

Accomplishments and Goals

PERFORMING ARTS (Theater, Dance, Music, and film)

Accomplishments in 2011:

On Friday April 15th, The Forwardian Arts Society held its first “Forwardian Film Festival” at The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA. A number of DVDs were screened by a capacity crowd. The owner of the coffeehouse held an impromptu raffle with winners receiving articles of the establishment’s merchandise and vouchers for future purchases. The proceeds gathered were given to The Forwardian Arts Society.

Through June to September, with few exceptions, The Forwardian Arts Society held its monthly “Film Lovers’ Gatherings” at The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA. Attendance ranged from 2 or 3 people to 15 - 20 people at any given gathering. The films shown were chosen from those suggested from attendees of the previous gathering and selected by votes cast by The Forwardian Arts Society Passionate Art Lover Membership and friends on facebook.

Goals for 2012:

To establish The Forwardian Film Festival as an annual events:

- Develop a Jury System to recognize film entries achieving outstanding qualities.
- Develop a listing of Categories in which awards would be given to those judged deserving.
- Obtain Awards to distribute.
- Explore alternative Screening locations.

To continue holding The Forwardian Arts Society monthly Film Lovers’ Gatherings.

- Explore alternative Screening locations.

To Explore and Develop opportunities relating to the disciplines of Theater, Dance, and Music.

CREATIVE ARTS (Art, Photography, Literature, and Poetry)

Accomplishments in 2011:

The Forwardian Arts Society held it’s first Art and Photography Exhibition titled, “Cover to Cover” at The Sarah Street Grill Gallery (aka SSG Artspace Gallery) in Stroudsburg, PA. The work hung in the exhibit resulted from a completion The Forwardian Arts Society held to determine what images would appear on the Volume I Issue 3 edition of their Literary and Arts Magazine, “Forwardian.” A number of artists and photographers participated in the competition with James Chesnick winning first place and a place on the magazine’s front cover for his work titled, “Spring Tulips” while Kim Pollard winning second place and a place on the magazine’s back cover for her work titled, “Night and Day.” The jurors for the “Cover to Cover” exhibition were Andrea Robbins-Rimberg, Barbara Robinson, and Christa Connolly.

The Exhibition began Thursday June 2nd with an Artists’ Reception held Saturday June 18th. During the reception, the winners of the competition were announced and performances of music and poetry readings took place. The reception was well attended and a received positive response. The exhibition continued until August 31st.

The Forwardian Arts Society held it’s first Solo Exhibition titled, “Forwardian Solo” at The Sarah Street

Grill Gallery (aka SSG Artspace Gallery) in Stroudsburg, PA. The work hung in the exhibit featured the work of Kari Nespoli. The Exhibition began early to mid August with an Artist's Reception held Wednesday August 24th. During the reception, performances of music and poetry readings took place. The reception was well attended and received a positive response. The exhibition continued until October 31st.

The Forwardian Arts Society Literary and Arts Magazine titled, "Forwardian" was published twice in 2011. The Volume I Issue 2 Edition was posted online on Monday May 2nd and the Volume I Issue 3 Edition was posted online on Sunday December 11th. Forwardian saw the establishment of a managerial staff consisting of Jan Julia at the Editor in Chief, Alexa Carpenter as the Literary and Poetry Editor, and Andrea Robbins-Rimberg as the Art and Photography Director.

Goals for 2012:

To Continue holding exhibitions at The Sarah Street Grill Gallery.

- To establish a schedule for exhibitions.

- To combine future "Cover to Cover" receptions with a publication party for the magazine.

- To present exhibitions featuring the artists/photographers winning the "Cover to Cover" competitions.

To explore additional venues to present The Forwardian Arts Society Exhibitions.

- To Present exhibitions showcasing artists and photographers not commonly displayed in established area galleries.

To Continue publishing Forwardian.

- To Streamline submission and publication process.

- To Expand Managerial staff.

To Explore and Develop opportunities relating to the disciplines of Art, Photography, Literature, and Poetry.

The Forwardian Arts Society Ongoing Goals

To establish The Forwardian Arts Society as a not for profit organization.

To increase participation among The Forwardian Arts Society in developing and planning its endeavors.

To present an Arts Festival.