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Grand Opening

The beautiful 83,000 square-foot building, the Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center at Christopher Newport University Grand opening to the public will be in mid-September 2021 (tentatively September 17).

Isle of Wight Arts League Members and resident artists interested in a group tour in October please email Sheila at info@smithfieldarts.org by September 30.

Our contact at the Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center is Joan Dobson, Visitor Service Coordinator.

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

Forte performs at the Gazebo, 228 Main Street, Smithfield Friday, July 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Forte, Smithfield's outlandishly popular jazz band, will kick off the series July 2, which will begin at **7 p.m.**, *an hour earlier than normal*, in order to give concert patrons time to leave downtown and find a viewing site for the fireworks.



Forte is an eight-piece ensemble hailing from Smithfield, VA. Formed in 1995, the group has performed extensively for events ranging from hometown backyard barbecues to television appearances to performing at the Hampton Jazz Festival in Hampton, VA in 2009 and 2013. In 2009, the group had the opportunity to record an album entitled "Left Behind - At the Train Station" and another in 2013 entitled "Chase the Rhythm." Forte members have also produced solo projects to include bassist Daniel Quackenbush's 2008 release "Singlehanded" and saxophonist Brian Pinner's 2009 release "Just Being Me." Forte's success as a musical force stems from the group's passion for creating quality musical performances that invite the listener to share in Forte's love of the art, with innovative and energetic performances as the trademark of the Forte experience. Performing a wide variety of popular jazz music and original compositions, and remaining a group of true friends, it is no wonder that the group has been together making great music (with the original members) for almost 20 years.

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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Isle of Wight Arts League Members Open Show

Our favorite show returns to its Mid-Summer time slot. Our member artists, from new artists to seasoned professionals, show off their most recent works. The always popular People's Choice Award balloting takes place in July.

EXHIBIT: July 5 – August 28, 2021

OPENING RECEPTION: Friday evening, August 6th

SUBMISSIONS: Members may submit up to two (2) pieces of original work completed within the last 2 years and not shown previously at the Arts Center @ 319. Two-Dimensional entries must be framed or gallery wrapped, clean and professional in appearance, ready to hang with hardware for hanging securely attached to the frame. No Sawtooth Hangers - No Exceptions. Works must not exceed 45 lb. in weight. Three-Dimensional wall pieces must be ready for hanging. Sculpture, pottery, jewelry and utilitarian art work should include appropriate display stands if needed.

DELIVERY: Entries will be received in the Arts Center @ 319, located at 319 Main Street, Smithfield, Virginia on Monday, June 28 and Tuesday, June 29 from 10 am to 4 pm or by appointment. Include Entry Form and attach labels to lower left corner of each artwork. All work will be accepted on a first-come basis until all space is filled. The exhibit committee reserves the right to deny entry of any work deemed not suitable for display.

SALES: Isle of Wight Arts League will retain a 30% commission of any work sold during the exhibition.

Works submitted need not be for sale, and if not, should be designated on the entry card as Not For Sale (NFS) and an insurance value listed on form. All work must remain in the gallery for the duration of the exhibit or until sold.

PEOPLES' CHOICE AWARD: Voting will take place by paper ballot in the gallery the beginning of the show through the month of July with the top three choices announced at the Reception on August 6th. The First Place Prize will be a complimentary one year membership that the artist can add to their current term or gifted to another party.

INFORMATION: Call 757.357.7707 or email info@smithfieldarts.com

Alcohol Ink is a fun, relatively new medium to paint with, but be warned it's easy to become addicted!

Resident Artist Tammy Burgett is offering a Summer series of classes with your choice of weekday evening or Sunday afternoon classes for students age 12 and up and of all skill levels.

Class Fee is \$45 members/\$55 non-members, plus a Materials Fee of \$15.

All materials and tools used in the class are provided by the instructor. To register stop by the Art Center @319 Main Street or call 757.357.7707.

Wear your "painting clothes" or bring an apron – alcohol inks can be messy!

[Introduction to Working with Alcohol Ink](#)

Tuesday, July 13, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. or
Sunday, July 18, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

[Sunflowers – Alcohol Ink on Graphix Plastic](#)

Tuesday, August 24, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. or
Sunday, August 15, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

[Light Up the Night – Alcohol Ink on Recycled Glass Bottle](#)

Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. or
Sunday, September 12, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.



Support the Arts - invite your friends to join the Isle of Wight Arts League! Members receive discounts on art classes and on gift shop items. Do you have information or photos to share for a future IWAL newsletter? Send them to cchapman@iwus.net.

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

2021 Friday Night Summer Concert Series Calendar



JULY

July 2 - Forte (7 p.m.) Jazz

July 9 - Bobby Blackhat (8 p.m.) Blues

July 16 - Higher Ground (8 p.m.) Eclectic mix

July 23 - Williamsburg Swing Band (8 p.m.) Big Band sound

July 30 - Kim Persons & Lana Puckett (8 p.m.) Country

AUGUST

Aug. 6 - Sounds of Motown (8 p.m.) Classic Motown

Aug. 13 - Fleet Forces Band Combo (8 p.m.)

Aug. 20 - Nu Blu (8 p.m.) Americana/Mountain

Aug. 27 - Chris Campbell (7 p.m.) Children's Show

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3 - Griffin Lane (8 p.m.) Country

Sept. 10 - 70 South (8 p.m.) Rock & Blues

Concert Info:

- ⇒ All but two of the concerts begin at 8 p.m., see below.
- ⇒ The Forte concert is set for 7 p.m. because it precedes the town fireworks display.
- ⇒ The Chris Campbell concert for children is also set for 7 p.m. because of the young age of many attending.
- ⇒ The concerts are free; bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy live music!
- ⇒ Several shops along Main Street in downtown will remain open until 7 pm on July 2.



The Summer Concert Series is presented in sponsorship with the Town of Smithfield.





2nd Saturday's in Smithfield

July Art Market	Saturday, July 10	9 am to 1 pm
August Art Market	Saturday, August 14	9 am to 1 pm
September Art Market	Saturday, September 11	9 am to 1 pm
Autumn Art Show	Saturday, October 9	9 am to 3 pm

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