heidi Davis

Driver Training

Leslie Alexander

Life Coaching

Sallie Justice

Weight Watchers

Karen Asher

Sewing Instruction

Rosalba Valentino

Zero Balancing

Elizabeth Martin

For a full class schedule, visit www.rockfishcc.org



Electronics Recycling

Do you have broken electronics like these lying around?

- ◆ inkjet cartridges
- ◆ laser toners
- ◆ digital cameras
- ◆ iPods and other MP3 players
- ◆ Calculators
- ◆ Laptops
- ◆ GPS devices
- ◆ cell phones

You can recycle them and donate the proceeds to the Center! Just put them in the box in the front foyer, and the Funding Factory will recycle them.

The 18th Annual Artisan Tour returns to RVCC!



RVCC is proud to be a destination in the 18th Annual Artisan Tour. K Robins Designs, Rosalba Valentino Designs, Karen Walker-Cooke's Core Synergy Fitness Studio and Cathy Kiehl's Art Therapy Studio will hold an open house the weekend of November 10 & 11 to welcome visitors from the Artisan Tour. Food will be available from Claudia Gibson Catering and Leila Nelson's TableNosh. For more information about the tour, visit www.artisanstudiotour.com.

K Robins Designs has just released a new piece!

This is **Equality**, the first in a series of collaborations between K Robins and budding designers. The inspiration for **Equality** came from Linda Haecker, and the piece is dedicated to the vision that no one should be subjected to differential or discriminatory treatment because of race, gender, sexual orientation or religion.



Equality

*"We were all born Equal
Equally innocent
Equally loving
Equally filled with wonder
And a hunger for the adventure
That is life."*

Equality is now available at www.krobinsdesigns.com.

Upcoming Events at RVCC

11/3: First Saturday! Winter Market, Pancake Breakfast, Bag Day at the Treasure Chest. Breakfast open 8:30am-10:30am, Market opens at 9am.

11/3: Dulcimer Workshop with Dinah Ansley.

To register, contact Dinah at dulcimerdinah@nelsoncable.com.

11/10: Rockfish Nights: ACME Swing Mfg Co, Dinner by the Invisible Chef, & Silent Auction.

11/15: Eden Energy Medicine Workshop with Octavia Allis.

To register, contact Octavia at 434-996-3199.

12/14: Coffee House Music Series: Harps of Gold Concert directed by Virginia Schweninger

Ongoing:

New **Core Fusion** class with Karen Walker-Cooke: Thursdays at 4:30pm

Plus QiGong, Zero Balancing, Yoga, Life Coaching, Sewing Instruction, Zumba, Tae Kwon Do & more!

For a full schedule of workshops and classes, visit www.rockfishcc.org.

Please update your address books! Our new email is rockfishcc@gmail.com

www.rockfishcc.org

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WHO'S OUR TEAM?

RVCC Board of Directors 2012-2013

President

Gifford Childs

Vice President

Sarah Jane Stewart

Treasurer

Bob Kinney

Sue Chase

Chuck Kiehl

Cheryl Klueh

Bill Perrelli

Bob Yoder

Rob Cooke

RVCC Staff

Executive Director

G. Stuart Mills

Operations Manager

Sara Taylor

Treasure Chest

Interim Manager

Betsy Greenleaf

Assistant Manager

Eleanor Massie

Check out our **NEW**
[facebook page!](#)



Volunteers and members needed!

We invite you to join us at the Rockfish Valley Community Center...

Where Community Happens!