

Arts Alliance Mountain Empire
requests the honor of your presence at
The AAME Gala

Recognizing the recipients of The Arts Achievement Awards

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**Saturday, May 19,
 6:00 p.m.**

**Grand Ballroom, Holiday Inn
 3005 Linden Drive, Bristol, Va.**

**Cocktails Dinner Awards
 Live Music Silent Auction**

**\$100 per person or \$800
 for a table for eight**
*(includes one drink,
 cash bar available)*

**Reservations and payment
 requested by May 11
 Cocktail Attire**

**For more information call
 423.646.3024
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at 2 p.m. Alcatraz is the most secure prison of its time. It is believed that no one can ever escape from it, until three daring men make a possible successful attempt at escaping from one of the most infamous prisons in the world. Starring Clint Eastwood, Patrick McGouhan and Roberts Blossom. 276-676-6298, www.wcpl.net

● **MAY 11: "The Blind Side"** is shown at the Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, Va., at 2 p.m. The story of Michael Oher, a homeless and traumatized boy who became an All-American football player and first-round NFL draft pick. Starring Quinton Aaron, Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw. 276-676-6298, www.wcpl.net

● **MAY 17:** As part of its Independent Lens Series, East Tennessee PBS and the Paramount Center for the Arts, Bristol, Tenn., invite the public to a free screening of **"Served Like a Girl"** at 7 p.m. The film provides a candid look at a shared sisterhood to help the rising number of homeless women veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and suffer from PTSD, sexual abuse and other traumas. By entering into the "Ms. Veteran American" competition, these women come full circle in a quest for healing and hope. 423-274-8920, www.paramountbristol.org

● **MAY 18: "Argo"** is shown at the Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, Va., at 2 p.m. Acting under the cover of a Hollywood producer scouting a location for a science fiction film, a CIA agent launches a dangerous operation to rescue six Americans in Tehran during the U.S. hostage crisis in Iran in 1979. Starring Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston and John Goodman. 276-676-6298, www.wcpl.net

● **MAY 25: "Rio Bravo"** is shown at the Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, Va., at 2 p.m. A small-town sheriff in the American West enlists the help of a cripple, a drunk and a young gunfighter in his efforts to hold in jail the brother of the local bad guy. 276-676-6298, www.wcpl.net

Fundraisers

● **MAY 26: The Elegant Elephant Fundraiser** is held at The Arts Depot, Abingdon, Va., 10 a.m. Art supplies, original artwork, frames, jewelry, china, silver, vintage textiles, antiques, col-



"Served Like a Girl" can be seen at the Paramount Center for the Arts.

lectables and much more are offered. All proceeds benefit the Depot Artists Association. 276-628-9091, www.abingdonartsdepot.org

Literature

● **MAY 1: The Appalachian Center for Poets and Writers** hold an Open Mic poetry reading at The Arts Depot, Abingdon, Va., at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 276-628-9091, dbwinship@gmail.com

● **MAY 20:** Sunday with Friends hosts **Rita Quillien and other poets** for its regional celebration of poetry at the Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, Va., at 3 p.m. Quillien is the author of "The Mad Farmers Wife," a response to a life lived on a mountain cattle farm. Daryl Ann Beeghley, Henry McCarthy, Warren Harris and Deborah Ledford join her. 276-676-6298, www.wcpl.net (see page 9)

Meetings

● **MAY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: The Wednesday Morning Painters** meet at The Arts Depot, Abingdon, Va., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome at these informal "paint-ins." Oils must be no odor. 276-628-9091, www.abingdonartsdepot.org

● **MAY 3: Lost State Writers Guild** meets at 11:30 a.m., at Golden Corral Restaurant Johnson City, Tenn. The speaker is Shuly Cawood. www.loststatewritersguild.com

● **MAY 7, 14, 21 & 28: The Heritage Quilt Guild** meets at The Hen-

derson, Marion, Va., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your latest project. 276-706-4010, www.thehenderson.org

● **MAY 7, 14, 21 & 28: The Carvers Club** meets at the Annex behind Holston Mountain Artisans, Abingdon, Va., at 5:30 p.m. www.holstonmtnarts.org, 276-628-7721

● **MAY 8: The Appalachian Authors Guild** meets at 11:30 a.m., at Southwest Virginia Community College's King Community Center, Richlands, Va. The speaker is Jo Allison, who writes murder mystery/suspense stories set in the 1910s. She provides advice on writing historical fiction. 540-239-6221, lhdobkins@gmail.com

● **MAY 12: Poetry Society of Tennessee - Northeast Chapter** meets at the Sullivan County Library in Blountville, Tenn., from 2-4 p.m. Poets and those interested in poetry are welcome. For more information, visit www.pstne.weebly.com.

● **MAY 6: The Watauga Valley Art League** meets at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area, Elizabethton, Tenn., from 1:30-3:30 p.m. An informal art critique begins at 1 p.m. Free and open to the public. 423-946-5607, www.wataugavalleyartleague.com

● **MAY 8: The Liberty Spinners** meet at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area, Elizabethton, Tenn., at 9:30 a.m. This gathering of spinners and fiber artists is open to anyone interested in the art of spinning. 423-543-5808, www.sycamoreshoalstn.org

● **MAY 14: The Second Monday Book Club** meets at the Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, Va., at 1:30 p.m. New members are welcome. 276-676-6298, www.wcpl.net