



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 downtown Smithfield. The Arts League includes three music programs: Smithfield Music, Summer Concert Series and Sundays at Four. Information available at 757.357.7707 or info@smithfieldarts.org

Abstract Wildflowers Diptych

January 23, 2021

Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

Instructor: Barbara Lively Mastaglio

Enjoy creating your own masterpiece on two 8 x 10 canvases! We'll use acrylic paints and a variety of tools to give lots of texture. This is a make it and take it 3 hour workshop for students ages 14 and up of all skill levels. Class Fee is \$65 members/\$75 non-members plus Materials Fee of \$12 which covers canvases, paint and the use of all tools provided by instructor. **Register by January 22, 2021** to reserve your space. Limited to 8 students. Masks are required. For more information call 757.357.7707.

Upcoming Exhibit...

Baby, It's Cold Outside!

In the Gallery **January 15 through February 28, 2021.**

Come inside and feel the warmth. Quilts made by the Angel Quilters will fill the gallery with cozy quilts of all sizes and colors.

The group is familiar to local residents, made up of volunteers who meet at Trinity United Methodist Church to create beautiful quilts for any child in need in Smithfield, Isle of Wight County and the surrounding area. Their quilts are delivered to children through CASA For Kids, Christian Outreach, Smithfield Fire Station, IOW Rescue Squad, IOW Sheriff's Office, Smithfield PD, All God's Children camps, and Genevie Shelter. Angel Quilters donate quilts to programs serving children where ever there is a need.

The quilts on exhibit will be for sale and the proceeds used to help fulfill the mission and future projects of the Angel Quilters.

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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From the President...

Happy Christmas All,

This holiday season I encourage all of you to reflect on the positive elements of 2020. I for one am thankful for our loyal members who maintained their support during the pandemic shutdown and slow return to normality. Through your generosity the League was able to provide some compensation to contracted performers, meet Art Center monthly lease and utility obligations, and provide exposure for our visual artists while other venues were cancelled or postponed. **A special thank you** to retiring Operations Manager, **Rick Bodson**, through whose guidance the League was able to weather the pandemic. Your Board of Directors have been busy working toward the resumption of music performances, host receptions and participate in fund raising. **Wishing you and your family, good health, and a prosperous new year.**

Looking forward to seeing everyone again in the new year.

Regards, Diane Milner
President, Isle of Wight Arts League

Summer Concert Series

The stage at Times Square was silenced this past summer by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

It was the first time in more than three decades that free, Friday evening concerts were not held on the grounds of The Smithfield Times, popularly known as Times Square.

Summer Concert Series coordinators John Edwards and Elaine Dairo conferred with the arts league and town of Smithfield, which now owns the concert site, as they cancelled concerts that had been scheduled for the first part of the summer and then, the remainder of the season's series when the COVID pandemic accelerated, rather than declined.

The Arts league plans to resume the concert schedule as soon as public health conditions permit unlimited outdoor gatherings, probably not until a significant percentage of the public is protected with a COVID vaccine. That is likely not to occur until sometime next summer.

"All of us want to resume this popular community event, and we will as soon as we can, but many of our regular concert goers are senior citizens and among the most vulnerable people in our community to the virus," Edwards said. "Their safety, as well as that of the performers who entertain us, has to be our first priority."

Dairo added that the concert organizers will be looking to bring a new generation of music enthusiasts to the stage and audience in the summers to come.



John Edwards

A Special COVID Support Acknowledgment

The League would like to recognize those organizations who provided monetary support during 2020. Their support contributed to our ability to pay staff, meet monthly lease and contractual obligations; reopen the Arts Center with improved health and safety standards; pay performers, and complete transition to a new point of sale system. Funding allowed us to maintain a presence in the community while others struggled to survive. Special thanks to the U.S. Small Business Administration for payroll support; Hampton Roads Charitable Foundation; the Virginia Commission for the Arts, Business Consortium for the Arts; the Town of Smithfield and Isle of Wight County; Smithfield VA Events, and the VA CARES program. Those of you who successfully secured gift cards under the IOW Shop Small project, we thank you and look forward to providing quality, locally produced art in 2021.

Annual Meeting

The following Nominees for the Arts League Board of Directors will stand for election at the Annual Meeting to be held virtually on **January 11, at 7:00 p.m.**

Deborah Duncan*
Joel Andrus
**incumbent*

The following Slate of Officers will stand for election by the new board at the February Board Meeting:

- ⇒ President - Priscilla A. McGreevy
- ⇒ Vice-President - Diane Milner
- ⇒ Treasurer - Dru Stowe
- ⇒ Secretary - Deborah Duncan

The Annual Meeting of the Isle of Wight Arts League

will be held on **Monday, January 11, 2021, at 7:00 PM.** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to meet in person at the Arts Center @ 319, **the meeting will be held virtually.** Members are invited to attend by signing on with Zoom.

Please note: If you intend to join us, please let us know by sending an email to info@SmithfieldArts.org by 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, January 10th**, so that we may send you by return email the information you need to join the meeting Monday.

In accordance with the By-laws of the Arts League, Joel Andrus and Deborah Duncan have been nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for a term of three-years; their appointment to the Board will be subject to a vote by members in attendance. Nominations may also be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Diane Milner



Travel Journal Watercolor Workshop

February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2021

Saturdays from 10 a.m. — 12 noon

Instructor Barbara Lively Mastaglio

If you feel your creativity flowing while away from home or regular art classes but can't imagine hauling the supplies in your luggage or your beach bag, a travel journal is the way to go! It requires less bulky gear, less supplies and all the best to capture your travel experiences. Learn to fill a page with complete sketches, thoughtful writings, water colors and beautiful borders too! *No experience required, for ages 16 and up.*

Cost for Members is \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members. Enroll by February 4th.

Class limited to 8 participants each session and masks will be required. To reserve your space, click the "sign up for a class" button or register by calling 757-357-7707

Supplies to bring on the first class:

*Journal of your choosing - must have **watercolor paper**, (6"x8" size approximately works best).*

Watercolor set – with mixing tray and a brush (I use Windsor & Newton travel pack which is small, but has 14 colors)

Watercolor brush round size 6, Sketching pencil and eraser, A pen with archival ink - Pigma Micron 01, 2 bankers clips or file clips, a Ruler, and a small roll of paper towels. Contact Instructor if you have trouble locating any of the items.





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