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3rd Annual Smithfield Arts Festival

held along the 100-300 blocks of Main Street

Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



What to expect:

- ◇ Juried Art Show in the 300 block of Main Street
- ◇ Court Day Performance—"Widow Rand seeks justice" - a live portrayal of an actual court case at the 1750 Courthouse. *Ticketed event, multiple shows
- ◇ Meet & Greet Author event at Christ Episcopal Church
- ◇ Interactive Art Stations, Face-Painting, & Temporary Tattoos
- ◇ Story Walk along Hayden's Lane by local Smithfield author, Kim Norman
- ◇ International entertainment on the Main Street Stage
- ◇ Live music in multiple locations along Main Street
- ◇ Over 35 Fine Crafters, a wonderful assortment of food and more!



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.

Ricky Goodwyn, Jr. Concert - Sunday, May 19 at 4 p.m.

Concert will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 111 S. Church St.

Ricky received his Bachelors in Vocal Performance and will receive his Masters in Vocal Performance this May. He will complete a Masters in Choral Conducting in May of 2025. Ricky is also the director of the Stanton Choral Society.

There is no ticket charge, however, a free will offering will be taken to help support Ricky's educational expenses.



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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The Isle of Wight Arts League welcomes Nicole Talton to the Board of Directors

Nicole Talton is a North Carolina Tarheel, born and bred. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a BA in Public Policy Analysis. She is married to Newport News native, Ty Talton and together, they have three sons and have lived in the County since 2007.

Nicole joined Isle of Wight County Economic Development department in 2019 as an economic development coordinator and has been active in assisting businesses grow and expand in Hampton Roads, Virginia. Her primary focus is on Business Retention and Expansion. Nicole refers to herself as a “recovering banker” with 20 plus years of experience assisting retail and business clients across 3 states working for large national banks to small community banks.



She is active in her sorority (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.) and church, (Bethel AME church in Hampton). She also serves on the board of Community Knights, advisory board for the Luter Family YMCA, and as a facilitator for the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce Student Leadership Institute. After working on the peninsula for many years, she feels blessed and honored to work and live in the community she loves.

Volunteer docents needed for the Arts Center @ 319

Spend a morning or afternoon each week while surrounded by beautiful artwork and wonderful people in the Historic District of Downtown Smithfield. Docents provide information by phone or in person about the exhibits, artists’ studios and upcoming classes and performances. Docents welcome visitors and handle sales transactions in the gift shop, guided by simple Point of Sale System and bar code reader. Training is provided.

If you are interested in volunteering call the Center (357-7707) and ask for Sheila or drop by for a visit at 319 Main Street.

Volunteer for the 2024 Arts Festival

Contact us right away to help with set up, artist hospitality or interactive art stations.

We would like to thank everyone that has been a volunteer for the Arts league for the Festivals that we have already had this season.

It has gone very well at each one of them and it has helped the Art Center as well.

By volunteering, you help the IWAL earn a monetary contribution from the festival. Your dedication to helping the Arts League is greatly appreciated!

The next event is the Bacon Fest on October 5th. We will be requesting volunteers sometime in August. If you want to volunteer you can email me at amilkfamily@charter.net.

Thank you, Brenda Lovell



Sundays at Four

Sundays at Four is accepting applications for the Terrific Teen Talent Recital on August 4th.

Contact 757.675.5777 for more information.

MAY EXHIBIT at the ARTS CENTER

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Artwork in all mediums depicting Smithfield, Windsor and Isle of Wight and neighboring areas.

Upcoming Exhibits...

JUNE

MIXED MEDIA
Use more than one!

JULY

OUT OF THE BLUE

AUGUST

IWAL MEMBERS SHOW AND SALE



2024 Friday Night Summer Concert Series

DATE	PERFORMER	GENRE
May 24	Slater Joel Johnson & Co.	Gospel
May 31	M.S.G. Acoustic Blues Trio w/ Jackie Merritt	Country Blues
June 7	Higher Ground w/ Joel Joyner	Christian/Gospel
June 14	Kim Person & Lana Puckett	Acoustic Americana
June 21	Bobby BlackHat	Blues
June 28	York River Band	Patriotic
July 5	Village Avenue	Indie Pop
July 12	Pasture #3	Americana/Grass Roots
July 19	Hurrah 4 B'Way	Broadway/Country/Pop
July 26	Pirate Night	KIDS SHOW
Aug. 2	Navy Fleet Forces	Pop
Aug. 9	Williamsburg Classic Swing Orchestra	Big Band/Swing
Aug. 16	Forte	Jazz
Aug. 23	Stan's Big Band	Big Band & More
Aug. 30	Griffin Lane	Country
Sept. 5	Free Motown Revue concert at Smithfield Center	*See details below

Friday Concerts:

Location: Main Street Stage
at 228 Main Street, Smithfield.

Presented by: The Isle of Wight Arts League, The Town of Smithfield, The Smithfield Times and our generous donors.

Time: All Concerts begin at **7 p.m.**
Bring a chair.

* MOTOWN REVUE CONCERT

Thursday, September 5 at 7 p.m.

at the Smithfield Center, featuring K-Soul & Co.



Concert is FREE, but tickets are required. Limit **2** per person.
Tickets available beginning **August 19**, while supplies last.

Tickets must be picked up at: The Arts Center @319 Main Street.

The Isle of Wight Arts League is a non-profit organization.
Interested in donating to The Summer Concert Series?
Please call Elaine at 757.365.0387 for more details.



It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Sue Plummer. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, a Sundays at Four Board Member, a founder of The Isle of Wight Optimist Club, a member of the Smithfield Woman's Club, and a very talented lady. Sue managed a loan department in a Norfolk bank for many years before retiring. Please offer prayers for her friends and family.

Sincerely, Mary Cole

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