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OPEN HOUSE

Penland Residents **Kathleen Campbell**, **Rick Eckerd**, and **Randy Shull** had an open house in the barns Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 6-8 p.m. Drinks and snacks were provided.

STUDIO OPEN HOUSE

Winter Studios Open House on Thursday, March 2, 5:30-7:30 in the lower clay studio. Come have some wine, conversation and a look at some of the interesting work that has been done this winter.

VISUAL NOTATION

Ann Baker will be returning on four Saturdays this spring to give her workshops in Ridgeway. Her description reads: This is a time to develop your skills in note taking, sketching, marking and drawing. Take your thoughts and concepts and translate them visually onto paper. Visual notations can be important references that grow in your journal or can be exhibited with your craft work as finished drawings in themselves. It encourages you to study your work, to be more fully aware of what you are doing from a different perspective and helps connect you to the source of your art. Come experiment and play with your ideas on paper. There is real value in the time you spend on thought and notation: "Practice off your instrument!" No skills required — everyone welcome — please bring your journal, a sketch pad or some paper, pen and/or pencils or markers. Saturdays, 10 -11:30 a.m., March 25, April 1, 15, and 22. *No charge*

PENLAND ROAD CLEAN-UP DAY - APRIL 2

Join us Sunday, April 2, for a community clean-up along Penland Road. We'll rescue from the roadside all the bottles and cans that have accumulated over the winter. It's a great way to show your support for a clean environment and maybe even win a prize for finding the most unusual piece of trash. Project coordinator is **Randy Shull**. Vehicles and trash bags provided. Meet at 12:00, after brunch, in front of the Pines. Participating community members are invited to brunch. Please call **Pat** in the office by Wednesday, March 30 to let her know if we'll need to plan on feeding you. If it is pouring, we'll have it the following Sunday.

TIMBER FRAME CONSTRUCTION - April 10-28

The timber frame class this spring at Penland will be responsible for the second construction phase of our guest house which has been designed by Architects **William Hoffman** and **Paul Cassilly**. Massive wooden timbers will be used to construct the two story building just above the bamboo grove beside the Pines. **Jeff Arvin** and **Craig Aument** will be leading the workshop, students will be helping cut the joinery, assemble the bents and raise the frame. The next phases of finishing and furnishing will also be the work of craftspeople and are yet to be planned. The project is designed to serve as a sort of "living classroom" for applied design and is funded in part by the N.C. Arts Council.

IRON SYMPOSIUM - April 20-23

A reminder that this spring Penland will be hosting "Expressive Design in Iron: A Symposium" from April 20 - 23. Moderating the symposium will be **Philip Yenawine** who is Director of Education from the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Six blacksmiths have been invited to be on the panel: **Tom Joyce**, **Brent Kington**, **Robert Owings**, **Albert Paley**, **David Petersen**, and **William Harsey**. **David Petersen**, from Wales, is also the instructor at that time for a three week session, "Creative Forging of Sculpture". We are excited about bringing these people together. Some of the questions we will be asking are: What is good design and why is it good? How do you conceive an idea and what are your considerations before heating metal? Panel members are being asked to bring their sketches, their journals or models. Attendance will be limited to about 60 people so everyone has an opportunity to meet and share ideas. During the Symposium, the Ridgeway Gallery will open with a show of iron work — mostly from artists living around Penland. Please call our office if you are interested in more details. **Elizabeth Brim Hunt** is Symposium Coordinator.

RARE AIR RETURNING - April 26

Rare Air, that wonderful multi-instrumentalist group that plays the bagpipes and other outrageous instruments, is passing through Penland on April 26 and will be giving a concert. Don't miss them!! Their roots are Celtic but also Bretonic, Scottish, Irish and African and Indian with components from jazz, funk rock and blues. The music is loud. They move about. Their music is intense, powerful and high energy. They're great and we're delighted to have a chance to hear them again. They will probably be playing about 8:00 at Ridgeway. Details will be posted in April.

PENLAND HOSTING ACC CONFERENCE IN THE FALL

This year during the break between summer and fall programs Penland will host the ACC Southeast Regional Conference, September 6 - 9. The program theme is "Encouraging the New Guard" and we expect it to be an exciting conference of hands-on workshops. Details will be announced in the Fall Brochure scheduled to be mailed in June.



Penland Residents

On the eve of VALENTINES DAY

FROLICKING ON THE ICE

Frolicking for lovers on the ice at Pine Bridge!! Everyone is invited for a pot luck supper. Cost to skate is normally \$3.50 with an additional \$2 for skate rental if you don't have your own but they will give us a special group rate of \$4.00 per person. Penland will provide drinks, the main dish, plates, cups and utensils. You should please bring a vegetable, dessert, bread or salad. Let's plan to eat around 6:30 and skate all night!!!! This is being scheduled on Monday the 13th because on Tuesday evenings the rink is reserved for the hockey teams.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

NINA WIENER DANCE COMPANY

The Toe River Arts Council will present the **Nina Wiener Dance Company** on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Heritage High School. Ms. Wiener's dance is accessible to all audiences and exciting to modern dance lovers. Marilyn Tucker of the San Francisco Chronicle feels that, "The capacity and range of Nina Wiener seems infinite. She's been called a snake charmer, and for good reason. She is quite possibly the most gifted dance choreographer to come along since Paul Taylor."

Tickets for the event are \$7.00 adults and \$4.00 for students. Call TRAC office for more information (704) 682-7215. Group discounts available. Advance tickets on sale in Spruce Pine at NCNB, Books & Treasures and Pinebridge Coliseum; in Burnsville at Needle Me This, Pollard's Drug Store, and TRAC office; and in Bakersville at Bakersville Pharmacy.

From Miss Lucy.....

"It was in August 1929

that I consider the

Penland School of

Handicrafts was born.

That was the year we

had our first outside

students."



Nina Wiener Dance Company