



ETC Launches Season Two

We here at ETC are so excited and thankful to have partnered with the St. Andrews Center. For our second full season we have lined up some great performances. Several of them I can mention now, the rest will unfold as we continue to iron out details.

We open our season in September with three weekends of William Shakespeare's *HAMLET*, told with an ETC twist. Six actors will take on all the roles in Shakespeare's famous tragedy as well as sharing the role of Hamlet. This unique interpretation is not to be missed.

For October, we revive *THE LARAMIE PROJECT* by Moises Kaufmann and the Tectonic Theatre Project. A new epilogue, entitled "Ten Years Later" has been added to the play and ETC is happy to be premiering this new ending here in Chattanooga.

In November, we offer *Family Theatre Saturdays* with two productions yet to be determined. We will also be premiering the work of the St. Andrews Center after-school arts program students in two separate public performances.

December marks the return of *Short Attention Span Theatre*. The theme for the ten minute play fest is "Dysfunctional Family Christmas."

The rest of the season currently includes two solo productions featuring local actresses Robbye Lewis portraying Golda Meir and Brenda Schwab as Zelda Fitzgerald, an exciting co-production with CreateHere called Gallery Theatre, the premier of a new Youth and Family musical authored and scored by local writers, the world premier of a new play from our New Play Tuesday series, another ten minute play festival, and hopefully ETC will present its first musical in the St. Andrews Center Theatre.

It's a busy season we have planned. We hope you will continue to support us. Season Tickets will be made available at the beginning of September by becoming a member of ETC. Keep checking the website for updates and more information:

www.ensembletheatreofchattanooga.com.

Garry Lee Posey, Director

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CALENDAR

- Aug 28-Dec.11—CityFaith Urban Ministry Seminars, Fridays, 2:00-4:00
- 9/3, 10, 17, 24 "Writing your Stories", 7:00
- 9/10 SAC board meeting, noon
- 9/11 Seniors of St. Andrews lunch, noon at East Ridge Shoneys
- 9/11, 18, 25—*HAMLET*, 7:00
- 9/12-13, 19-20, 26-27—*HAMLET*, 3:00
- 9/18-19 Fix-it Team & garden work days, 9:00 am
- 9/27 Community Garden Worship service, 6:00

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From the Executive Director, Michael Feely

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

I am writing this column in the middle of a week long United Methodist conference where I have been meeting other folks involved in urban ministry and community ministry. There are some really neat things happening around the country in urban ministry - in places like Columbus, Ohio and Naples, Florida, in Nashville Tennessee and in the Pacific Northwest and San Francisco. I think the St. Andrews Center is pretty unique to our locale, but there are a lot of folks who share our interests and passion around the country. That's refreshing (*and perhaps a little comforting, 'cause we're not alone in this work!*), and it's also a great source for ideas and collaboration. I am here at the Lake to share about community development, asset-based development and to discuss what it really means to bring together people to lift up a community - and how to make sure that everyone is at the table! (I'm also drinking a lot of coffee). But it's also been a good week to reflect and think.

This is a pivotal time in the life of the St. Andrews Center- we are nearly five years old, and we are preparing for fundamental changes in the way we are organized to reach our community. It is an exciting time as we welcome new people, new programs and a renewed focus on what our core mission is.

The St. Andrews Center is *a faith based catalyst for the arts, education, food and faith initiatives and multicultural civic engagement.* And our new fall programs reflect that emphasis:

1. **St. Andrews Arts Academy** - our afterschool arts program will have visual arts, literary arts, dance, theatre, and choir. We will be welcoming other artists and events through the school year. We will be working with students from East Side Elementary and East Lake Academy, as well as partnering with Girls Inc. and other groups. Part of this new arts academy focus will be the creation of a music school with volunteers to teach the kids how to play a variety of instruments (**we still can use volunteers to teach music, as well as donations of gently used musical instruments - band instruments are fine**).

2. **Hartnell Farm** -We dedicated Hartnell Farm in a grand way this past April, and have kept the place mowed this summer. As we look toward the fall season, we are preparing for fall planting with a focus on fruit trees and related plants - an apple orchard, peach tree grove, blueberry bushes and a strawberry field. We will be adding bee hives and bluebird houses in the spring (I still want to get a goat or two out there). In a collaborative educational endeavor, St. Nicholas School and East Side Elementary School students will participate at the farm in a series of events relating to the theme of "Sacred Places."

3. **CityFaith** - On August 28 we will begin an accredited urban ministry course called CityFaith. This is a collaborative course between the School of Theology at Sewanee and the St. Andrews Center. This course will focus on work-life balance, nurturing an authentic faith and voice, interfaith dialogue and working with people from all walks of life as an advocate for social justice. The course is for laity and clergy, and we still have a few extra spots open. Let me know if you are interested.

Michael



Please come
to the St. Andrews Center
Community Garden
Sanctuary service
Sunday, September 27,
at 6 p.m.
Music. Poetry. Parables
Open Cup Holy Eucharist

Special thanks to Rev. Lawrence Clark of Christ UMC, poet Laurie Vaughen, artist Greg Haynes, and hammered dulcimer player Rick Davis for contributing their gifts to the recent garden service.

Read more about our garden in the Chattanooga Times/Free Press

(<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2009/sep/01/fruit-for-the-spirit-st-andrews-garden-growing/>)

(<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2009/jul/24/cultivating-neighborhoods/?local>)

Garden Wish List:

- heavy duty rakes, shovels, hoes
- wheel barrows
- white votive candles & clear glass holders
- carpenter to build wooden benches
- lawn mower and weedeater
- underwriting for garden totes & t-shirts

The St. Andrews Center welcomes a new building partner, the Scenic City Women's Network. The mission of this organization is to encourage, equip and energize today's Christian working women to live their faith in the world and to create opportunities and experiences to further their faith. Monthly lunch meetings are held at First Presbyterian Church downtown on a variety of topics. For more information, contact the SCWN at 698-6262, romaine@scwn.org, or check out the website at scwn.org.

