

ARTY Party

2022



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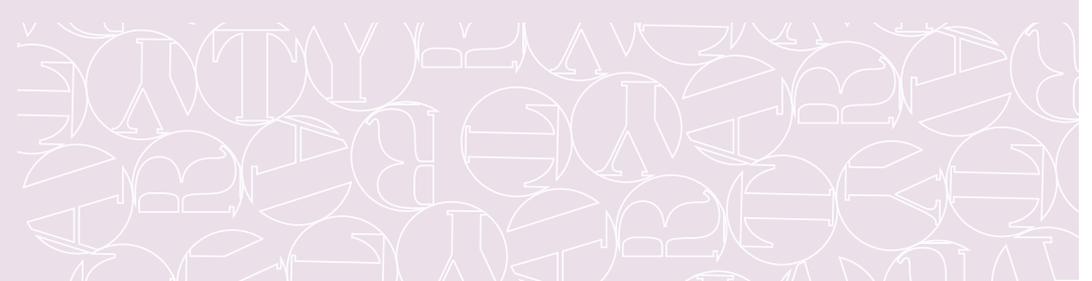


As the Chair of Arty Party 2022, I am excited to announce that LexArts' Arty Party season is back with a bang! Having emerged from the darkest days of the pandemic, we are eager to once again celebrate the arts with our family and friends. What better way to kick this off than by reviving and elevating our Arty Party gatherings? As a matter of fact, the parties are already in full swing!

This April, May and June, partygoers can choose from a fabulous line up of offerings. Enjoy Latin American cuisine and dancing at the poolside Samba on Short party. Try your hand at mixology with the Cocktail Contessa. If casual is your vibe, you can listen to the Red Barn Radio Show at a party in a parking lot. Truly, there is something for everybody.

Of course, the best thing about the Arty Party season is that patrons can have loads of fun while supporting the arts. Attend one or all of the events, but most importantly, let's all just have some fun and "party on" for the arts. See you there!

Jill Hall



Do yourself a (party) favor.

Time to treat yourself to a bit of a fling.

A bit of dress-up. A bit of bling.

A bit of that old magic in the moonlight.

A sip of bubbly. A bite of yummy.

A walk on the wild side.

A spin around a dance floor.

Shake out those party frocks.

Polish up those social graces.

See long-time friends, meet fresh new faces.

Sign up for a LexArts ARTY PARTY or three and get your groove back.

Clear out the cobwebs, banish the blahs, quickstep into the swing of things.

And while you're doing some good for you, you're doing it for the arts too.

Make your reservations today at ArtyPartyLex.com



2022

April
Monday

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Martini Monday

6:30 - 9:30 PM

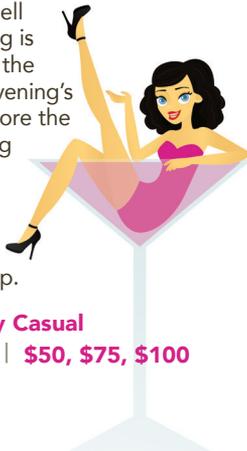
Central Bank Center

Hosts **Anne Bates Allen, Tina Marie Ball, Mary Bryson, Tonya Bryson, Sylvia Cerel-Suhl, Arlene Cohen, Martha Deener, Jill Hall, Christi Hayne, Marta Hayne, Paula Lewis, Simone Salomon, Robin Thomerson, Kimberly Stigers, Jane Warner**

PRESENTED BY **Central Bank**

HARD HAT TOUR **Messer Construction**

Jonesing to be an urban explorer, but with mARTini rather than bullwhip in hand? If so, this ladies-only do is the one for you. And yes, you get an extra olive if you got the reference. Join some of Lexington's liveliest movers and cocktail shakers for martinis, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a wander through off-the-beaten path spaces of the building that's the new Center of attention downtown. Given the lineup of hosts, do we really need to spell out that shopping is on the menu? In the course of your evening's adventures, explore the work of emerging women artists and bid on the pieces that seriously blow your skirt up.



Attire **Dressy Casual**

Guests **150 | \$50, \$75, \$100**

April
Saturday

23

A Culinary Adventure Celebrating Arts Education

5:00 - 8:00 PM

The Pittman Home

Hosts **Drs. Anne & Tom Pittman**

"Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint and soil and sky as canvas," said Elizabeth Murray. On a Saturday in April, the entire Pittman garden — upper, lower, patio, pond and shade — will become a stage for close encounters with art. Pausing at each of three select spots, guests will enjoy a brief performance by a local arts organization, with theme-complementary food, floral arrangement and a signature cocktail created by a celebrity mixologist.

EDUCATORS / ORGANIZATIONS:

ACTivate

AthensWest Theatre Company

Central Kentucky Youth Orchestras

Distilled Theatre Company

Attire **Cocktail with Garden-worthy Footwear**

Guests **80 | \$125 |**

Education Hero +\$50

Parking **"Keeneland-style" Field Parking**



May
Saturday

14

Samba on Short

7:00 PM

Short Street

Hosts **Kay & Lowery Anderson, Dr. Blake Bradley, Benjamin Deaton, Jill Hall & Austin Mehr, Rebekah & Ben Henley, David Ingordo & Cheri DeVaux, Jaclyn & Langdon Shoop**

On a Saturday in May, Short Street will be temporarily transformed into Calle Corta, when residents team up to throw a party with a fun-loving Latin American vibe. Party Central will be the home of Jill Hall and Austin Mehr, where you'll convene for specialty cocktails and dinner prepared by DaRae and Friends. Then shake your hips on the dance floor to the stars to the exotic rhythms of the Big Maracas. Don't stress if samba's not in your skill set -- our very own councilwoman Jennifer Reynolds will show you how. Then turn down the heat with dreamy, creamy delights from nearby Sorella Gelateria. Downtown parking is always tricky, so if you can share a ride with friends, do!

Downtown parking is at a premium. Ride sharing is encouraged.

Attire **Fancy and Flirty**

Guests **70** | **\$250**



May
Wednesday

18

A Peek Behind
the Curtain

6:00 - 8:30 PM

Lyric Theatre & Cultural
Arts Center

Hosts **Justin and Melissa Deep, Joey and Ellen Williams**

The art of dance is the star at this family-friendly soiree celebrating the joyful collective that is the Allegro Dance Project. Gather in the Lyric Galleries for cocktails, light appetizers and a warm welcome from Artistic Director Jeana Klevene at 6. Then, at 7, sneak a peek behind the main stage curtain at a dress rehearsal for *Renaissance*, Allegro's upcoming season of school shows, featuring an exhilarating mix of contemporary dance, original music and thrilling aerial circus acts. One lucky guest will be the first to snag eight tickets to what's next from Allegro, a groundbreaking outdoor performance event called "Headspace" at Moondance Amphitheater. Will you be the lucky winner?

Attire **Festive casual**

Guests **40** | **\$25** (under 12 free with adult ticket purchase)



May
Friday

20

Dinner with Collectors

7:00 PM

Home of Gay Reading
& John Martin

Hosts **Gay Reading & John Martin**

In *The Museum of Innocence*, Orhan Pamuk opined that "...the true collector's only home is his own museum." The elegant 1929 Warfield Gratz-designed home of Gay Reading and John Martin on West Second Street, a collector's paradise of antiques, artefacts and curiosities curated over a lifetime, is living proof of that observation. Sit down to an elegant five-course seafood dinner prepared and served by Gay and John themselves, while the conversation turns on the joys of collecting for sheer personal pleasure. If you're a collector of experiences, this is one you're not likely to forget.

Attire **Sit-down dinner**

Guests **8 | \$125**



June
Wednesday

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Cocktails with the Contessa

5:30 - 7:00 PM

The Loudoun House

Hosts **Laura Day & Mark DelCotto, Beth Hellebusch & Dean Langdon, Ellen & Chris May, Jayne & Alex Waldrop**

Cocktail Contessa Heather Wibbels, author of newly released, *Bourbon is my Comfort Food* is a self-professed whisky fiend, passionate about whisky and cocktails and sharing that love with others. Here's your chance to feel that love while you learn to expertly craft a raft of creative cocktails fresh from the pages of Heather's book. Yes, of course, there'll be plenty of taste testing in our pursuit of perfection, not to mention wining and dining on bourbon and a yummy array of comfort foods – this is an Arty Party after all! Your ticket includes a copy of *Bourbon is my Comfort Food* which Heather will happily sign for you, as well as a chance to stroll through the Loudoun House to view and acquire the art on display.

Attire **Dressy Casual**

Guests **70 | \$75**



June
Saturday

4

Halcyon Days

7:00 PM

Halcyon

Hosts **Christopher Edwards & S. Brandl Skirvin**

Halcyon days are ones of happiness and contentment, so it's no surprise that Halcyon is the name Brandl and Chris chose for their new Kentucky home. Their Arty Party is all about *Keeping Up Appearances* (a candle-light bulb just went off for fans of the BBC show) both indoors and out, with a luxury finger-food buffet to musical accompaniment. Who knows, Hyacinth Bucket might just pop in to check that the china is double-glazed and the periwinkles hand-painted, but whatever you do, make sure you address her as Mrs. "Bouquet".

Attire **Summer Cocktail**

Guests **30 | \$150**



June
Wednesday

8

A Blast from Lexington's Past

6:30 PM

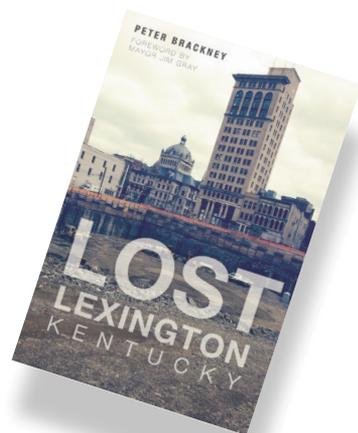
Limestone Hall

Hosts **Emmy & Matt Agosto, Tara Campbell & Paul Johnston, Deb & Karl Gramm, Kevin & Phil Jun, Kaelyn Query, Kim & Camden Skidmore, Debbie & Kevin Smith, Stephanie & Kevin Sutphin**

Are you an aficionado of tales from the dark side? A magnet for obscure facts? Always up for a good scary story? If yes, this Arty Party is right up your dark alley. Join award-winning blogger, attorney, local historian, preservationist, and raconteur Peter Brackney as he regales you with tales of Lexington past from his book, *Lost Lexington* while enjoying adult beverages and snacks.

Attire **Cocktail Casual**

Guests **75 | \$75**



June
Saturday

11

Drag Me
To Brunch

10:00 - 1:00 PM
Base 249

Hosts **Tim Guthrie, Meredith Moore, Randall Stevens**

Who's ready for the ultimate Drag Brunch experience? Local art? - check. Local food? - check. Local adult beverages? - check. The crème de la crème of local talent? - CHECK! And the cherry on the top is it gets you in the groove for Lexington's Pride Festival later in June. Don your most festive apparel and come celebrate your inner queen with a lively showcase, killer music, diva-worthy nosh and beverages.

Attire **Rainbow Bright**
Guests **50 | \$45**



June
Sunday

12

Red Barn Burner
Block Party

2:00 - 8:00 PM
ArtsPlace

Host **LexArts & Red Barn Radio**

ArtsPlace fixture and national phenomenon Red Barn Radio turns 20, LexArts turns 50, and the whole neighborhood's stepping out to celebrate. A bunch of bands from hard-driving Bluegrass to old-time mountain music will keep things hopping all afternoon long. It's going to be a foot-tapping, finger-popping good time, complete with a bounty of down-home fare and local brews.

Attire **Comfy casual**
Guests **200+ | \$25 VIP**



June
Tuesday

14

The Big Easy

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Creaux

Hosts **Iesha & Dougie Allen, Yajaira West & Christian Motley**

There's a place where *les bon temps* always roll. Where music, hot and cool, spills out of open doors onto a cobblestone street and the enticing aroma of gumbo invites you in. Where people live it up, cocktails in-hand, in hip spaces, among amazing art. Is it NOLA? Non, it's Creaux, one of Lexington's hot bars with great food and live music, bringing a Big Easy vibe to downtown. Join owners Dougie and Iesha Allen and co-hosts Yajaira West and Christian Motley for an exuberant evening of creole food, cocktails and live jazz.

Attire **Come as you are**

Guests **75 | \$55**



June
Friday

24

Picnic in The Park

6:00 - 9:00 PM

The Loudoun House
at Castlewood Park

Hosts **Ame & Dave Sweetall**

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Don your breeziest Hamptons-inspired whites and join LexArts President and CEO Ame Sweetall and husband Dave for an elegant, white-themed picnic en plein air in shady, tree-studded Castlewood Park. For first time chic picnickers, here's how this works. We furnish the stylish-white-tablecloth setting*. You arrive dressed to the nines in white and white only, toting gourmet picnic baskets. Your first drink is on the (Loudoun) house – think Maker's Mark – after that, enjoy what you bring with you. Dine alongside friends, new and old, and experience roaming artws performances. The fact that this evening of tasteful elegance happens to fall on the Lexington Art League's Fourth Friday, simply ups the art ante, and the fun.

Attire **Breezy whites**

Guests **150 | \$50**

Reserved Table of 6 | \$300

**Includes table, chairs and white tablecloth.*



The dish on PARTY

Want tickets?

Tickets on sale now at ArtyPartyLex.com. If an event strikes your fancy, jump on it, because when these hot tickets are gone, they're gone.

All sales are final and cannot be refunded. If for some reason your plans change, please contact LexArts to convert the party ticket into a donation.

Want details?

Each season of parties offers a wide selection of venues, menus, themes and entertainment to appeal to a wide range of tastes.

This season promises to be the talk of the town, and you'll find detailed descriptions of each party at ArtyPartyLex.com.

If an event is at a private residence, we'll reveal the exact address in a reply email after you purchase your tickets, to maintain the privacy of our hosts. Make a note to check the LexArts website so you don't miss out.

Want to host?

ARTY PARTIES aren't just fun and games –they're one of LexArts' most effective and engaging fundraising initiatives and we'd love to have you come play. Hosts cover all party expenses and 100% of ticket revenue goes to support LexArts and the Lexington arts community. Please give **LexArts Communications Director, Maury Sparrow** a call at **859.255.2951** to find out more.

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“Party on.”





LEXARTS work is to help art come to life and touch many lives. Thanks to its annual Fund for the Arts, LexArts grants help over 50 regional artists, music, dance, theater, visual and literary organizations bring their art to life. Events like LexArtsHop, LexArts Gallery Series exhibitions and city-wide Public Art projects help infuse the work they create into the life of the community.

It takes determination, optimism, public generosity and goodwill to keep this whole ambitious enterprise afloat. Not to mention a whole lot of creative thinking.

ARTY PARTIES are just one way we make fundraising fun, showing arts lovers a good time while they do good. You'll find others at **ArtyPartyLex.com**.

However you choose to support us, know that every penny of your fully tax-deductible donations helps art be made and make its way into the world, where it makes a world of difference.

Thank you.



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