

ETC NEWS

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Christmas Play- Anne of Green Gables Dec 4-7, 11-13

Our Christmas play this year is the classic "Anne of Green Gables," directed by Chris Hopkins-Hile and Diane Thorp. This new dramatization captures the charm and excitement of L.M. Montgomery's enduring classic about an orphan girl, Anne Shirley, from her first encounter with her austere guardian to her thrilling graduation from Queen's Academy. The play faithfully recreates the memorable events and characters from the brilliant novel. All the tragedies and triumphs that mark Anne's growth from adolescence to early adulthood are here: her friendship with Diana, her feuds with Gilbert, her adoration of Matthew, the mistaken wine bottle, the cake disaster, the broken leg, the scholastic achievements, and the saving of Green Gables. Whether the playgoer is an "old friend" of Anne's or meeting her for the first time, this play will solidify a lasting friendship between the audience and one of literature's most unforgettable characters.

Christmas Concert Dec 14, 2 and 4 PM,
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Cumberland Community Choir is ready to provide you with a festive musical treat this year on Sunday, December 14, with concerts at 2 PM and 4 PM. St Paul's Lutheran Church will host this year's concerts.

We have the largest choir in recent years, nearly 60 singers with many new members joining us. You need to hear the power of 60 voices on several of these anthems- you will be stirred. Colleen Warner directs the Women's Chorus, Ron Ruppel the Men's Chorus, and John Westin leads the Mixed Chorus. Laura Lindquist and Marty Voshell are the accompanists.

While the concert is free, a free will offering will be taken. Please be generous if you can. ETC plows your offerings right back into scholarships. Through its 40 years of existence the Christmas Concert has provided \$15,275 in scholarships to Cumberland young people. Come and enjoy our gift of music to you as a beginning to your holiday season.

Party Party Party

You, singer, actor, artist, playgoer, dancer, director, art lover and all else, you are invited to a New Year potluck on January 4 at 5 PM in the lower level of the Cumberland Arts Center. Bring your leftovers or a dish to pass, and bring a smile. We will get a chance to thank you for a very successful 2008, but mostly it's just a chance to laugh and have fun. Y'all come, y'hear?

2008 ETC Calendar

Art Expo	Sat Nov 22, 9 AM-3 PM
Anne of Green Gables	Thur-Sun Dec 4-7 Thur-Sat Dec 11-13
Annual Christmas Concert	Sun Dec 14, 2 and 4 PM

2009 Calendar

Auditions for Cabaret	Sat Jan 10, 9-11 AM
Cumberland, Steel Magnolias	Tues Jan 13, 6-8 PM

Fiddler on the Roof

Cabaret Cumberland 9

Saturday Feb 7

**Community Ed Pottery
Classes**

**Mondays, Feb 9-Mar 16
5:30-9:30 PM**

High School Play

March 26-28

Steel Magnolias

**April 30-May 3
May 7-May 10**

Celebration of the Arts

Tourist Park, June 13

Fiddler on The Roof

June 11-14, 18-21

Drinking Habits

Rutabaga Aug 19-22

**Rehearsals Christmas Concert
Mondays**

Oct 5, following

Christmas Play TBA

1st two weekends Dec

Christmas Concert

Sun Dec13, 2 & 4 PM

**Auditions for Steel Magnolias,
Fiddler on the Roof and Cabaret Cumberland
Jan 10 and 13**

ETC will be holding auditions for the first three shows of 2009 at The Cumberland Arts Center on Saturday January 10 from 9–11 AM, and on Tuesday January 13 from 6–8 PM. Mike Clay is directing Steel Magnolias, an aptly named play about six strong Southern women. The six female parts range in age from 20–70 or so. The play will run the first two weekends in May.

Dave Evenson will be director and John Westin Musical Director for Fiddler on the Roof. This famous Broadway musical will require a village worth of actors, full chorus, male and female roles from about 8–95 years old. We need singers, of course, but there are some non-singing parts. High School men and women are welcome. Fiddler will be playing the 2nd and 3rd weeks of June, and we will try to accommodate college students who

are able to learn parts on their own. This is the biggest production we will have since Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat, and it will take a similar effort by cast and staff to make it great. We will ask you to sing a song of your choosing (bring piano score) or from Fiddler, which we will provide. Dancers also are much needed!

Jim Kerr and Catherine Tuminaro will also be auditioning musical, dance, skits or other talents for the 9th Annual Cabaret Cumberland to be held February 7. Get your act together and bring it on down.

Cumberland Public Library Holiday Auction Fundraiser

Come to Das Lach Haus Sunday December 7 from 4–6 PM for a Wine and Cheese Celebration. Enjoy a complementary glass of wine or other beverage, bid on dozens of silent and live auction items. The scooter and quilt raffle drawings will take place at 5:30. Enjoy music and friendship as we move to close the last \$65,000 for the new library project.

2008 Donations

Membership

Elaine Molls
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Sally Landstrom
Daylight Cabinet
Jerry & Billie Jean Jerome
Allan & Margaret Siemers

Benefactors \$350+

Alan & Diane Carlson

Producers \$1000+

Claire & Marge Johnson
Dennis Zappa

High Finance

The year 2008 has found the ETC Board discussing finance and bookkeeping much more than ever in the past. Part of this stems from discussions about our bylaws update, and part from the fact that we have grown in activities and finances.

Treasurer: We thank Jinnie Lietzow, a trained accountant new to our community for stepping in as treasurer in February. Jinnie was instrumental in keeping us on an even keel, and showing us better procedures. Thank you, Jinnie! Roger Thorp has now accepted the post of treasurer. Roger recently took a course in QuickBooks, and is on the job. Welcome, Roger!

Audit: In our reading of our bylaws and sample bylaws it became apparent that having an audit on occasion is prudent for a small non-profit organization. We settled on every three years, and had our first ever audit this summer. Brenda Kupferschmidt of JAK Accounting took on this task. We had two treasurers for the first 16 years, but have had four treasurers or interim treasurers in the past two years, so getting the books together was somewhat of a challenge. Brenda found no evidence of malfeasance, but she was able to make a series of recommendations to improve our accounting and accountability. It's been a pleasure working with Brenda, and we thank her for all her help.

Fiscal Year, IRS: Way back when ETC got their non-profit status it was determined that our fiscal year was July 1-June 30. ETC pretty much ignored that, which was OK when we were a small group. New laws on

reporting plus the increased budget of having three groups (Music, Visual Arts, Theater) all together has caused us to break the threshold for non-profit reporting. So Brenda is compiling our 2006 and 2007 reports to the IRS. For most of our patrons the fiscal year won't change our feel; theater season, Celebration of the Arts, concerts will go on as always. When the new bylaws take effect we won't even call your monies dues; you may give your donations of any amount when you wish. The one thing that will change is the Annual Meeting will be in July instead of January, and board terms will run by fiscal year.

Pottery Workshop

Cumberland Community Education and WITC are sponsoring a six week pottery workshop on Monday nights from February 9- March 16 from 5:30-9:30 PM. Candace Jacobs will lead this course.

This class will cover the basics of hand building with clay and quickly move to building a complete work of art for your inside or outside plants.

This is a great class for the beginner or more experienced ceramicist. There is a regular course fee plus a \$30 materials fee for clay, glaze and tool kit paid to instructor at the beginning of class. Please bring a bucket for water, a sponge for cleanup and 2 plastic garbage bags.

You may register through WITC by calling 234-7082, online at witc.edu/search or by calling the Community Education Office at 822-5121 x 446.

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ETC Directors	\$ 750+	ETC Family	\$ 50+
ETC Leaders	\$ 500+	ETC Individual	\$ 25+

We would be honored to accept memorial gifts at any level.

Christmas Art Expo

You are invited to the Christmas Art Expo and Sale from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Cumberland Arts Center. Original fine art, prints and cards, hand-crafted wood items, needlework, small quilts, jewelry and more will be for sale by members of Enrichment Through Culture. Joni Osumi will demonstrate Kona Coffee art. This is a monochrome medium in warm browns using the watercolor technique. It is simple, aromatic and fun. The lost art of Hardanger stichery will also be demonstrated. Stopping in to entertain will be Mary Hickok with the “Spirit of Christmas Carolers” who are the only professional carolers in our area. Dave Evenson will add to the festivities with a few old gospel songs. Christmas cookies, coffee and hot cider will be served. Door prizes will awarded hourly including matted and framed art. Admission is free.

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