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FALL 2019

**Join us Friday, October 25 as we  
celebrate Greensburg Garden & Civic  
Center's 50 years of serving the  
community.**

[Read below or visit our website for all the details.](#)

**WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .**

**... WITH THE TRUST!**



*Sheila Cuellar-Shaffer displays her work in the Tiny Gallery during the Greensburg Music Fest.*



*Photograph featured in the upcoming November exhibit, Tangled Faculties*

## **WCT'S TINY GALLERY OPENS IN THE UNION TRUST BUILDING**

Over the past few years, WCT has worked to foster local artists through the Incubator for the Arts and Art in the Alley projects. Now, Westmoreland Cultural Trust continues to highlight the work of these artists with "a tiny gallery for big ideas" - a dedicated gallery space for area creatives (including Incubator artists) to display their work. The Tiny Gallery (brainchild of Incubator artist Marc Snyder) will be able to host a few pieces of art in shows that are memorable in concept, execution, and presentation. The size of the gallery is key, allowing for more exhibitions that feature highly curated works.

The inaugural exhibition during WCT's Greensburg Music Fest featured the work of Incubator artist Sheila Cuellar-Shaffer with paintings from her "Candyland" exhibition.

### *Coming in November:*

"Tangled Faculties" by Marti Haykin

November 4 - 29, 2019

a show about love, beauty, aging, and Alzheimers

*Opening reception: Fri, Nov 8, 5 - 7 pm*

The gallery is located at 108 N. Main St and is open to the public Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM

Instagram: @wct\_tinygallery



*Guests enjoyed casino games during last year's Party at The Palace.*

## **PARTY AT THE PALACE DATE UNVEILED**

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 29** for the 14th Annual Party at The Palace! Get ready for an evening of lavish entertainment and live music. Proceeds will benefit Westmoreland Cultural Trust and The Palace Theatre in continuing to bring world-class arts and entertainment to Greensburg. We can't disguise our excitement - more details to follow; check your emails!



## **12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE**

Have yourself a holly, jolly holiday with the gift that keeps on giving - Westmoreland Cultural Trust's 12 Days of Christmas. With over \$13,000 in prizes and 12 chances to win, the ticket makes a great gift for friends, employees or co-workers. Starting December 13, each day offers gift cards and prizes from community partners, with a Christmas Eve raffle of the grand prize - a one-week, all-inclusive trip to Bahia Principe Resort in Riviera Maya, Mexico! Get your ticket soon and you could celebrate your next holiday season in Mexico!

[Click here for more information!](#)



*Families made pine cone ornaments in addition to other fun activities during last year's Luminary Night.*

## LUMINARY NIGHT WELCOMES THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Luminary Night returns throughout downtown Greensburg on Thursday, December 5.

WCT is excited to participate, thanks to our Corporate Partners: Artisan Plastic Surgery, Francis R. Johns, M.D.; Caliber Contracting Services, Inc.; Elegant Catering; Excelsa Health; FirstEnergy Foundation; Hampton by Hilton Greensburg; Hefren-Tillotson, Inc.; Integrity Retirement Solutions; McDowell Associates; PNC Bank; S&T Bank; Smail Auto Group; Trib Total Media; Wabtec

Art in the Alley / Incubator for the Arts:  
Cash Bar and Food for Sale, plus -

5-9 PM: Family Fun/Crafts, Live Music and Photo Booth

9-10 PM: Ugly Sweater Contest for Adults (winner - \$100 gift certificate to The Palace Theatre)

## ... AT THE PALACE THEATRE!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

We will be rounding out 2019 with a variety of shows this fall, plus plenty of entertainment for the entire family to make your season merry and bright!



**KIP  
MOORE**  
Thu, Oct 24



**THE WORLD FAMOUS  
GLENN MILLER  
ORCHESTRA**  
Sun, Oct 27



**BRET  
MICHAELS**  
Fri, Nov 1



**River City Brass  
RED, WHITE 'N  
BLUEGRASS**  
Sat, Nov 2





**KIDZ BOP  
WORLD TOUR  
2019**  
Sun, Nov 3



**AARON LEWIS**  
Wed, Nov 6



**BUDDY GUY**  
Thu, Nov 7



**BILL ENGVALL**  
Fri, Nov 8



**JOSH TURNER**  
Sat, Nov 9



**SHA NA NA**  
50th Anniversary  
Sat, Nov 16



**Stage Right  
Disney's  
NEWSIES**  
Nov 22 - 24



**Ken Ludwig's  
Twas The  
NIGHT BEFORE  
CHRISTMAS**  
Fri, Nov 29

Sat, Nov 30 - **IT WAS 50 YEARS AGO TODAY - TOUR 2019** All-Star Beatles Tribute

Sun, Dec 1 - **BRANSON ON THE ROAD CHRISTMAS STYLE**

Wed, Dec 4 - **BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS**

Thu, Dec 5 - **CORNELL GUNTER'S COASTERS, THE DRIFTERS & THE PLATTERS**  
**HOLIDAY HOP**

Fri, Dec 6 - **THE OAK RIDGE BOYS** *Down Home Christmas*

Sat, Dec 7 - **RIVER CITY BRASS - CHRISTMAS BRASSTACULAR**

Tue, Dec 10 - **HOT TUNA** *50th Anniversary Tour*

Dec 14-15 - **NUTCRACKER BALLET** *Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra*

Thu, Dec 19 - **SARA EVANS** *Blue Christmas Tour*

Fri, Dec 20 - **THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS FEATURING THE LATSHAW POPS ORCHESTRA**

Sat, Dec 21 - **WESTMORELAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

[Click here for a complete Palace Schedule of Events](#)



## **NEW HEARING ASSIST UNIT INSTALLED AT THE PALACE THEATRE**

Westmoreland Cultural Trust recently installed a new assistive listening system at The Palace Theatre. Eight new units are available to guests at no charge during every theatre performance. An integrated neck loop/lanyard with DSP loop driver, worn like a necklace, will provide better audio for people with cochlear implants and telecoils and allows the sound to be transmitted directly from the lanyard to the hearing device. Universal stereo headphones are also available with each unit and can be beneficial to those with other types of hearing aids or those that simply require a higher degree of amplification. A dual 5.5 mm output jack allows the receiver to be shared between users if desired. Patrons wishing to use the device when visiting the theatre may inquire with the house manager prior to the start of the performance.



## **THE PALACE RECEIVES RECOGNITION**

The Palace Theatre has won the Gold Award for Best Entertainment in Westmoreland County and Best Date Night by the readers of the Greensburg Tribune-Review!

Thank you to all who voted! Look for the announcement in the Quest for the Best tab in the newspaper Sunday, October 27.

**... AT GREENSBURG GARDEN & CIVIC CENTER!**



## **GREENSBURG GARDEN & CIVIC CENTER HAS SERVED THE COMMUNITY FOR HALF A CENTURY** ***Help us celebrate with an Open House Friday, October 25***

Join Westmoreland Cultural Trust as we celebrate Greensburg Garden & Civic Center's 50th Golden Anniversary with an Open House on Friday, October 25th from 5 to 7 PM.

GG&CC tenants CityReach Westmoreland, Greensburg Civic Theatre, Greensburg College

Club, Greensburg Garden Center, Westmoreland Suzuki School of Music, and Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra & Academy of Music will be showcasing their organizations. A string quartet performance by members of Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra will entertain guests in the Laurel and Iris Rooms.

Visitors may also explore areas of the Greensburg Garden & Civic Center including the Penthouse Suite (currently utilized by The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County).

[Reservations are requested and can be made by visiting our website.](#)

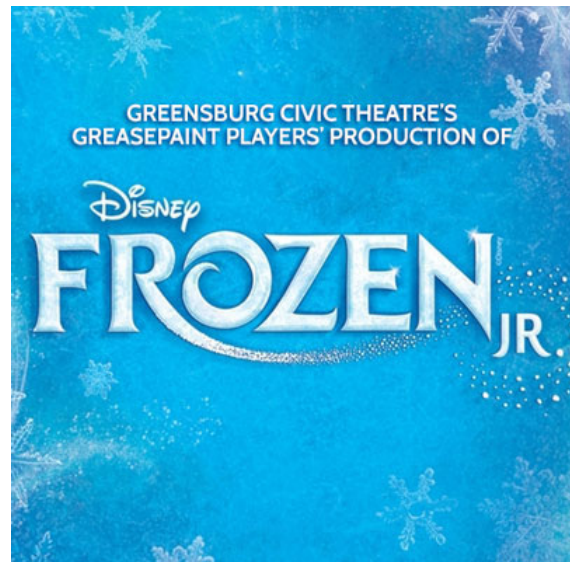
## **UPCOMING SHOWS AT GREENSBURG GARDEN AND CIVIC CENTER**

### **FROZEN JR.**

GCT's Greasepaint Players proudly presents Frozen Jr.! Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale, Frozen tells the story of Princess Anna and Queen Elsa as they discover the power of true love and the powerful bond of sisterhood. The show features all the memorable music from Tony-Award winning duo Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez including "For the First Time in Forever," "In Summer," and "Let It Go." Frozen Jr. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

- Friday, December 20 at 7:30 PM
- Saturday, December 21 at 1 PM
- Saturday, December 21 at 4 PM

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)



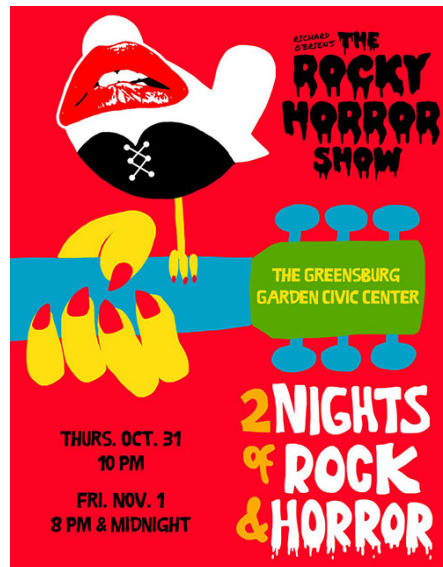
## ROCKY HORROR

Get ready to do the Time Warp Again with Stage Right's legendary Rocky Horror Show! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Woodstock with the grooviest Rocky ever – it's a show that's guaranteed to thrill you, chill you, and fulfill you.

*Audience participation is encouraged!*

- Thursday, October 31 at 10 PM
- Friday, November 1 at 8 PM
- Friday, November 1 at Midnight

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)



## GREENSBURG GARDEN CENTER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE

Greensburg Garden Center makes it easy to deck the halls for this upcoming holiday season. Shop for one-of-a-kind decor made with fresh greens at their Annual Christmas Sale Friday, December 6 from 3 to 7 PM and Saturday, December 7 from 9 AM to 2 PM.

A variety of wreaths, kissing balls, swags, table arrangements and hanging baskets will be available in traditional, elegant, eclectic and rustic trims - all handmade by members of the Garden Center.



## GREENSBURG CIVIC THEATRE'S HOLIDAY GALA

On Wednesday December 11, join Greensburg Civic Theatre for their annual fundraising gala. A *Starry Night* begins at 6:30 PM with food and a silent auction followed by a performance at 8 PM in the Greensburg Garden & Civic Center auditorium. [Tickets \(\\$25\) on sale now!](#)

# WHAT HAPPENED . . .

# ... WITH THE TRUST!





*FYD performs at The Fringe Stage during WCT's Greensburg Music Fest.*

## **DOWNTOWN GREENSBURG IGNITES WITH MUSIC**

The 2nd Annual Music Fest was a huge success! Over 5,000 people attended and dozens of local musicians, artists, vendors, shops, bars and restaurants all came together to celebrate music throughout downtown Greensburg. With seven stages, over 35 bands played everything from pop to country to punk to classic rock. Guests were shuttled between locations on the popular Redfishbowl's Mobile Mystery Lab bus sporting a cool 60s vibe with bean bag chairs, tie-dye accessories and its own musical entertainment.



*The Mobile Mystery Lab transported guests around town to the various stages and activities.*

Touches of the visual arts were sprinkled throughout the festival with such exhibits as the Penske Pop-ups. Daisher Rocket, Moira Richardson and Strive Centers for Recovery & Community Health/Sage's Army all created their own unique art shows within a Penske-provided moving truck.

Food trucks, vendors and a Night Market selling produce and artisan crafts added to the guest experience during the evening.

Thank you to all the volunteers, businesses, and community partners who made this event possible! Mark your calendars for next year's event - Saturday, August 29, 2020!

**[Click here to see a full gallery of images from the event](#)**



*Grateful Smoke BBQ (pictured above), along with Elegant Catering, participated in this year's event.*

[Click here to see a full gallery of images from the event](#)



*Willow Hill performs during the second week of TGIS.*

## **AN EVENING OF BLUES, BREWS & BBQ**

Friday, September 13, Blues, Brews & BBQ provided the ideal kick-off to Greensburg's Craft Beer Week.

Westmoreland Cultural Trust blended soulful blues music with local brewery creations and flavorful bbq that made for a memorable evening in Art in the Alley and the Helman-Ghrist lot.

Featured entertainers, The Aris Paul Band, treated listeners to classic blues music throughout the night. Beverages from Four Seasons Brewing Company, Sobel's Obscure Brewery, Beverage Warehouse and a collaborative specialty beer from Whitehorse Brewing Company and Quinn Brewing Company poured from the Drafts Streets Beer Wagon, while a variety of Bella Terra Vineyards wines were available at the bar. Grilled grub from Grateful Smoke BBQ and Elegant Catering provided an ample amount of nourishment for eventgoers.

## **TGIS HAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUMMER**

This year's TGIS (Thank Goodness it's Summer) concert series featured 14 weeks of free music at The Palace Theatre's S&T Bank Courtyard and Megan's Suite.

This season, a dozen returning favorites and two newcomers – Woods Family Band and The String Theory – played in the S&T Bank Courtyard. Each week, the summer fun began at 4:30 PM on Thursday afternoons where guests could grab a bite to eat from participating restaurants - Sun Dawg Café, Caffè Barista, Elegant Catering, Miss Meatball and Major Stokes.

Local community partners competed for the title of TGIS Guest Bartenders of 2019 with FirstEnergy Foundation coming out on top.





Thank you to everyone who made summer Thursdays so memorable! See you next season!

*FirstEnergy Foundation - winners of the 2019 Guest Bartender Challenge.*

## UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING



*Jessica Rafferty for Judge volunteers repaint the entranceway into the Westmoreland Cultural Trust offices.*

Volunteers from Excelsa Health and Jessica Rafferty for Judge completed some much-needed painting projects during The United Way's Day of Caring on September 13. The event connects teams of volunteers with local nonprofits in Westmoreland, Fayette and Southern Armstrong Counties for a day of doing good.



*Excelsa Health volunteers add a fresh coat of paint to the walls of the Stark Building.*

**... AT THE PALACE THEATRE!**



*Tour participants gather on stage during one of two tours at The Palace Theatre.*

## **THE PALACE THEATRE OPENED ITS DOORS FOR FREE TOURS**

The Palace Theatre had a record turnout for our open house tours on September 7. More than 175 people explored the theatre and learned about its history. Several tour participants also shared new stories and their favorite memories from their time at the theatre.



## **NEWLY COMPLETED APARTMENTS RENTED**

We are thrilled to announce that the third-floor apartments above The Palace Theatre have all been rented.

These units include all utilities, all new finishes, all new appliances, in-unit washer and dryer, wi-fi, dishwasher, air conditioning, key-secured building, an elevator and parking.

## **... AT GREENSBURG GARDEN & CIVIC CENTER!**



*GG&CC Manager of Events & Facilities Jan Barsoum (standing left) and WCT CEO April Kopas (standing center) speak with Chamber Breakfast attendees.*

## **CHAMBER BREAKFAST**

Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce held their Wake Up Westmoreland Networking Breakfast at GG&CC on Tuesday, September 17. Special guest speakers were April Kopas, WCT CEO, and Jan Barsoum, GG&CC Manager of Events & Facilities, who spoke about our overall mission and the impact of GG&CC in the community as we celebrate its 50th anniversary.



## **THE ART OF WOMAN EXHIBITION**

*The Art of Woman*, a collaborative effort by local artists Raven Cintron and Mary Ellen Raneri, was the featured exhibit for the month of September at GG&CC.

The show was a testimony to the strength, work, voice and beauty of all women and featured 35 pieces using various mediums, including watercolor, acrylic, oil, fabric art and hand embroidery.



*Raven Cintron and Mary Ellen Raneri (center) pose with additional artists who participated in their "We Will Not Rust Away" project displayed in the background.*

## **GREENSBURG CIVIC THEATRE'S JEKYLL & HYDE THE MUSICAL**

Murder and chaos were pitted against love and virtue when Greensburg Civic Theatre opened its 68th season October 17-19 at Greensburg Garden & Civic Center with the musical *Jekyll and Hyde*. The epic struggle between good and evil played out in this sweeping gothic musical based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story and featured a thrilling score of pop rock hits.



## **GGCC TENANT WESTMORELAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HELD THEIR CHEAP 'N CHIC FUNDRAISING EVENT AT GG&CC**

September 26, guests indulged in a night of shopping pre-owned couture while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, desserts and champagne. Gently used designer handbags, jewelry, jackets and accessories were available for a fraction of the retail cost, all in support of WSO programs.

## **OTHER PAST EVENTS AT GG&CC**

**The Power of Prowess ~ The Reyna Tribe's First Ever Prowl Party** – June 26

**Dancer's Dream Dance Recital** - June 29

**Summer Craft & Vendor Event** – July 13

**Stephanie Oplinger Art Exhibit and Opening Night Reception** – month of August

**Westmoreland Children First's Wine & Chocolate Gala** – October 5

## OTHER NEWS

### ARTIST OF THE MONTH - SEAN BLAIR



Professional photographer and Greensburg resident Sean Blair has been a part of Westmoreland Cultural Trust's Incubator for the Arts program since its inception when he shared a space with fellow artist Rev. Daisher Rocket.

He currently has his own studio at Suite #208, 102 N. Main St that focuses on fine art portraiture, created in a style informed by his background as a painter.

Since graduating with a Master of Fine Arts from West Virginia University in 2007, Sean has focused his artistic work on exploring his interest in portraiture. He is particularly interested in providing professional portraits for other creatives - artists, musicians, dancers, etc. - but has also expanded into individuals, children and families, as well.

In addition to his studio work, he has been working as a real estate photographer since 2016 and has recently launched a new website - [greensburgrealestatephotography.com](http://greensburgrealestatephotography.com), while also working as an associate photographer with [Michael Will Photographers](#) capturing weddings.

When asked about the Incubator for the Arts initiative, Blair remarked, "The Incubator has been a great opportunity, offering artists affordable rent and the ability to connect not only with each other, but the wider community as well. The efforts of Westmoreland Cultural Trust and the Incubator, such as the Art in Alley project, have increased visibility for local artists within downtown Greensburg."

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



*Peg Colosimo and her husband, Pete, pose for a photograph during Party at The Palace.*



*Peg Colosimo with longtime co-chair Dawna Saunders.*

## **Peg Colosimo** ***Westmoreland Cultural Trust volunteer***

Peg has served as an ambassador in the community for Westmoreland Cultural Trust for more than 15 years.

Her first experience with The Palace Theatre was in the mid-1990s. As president of the Greensburg Central Catholic Drama Guild, where her daughters, Sarah and Laura, were active participants, Peg strived to keep the program from being discontinued. She worked with then WCT CEO Jennings Womack to move their show to The Palace, helping to keep the school's theatre program alive.

In 1999, she was contacted by Trust Board Member Jaime McHugh to help with food for the Winterlude event. However, it wasn't until 2005 when her friend Pam DeMezza asked her to co-chair WCT's premier fundraiser, Hollywood Party at The Palace, that Peg really became an integral part of our fundraising efforts. Since that time (with the exception of three years where Peg was the sole chair of the event), Peg has co-chaired Party at The Palace with her dear friend Dawna Saunders. Each year, Peg devotes more than 100 hours to making sure that Party at The Palace is the talk of the town and that it remains the top fundraising event for the Trust.

When asked about why she gives so much of her time to helping the Trust, Peg responded, "One of the most rewarding parts of volunteering with Westmoreland Cultural Trust has been the friendships with staff and volunteers that have developed over the years. I also have a firm belief in the mission of the Trust and its continued outreach of arts into the community."

Originally from Ohio, Peg graduated from the University of Pittsburgh's Dental School and holds a bachelor's degree from California University of Pennsylvania. Peg currently lives in Greensburg with her husband Pete. For 22 years, she has served as part-time faculty at Westmoreland County Community College where she also collaborates with Pitt Dental School to educate her students. She also works as a dental hygienist for Dr. Ralph Ritenour in Greensburg.

Thank you Peg for all you have done and continue to do!

**Alice Tranchini**  
***The Palace Theatre volunteer***

Alice has been a volunteer with The Palace Theatre for 24 years. Following the loss of her husband, she wanted to keep busy as part of her healing process. As she has always loved the theatre, The Palace was a natural fit.

Years later, volunteering has continued to be a rewarding experience for Alice. She has many fond memories of the people she has met throughout her time at The Palace, especially other volunteers who are as compassionate about helping others as she is.

"I truly enjoy coming to the theatre and interacting with the patrons and having the opportunity to see many great shows," she stated.

In addition to her dedication to The Palace, Alice is also an active member of her church, where she serves on several committees.

A native of Export, PA, Alice recently retired after working in the cafeteria of Franklin Regional High School.



## **SUPPORT THE TRUST**

### **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS**

**Invite a friend or relative to become a member of the Trust.**

**A referral is the best compliment.**

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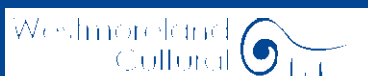




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