

Brasstown Bell Newsletter

August 2022



Hello Friends of the Brasstown Community Center,

Good news! We have added a new date for **one last concert on August 20th** with the Barker and Reighard Band. Though we didn't have a "regular" schedule for the concerts this year, we are still happy to be able to bring music back to the community center!

Special Project 2022 - Helping Hands



More good news, the outdoor stage/gazebo is almost complete. There are only a handful of things to finish - indoor/outdoor carpet on the floor, stairs, railing, and electrical connections. Special thanks to Clay Logan for managing the project and Greg Teems and his crew for the construction work.

The stage is part of a larger grant to help distribute food to the community - we call this project Helping Hands! You can follow our progress on our web site at <https://brasstowncommunitycenter.org/events/2022-special-project>.

Tuesday August 16th at 6:00 pm

These pot luck dinners are always a great place to share food and companionship with your friends and neighbors in the community. It's a fun and family-friendly get-together where you can reconnect with your friends and make meet new ones. Bring a dish to share!



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Summer Concert

Barker and Reighard – “Backroads Reunion” Saturday August 20th, 2022



Left to right: Josh Carpenter, Jeremy Barker, Scott Barker, Julie Nelms, Angie Barker, Sonny Reighard

Music . . . straight out of the mountains - this is how the group describes their music! Drawing from the depths of their southern Appalachian heritage, they honor a combination of authentic traditional music with a riveting mix of hard driving bluegrass, old-time string music, and powerful old ballads.

Jeremy Barker minored in Appalachian studies at East TN State University and has gained regional recognition for his extraordinary vocal prowess and seasoned command of the flattop guitar. Josh Carpenter, an accomplished musician, grew up on bluegrass music and combines improvisation and dynamic Scruggs-style on the banjo to contribute intricate instrumentals and breaks.

Julie Nelms studied traditional Appalachian Music at Berea College and obtained a master's degree in Irish music and literature at the National University of Ireland - Galway. Highly skilled, Julie glides heartwarming and foot-stomping melodies expressively from the fiddle; and her dynamic harmony completes the “high lonesome” unique to bluegrass sounds.

Sonny Reighard, with his wealth of musical experience, is sure to entertain with his singing, guitar, claw-hammer banjo, comedy, and much more. Angie Barker energetically enhances the rhythm on the upright bass and Scott Barker effectively draws mellow harmonics from the mandolin and adds to the powerful harmony that resounds throughout their performance.

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Doors open at 6 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8, children under 12 are free. Hot dogs, barbecue sandwiches, homemade cobbler, ice cream, and root beer floats will be available for purchase.

The Brasstown Community Civic Center is proud to be a part of the Blue Ridge Music Trails. Visit BlueRidgeMusicNC.com to find more Traditional Music of Western North Carolina.

The Brasstown Community Civic Center is located at 255 Settawig Road. The center is a non-profit, and all proceeds from the concerts are for maintenance and upkeep of the building. For details, call 828-361-3040.

2022 Quilt Raffle

You can purchase raffle tickets for this year's quilt at Carolina Crafters in Murphy, Clay's Corner in Brasstown and at all the community center events. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

This is a fundraising effort for the community center. Deanna Skubal (right) generously donates a quilt each year - let's show our appreciation for her work by raising lots of money!



Check out the NC Cooperative Extension Newsletter for some fun and useful activities, such as starting a home based food business, forestry workshop, gardening, 4H, sewing camp, and all things apple - apple butter, apple pie and dried apple wreaths! Click on the link to sign up for their newsletter - <https://clay.ces.ncsu.edu>.

Your Brasstown Bell Crier,
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