



Creative Voice

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In their own words

Member comments about the Arts League and involvement in the arts

How does involvement in the arts improve quality of life?

Art develops in us the capacity to think critically, and to solve complex problems. It influences society, creating community, and instilling values. Involvement in the arts affects the fundamental sense of self.

Mary Cole, *Founder and Managing Director, Sundays at Four*



Art is measured not by inches but by smiles, conversations, peace and joy. There is perseverance, hard work and triumph in achieving one's goals. Arts direct conversation and motivate silence.

Sonja McGiboney, *author, photographer, Arts Center docent*

What Isle of Wight Arts League activities do you most enjoy?

I enjoy so much just walking into the Arts Center and seeing, not only the art hanging on the walls, but all the many pieces of lovely jewelry, pottery and other art objects. Also, I rarely miss a Sundays at Four performance. What a gift that special music is to our community!

Joanne Willis, *music program donor, former IWAL Board member*

I have enjoyed being a member of the IOW Arts League for several years now. Over those years, I have enjoyed numerous benefits; including youth art camps, one-on-one youth art lessons for my sons, art socials and open house gatherings, and now as I am getting older, one-on-one adult classes. I mostly enjoy the social, community aspect that the IOW Arts League provides for the community. I love that it presents opportunities for all ages and all income levels.

Teresa Frantz, *Farmers Market Manager, Smithfield/Isle of Wight Tourism*



I enjoy seeing the artists and the new art on a weekly basis. I also enjoy visiting with the many tourists from around the U.S. and the world.

Bill Davidson, *Arts Center docent, Historic Smithfield volunteer*

What activities would you like to see Isle of Wight Arts League pursue in the future?

I think it would be fun if they organized one or two bus trips per year to various art shows/museums. Possibly to Richmond or Washington, DC.

Diane Zaugra Greenhalgh, *resident artist, Arts Center @ 319*

In this day and age of busy busy – it is good to encourage artists. Because just the act of creating makes us slow down and ponder, digest, calculate, and exercise our minds for the wonderful things that they will create.

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Annual Membership Meeting January 6

IWAL members are invited to attend proceedings and vote for nominees for the Board of Directors

*Dear Members,
Another year is almost gone and looking forward to our Annual Membership Meeting. We've several new and exciting events to share, plus we'll be voting in new members for your Board of Directors. I encourage you to join us January 6, 2020, 7:00 PM here at Arts Center, 319 Main Street to cast your vote, socialize with your fellow artists, and partake of some refreshment.*

-- Diane Milner, Board of Directors president

The Board of Directors Nominating Committee convened and has proposed several individuals for consideration to the Isle of Wight Board of Directors. Our Bylaws allow up to 20 members and we currently have five vacancies. Of those Board members whose three-year term will expire, two have indicated they'd like to stand for re-election: **Elizabeth "Kim" Pugh** and **Elaine Dairo**. Two new individuals have been nominated: **Patrica Lynn Roberts (Chappell)** and **Alyssa Canady**. Patricia has much-needed grant writing experience and Alyssa is on staff at the Smithfield High School Arts Department. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted during the annual membership meeting. New officers will be elected by majority vote of the Board members in February. Officers serve a one year term. Detailed

information about the nomination and election process is available online in the [IWAL Bylaws](#).

IWAL Board of Directors

December 2019

Officers: **Diane Milner**, president; **Priscilla McGreevy**, vice president; **Deborah Duncan**, secretary; **T. Dru Stowe** (ex officio) treasurer

Directors: **Jim Abicht** (ex officio); **Elaine Dairo**; **John Edwards** (ex officio); **Stephanie Faleski**; **Sheila Gwaltney** (ex officio); **James Ford**; **Jarad Ford**; **Gary Hess**; **Steve Jordan**; **Barbara Mastaglio**; **Kim Pugh**; **Ernest White**; **Don Williams**

News Roundup

Smithfield Music donates \$12,500 to county schools

Each year **Smithfield Music** makes a donation to the music departments of the nine public schools in our county. This year's donation was presented at a meeting on November 14. Thanks to the work of generous donors, volunteers, and people who bought tickets to Smithfield Music concerts and events, we were able to present \$12,500 to the schools. IWAL especially thanks Smithfield VA Events for allowing Smithfield Music to manage the stages at their three annual festivals.

New point-of-sale system for the Arts Center @ 319

Thanks to a technology grant from **Virginia Commission for the Arts** and a grant from **Smithfield VA Events**, the Arts Center has been able to purchase a turnkey system to handle sales, memberships, class registrations and inventory. Installation and training will commence in January. Once fully operational, the system should greatly expedite the current process.



Jim Abicht, right, presents a donation from Smithfield Music to IOW County Schools

Member News

IWAL members exhibiting in the Miniatures and Small Works exhibition at Charles Taylor Visual Arts Center in Hampton include **Cami Brooks**, **Tammy Burgett**, **Stephanie Faleski**, **Gary Hess**, **Lynne Hundley**, **Chuck and Lisa Mosser** and **Christine Rich**.

Coming Events

The first Sundays at Four concert of 2020 will be March 8 with the **Washington Saxophone Quartet**. Formed in 1976, WSaxQ is the most widely heard saxophone quartet in the United States and has also performed in China and the Caribbean. Because of anticipated construction at Christ Episcopal Church, this program will take place at Trinity United Methodist. On April 19 SAF will present the **Botetourt Chamber Singers** from The College of William & Mary. The “Bots,” as they are known, have performed internationally and at many regional venues. They sing a variety of choral music from Renaissance to contemporary, including jazz and Broadway. SAF has received a grant to present a program of jazz music by the late **Ed Bland**. Husband of Smithfield author Mary Batten, Bland originally hailed from Chicago, where he began performing with jazz greats at a young age. He attended the University of Chicago, studying with John Becker, and his music evolved into what he described as Urban Classical Jazz. The concert is expected to take place in May or June.

Sundays at Four



The Washington Saxophone Quartet will perform March 8 at Trinity Church in Smithfield.

Art Classes

Travel Journal Watercolor Workshop - Jan. 11, 18 and 25, 10 a.m.-noon. Learn to keep visual travel memories with minimal supplies. Fill pages with sketches, writings and beautiful borders. Instructor **Barbara Mastaglio**. Ages 16 and up, no experience needed. Members \$65. Enroll by Jan. 7.

Vibrant Landscapes - Feb. 8, 1 - 4 p.m. “Make & Take” acrylic painting with artist **Barbara Mastaglio**. Supplies provided. Ages 16 and up, no experience needed. Members \$55 plus \$14 materials fee. Enroll by Feb. 6.

To register for classes, please contact the Arts Center at (757) 357-7707 or send e-mail to info@smithfieldarts.org.

Upcoming Exhibits

Look Forward/Look Back - Jan. 6 to Feb. 9. The change of a decade seems to inspire reflection on decades past and hopes of what the new decade shall bring. The expression “20/20” has come to represent both good vision and thorough examination of subjects and ideas. So we invite Authors and Visual Artists to share their clear-eyed visions future and past. Delivery of artwork Dec. 29-30. Written pieces can be submitted on paper or electronically to the Arts Center now through Jan. 2.

Art for your Sweetheart - Feb. 12 - 23. Fundraiser for the Arts Center @ 319. Finding new homes for terrific artwork, any piece in exchange for a \$100 donation.

Call For Artists extended

Accepting submissions for the new juried **Smithfield Arts Festival** coming in May 2020 to historic downtown Smithfield. For more information call (757) 357-5182 or visit <https://www.genuinesmithfieldva.com/events/detail/113/smithfield-arts-festival/9885>



Calendar of Events

Please visit www.smithfieldarts.org for details and registration

Jan. 6 through Feb. 9
Look Forward/Look Back Exhibit
Arts Center @319

Jan. 11, 18, 25, 10 a.m. - noon
Travel Journal Watercolor Workshop
Arts Center @319

Feb. 8, 1 - 4 p.m.
Landscape Painting Workshop
Arts Center @319

Feb. 12 through 23
Art for your Sweetheart
Arts Center @319

Mar. 8, 4 p.m.
Washington Saxophone Quartet
Trinity Methodist Church

April 19, 4 p.m.
Botetourt Chamber Singers
Christ Episcopal Church



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