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Avery Arts Council's Summer Season in Review

LINVILLE – With the summer now at a close, the Avery Arts Council looks back fondly on its first full season in Linville, and extends a warm thanks to everyone who participated.



The Arts Council's summer activities for children began with the Scrap Exchange's visit in May. This arts organization from Durham brought packing foam, rubber bands, and a wide assortment of other would-be refuse that was incorporated in to participant's art projects for this free event. Kid's art classes were also held on the grounds: artist Mary Karam taught craft projects, and potter Joe Comeau gave kids hands-on experience with clay. Next summer, look for an expanded variety of workshops and art classes for kids at the Avery Arts Council.

This summer was also exciting because it included the well-known arts fundraiser, The Mountain Palette Gala. Although the gala took a hiatus and was not held in 2010, the charitable donors did not miss a beat. Presented at the beautiful clubhouse atop Linville Ridge Country Club, the event was herald as a success thanks to the generosity of individual sponsors and groups, not to mention the superb art and luxury goods donated to the event's silent auction. In addition to the auction, Gala guests experienced fine dining, live music (performed by WD40), and the best in mountain scenery, inside and out.

August commemorated the Arts Council's first anniversary in Linville. Occupying what was originally the meat-packing house for the Old Hampton Store, (which opened in 1921), the building has proven to be an excellent fit for the office and gallery. The spring and summer were very busy with visitors, events, and monthly exhibitions of local art. The gallery will remain open with changing exhibitions and local arts and crafts through December, weather permitting.



Although summer is at a close, there is still plenty of time to visit the Avery Arts Council in Linville. Open Wednesday through Saturday and from 12:30 to 5pm on Sunday, there is still plenty of reason to as well. Come view the current exhibitions, and shop for holiday gifts made by local craftspeople. Find out what the Arts Council has programmed this winter, and get a sneak peek at next season's program schedule, which begins in April 2012!

The Avery County Arts Council (AAC) is located at 77 Ruffin Street, Linville, NC. The AAC is a non-profit organization working to enrich the people of Avery County through meaningful arts and cultural experiences. For more than 30 years the Council has helped to support school arts programs and served as a resource for artists and the community.