Creative Voice

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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.

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Introduction to Oil Painting: Beginner Class

Wednesday & Thursday, August 26 & 27
1 - 4 pm / Instructor: Diane Greenhalgh

Unlock the vibrant world of oil painting in this beginner-friendly two-day course. Sessions will cover basic techniques, color mixing, different mediums, brushwork and more. You will learn how to handle materials safely and build a painting from the first sketch to the final highlight. Build on skills learned in each class.

All supplies provided. Class Fee is $75 for Members ($85 for Non-members) plus a Materials fee of $25.

Register by August 23 to reserve a seat in this class. Ages 16 and up. Call 757.357.7707 for more details.

SUMMER 2026 KIDS' WORKSHOPS

Arts Center @ 319

OPEN TO RISING 3RD-5TH GRADERS
MEETS FROM 10 A.M.-NOON AT THE ARTS CENTER@319, MAIN STREET, SMITHFIELD

FRI AUGUST 7	**ALCOHOL INK** Explore the beauty of Alcohol Ink on ceramic tile, learning the basics of this unique medium.
FRI AUGUST 14	**WATERCOLOR** Learn the fine art of watercolor by painting a lovely landscape!

$25 each
supplies included

Register online at smithfieldarts.com/art-classes or by calling 757-357-7707

Upcoming ART Exhibits

IOW Arts League Members Show *Highlights and Hits of 2025/2026*

August 1 - September 13

This annual exhibition celebrates the creative talents of the Isle of Wight Arts League's member- ship. Featuring standout works from the past year, *Highlights & Hits* showcases a wide range of styles, subjects, and mediums — from bold new experiments to refined favorites. Together, these pieces reflect the vibrant spirit of our local arts community and the depth of creativity cultivated throughout the 2025–2026 season.

It's Inevitable *New takes on Memento Mori*

September 18 October 31

Memento mori, Latin for "remember you must die," is deeply embedded in art history. Artists have used various symbols like skulls, hourglasses, decaying flowers and candles to reflect the fleetingness of life and the inevitability of death. This exhibition encourages artists to explore these themes with fresh perspectives and innovative approaches, moving beyond traditional interpretations to offer unique insights into what binds us in life: the human condition.

SAVE THE DATE… for the next Intermediate Painting with Acrylics Class

Wednesday - Friday, Sept 16—18

1 - 3 pm / Instructor Athena A Rhodes

Thank you for your support of the Isle of Wight Arts League SUMMER CONCERT SERIES!

It has been a very hot summer so far, but many of you have still come out to have a good time and support the Summer Concert Series. Over 2,500 people have attended so far this summer and we have a few more weeks to go. Your support cannot be under-estimated!

We will have our big year end finale concert at the Smithfield Center, 220 North Church Street, Smithfield. It will feature a local favorite GRIFFIN LANE BAND featuring Clay and Nancy Griffin. You'll be serenaded with some of the greatest soul, country and rock n roll hits.

Tickets are REQUIRED due to capacity limitations at the Smithfield Center. The concert, as a fundraiser, is asking for a **minimum five dollars ($5.00) donation; payable at the door.** ***Exact change is required. First come, first served.***

Clay and Nancy Griffin are donating their time and talents to help raise funds for the Summer Concert Series. They will also be auctioning superior musical instruments and other musical items. Come prepared to take something special home with you. You don't want to miss this opportunity.

Checks for auction items should be made payable to:
Summer Concert Series - IWAL.

There is also a beautiful quilt donated by the Angel Quilters of Smithfield. It is being raffled at three (3) tickets for $5.00. The winner will be announced at the finale concert SEPTEMBER 4, 2026, 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. You do not have to be present to win.

Concert tickets may be picked up at the Arts Center, 319 Main Street, Smithfield starting August 1.

Questions? Call 757-357-7707 or 757-365-0387.

Director, Isle of Wight Arts League, Smithfield, VA

Are you a visionary leader with a passion for the arts, community engagement and cultural enrichment? Join us in shaping the future of the Isle of Wight Arts League as our next Arts Center director. Email **info@smithfieldarts.org**

Overall Position Description:

The Arts Center director is expected to work a minimum of 25-30 hours per week but be continually available for emergencies and questions. Many of the administrative tasks can be, or are already, automated; others, when defined and managed, can be delegated to volunteers or docents.

Skills required:

Time and priority Management	PC literacy (Microsoft Office, Google, QuickBooks, Point of Sale system, MailChimp)
Human Resource Management	Written and Oral Communications, Social Media Communications
Project Management	Operations and Facilities Management

The director serves as an ambassador for the entire Isle of Wight Arts League (IWAL), which includes Sundays at Four, Summer Concert Series and Smithfield Music, in addition to the visual arts program.

Support the Arts! Join the Arts League for only $45 a year — get discounts on classes and gift shop items!