



the Rockfish Reader

All the News from RVCC



October 2012

Greetings From RVCC!

New Executive Director On Board

The RVCC Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of **G. Stuart Mills** to the newly-created position of Executive Director, effective October 1, 2012. Stu is familiar to many of us, having been co-owner of Bistro 151 in the Valley Green Center in Nellysford for seven years. Since selling the business in early 2003, he served as the Executive Director of the non-profit Northwestern Virginia Health Systems Agency, Inc. in Charlottesville, and more recently, the principal of Mills Health Care Consulting in Roseland.



In addition to sharing Center management duties with Operations Manager, Sara Taylor, Stu will focus his efforts largely on the long-term growth and sustainability of RVCC, with the goal of developing the financial resources for building improvements and program expansion.

"I'm excited and honored to have been selected by the Board to lead RVCC in the fulfillment of its mission," Stu said upon his appointment at the September 18th meeting of the Board of Directors. "I'm very anxious to work with the Board in refining and sequencing our short and long-term goals, and to get busy developing the resources we need to meet them."

Stu's success at leading a non-profit organization, his strong local business experience and his familiarity with Nelson County make him an ideal choice for the role of Executive Director. With Stu and Sara leading RVCC, your community center is well positioned for a successful future. Please feel free to drop by the office to introduce yourself.

Thanks for your continued support of RVCC.

Gifford Childs
President, RVCC Board

Broadband News

The **Nelson County Broadband Authority** will meet on **Thursday, October 25th at 6pm** in the Board Room at the Courthouse in Lovingston. This is an opportunity to get an update on the county broadband project, which is of great concern to many in the county.

A meeting at RVCC is still in the works, depending upon a contract with a service provider and a suitable date with the two area supervisors and the County Administrator. If you would like to join the internet "interest group," please let us know at rockfishcc@gmail.com.

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COMING EVENTS AT RVCC

10/6: Pancake Breakfast & TC Bag Day

10/19: Coffee House Music Series: Thomas Gunn

10/20: October Art Exhibit | 2nd Annual Seniors "Painting Without Numbers"

10/27: Giving Hope Foundation Murder Mystery

11/10:

Rockfish Nights



10/19: Coffee House Music Series

London-born **Thomas Gunn** was raised in Europe. He is a graduate of the internationally renowned Berklee College of Music in Boston, with a degree in film scoring. Gunn's composition "Mothers in Motels" was nominated for a prestigious Hatch Award in 1994.

Thomas Gunn is a remarkable musician, creating a certain shine in any project he chooses to pursue. As a solo performer, he crafts beautiful, precise songs that grow from roots in folk music and stretch upward through Americana, country, and perhaps the slightest suggestion of pop. He has performed as a bass player in a Hank Williams band for the Live Arts production of Lost Highway, and regularly collaborates with some of Central Virginia's most talented performers.

Wine, beer, soda & snacks will be available.

Listen to Thomas's music at www.thomasgunnmusic.com.

Friday October 19 | 7pm

\$7 Adults | \$5 ages 12-18 | Under 12 get in free



10/20: Senior Art Exhibit | Painting Without Numbers



The second annual seniors' art exhibit "Painting Without Numbers" will be on display in the Conference Room beginning October 20. This exhibit features collaborative paintings resulting from Cathy Kiehl's art therapy work with members of a creative expression group at the JABA Senior Center in Lovingston. The scope of these paintings is remarkable, considering that many of the artists have never held a paintbrush before. Come see that it is never too late to learn something new, and meet the talented seniors from our community.

Painting By Numbers Reception | Saturday October 20, in the Conference Room | 3:00-4:30pm

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

News from the Treasure Chest

Just as this issue of *The Rockfish Reader* was going to press, very sad news was delivered to us by **Lynn Mark**, Manager of the Treasure Chest. She will be trading in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Nelson County for the Ozark Mountains of Missouri at the end of this month, where she will reunite her family near Springfield.

Lynn's passion and devotion will be sorely missed by the Board, the staff and perhaps most by her customers at the Treasure Chest, to whom she has been devoted throughout her tenure as Manager. We all wish her every happiness and success as she embarks on her new venture!

RVCC will be hard-pressed to replace a leader of Lynn's stature, but will immediately begin to search for a very special person to fill her shoes. If you know of someone who would be a perfect fit, please direct them to our website to look under "Employment Opportunities" where the position description and application instructions are posted.

And please be sure to drop by the Treasure Chest to add your voice to the chorus of well-wishers!

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](#)

Art Reception

Saturday, 10/20

3:00-4:30pm

Open to the public

Refreshments served

Treasure Chest

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday

10am-4pm

Saturday

9am-4pm

(434) 361-0103

rvccthriftstore@gmail.com

October Events & Workshops at RVCC

10/6: First Saturday! Pancake Breakfast & Bag Day at the Treasure Chest. Breakfast open 8:30am-10:30am.

10/6 & 11/3: Dulcimer Workshop with Dinah Ansley.

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

10/9: FREE Life Coaching Focus Group: "Moving Forward When You Feel Held Back." Life Coaching Workshops begin 10/15.

Contact Sallie Justice at salliejusticecoaching@gmail.com.

10/10 & 24: Eden Energy Medicine Workshops with Octavia Allis.

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

10/13 & 27: QiGong Workshops with Brian Wright.

To register, contact Brian at goqigong@gmail.com.

10/27: Giving Hope Foundation Murder Mystery & Dinner.

For more information, visit www.givinghopefoundationinc.org.

Rockfish Nights is coming up fast!



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.

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.

Got a **"white elephant"** in your closet? Consider donating it to the silent auction! The auction is also a great way for businesses to advertise their products, and donations to RVCC are tax-deductible.

If you would like to donate an item or service to the silent auction, please contact **Jenny Upton** at 434-361-1417 or jennyup@cstone.net.



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

Online tickets available at www.rockfishcc.org

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.

RVCC Bids a Fond Farewell to the Hamner Theater

RVCC is saddened to announce that the Hamner Theater is moving on from their residency at our Community Center. After eight years of bringing quality performances, new plays and readings, travelling productions, and other artistic endeavors to the citizens of Nelson and the surrounding counties, the Hamner has established temporary quarters in Waynesboro.

During their time with RVCC, the Hamner Theater has been a prominent venue for the performing arts. These are just a few of the highpoints:

- ◆ They created 37 original productions of plays, 20 of which were world premiers of scripts developed at the Hamner.
- ◆ They presented 61 readings and staged readings of plays in development, written by 35 playwrights from Virginia, the U.S., and Europe.
- ◆ They offered more than 1,754 artistic opportunities to local and regional actors, designers, directors, and technicians.
- ◆ They welcomed more than 22,000 attendees to 561 performances.
- ◆ They brought in more than \$310,000 in fundraising and ticket sales from outside Nelson county.

The Hamner Theater has created countless good memories and immeasurable goodwill in our community, and we hope that you will continue to follow their progress. Their website will remain active and current.

Here's what they'll be up to this fall:

- ◆ **Stanley Ann, the Unlikely Story of Barack Obama's Mother** at the Bridge in Charlottesville, Oct. 24-26.
- ◆ **CVTA Area-Wide general Auditions** at PVCC (Piedmont VA Community College) - all actors 16 and up have the opportunity to audition for area theater companies and be part of the first ever Players' Guide for the area. Additional info and to sign up for a time - www.cvta.info.
- ◆ **Improv Mondays** will continue at Crozet Arts in the old Crozet School - 6pm, free and open to all. Call [434-361-1999](tel:434-361-1999) for info (leave a message.)

We thank the Hamner Theater for everything that they've given to our community—it's been a fabulous eight years!

The Hamner Theater's new contact information:
434-361-1999 | info@thehamnertheater.com | www.hamnertheater.com |
PO Box 754, Crozet, VA 22932

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

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Executive Director
G. Stuart Mills

Operations Manager
Sara Taylor

Treasure Chest

Manager
Lynn Mark
Assistant Manager
Eleanor Massie
Associate
Betsy Greenleaf

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facebook page!](#)



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

www.rockfishcc.org

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Volunteers and members needed!

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

Where Community Happens!