



Creative Voice

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News roundup

Sundays at Four offered its fourth concert of the 2017-2018 season on March 18 at Christ Episcopal Church in Smithfield, presenting the **Chamber Singers** from the **Virginia Children's Chorus**. The program, sung by 23 high school students, opened with *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*, arranged by Alice Parker. The mostly a cappella first half was comprised of 16th and 20th century pieces. After intermission, the chorus performed the lovely and well-known *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré. The chorus and soloists, with organ accompaniment, presented a moving performance that brought the audience to its feet. The Chamber Singers group is under the direction of Smithfield's own **Paul Putnam**, who is also the Choral Director at Smithfield High School. This very polished and disciplined group of student musicians will perform at Carnegie Hall in June.



Chamber Singers from the Virginia Children's Chorus performed at Christ Episcopal Church on March 18.

Arts Center to host Business After Hours

The next monthly Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours reception will be held at the Arts Center @ 319 on April 17, 5:30 to 7 p.m. This event is open to current and prospective Chamber members and offers an opportunity for business professionals to network and enjoy art, conversation and refreshments. The reception will include a salute to the Fine Arts teachers of the Isle of Wight County School System. Student work will be on display in the gallery April 10 - 30.

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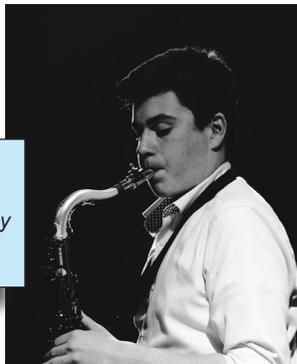
The current exhibit at **Arts Center @ 319** features works by Windsor artist **Barbara Lively Mastaglio**. Mastaglio captures on canvas the many gorgeous greens found in the landscapes near her cottage located on Valentia Island, Ireland. The exhibit runs through April 7 and includes 30 works painted in oils. A reception with the artist was held Saturday, March 3.



"50 Shades of Green" features works by artist Barbara Lively Mastaglio

Art on Tap to return May 2018

The second Art on Tap fundraiser for Isle of Wight Arts League will take place in the Sinclair Room at Wharf Hill Brewing Co., 25 Main Street, Smithfield, on Sunday, May 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. Performance artist **Gerome Meminger** will create paintings onsite to live saxophone music played by **Zach Thompson**. The paintings will be offered for sale by live auction during the event. The admission fee of \$50 includes hors d'oeuvres and two beverage tickets. Support the Arts League while enjoying an afternoon of music, food, drink and great entertainment. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Arts Center, 319 Main Street in Smithfield. For more information, contact the Arts Center at (757) 357-7707 or email info@smithfieldarts.org.



Art on Tap will feature artist **Gerome Meminger**, top right, painting onsite to live saxophone music performed by **Zach Thompson**, right.

Public Arts Steering Committee a worthwhile experience

by Gary Hess, IWAL Board of Directors

Most of our members are probably aware of an exhibit at the Hampton Roads Convention Center known as the Halls of Art and many of us have had works included in that exhibit. Halls of Art is in its 10th year, with new exhibits going up every six months. That's 20 shows thus far. I have had work included in each of the last ten exhibits. However, what I'd really like to share is a bit of background on this exhibit. In March 2015, I was asked to serve as a member of the Public Arts Steering Committee. That is the group of volunteers selected to work with the Hampton Roads Convention Center staff to put on these exhibits. Sure, it's a lot of work, as we are responsible for developing the call for entries, reviewing entries and making selections for each exhibit. We are also responsible for returning unsold works and receiving new works from the artists, for taking down works from the closing exhibits and hanging selected works for each new exhibit. About the only thing we are not responsible for is the selection of purchase awards by the City of Hampton. That task falls to the staff at the convention center, and given that they usually select about six for each exhibit, the convention centers walls are becoming a well furnished gallery indeed.

Yes, that is a lot of work from dedicated volunteers, but that is generally what it takes to make an arts program take hold in any venue. What do we get for our time and efforts, a feeling of satisfaction for being part of such a great program, an opportunity to get to know fellow artists and friends of the arts better and to develop friendships. Finally, we are privileged to have the opportunity to enjoy art from a wide range of media and styles. I hope I have encouraged some of our members to also consider volunteering to help support our art programs right here in Smithfield or elsewhere. It's rewarding and time well spent.

Member News

Gary Hess received third place in the 34th Annual Photography Exhibit at the Suffolk Art Gallery.

Ted Leonard will create the poster artwork for the 42nd Annual Norfolk Harborfest@ June 8 - 10.

Photography by **Shirley Whitenack** will be featured on publicity materials for Art at the River in Yorktown on May 6. **Diane Milner** is among the participating artists.

Barbara Harris was the featured artist in the 2018 Nansemond-Suffolk Academy Art Exhibit and Sale. Other participating IWAL members were **Cil Barbour, Wayne Braswell, Tammy Burgett, Stephanie Faleski, Janet Goldbach, Diane Greenhalgh, Sheila Gwaltney, Gary Hess, Gloria Johnson, Ted Leonard, Iris Mamlin, Barbara Mastaglio, Diane Milner, Chuck and Lisa Mosser, Glenn Ormsby, Jan Southard, Wilma Stallings, Nansi Strickland, Nancy Stutts and Shirley Whitenack.**

Participating in the Hampton Arts League Open Members Exhibition Jan. 27 - March 11 were **Cami Brooks, Bobbi Canellas, Stephanie Faleski, Anne Garland, Diane Greenhalgh, Gary Hess, Lynne Hundley, Gloria Johnson, Chuck and Lisa Mosser, Glenn Ormsby and Christine Rich.**

We love to hear about our members' accomplishments! To share your recent or upcoming venues in this column, please e-mail information to fineart@calico-studios.com.

Coming events

The **Summer Concert Series** will kick off its 32nd season on May 18 with the Smithfield High School Spring Concert, 7 to 9 p.m. at the school. Other returning favorites this year include jazz combo Forte, the Bobby "BlackHat" Walters blues band and the popular Pirate Night family program. Also scheduled are an evening of gospel music from area church groups and a performance of show tunes and patriotic music by the York River Band. The Rhondels will return this year to kick off Olden Days weekend. Check the Events Calendar at right for details and come out to enjoy summer evenings of music under the stars.

Soprano **Anna Heffington** of Windsor will perform an all-Broadway recital on June 10 at Christ Episcopal Church. A member of the Virginia Children's Chorus for many years, Heffington has studied voice and pursued a career in musical theater since childhood.

She appeared in the Terrific Teen Talent program in 2016 and served as Student Advisor on the SAF Board for the past two years. Heffington has played leading roles in theatrical productions at regional venues including Busch Gardens, the Tidewater Opera Initiative and the Virginia Stage Company. She has also performed in NYC at Cranky Cabaret and is a Carnegie Hall featured soloist as part of the PCI's Broadway's Next Generation, the Tony Show, and at the Don't Tell Mama talent showcase.

Sundays at Four



Anna Heffington
will perform
Broadway music
June 10 at CEC

Photography exhibition

A Focus on Monochrome - An Exhibit of Black & White Photography will be on display at the Arts Center May 1 - June 22. The invitational exhibit will include works by photographers **Jeff Abrahamson, Marc Copeland, Pat Eelman, Jerry Gammon, Gary Hess, Sam Hughes, Craig Hyman and Shirley Whitenack**. An opening reception will be held May 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Spring classes

- *Seascapes and Sailboats* - **Barbara Mastaglio** will teach painting water scenes using palette knives. April 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Members, \$48 plus materials fee of \$18.
- *Marshes & Waterways* - **Barbara Mastaglio** will guide students to paint a marsh vista using palette knives. April 7, 2 to 5 p.m. Members, \$48 plus materials fee of \$18.
- *Jewelry Making: Stitching* - explore seed beads, tools and design patterns with resident artist **Diane Milner**. April 8, 1 to 3 p.m. Class fee of \$18 for IWAL members includes all supplies.
- *Pen and Ink Drawing* - Create an original work and learn techniques to render texture and value. Instructor: **Stephanie Faleski**. April 24 and May 1, 2 to 4 p.m. Members, \$75; all materials included.
- *Youth Art Classes* - resident artist **Diane Greenhalgh** teaches drawing principles, painting and color theory for students age 6 to 12. Wednesdays 3:30 to 5 p.m., ongoing. Register monthly. Members, \$25/day.

Additional workshops and activities are listed on www.smithfieldarts.org. To register, call the Arts Center@319 at 757-357-7707 or send e-mail to info@smithfieldarts.org.

Calendar of Events

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5 p.m. (ongoing)
Youth Art Classes
Arts Center @ 319

April 7, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Workshop - Seascapes & Sailboats
Arts Center @ 319

April 7, 2 - 5 p.m.
Workshop - Marshes & Waterways
Arts Center @ 319

April 8, 1 - 3 p.m.
Jewelry Making Workshop
Arts Center @ 319

April 10 through April 30
IOW Student Art Exhibition
Arts Center @ 319

April 17, 5 - 7 p.m.
Business After Hours Reception
Arts Center @ 319

April 24 and May 1, 2 - 4 p.m.
Pen & Ink Drawing Workshop
Arts Center @ 319

May 1 - June 22
Photography Exhibition
Arts Center @ 319
Reception: May 6, 2 - 5 p.m.

May 18, 7 - 9 p.m.
SHS Spring Concert
Smithfield High School

May 20, 2 - 5 p.m.
Art on Tap
Wharf Hill Brewing Co.

May 25, 8 p.m.
Forte Jazz Concert
Smithfield Times Gazebo

June 1, 8 p.m.
Gospel Night
Smithfield Times Gazebo

June 8, 7 - 8 p.m.
Pirate Night
Smithfield Times Gazebo

June 10, 4 p.m.
Anna Heffington Broadway Recital
Christ Episcopal Church

June 15, 8 p.m.
Bobby 'BlackHat' Walters Blues Band
Smithfield Times Gazebo

June 22, 8 p.m.
York River Band
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June 29, 8 p.m.
The Rhondels
Smithfield Times Gazebo





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Smithfield Music will make a gift to the Isle of Wight public school music programs in the amount of \$10,000 this spring. This money will be split with every school in the county based on the number of students at each school. Music teachers will submit their plan for the money assuring that their program will benefit from these designated funds.

A decision was made recently to retire the annual **Aiken & Friends Music Fest** held each fall. It was a glorious run for twelve years and Smithfield Music certainly wants to thank Mike and Amy Aiken for being a treat to work with and for their help in bringing together a top of the line festival. Your efforts are appreciated and we looking forward to bringing you back to our stage down the road.

We are currently negotiating with a number of acts to continue our series of house and theatre concerts throughout the year, always bringing some of the best entertainment you may have never heard. We thank you for supporting “live” music.



The Isle of Wight Arts League extends its gratitude for the financial support of the Arts Center@319 provided by these entities:

