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MARS HILL LETTER

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CHRISTMAS PARADE GREAT SUCCESS

Mars Hill's first nighttime Christmas parade was a great success, and it would not have been possible without you! We were blessed with great weather, an unbelievably huge crowd, terrific floats, vehicles, dance & walking groups, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and LIGHTS! We hope you enjoyed the parade as much as we did and are looking forward to next year. We extend a very special thanks to all the participating individuals and groups for making this a special event for our community.



Planning starts now for Christmas Parade 2023 - tentative date December 1, 2023!!

Winners of the Mars Hill Christmas Lighting Contest

The Town of Mars Hill announce the winners of the Mars Hill Christmas Lighting Contest. A selection committee conducted the official judging of residences and businesses throughout the town the evening of December 12, 2022. The committee was in awe at the number of properties that were decorated with lights to brighten the Town of Mars Hill for the holidays. There were so many great lighting displays throughout town that selecting only three winners in each category was extremely difficult.

Winners in the residential category are as follows:

- 1st Place – 562 Bailey Street
- 2nd Place – 441 Spring Drive
- 3rd Place – 953 South Main St.
- Hon. Mention – 992 Bailey St.
- Hon. Mention – 1101 N. Main St.



Winners in the business category are as follows:

- 1st Place – Mars Hill Motors – 600 Carl Eller Rd.
- 2nd Place – Quinn-Anderson Real Estate Solutions – 94 Anderson St.
- 3rd Place – Papa Nicks Takeout – 15 College St.
- Hon. Mention – Burlap Boutique – 759 Carl Eller Rd.



Special Honorable Mentions are as follows:

- Mars Hill University – Gazebo Park / Lunsford Commons
- Mars Hill Post Office

Mars Hill officials are grateful for the efforts everyone made to make this holiday season special. The town encourages residents to take some time to drive the streets of your town to view these winning properties and the many others that were so spectacularly decorated. Thank you to all those who have decorated for the holidays and know that those efforts add a special enjoyment to our community.

FIRST FRIDAYS RETURN

to Mars Hill April 7th from 5-8pm. Enjoy music, food, and fun sponsored by most Downtown businesses. Come on out and join us on Main Street and College Street on April 7th and every first Friday of the month through December.

First Fridays



LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

Contact Town Hall at (828) 689-2301 for more information or access the application at [http://www.townofmarshill.org/](http://www.townofmarshill.org) to work at the Town Pool.

MARS HILL POOL TO OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The Pool is expected to open Saturday, May 27th and operate through early August as available staffing will allow. Tentative operation hours are Monday-Saturday, noon until 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Seasonal pool passes and pool parties are available by contacting Town Hall.



NEED A SUMMER JOB?

EARN MONEY, BE A LEADER & SAVE LIVES

APPLICANTS MUST PASS THE RED CROSS CERTIFICATION COURSE

CHARITY RAY ART EXHIBITION & SALE HOSTED BY FRIENDS OF ANDERSON ROSENWALD SCHOOL

On Saturday, March 25 from noon until 4 p.m. The Friends of the Mars Hill Anderson Rosenwald School will host an exhibition and sale of Charity Ray's paintings, prints and notecards at the Mars Landing Gallery, 37 Library Street in Mars Hill. Charity was a 5th-generation resident of the Mars Hill community, a student at the Mars Hill Anderson Rosenwald School, And a noted watercolor artist.



Charity Ray

Charity's paintings and prints have become prized collectors' items. Proceeds from the sale of her artwork will be given to the Charity Ray Scholarship at Mars Hill University and Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Mountain Laurel "Ivy" by Charity Ray



FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET

Mars Hill Farmers and Artisans Market (MHFAM) takes place every Saturday April through October on College Street adjacent to the campus of Mars Hill University in downtown Mars Hill. Market Hours are 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Visit www.marshillmarket.org for more information.

NOTICE

Town Hall has received citizen complaints regarding the paving of NC 213. Be advised this is a NC DOT project, not Town. The Town has forwarded those concerns & complaints to NCDOT.

DATES OF INTEREST

April 7.....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*

April 7.....*Good Friday Holiday*

Town Offices Closed

May 5.....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*

May 6.....*MHU Spring Graduation Ceremony*

May 29.....*Memorial Day Holiday*

Town Offices Closed

Trash Pickup on Tuesday, May 30th

June 2.....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*

July 4.....*Independence Day Holiday*

Town Offices Closed

July 7....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*

MARS HILL LIBRARY NEWS

Did you succeed at our fun Adult Winter Reading Challenge Bingo? Our library has quite a selection of items for check-out as well as on-going classes and special interest groups. Chess? Yoga? Tech assistance? Book discussion? Also, the Second Chance Bookstore is a nook where you might just find an inexpensive copy of your favorite book or DVD. The Friends will soon be offering a raffle for a beautiful hand-made quilt as well as sponsoring the annual summer reading program.

SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN REPERTORY THEATRE PRESENTS 49TH SEASON

Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre is thrilled to kick off its 49th season this Spring! Their 2023 season will include...

The Azure Sky in Oz: The true stories of two women whose lives are changed by the neurodiverse. Starring MHU Theatre Arts Graduate and long-time SART company member, Amanda Ladd. Showing in rep May 18-28, 2023, alternating nights with Say Goodnight Gracie.

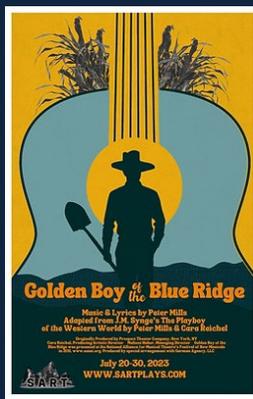
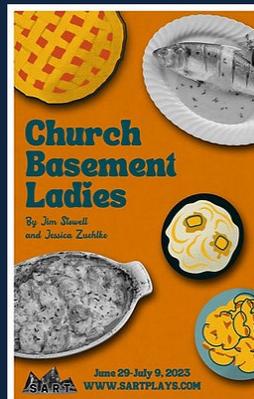
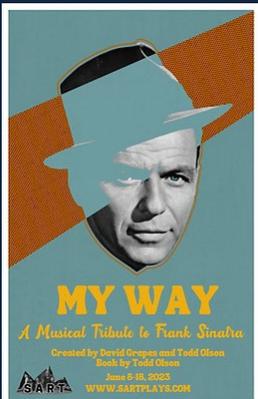
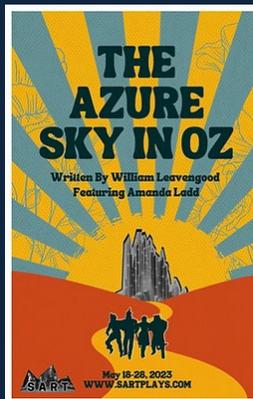
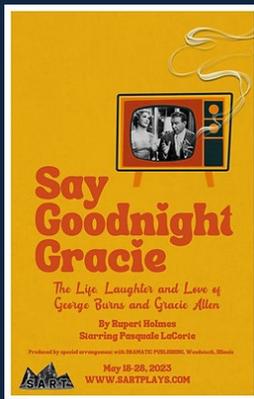
Say Goodnight Gracie: The life, laughter, and love of George Burns and Gracie Allen. The most successful one-man show in Broadway history about one of the greatest comic acts of all time. Featuring WNC favorite Pasquale LaCorte. Showing in rep May 18-28, 2023, alternating nights with The Azure Sky in Oz.

My Way: A musical tribute to Frank Sinatra. Containing a whopping 55 incredible songs from the Great American Songbook, My Way celebrates the mystique of Ol' Blue Eyes and the unforgettable music and wit that made him famous. Showing June 8-18, 2023.

Church Basement Ladies: Set in rural Minnesota in the 1960s, this show is a celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there. Featuring the return of our 2020 cast. Showing June 29-July 9, 2023.

Golden Boy of the Blue Ridge: A Bluegrass musical set in Prohibition-era Appalachia, this is a coming-of-age story about a slapsdash murder, a whirlwind romance, and a most unlikely hero. Showing July 20-30, 2023.

Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre is a professional theatre company in residence at the historic Owen Theatre on the campus of Mars Hill University. To find out more about SART, please visit www.sartplays.com.



SEASON 49

TICKETS ON SALE NOW @ SARTPLAYS.COM