

Fourth Quarter 2012 Community Issues Report:

WCQS continues to take advantage of a number of opportunities it has during its twenty-four hour broadcast day to report on issues of importance to the residents of Western North Carolina, **the local economy, environment, planning and development, transportation, health care, education and politics**. Monday through Friday we produce local newscasts on the hour at six, seven and eight in the morning. The morning newscasts are two minutes long.

In addition to our local newscasts we produce in-depth stories that are inserted into our morning news-magazine "Morning Edition" and our afternoon news and cultural affairs program, "Fresh Air" and our afternoon news magazine 'All Things Considered'. These stories are also posted on our web-site www.wcqs.org.

2012-12-31 News Stories

Asheville Citizen Times reporter looks at some of the top stories from the area's entertainment scene. - 4 min

2012-12-28 News Stories

Tony Kiss takes a look at entertainment offerings leading up to the New Year. - 6 min

2012-12-28 News Stories

Mt. Xpress reporter Jake Frankel takes a look at some of the top stories in Asheville and Buncombe County. - 5 min

2012-12-18 News Stories

The regions' economy continues to show signs of improvement. David Hurand spoke with the President and CEO of Advantage West about the latest numbers on economic activity in Western North Carolina. - 12 min

2012-12-17 News Stories

Good news on the effort to save the birthplace home of Jazz vocalist Nina Simone. David Hurand talks with Carolina Public Press editor Jon Elliston. - 6 min

2012-12-14 News Stories

Tony Kiss Weekend Update: Topping the list, Warren Haynes Christmas Jam, theater, and movies! - 6 min

2012-12-13 news Stories

Gardening and landscaping tips provided by Alison Arnold. Alison offers her thoughts on the ever popular holiday Poinsettia. - 4 min

2012-11-23 News Stories

Our final interview in the series with Historian Darin Waters. - 6 min

2012-11-23 News Stories

Tony Kiss takes a look at the post Thanksgiving entertainment scene and urges those who love local theater to support Flat Rock Theater. There's also a few new movies and some great music happening. - 6 min

2012-11-22 News Stories

Alison Arnold from Alison Arnold Gardens and Landscapes offers some tips about nuts! Happy Thanksgiving - 4 min

2012-11-22 News Stories

Part four in our five part series of interview with Historian Darin Waters. - 6 min

2012-11-21 News Stories

Part three of our five part interview with Historian Darin Waters. - 5 min

2012-11-20 News Stories

Part two of our five part interview with Historian Darin Waters - 6 min

2012-11-19 News Stories

Life Beneath the Veneer: The Black Community in Asheville from 1793 to 1900 is the title of Darin Waters Doctoral Thesis. Over the course of several weeks David Hurand spoke with the Asheville native about the arrival of Blacks in the area, slavery, emancipation, Jim Crow, the construction of the Biltmore Estate and the Y.M.I. - 65 min

2012-11-19 News Stories

Part one of a five part interview with Historian Darin Waters. The Asheville native Doctoral Thesis explores the African American experience in Asheville from 1793-1900. - 5 min

2012-11-16 News Stories

Tony Kiss tracks the weekend entertainment scene. High on his list, the Asheville Holiday Parade, lots of theater, and new movies. - 6 min

2012-11-13 News Stories

On Veterans Day two young boys from New York State were in Cherokee to honor a Medal of Honor recipient who died in the Korean War. David Hurand has more on their journey and the return of long lost service medals. - 5 min

2012-11-09 News Stories

Tony Kiss takes a look at the entertainment scene. - 6 min

2012-11-06 News Stories

Buncombe County Democrat Michelle Pace Wood reacts to finishing third and out of the money in her bid to represent District Three. - 1 min

2012-11-06 News Stories

Republican Mark Meadows cruised to victory in the redrawn 11th Congressional District. He spoke with David Hurand moments after his victory speech at the Biltmore Park Hilton. - 4 min

2012-11-06 News Stories

Republican Mark Meadows has been elected to represent the 11th Congressional District. Meadows cruised by Democrat Hayden Rogers. David Hurand reports. - 4 min

2012-11-06 News Stories

Election day was a big day for Republicans in Buncombe County. David Hurand has the story on the race for seats on the recently expanded County Board of Commissioners. - 4 min

2012-11-06 News Stories

Democrat Terry Van Duyn reacts to her four place finish in her first bid for elective office. Van Duyn fell short in the race to represent Buncombe County District Three. Republican Joe Belcher finished first, followed by fellow party member David King, and Democrat Michelle Pace Wood. - 1 min

2012-11-06 News Stories

Republican Christina Kelley G. Merrill reacts to winning a seat on the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners. She finished second, behind fellow republican Mike Fryar in the Second District. - 1 min

2012-11-05 News Stories

Nine candidates are running for six seats on the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners. Two candidates are seeking the chairmanship. And for the first time commission candidates are running to represent three districts. David Hurand spoke with Mt. Xpress reporter Jake Frankel about the race. - 5 min

2012-11-02 News Stories

David Hurand speaks with the Director of the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines at Western Carolina University, Rob Young about the damage caused by Super-Storm Sandy. - 7 min

2012-11-02 News Stories

Tony Kiss takes a look at the weekend entertainment calendar. - 6 min

2012-11-01 News Stories

Mature drivers have an opportunity to maintain and improve their driving skills with the help of safe driving course offered by AARP. David Hurand spoke with Betsy Cantrell about the course. - 5 min

2012-10-31 News Stories

The recovery effort from the effects of the storm that battered the Northeast continues. David Hurand spoke with Dr. Ed Brotak, retired Professor of Atmospheric Sciences about Sandy and other similar storms. - 5 min

2012-10-30 News Stories

David Hurand speaks with Asheville Citizen Times reporter Jon Ostendorff about the campaign to represent the 11th Congressional District. - 6 min

2012-10-29 News Stories

David Hurand talks with Mt. Xpress Reporter Jake Frankel about the campaign for 10th Congressional District. - 6 min

2012-10-26 News Stories

Tony Kiss takes a look at the weekend. Topping his agenda, Moog Fest! - 6 min

2012-10-25 News Stories

The author of So Rich, So Poor: Why It's So Hard To End Poverty In America says income disparities in the U.S. are now wider than at any point since the Great Depression. Peter Edelman spoke with David Hurand about the plight of the poor in America. - 26 min

2012-10-24 News Stories

A juried fashion show will take place at the Asheville Art Museum Thursday (10/25/12)night. David Hurand spoke with fashion designer Susan Stowell and Economic Development Director with Handmade in American Judi Jetson about the budding WNC farm to runway fashion industry. - 10 min

2012-10-22 News Stories

In advance of the third and final Presidential Debate, David Hurand talks election year politics with University of North Carolina Asheville Political Scientists Bill Sabo and Mark Gibney. - 55 min

2012-10-18 News Stories

The documentary film, Beauty Is Embarrassing opens Friday October 19th in Asheville. The film follows artist Wayne White. David Hurand spoke with the Chattanooga native earlier this week. - 19 min

2012-10-17 News Stories

A Memorial Service was held today (Wednesday) for UNC-System President Emeritus William Friday. Warren Wilson College President Emeritus Doug Orr has this remembrance of his mentor and friend. - 11 min

2012-10-12 News Stories

Republican Presidential candidate Mitt Romney made a campaign stop in Asheville Thursday. David Hurand reports. - 6 min

2012-10-08 News Stories

Big money is being spent on political television advertising. David Hurand spoke with Carolina Public Press Investigations and Open Government Editor Jon Elliston about local spending. - 5 min

2012-10-05 News Stories

Tony Kiss Weekend Update: Fall festivals dominate the calendar. - 6 min

2012-10-02 News Stories

Vice President Joe Biden made a campaign swing through North Carolina Tuesday. David Hurand reports on the Vice Presidents visit to the University of North Carolina Asheville campus. - 4 min

2012-10-01 News Stories

WCQS occasional series of interviews with people in our community who are passionate about their work and making a difference in their communities. Our conversation with Riverlink Executive Director Karen Cragnolin aired over four days 10/1-10/4. The entire interview is posted in the WCQS Archives. - 35 min

WCQS broadcasts interviews about cultural activities taking place in and around Asheville and the Western North Carolina region. These interviews take place weekdays at 12:06 pm and vary in length from 5 to 15 minutes. The following list details the dates, person interviewed, and topics discussed.

October, 2012

- 1 Blue Ridge Orchestra Concert, Milt Crotts
- 1 Brad Martin, WCU Music Department, Beethoven Recital Series
- 2 Asheville Puppetry Alliance
- 3 Asheville Lyric Opera
- 5 Black Mountain College Museum and Arts Center, Alice Sebrell, director
- 8 Montford Park Players
- 9 East of Asheville Studio Tour
- 11 Fiddler Jeremy Kittel, concert at Diana Wortham Theatre
- 12 Asheville Symphony Orchestra, Daniel Meyer, conductor
- 15 Lake Eden Arts Festival
- 16 Asheville Art Museum, Pianoforte Series concert
- 19 Waynesville Apple Harvest Festival
- 22 Asheville Symphony Chorus
- 23 Weaverville Art Safari
- 26 David Troy Francis, "Naughty But Nice" at Asheville Community Theatre
- 29 Asheville Chamber Music Series Concert
- 30 Theatre UNC-A
- 31 Asheville Antiques Fair

November

- 2 US Navy Band in concert at A-B Tech
- 5 Womansong Concert
- 6 Brevard Philharmonic Concert, Donald Portnoy, conductor
- 9 Hendersoville Chorale, Tim Shephard
- 12 Western Carolina University Arts & Culture presentation
- 13 Asheville Community Theatre, "Inspecting Carol"
- 16 Asheville Symphony Orchestra, Daniel Meyer
- 19 NC Stage Co.
- 20 Asheville Puppetry Alliance
- 27 Blue Ridge Orchestra, Milt Crotts conductor
- 28 Dickens Christmas in Biltmore Village
- 29 Asheville Contemporary Dance Theater

December

- 3 Montford Park Players
- 4 Asheville Ballet – Nutcracker Ballet
- 7 Ballet Conservatory of Asheville – Nutcracker Ballet
- 10 Asheville Jazz Orchestra – Benefit Concert
- 11 Asheville Community Theatre – Santaland Diaries
- 12 Swannanoa Solstice at Diana Wortham Theatre
- 14 Asheville Symphony "Classical Christmas"
- 17 NC Stage Company