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## Art Program Just for 50+

by Emyl Jenkins

Travel Channel host, art historian, and part of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (HEC), Lee Sandstead will explain "Why I Love Art" on Wednesday, April 2, from 10-11:00 a.m. at the HEC. The free lecture is designed to generate interest in the HEC's adult-learning *Program Just for 50 Plus* (PJ50+).

Sandstead will discuss his passion for art, tell about the French woman who introduced him to art history, and explain the personal meaning of many great art works from Old Masters to modern-day masters. Speaking of the lecture, which he has delivered from Harvard to New York University, Sandstead says it is "... one of my favorite lectures—and the most personal."

Starting in April, HEC will offer an array of non-credit classes through PJ50+ taught by adult volunteers with expertise in their fields of study. The purpose of the program is to foster learning and social interaction in an age group that should be considered ready for anything *but* retirement.

Citing the excitement in the 50+ population of Halifax and Mecklenburg Counties, PJ50+ director Boo Evans says, "This is the most enthusiastic and successful program that I have ever worked with."

PJ50+ offers classes in literature, economics, the arts, history, religion, philosophy, computers and lifestyle topics, just to name a few. Memberships are \$35/ single and \$50/couple for each term, which entitles attendees to take as many classes as they wish throughout that term. Terms run Spring, Fall and Winter. "The only requirement is that you are 50 or older," says Evans, adding, "There will be no tests, grades, credit, or educational requirements."

For more information, visit [www.svhed.org](http://www.svhed.org), call 434.572.5448 or email [booevans@svhed.org](mailto:booevans@svhed.org).

## Cabaret Offers Glimpse of Old Germany

by B. J. Durham

Audiences will experience a taste of the false glamour and glitz of depression-era Germany when The Little Theatre of Danville presents the Tony Award-winning musical *Cabaret* directed by Michael Edwards, assisted by Gail Hicks-Smith and Crystal Gregory.

Set in 1929 and 1930, *Cabaret* revisits the seedy, somewhat dark underside of German society and the decadence that prevailed in some quarters just prior to the rise of the Nazi party. The play centers around the Kit-Kat Klub and the people who frequented it as a way of escaping the reality of a country in moral and economic turmoil.

The major story tells the relationship between Sally Bowles, a 19 year-old English cabaret singer, and Cliff Bradshaw, an American writer. A secondary plot line involves German boarding house owner Fräulein Schneider and her failing romance with Herr Schultz, a Jewish fruit vendor. Tying the story lines together is the Kit-Kat emcee, whose persona serves as a reminder of German society in that era.

While many may be familiar with the film version of the story and the memorable performances by Joel Grey and Liza Minnelli, the stage version is slightly different and a few degrees darker, but many of the original, well-known songs remain. The Little Theatre performances will be a full production of the play, including song and dance numbers accompanied by live music.

*Cabaret* will be presented over two weekends at 7:30 p.m. on April 11, 12, and 18, 19, and a 2 p.m. matinee on April 13 and 20. General admission tickets are \$12.50 in advance; \$15 at the door. Following the show on opening night only, a champagne and caviar reception will be held with the cast. Tickets for the reception and the show are \$35 each and must be purchased in advance. All performances will be at the North Theatre, 629 North Main Street. Advance tickets are available at Danville Arts and Humanities, 635 Main Street 434.792-6965.

## Snow in April?

by Nancy Tait  
Public Relations Manager

Snow in April? Is this an April Fool's joke? No, it's a fascinating Snow Crystal Photomicrographs exhibit at the Danville Science Center on display through May 31. The photomicrographs capture intricate details and the individuality of each crystal.

Every detail is clearly visible through the lenses of Kenneth Libbrecht's microscope.

"Libbrecht's snowflake images are spectacularly beautiful," says Danville Science Center Director Jeff Liverman. "But this exhibit is more than an art show. Libbrecht studies snowflakes. He researches the underlying physics of why snow crystals grow like they do. How fast does this happen? How does it change with temperature? Understanding the physics and chemistry of how crystals grow may someday lead to new and better types of crystalline materials."

Each of the 29 snow crystal photomicrographs tells a story of the crystal's journey through the clouds. "Temperature and humidity work together to determine the crystal's basic



Snow crystal photomicrograph by Kenneth Libbrecht.

shape and level of complexity," says Liverman. "Some are spiky, some chunky, some thin and some thick, but all are stunning works of nature's art."

While at the Science Center, also visit the traveling exhibition, *Too Small to See*. Experience nanotechnology when you build molecules and investigate the concept of scale.

Both exhibits are included in the admission price. Tickets are \$5 for youth ages 4 to 12 and seniors 60+ and \$6 for adults. For more information call 434.791-5160 or visit [www.dsc.smv.org](http://www.dsc.smv.org). The Center is located at 677 Craghead Street.

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