

Woodworkers host Ladies Night



Monday night was the Annual Ladies Night of the Hartsville Woodworkers Club held at West Hartsville Baptist Church. Woodworkers invited their spouses to join them for a dinner and entertainment. Each member made a gift out of wood to be presented to the guests. Roger Baird checks out the gift table. Standing next to him is Alexa Bartel, wife of fellow member Charles.

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Bearing gifts for all their guests, Hartsville Woodworkers brought their spouses to the Annual Ladies Night of the Hartsville Woodworkers Club on Monday at West Hartsville Baptist Church. Members of the group showed off their talents making welcome signs, hand-turned bowls, small chests, small boxes, chopping blocks, stools, elaborate birdhouses and other wood items for their guests to take home at evening's end.

"We have a really strong club that is filled with very talented woodworkers," said Leslie Bradshaw, the group's secretary/treasurer since 1991. "Each year, the members bring unique gifts to the meeting to the pleasure of all the ladies present."

For Ladies Night, each member makes a project of his or her choice that is given a number, and after a catered meal and entertainment, this year by comedian Darlington County Sheriff's Capt. Andy Locklair, the ladies draw a number to find out which gift they will receive.

There are currently 43 members in the club, including one female, Valerie Puntillo, who joined last year.

"There is so much talent in the club and so many members working on things that visiting different shops in Hartsville is the norm. Some members have large well-equipped shops, and some have very small shops with a minimum amount of tools," Bradshaw said. "We welcome anyone that has an interest in woodworking."

Bradshaw said the club is growing so fast that although

new members are welcome they may soon run out of shops large enough to hold monthly meetings. He said normally about 25 to 30 members and guests show up at each meeting.

"Anyone can attend the meetings," Bradshaw said. "We keep in contact with the members by e-mail now, which really saves a lot of time. We only have one member without a computer, and he is contacted by phone. Although we do not plan to limit the membership, it may be that we don't have room for a lot more to attend the meetings since they are held in small shops. We don't want to change something that has worked so well for so long."

"We select different members each year to chair the program with four or five committee members. It's up to the chairman and his committee

to decide what the program will be. Some chairmen chose to have a meal for the club, but usually we have light refreshments at the meetings, and this is paid for out of the club dues," Bradshaw said.

Club dues are \$20 per year. "Normally, someone in the club is working on a project that he will share with the members," Bradshaw said. "We also have a show and tell part of the program where anyone can bring something they have made or are working on. There are times that we will go to other towns close by for a program, but most meetings are in Hartsville."

Bradshaw said club records date back to 1982.

According to early recollections, Wilmont Berry was responsible for gathering a group together to form the

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Heydt brings passion to new job at Arts Center

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Jordan Heydt graduated from Coker College on May 1 and stepped into her new position as director of marketing and communications and facility manager of Black Creek Arts Center the following week.

"I was extremely shocked and pleased. I've been told I have big shoes to fill," Heydt said. Heydt said that her shoes are good shoes, just different ones. Heydt said she is up for the challenge and excited to be working with the Black Creek Arts Council.

"It makes me happy that they (Black Creek Arts Council) had confidence in me and were willing to take a chance on me," she said.

President of Black Creek Arts Council Judy Haenni said the council is excited to have Heydt join Black Creek Arts. Haenni said she is excited that Heydt brings new and some out-of-the-box ideas to Black Creek Arts.

Haenni, who has been on the board of directors for seven years, said she will step down in June but will stay around to help during the transitional period.

Carolyn Atkinson will become the president of the Black Creek Arts Council. Atkinson said she looks forward to continuing the work started by Haenni as president and Bruce Douglas, executive director. She also looks forward to working with Heydt as they both bring fresh eyes to the organization.

Leaning against her desk last Friday morning at the Black Creek Arts Center on College Avenue, Heydt, an art education major with special emphasis in museum studies, said that was her eighth day on the job.

She said it has been a good start but rather overwhelming.

"I'm enjoying it a lot, but I've a lot to learn," Heydt said. She added that Douglas will be there to advise and is just down the street should she have a question about her new job.

Formerly of Columbia and a graduate of Dreher High School, Heydt has been in Hartsville for four years attending Coker College. Her mother still resides in Columbia.

Heydt, who just settled in to her first apartment, said she has learned a lot about the area; however, she said there is a big difference between living at Coker and liv-



Heydt

ing in Hartsville.

"I love it, except for the bills," Heydt said. "I got lucky with this job. It fits exactly in line with what I want to do."

She said it is exciting to find out how things work behind the scene.

With her background in art education, Heydt said she can't wait to start offering more classes.

"I want people to learn more about art," she said. "I'm passionate about that."

Heydt is already busy working on the children's summer art camps, which

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begin in June. Programs include Explore Art with Mike and Patz Fowle June 7-11 and June 14-18 and Camp Creative July 19-23 and July 26-30.

She is also getting ready for the next Gallery show opening in June.

"As a whole, the most challenging thing has been just starting out," Heydt said.

Excited about the challenges ahead, Heydt said one of her goals will be to introduce more of the Coker art faculty to the community.

"Hartsville should see what they are teaching us," Heydt said. Her aim is to connect the people in Hartsville with the Coker College community. She would like to blend the two art communities together.

"I always came to openings," Heydt said. "I knew about this place." But she said that isn't true for all students and faculty. "It is not as well known at Coker, and I hope to change that," Heydt said.

Black Creek Arts Center hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

Hartsville Idol II searching for talent

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Auditions begin at noon on Saturday at the Southern Candy Kitchen, 108 E. Carolina Ave., for Hartsville Idol II. If you sing as a solo, duet or trio and would like an opportunity to become the next Hartsville Idol, now is your chance. There are two chances to audition.

A departure from how last year's auditions were held, the only other audition will take place the following Saturday, May 29, at the same time and location.

On one of these dates, contestants should come to the Southern Candy Kitchen between noon and 4 p.m. prepared to sing a song of their choosing a cappella before a panel of judges.

There is an audition registration fee of \$5.

The names of the 64 contestants chosen to proceed in the competition will be posted at the Candy Kitchen on May 31.

The 64 contestants will perform at concerts beginning at 6:30 p.m. June 5 on stage at Burry Park in Hartsville. Sixteen contestants will perform each Saturday during the month of June, and each week eight will advance to the second round, which begins on July 10. On July 10 and 17, eight performers on each of these nights will be chosen for the July 24 semifinal round, and eight from that round will go to the finals on Aug. 7.

Honor Flight sends Elmore to visit WWII memorial



Denise Schweizer accompanied her father V.C. Elmore on a S.C. Honor Flight to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., on April 21. Elmore turned 86 the day before he and his daughter left for Washington. He told his daughter this was the best trip he ever had taken. Elmore had about a five minute chat with Gov. Mark Sanford and shook hands with U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham and Rep. James Clyburn at the WWII Memorial. It was a trip neither will forget, said Schweizer.

Flossie Mae's to celebrate four years of business



Flossie Mae's features fun, playful clothes for the young and young at heart. Celebrate the shop's fourth anniversary Thursday with special savings all day and birthday cake, light appetizers, wine and beer from 6 to 9 p.m. at 119 W. Carolina Ave. in Hartsville.