



Creative Voice

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Sundays at Four

Joseph Vaz, piano

A Tribute to Doris Gwaltney

Sunday, March 3 at 4 pm



Joseph is no stranger to Smithfield. He is the grandson of Atwill and the late Doris Gwaltney, and a former Sundays At Four Terrific Teen.

Composers that Joseph will be playing to include: Ravel, Chopin, Schumann, MacDowell and Bland. Joseph earned degrees from Indiana University and Cincinnati Conservatory in piano performance. He is completing DMA studies at CUNY Graduate Center with Julian Martin in New York City. Information: 757. 675.5777

Admission: \$20 adults, \$10 Students

Get tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/joseph-vaz-piano-tickets-828908927917>

Sundays at Four

Diehn Chorale

Dr. Nancy Klein, Director

Sunday, April 7 at 4 pm

A twenty-voice select ensemble performing a variety of music from chamber works to jazz. This ensemble of Diehn Scholars and Concert Choir Scholarship recipients have demonstrated the highest level of talent and commitment, and will delight the audience.

Admission: \$20 adults, \$10 Students



The Arts Center @ 319 is the home of the **Isle of Wight Arts League**, co-located with the Visitor Center, at 319 Main Street in Smithfield.

In addition to the Arts Center, the Arts League also includes three music programs: Smithfield Music, the Summer Concert Series and Sundays at Four.

The Isle of Wight Arts League extends its gratitude for the financial support of the Arts Center @319 provided in part by these entities and community members who find the arts essential to a thriving community. Support the arts and join the league!



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Adam Richardson

Meet & Greet,
January 25, 2024.
Hosted by Joseph &
Susan Graif.



EXPRESS Beginning Watercolor

March 11, 13 & 15

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Instructor - Chris Lora

In just 3 sessions you will learn all the basics you need to have fun with watercolor! Designed for adult beginners and those who would like a review. Topics include color wheel and theory, blending, textures and special techniques. \$75 for members & \$85 for Non-members. Minimum 8 students. For questions about supplies email chrislora.wc@gmail.com.

Into to Stained Glass: Copper Foil Method
April 6 & 7 from 12 to 3 pm
Instructor - Heidi Wurm

Learn the fundamentals of cutting glass and copper foil. Students will make a suncatcher. Tools provided. Members \$75, Non-Members \$85, plus a \$25 Materials fee. Minimum 2 students to hold class. Register by March 26.

Creative Voice newsletters are available online at www.smithfieldarts.org

Support the Arts in your community!

Join the Arts League for only \$45 a year!

Get discounts on classes and gift shop items at the Art Center.



The Isle of Wights Arts League would like to thank all of the volunteers that worked the BOB Fest in January. The Arts League received a payment of \$1,100 for the work that the volunteers did. And after talking with some of the workers they really enjoyed helping out.

So if you would like to do it again, or try it out for the first time, we are looking for volunteers for the **Wine Fest on April 13th**. We have volunteer slots for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Please let me know if you can work any of these. You can email me at amilk-family@charter.net. Thanks, Brenda Lovell

Save The Date

The 3rd Annual Smithfield Arts Festival will be Saturday, May 18 9 am to 4 pm



Isle of Wight Arts League Principal Officers and Staff

Diane K. Milner, President, Board of Directors (volunteer) A Carrollton resident, Diane is originally from Colorado and a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado (BA) and Boston University (MA). She taught school in Nebraska, served as an Army Officer with the Engineers Corps, and retired from civil service after 36 years with the Army. She began consigning designer jewelry with the Arts Center@319 in 2011 and joined the Board of Directors in 2013, serving as Vice President and Secretary until her election as President from 2018- 2020, and continues to serve as Vice President since 2021. She was elected Interim President in December 2023 upon the resignation of Priscilla McGreevy. She brings a broad range of experience as an art instructor in New Jersey, art framer in Heidelberg, Germany, and most recently as a jewelry designer. She is a Resident Artist in the Arts Center @319. Her designs are on display in the Arts Center Gift Shop, seasonal festivals in Yorktown, Poquoson, Newport News, Williamsburg, and Smithfield. She is also a returning artist at the Nansemond Suffolk Academy Art Show.

Joseph Graif, Vice President, Board of Directors, (volunteer) Joseph holds a B.A. in music and an M.B.A. in accounting and finance from Columbia University, as well as Colleague and Choirmaster certifications from the American Guild of Organists. He is enjoying a 56-year career as a pastoral musician and worked over 40 years as a financial executive, on Wall Street and at large Public Accounting firms. During that time, Joseph concertized at Saint Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity Church in New York City, The New York Military Academy and Radio City Music Hall. Now, in "retirement," he and his wife, Susan, have formed the Susan A. & Joseph N. Graif Foundation Inc. through which they will support the musical performing arts in Isle of Wight County. Joseph also serves as President of the Old Dominion Theatre Organ Society, the local chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society. He joined the IWAL board in 2023.

Deborah J. Duncan, Secretary, Board of Directors, (volunteer) Deborah was born in London, England and moved to Southern California with her family when she was 14. She has a BA in Psychology from California State University Fullerton, followed by eclectic work experience. While in CA she worked at Applied Solar Energy Corporation as a photo lithographer, and at Landmark Medical Center, a locked psychiatric facility, as a counselor. In 2006 she moved, with her family, to the Philippines for four years in order to work with IDEA, a foundation working to educate impoverished and neglected deaf children. The family returned to the U.S. and Virginia 2015 and opened Wharf Hill Brewing Company in downtown Smithfield. She enjoys working backstage at the Smithfield Little Theater, volunteering for Smithfield VA Events, and spending time with her three sons. Deborah works for Isle of Wight Tourism as a docent and tour guide. She has a love of the arts in all its forms: music, visual arts, and the theater. She joined the Board of Directors in 2018 and was elected Secretary in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

T. Dru Stowe, Treasurer, Board of Directors, (volunteer), Dru Stowe is the owner and general manager of MurSto Productions, an entertainment production firm in Smithfield, Virginia. As an instrumental musician, he has performed in numerous ensembles both locally and internationally. He worked at Busch Gardens Williamsburg for 29 years where he supervised music and special events. Since its creation in 2008, he has been the Executive Director for the Sundays at Fours Chamber series and subsequently became a member of the Isle of Wight Arts League Board. He has served as Vice President, President, and Treasurer.

Sheila W. Gwaltney, Arts Center Director (staff), Sheila joined the Arts League board in 2006 and was appointed Director of the Arts Center @ 319 in 2007. In 2008 she sought partnership with Smithfield-Isle of Wight Tourism Bureau and assisted in planning the space shared by the Arts Center and Tourism's Visitors Center. The project was ultimately recognized in 2009 by the Virginia Downtown Development Association's Award of Excellence for Organizational Development. Mrs. Gwaltney has been an Isle of Wight Arts League Resident Artist since 2005 and exhibits her work locally and in regional arts venues.

The Isle of Wight Arts League welcomes Joy Edgett to the Board of Directors



Joy moved to Hampton Roads in 2023 from Richmond, VA where she lived for over 20 years. She has a BS in Accounting from James Madison University. In 2020, she retired from Activation Capital where she was Director of Business Development and Administration. During her career, Joy helped several start-up companies and nonprofits with grant writing/management, capital raises, business plans/budgeting, and product development. She also has over 16 years of QuickBooks experience. While at Activation Capital, she served as Treasurer to three Boards: Virginia Biotechnology Research Partnership Authority (a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of VA) whose purpose was to help development in the Life Sciences: Virginia Biotechnology Research Park, a 501c3 whose purpose is serving and incubating the states biotechnology and bio medical industries; and Dominion Energy Innovation Center who helped High Tech entrepreneurs and small businesses. Joy has a love for the arts and is an artist herself who enjoys working with watercolor and pencil.



through FEBRUARY 26
WARM UP FOR WINTER
 Quilts by the Angel Quilters
 Fiber arts

MARCH 5 through 31
YOUTH ART MONTH
 IOW County Student Art Work

APRIL 1 -30
ART FOR \$100: ARTWORK REFRESH

A fund-raising event for the Arts Center@319 and the Isle of Wight Art League, the exhibit offers each piece of pre-owned art for a \$100 donation. Please join us by supporting IWAL by donating a piece of art (your own original or by another artist).

Art In Small Bites Exhibit Themes

February	Love Birds
March	When the Wind Blows
April	Abstracts
May	Butterflies are Free
June	Pigs, Petals and Pearls

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