



Creative Voice

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2025 Smithfield Arts Festival

Saturday, May 17

9 am - 4 pm

Enjoy this celebration of visual, performing, literary and culinary art in downtown Smithfield.

Free admission.

Interactive Art activities, Live Music, Local Authors, Fine Crafters, Juried Art Show, Culinary Delights and more!

Plus a Live Court Day performance at the 1750 Isle of Wight County Courthouse. Visit <https://1750courthouse.com/>

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Sundays at Four

2025 Season

Concerts held at Christ Episcopal Church in Smithfield

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.

Flute Master Class & Recital

May 3 - Master Class

10 - 3

Kathleen Winters, Flutist/
Ruth Winters, Piano

May 4 - Recital

4 pm

Solo Youth Recital

June 1, 2025

4 pm

Mary Reins, Soprano / Eastman School of Music

Terrific Teen Talent Recital

August 3, 2025

4 pm

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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Sundays at Four

On February 23rd, *Sundays at Four* (SAF) presented a concert to celebrate Black History Month, and to introduce the music of jazz artist, Ed Bland, who spent several years in retirement on his wife's family farm until his death in 2013. Together, Mary Batten, a writer herself, and her husband, Ed, reviewed original manuscripts to prepare them for publication. Some years later, *Sundays at Four* became interested in presenting some of Ed's work, and originally planned a concert for May 2020, but this was cancelled because of COVID. Supported by a recent grant from *Smithfield Events*, *Sundays at Four* rescheduled this concert for its 2024-2025 concert season.

This concert was developed for *Sundays at Four* by Joseph Vaz, grandson of Atwill and the late Doris Gwaltney. Joseph, a former Terrific Teen recitalist, now a doctoral student at CUNY, developed this concert of *Urban Classical Jazz* to be performed by four New York City musicians: clarinetist, Charles Neidich; cellist, Audrey Chen; flutist, Rebecca Moranis; and pianist, Joseph Vaz utilizing composers who used Jazz, Blues, African Rhythms, and Spirituals in their "classical" compositions.

The next *Sundays at Four* event will be a Flute Master Class May 3 from 10 AM – 3 PM. Application can be made for the opportunity to have a free 30-minute lesson with an outstanding professional. An application is on the SAF Facebook page, as is the application for the *Terrific Teen Talent Recital* on August 3. Both applications have an April 1 deadline.

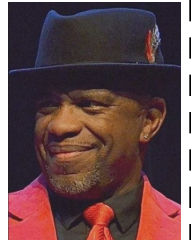
For more information write marycole@tidewaterarts.com.



Summer Concert Series

NEW TIME! Concerts will start at **7:30 pm** and are held on the **Main Street Stage at the Smithfield Times at 228 Main Street**. Concerts are **FREE** to attend! Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Performer</u>	<u>Genre</u>
May 23	GRIFFIN LANE	Country
May 30	Smithfield Little Theatre	Broadway on Main
June 6	Bobby BlackHat	Blues
June 13	Jesse Burdick	Bluegrass
June 20	Tidewater Concert Band	Pop/Swing/Broadway
June 27	Slater Joel Johnson	Gospel
July 4	York River Band	Patriotic
July 11	JUJU Drum	Steel Drums
July 18	SLT -Youth	Broadway Kids
July 25	Open Door Praise Band	Christian
Aug. 1	Williamsburg Classic Swing	Big Band/Swing
Aug. 8	Hannah Jai Band	Indie Pop
Aug. 15	Navy Fleet Forces	Military Combo
Aug. 22	Stan's Big Band	Modern Big Band & More
Aug. 29	FORTE	Jazz
Sept. 5	Double Treble & Co.	R&B/Jazz/Soul (at Smithfield Center)



Arts Center @319

For more information or to register for a class call 757.357.7707 or e-mail info@smithfieldarts.org. You may also enroll and pay through the website www.SmithfieldArts.org.

Beginner Introduction to Watercolor March 12, 13 and 14, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 1 to 3 pm / Instructor: Alexis Jones

Interested in learning about watercolor? Then this class is for you! The class will cover everything from basic color mixing to different watercolor techniques. Don't know what hot and cold press means? What layering and wet into wet processes are? After this class you'll understand all the "lingo"! The materials fee will provide each student with paper, paints and brushes so you can continue learning outside of the classroom. No experience is needed. Ages 13 years and up. **Class Fee** \$75 Members (\$85 for Non-members) plus a Materials fee of \$25.

Beginner/Intermediate Introduction to Acrylics March 19, 20 & 21, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 1 to 3 pm / Instructor: Athena A. Rhodes

Learn to paint with acrylics on canvas with three consecutive 2-hour sessions. No Experience Necessary! You will learn basic techniques of color mixing, brushwork and more, all suited to the featured painting. Build on skills learned in each class. Instructor supplied materials include brushes, paint and canvas.

Class Fee \$75 for Members (\$85 for Non-members) plus a Materials fee of \$25.

March Alcohol Ink Workshop Tuesday, March 25 from 7 to 9 pm OR Wednesday, March 26 from 10 am to 12 noon Instructor: Tammy Burgett

No Experience Necessary! Learn to paint using exciting, brilliantly colored alcohol inks. Reference provided by the instructor. This class is for students 16 years old and over. All paint, synthetic paper and brushes supplied by instructor. (Alcohol inks can be messy, bring an apron or wear 'old' clothes). **Register by** March 22. Minimum to hold class: 4, Max: 12. **Class Fee** is \$40 for Members (\$50 for Non-members) plus a Materials fee of \$10.

Introduction to Painting en Plien Air Saturday, April 12 8 to 11 am / Instructor: Barbara Harris

Paint on location in downtown Smithfield. Learn to paint on location in the fresh air. Painting on site, learn how to set up to paint and capture the fleeting light effects. This class is for students 16 years old and over with some familiarity painting in the medium of their choice. Please register by April 10. Supply list provided for what to bring. Minimum of 4 students to hold class, maximum class size is 12 students.

Class Fee is \$35 for Members (\$45 for Non-members).

Intro to Stained Glass: The Copper Foil Method Fri & Sun, March 28 & 30 from 12:30 to 3:30 OR Sat & Sun, May 3 & 4 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm Instructor: Heidi Wurm

The copper foil technique involves cutting glass, wrapping each piece with an adhesive-backed copper foil tape, and soldering the pieces together to create stained glass panels, suncatchers, boxes, lamps, and more. Students will meet for two, 3 hour sessions and complete a suncatcher. All supplies and tools for use during class will be provided. Enrollment: Maximum 4 students; minimum 2. **Register by** April 9. **Class Fee** \$90 Members (\$100 for Non-members), plus Materials Fee of \$30.

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



ISLE OF WIGHT ARTS LEAGUE

Teachers Reception

Fine Arts teachers of Isle of Wight and school administrators are invited to a fun night to gather with colleagues, members of the Arts League, and local business personnel to share ideas, talents, and philosophy.

Please join us for a casual evening and hors d'oeuvres.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH
5:30- 7PM
THE ARTS CENTER @319
MAIN STREET, SMITHFIELD

RSVP to info@smithfieldarts.org or by phone (757) 357-7707



YOUTH ART MONTH
STUDENT ART SHOW
MARCH 3- 22
at The Arts Center @319 in Downtown Smithfield



The Arts Center @ 319 is open
Monday - Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm
and Sunday Noon to 4 pm

A small reception for student artists
and families will be
Sunday, March 16 from 2-4 pm

Special Thanks to all who volunteered for the BOB Fest in January! Your volunteer hours earned the IWAL \$1,170

