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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



Mike O'Shell



Stephanie Faleski

Arts Center @ 319 Annual Members Show

The Votes are In! Congratulations to Mike O'Shell for winning 1st Place and to Stephanie Faleski for winning 2nd and 3rd place in the People's Choice Awards!

The Smithfield Times hosted an informal, socially distanced event October 1st, on their front lawn to celebrate the newspaper's 100th year of publication.



Music was provided by Joel Joyner, SHS band director, and one of the favorite performers in the Summer Concert Series.

Honored during the celebration were, John and Anne Edwards, Smithfield residents who owned the Smithfield Times for 34 years and founded the Friday Evening concerts in the summer of 1986.

In March 2005, the Isle of Wight Arts League joined The Smithfield Times as a co-sponsor for the Summer Concert Series, presenting free outdoor concerts for the community. 2020 would have been the 34th year. The couple remains active in Isle of Wight and Smithfield.

The Isle of Wight Arts League extends its gratitude for the financial support of the Arts Center @319 provided by these entities.



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Kim Pugh of **SummerWind Vineyard** in Smithfield hosted four rising opera singers for an outdoor concert on Saturday, October 3. The weather was perfect and the event was well attended.



From the President...

I am happy to announce that Connie Chapman agreed to fill a vacancy on our Board of Directors starting immediately.

Connie brings a wealth of social media experience to the Board, as well as an in-depth knowledge of the business communities within Isle of Wight. You can find Connie at her day job in the Smithfield & Isle of Wight Tourism Office. Stop by and welcome her aboard.

Regards,
Diane Milner
President, Isle of Wight Arts League

Sundays at Four

Sundays at Four continues to suspend its concert season during the COVID pandemic, but our performance space has received a makeover. After many months of careful work, restoration to the church's historic walls and Tiffany stained glass windows has now been completed. We look forward to enjoying their beauty when our concerts continue.

Dru Stowe
Executive Director – Sundays at Four



Yorktown Art Stroll



Several Isle of Wight Art League members participated in the Yorktown Art Stroll held Sunday, September 27. Participants included: Diane Milner - jewelry, Annette Thompson - encaustic painting, and Shirley Whitenack - photography. It was lovely to be out and about again with people who create and appreciate art.

Fused Glass - Kilncarving

Monday, October 12
10 a.m. to 12 noon
Instructor: Georgette Phillips

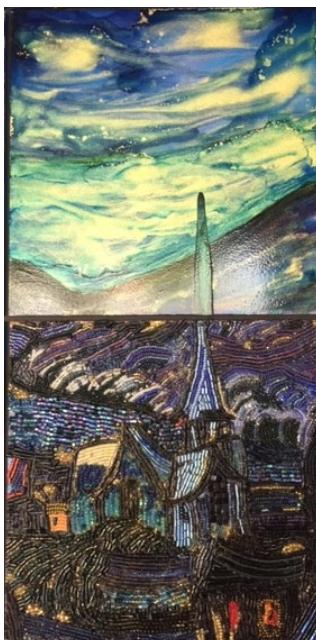


Introductory class in a technique that creates the appearance that part of the glass surface has been carved away. Students will create one 4" x 8" and two 4" x 4" glass tiles to display as sun-catchers. No prior fusing or glass cutting experience required. All Materials included in the class price. Instructor will fire the pieces and return your completed art to the arts center for pickup one week after class. Class Fee: \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members. Call the Arts Center at 757.357.7707 for more information or to register.

The Starry Night Project

What happens when you take a print of one of the most famous Impressionist paintings from early in the twentieth century, slice and dice it, then invite a bunch of living artists to recreate each slice in his or her favorite medium? You create a **FUNDraiser** everyone enjoys.

We took a 24" x 30" color reproduction of the masterwork of Vincent Van Gogh, *The Starry Night*, and cut it into 20 squares measuring 6 inches by 6 inches. Artists paid \$5 for the privilege of drawing a number at random to receive the corresponding square to reproduce on an Ampersand® panel which, when executed and returned, were to be assembled and framed as a mosaic recreating Van Gogh's masterpiece.



Twenty enthusiastic artists rose to the challenge. Some artists were professional artists, some amateurs; some were professionals in non-art disciplines. Studying one small piece of the painting, each participant channeled their creative energy by translating the oil painting into their favorite medium.

Squares were painted in a variety of mediums: watercolor, oil and acrylic paint, colored pencils and alcohol ink. Some squares incorporate metal leaf, metallic paints, glitter and beads. Some squares have natural bark to imitate the texture of the trees, and one square is done in needlepoint.

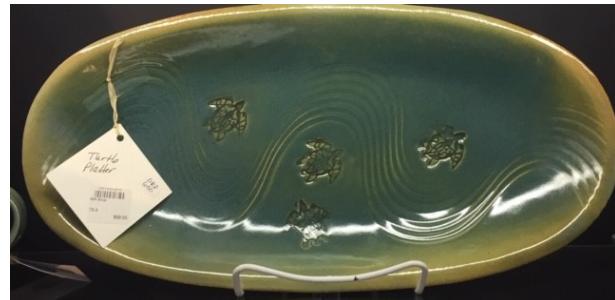
The participating artists were: Cheryl Arden, Kevin Arden, Cil Barbour, Cami Brooks, Tammy Burgett, Connie Chapman, Diane Greenhalgh, Sheila Gwaltney, Sharolyn Hayes, Beth Haywood, Ginger Hill, Bonnie Horne, Brenda Joyner, Brenda Lovell, Susan Maltby, Barbara Lively Mastaglio, Diane Milner, Yvonne Munson, Dawn Richardson and Diane Rountree.

The individual panels were assembled, framed and displayed in the Arts Center @ 319. This glorious collaborative artwork will be offered for purchase by silent auction with proceeds to benefit the Arts Center @ 319, a program of the Isle of Wight Arts League, a member-owned 501-c-3 non-profit.

The bid sheet is posted in the Arts Center @ 319. All bids will be on the posted sheet monitored by the arts center staff and volunteers. Phone-In Bids will be accepted only through **November 6, 2020** during Arts Center hours – No Voicemail or Texts – by calling (757) 357-7707. The Art Center is open Monday—Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 12 noon to 5 p.m. Bidding will end on **November 8, 2020 at 4 p.m.** The Winning Bid will be announced November 9, 2020.



Be sure to stop by the Art Center at 319 to check out the new arrivals in the gift shop and in the resident artist studios!





DOWNTOWN *Autumn* ART SHOW



Peruse Paintings, Photography, Glass, Jewelry, Sculpture, Alcohol Ink, Resin Art, Fabric Art and more at the Downtown Autumn Art Show on **Saturday, October 10** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The show will be along Hayden's Lane and on the lot at the former Smithfield Times.

The show is free to attend! Also, don't forget to stop by the hospitality table and bid on the **Starry Night** Collaborative Art piece!