News Roundup

Business After Hours - More than 40 visitors turned out March 26 for the Smithfield/Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours reception at the Arts Center @ 319. Art, music and drama teachers from county schools were invited to attend. Guests included the school superintendent, two principals, the Isle of Wight Academy music director and representatives from Hampton Roads Educators Credit Union. The event provides an opportunity for business and education professionals to network and enjoy art, conversation and refreshments. IWAL thanks Hampton Roads Educators Credit Union, Fleur de Fou, Bon Vivant and members of the Board for contributions to the reception.

“Turn Up the Heat”

The current exhibit at Arts Center @ 319 features encaustic paintings by Annette Thompson of Toano and raku pottery by Lisa Trichel-Beavers of Williamsburg. Encaustic work is a process of combining pigments with hot wax. Raku is a heat-fired ceramic glazing technique. Works by the two artists will be on display through April 14.

Sundays at Four presented a piano recital by Windsor resident and former Teen Talent performer Madeline Bevins on March 17 at Christ Church in Smithfield. Bevins is a high school senior who began piano studies at age four. Now a student of Susan Grice of Smithfield, she spent the winter months auditioning for music schools, and plans to pursue a degree in piano performance. Her program included music by Beethoven, Ravel and Chopin.

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Member News

IWAL members receiving awards in the Hampton Arts League Open Member Exhibition Jan. 27 through Mar. 10 were Stephanie Faleski, third place; Barbara Harris, honorable mention; Chuck Mosser, honorable mention. Other participating IWAL members were Cami Brooks, John Burnham, Bobbi Canellas, James Granger, Melvin Hall, Gary Hess, Lynne Hundley, Craig Hyman, Steven Ives, Brenda Joyner, Lisa Mosser, Glenn Ormsby and Christine Rich.

Gary Hess and Bonnie Horne have work in the Suffolk Art Gallery 2019 Juried Photography Exhibition Mar. 9 through April 19.

Barbara Mastaglio received first place in People’s Choice voting in the Chamber of Commerce “Flavors of Isle of Wight” Mardi Gras mask competition. Don Williams received second place and Diane Greenhalgh, third place.


IWAL members who participated in the 2019 Nansemond-Suffolk Academy Art Exhibit and Sale Jan. 26 through Feb. 3 were Cil Barbour, Wayne Braswell, Tammy Burgett, Germaine Curry, Stephanie Faleski, Janet Goldbach, Diane Greenhalgh, James Granger, Barbara Harris, Gary Hess, Gloria Johnson, Bill Kuczmsanski, Ted Leonard, Iris Mamlin, Barbara Mastaglio, Diane Milner, Chuck and Lisa Mosser, Glenn Ormsby, Wilma Stallings, Nancy Stutts and Shirley Whitenack.

In case you were wondering...

The upcoming Natural Virginia Exhibition at the Arts Center will be a juried show. What does this mean?

Most art exhibitions fall into one of three categories:

- **Invitational** - a limited number of artists are invited to display specific works.
- **Open** - all members of an arts organization are invited to submit work and all submitted work is accepted, providing it conforms to entry criteria specified in the prospectus.
- **Juried** - one or more jurors are responsible for selecting work to be included. Jurors are usually accomplished artists external to the host organization.

In a juried exhibition, the host organization decides the number of works to be accepted and the number of awards to be given. Artworks are presented to the juror with artist signatures and other identifying information concealed. The juror then ranks the works. If, for instance, the show will include 30 pieces, any submitted works that fail to make the juror’s top 30 will not be accepted. If awards are to be given, the top works in the juror’s ranking will be the recipients.

Juried exhibitions typically have entry fees which fund cash awards and payment to the juror. Entry fees are non-refundable whether or not the work is accepted.

Open or invitational shows may invite an external juror to determine award winners; however, the juror is not involved in curating the exhibit.

During award presentations, jurors may provide detail about the evaluation process. Their comments often provide valuable insights for participating artists.

"In case you were wondering" is a new feature which will define terms or answer questions pertaining to the arts. Please send suggestions for this column to the Creative Voice editor at fineart@calico-studios.com

Call for Entries

Natural Virginia
May 1 to June 30
Arts Center @ 319

The beautiful state of Virginia is an artist’s inspiration - landscapes that range from seashore to mountains and all the flora and fauna that thrive and hide in those natural places. Open to drawings and paintings in all mediums, photography, multi-media and sculpture that depict our "Natural Virginia." Well-known regional artist Ed Hatch will jury the exhibition. Apply by April 16. Prospectus available at www.smithfieldarts.org.
Coming events

James Lee Stanley returns to Smithfield Little Theatre April 19, 7:30 pm. An outstanding songwriter, musician and entertainer, Stanley has toured nationally and worldwide. Tickets are $20, available by phone (757) 880-3120 or at the Arts Center @ 319 or the Christmas Store, 108 Main St., Smithfield. Renowned country artist Bonnie Bishop will perform at SLT May 23. Tickets go on sale April 19.

The Virginia Wesleyan Choirs under director Bryson Mortensen will perform at Christ Church in Smithfield April 28 at 4 p.m. The choirs have performed at locations throughout Hampton Roads and the East Coast including Carnegie Hall. The concert will feature music from the end of WWI to the present. Tickets are $20 for adults, $5 for students. Violinist Eliza Willett, a high school junior, will appear in a solo youth recital May 19 at Christ Church. Willett is Concert Master of the Bay Youth Symphony and winner of concert competitions including the York River Symphony and the HEAV Music Competition. Free admission; good will offerings accepted.

Student art exhibition

Artwork from Isle of Wight County Schools will be in the gallery April 15 - 30. The show will include artwork from the visual arts classes in kindergarten through 12th grade and art produced through Project Based Learning from other school departments.

Spring classes

- **Youth Art Classes** - April 10 and 24, 3:30 - 5 p.m. Additional two-session classes in May and June. Artist Diane Greenhalgh teaches fundamental drawing principles, painting and color theory for students age 6 to 12. All materials included. Members, $40/month.

- **Discover Your Style** - call the Arts Center to schedule one-on-one sessions with artist Cil Barbour. Artists at all levels can discover potential and fine-tune skills. Members, $15/hr.

- **Jewelry Making: Russian Spiral Slide** - April 7, 1 - 4 p.m. OR April 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Instructor Diane Milner. Weave a 4”-5” slide to fit an 18” black tubular neck ring. All materials included. Members, $30.

- **Palette Knife Painting** - April 26, 2 - 5 p.m. Instructor Barbara Mastaglio. Paint a rocky coastline in oils. Members, $65 plus materials fee.

- **Jewelry Making: Basic Wire Work** - May 2, 1 - 4 p.m. OR May 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Instructor Diane Milner demonstrates how to create wire loops for pendants, charms, and earrings. Students will make 2 pair of earrings. All materials included. Members, $20.

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- **Jewelry Making: Flat Spiral Bracelet** - May 9, 1 - 4 p.m. Instructor **Diane Milner**. Learn the basics of flat spiral stitch. Make a bracelet with sterling or gold-filled clasp. All materials included. Members, $30.

- **Jewelry Making: Traditional Wire Wrapped Cabochon** - May 16, 1 - 4 p.m. Instructor **Diane Milner**. Create a pendant with a flat stone or fused glass cabochon. All materials included. Members, $35.

- **Cold Wax Painting** - May 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Instructor **Nancy Stutts**. Versatile medium for abstract or representational painting. Members, $50 plus materials fee.

- **Jewelry Making: Basic Stitching** - May 30, 1 - 4 p.m. OR June 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Instructor **Diane Milner**. Explore beads, tools and patterns. Make a bracelet using spiral stitch. All materials included. Members, $20.

To register for classes, call the Arts Center@319 at 757-357-7707 or send e-mail to info@smithfieldarts.org.

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