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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. The Arts League also includes three music programs:



Smithfield Music, Summer Concert Series and Sundays at Four.

Information available at 757.357.7707 or info@smithfieldarts.org.

Become a member of the League for only \$35 a year and get discounts on classes and gift shop items at the Art Center.

After two years of cancellations, the **Smithfield Arts Festival** is once again being planned for **May 21, 2022** from **9 am to 4 pm**.

Visual, Performing, Culinary, and Literary Art will be showcased and celebrated in downtown Smithfield.



The Arts Center @319 Main Street will host the Juried Art Show in the 300 block of Main Street. Other areas will be in the 100-200 blocks of Main Street. Planned activities include kids make and take art, collaborative art, culinary demos, craft demos, live music, meet local authors, story time for kids and more! If you are interested in volunteering contact cchapman@iwus.net or info@smithfieldarts.org.

COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT

Be on the lookout for a "Call for Artists" for participation in the



Spring collaborative painting.

Our selection is a photo by League member Mike O'Shell titled *Sunflowers*. The work will be a tribute to the people of Ukraine, as the sunflower is their national flower.

The Art Center's weekly email will alert everyone to when the 24 paint squares will be available for purchase and deadline for completion. The completed piece will be auctioned off to benefit the people of Ukraine.

Sundays at Four is pleased to announce that they are returning to in-person performances this season. Starting the lineup will be The Botetourt Trio featuring local pianist Rebecca Willet. Their concert will include works by Brahms, Faure' and Dvorak. The performance will be Sunday, April 24th in Christ Episcopal Church at 4:00 p.m. Our series will kick off the Independence Day weekend with a performance by the Colonial Singers of Williamsburg on Sunday July the 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

We are also starting the search for participants for our Terrific Teen Talent concert coming up August the 6th. Audition information is available at our website at www.sundaysatfourva.org.

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...

Welcome to our two new board members, Steve & Elaine! We have lots of activities coming up. If you would like to volunteer, we have many opportunities!

Reach out to info@smithfieldarts.org to assist with the May 21 Arts Festival, or to volunteer with the October Bacon Fest, contact Diane Milner at the Art Center at 357.7707 on Thursdays between 10 am and 4 pm.

Priscilla McGreevy, President

Upcoming Classes at the Art Center

Check our website SmithfieldArts.org for all the details. You can also use our new online payment feature.

Tammy Burgett has created a series of Alcohol Ink Classes offering two dates for you to pick from each month.

Welcome Spring - Card Making Workshop

Tue., March 22, 7 - 9 pm or Sun., March 27, 3 - 5 pm

Garden Party – Floral Expressions

Tue., April 19, 7 - 9 pm or Sun., April 24, 3 - 5 pm

Light Up the Night – Glass Lantern with Fairy Lights

Tue., May 17, 7 - 9 pm or Sun., May 22, 3 - 5 pm

A Day at the Beach - Expressive Seascape

Tue., June 21, 7 - 9 pm or Sun., June 26, 3 - 5 pm

Heidi Wurm is offering two introductory Stained Glass workshops to get students set up creating beautiful glass work.

Beginning Stained Glass: Copper Foil Method

SPRING: Saturdays, Mar. 26 - May 7 (no class April 9)
1 to 3 pm – Six Sessions

Beginning Stained Glass: Copper Foil Method

SUMMER: July 26 through Aug. 6
Tues., Thurs., and Sat. - 1 to 3 pm for 2 weeks

Also, one day workshops: **Glass in Session** for Stained Glass artists to continue to learn and improve skills.

Sharpen Your Stained Glass Skills - Sat., June 25 from 11 am to 3 pm

Smooth Your Solder - Sat., Sept. 17 from 1 to 3 pm

Build a Box - Sat., Oct., 22, from 12 to 3 pm

Arts Center @319

Welcome to our two new resident artists!

Kim Holland of Smithfield and Ivon Portellez of Suffolk. Both artists are very excited to have a studio in the arts and visitors center.

Kim is an oil painter and began her art instruction at the arts center. She had served as a docent previously at the Arts Center and in March will resume docent duties on alternating Mondays.

Ivon works as a paralegal and is originally from Miami. She holds a minor degree in studio arts and is currently creating artwork in pastel, charcoal and graphite.

IWAL Welcomes New Board Members

Elaine Shell

Elaine is a retired Registered Nurse. During her career, she used her extensive work experiences and organizational management skills to analyze needs and effect organizational change in concert with all levels of staff. Elaine and her husband Steve have resided in Smithfield since 1997.

Upon retirement she searched for opportunities to explore her creative nature. She found her passion in fiber art when she started taking machine embroidery classes; where she met two other fiber artists. Together they formed "Thread Divas". They showcase their creations at the Isle of Wight and Poquoson Art Leagues annual holiday galleries. The remainder of the year Elaine participates in craft and art events in the Hampton Roads area. In addition to volunteer work with the Isle of Wight Arts League, she volunteers her time and talents to the Smithfield Angel Quilters.

Steve Stewart

Steve is the owner and publisher of The Smithfield Times, Slice magazine and related digital products. He is also the owner of the Coastland Times in Manteo, N.C., and Senior VP of Boone Newspapers Inc., with responsibility for the company's newspapers in Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Minnesota.

Steve is a veteran editor and publisher of community newspapers throughout the South, including the Suffolk News-Herald, The Farmville Herald and The Tidewater News in Franklin. He is a past president of the Virginia Press Association and serves on its First Amendment Fund committee. Stewart has been active in Rotary for 25 years. Stewart and his wife, Rhonda, live in Smithfield. Rhonda serves as executive director of the Western Tidewater Free Clinic in Suffolk.

Creative Voice newsletters are available online at
www.smithfieldarts.org

Summer Concert Series 2022

Date	Performer	Music Genre
May 27	Bobby BlackHat	Blues
June 3	Slater Joel	Gospel
June 10	Kim Persons & Lana Puckett	Acoustic Americana
June 17	Flatland Bluegrass Band	Bluegrass
June 24	Forte	Jazz
July 1	York River Concert Band	Patriotic
July 8	Summer Jones Band	60's-70's
July 15	Pirate Night	Kids Show
July 22	Motown Sounds featuring KSoul	Motown
July 29	Angela Easterling	Upbeat Americana
August 5	Zack Salsberry Trio	Classis Rock & Blues
August 12	Williamsburg Classic Swing	Orchestra
August 19	Military Combo	Patriotic
August 26	SLT Variety Show	Show Tunes
September 2	Griffin Lane	Country

NEW TIME: All concerts begin at **7:00 p.m.**

Location: The Gazebo at 228 Main Street, Smithfield. Bring a chair.

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



ART FOR \$100 FUNDRAISER

Do you need to find a good home for a formerly loved artwork that is now displaced due to a remodel or a re-decorated space? If so, would you consider donating it to the arts center fundraiser "Art for \$100"? The event enables our members to edit their personal collections and helps raise funds for the arts center.

We accept original works and fine prints from our members' personal collections and display them in our gallery during the month of April. Each pre-owned artwork will be available to art lovers in exchange for a donation of \$100, a very affordable price for original art. We hope to help cultivate art collectors among the younger generation and help refresh your collection.

Contact Sheila at the Arts Center by calling 357-7707 or email info@SmithfieldArts.org to arrange a time to drop off your donations beginning March 26 to 30, 2022. Donors will receive a donation letter for the pieces that are sold during the exhibit.

Save the date! Invitational Boutique Autumn Art Show Sat., September 17 from 9 to 3 at the Smithfield Winery!

THANK YOU! We would like to **recognize** those Art League Members and friends who have agreed to generously gift their time as volunteers at the Wine & Brew Fest in 2022:

Elaine & Mike Shell, Joan Mars, Brenda & Danny Lovell, Sherri Overton, Pricilla & Bob McGreevy, Diane Milner, Steve Stewart, Heidi & Mike Wurm, Jim Abicht & friends, Deborah Duncan, Sheila Gwaltney & Connie Chapman.

Your time makes many of our programs and events possible. Thank you! If **YOU** would like to help the IWAL at a upcoming festival contact Diane Milner at 757.357.7707. The next event is Sat., Oct. 1, 2022.

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