



YAF News

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A Message From Your Treasurer, Sue Legault

I thought it was time for me to introduce myself to those members who may not know me. Many do from my prior seven-years of involvement in Yorktown Arts Foundation, including functioning as bookkeeper and treasurer.



I am an accountant as well as a basket-maker. Last month, while attending the North Carolina Basketmakers Association (NCBA) Convention in Durham, NC I was awarded a blue ribbon for mold woven baskets for my Blue Diamonds Nantucket tote. Needless to say - I was thrilled! My basketry business is called Paniers by Legault and I have a wonderful studio in Gloucester where I weave as well as hold classes.

What I really want to talk to you about is paying for your artwork. My goal is that I'll have checks out to each member that has sales by the 15th of the month. This means that if you have sales in April, my goal will be to have those checks in the mail by the 15th of May.

There is a bit of a caveat in that statement in that I won't issue checks for less than \$10, except at the end of each calendar quarter. So, if in April your sales after the Gallery's percentage, is \$6, I won't issue you a check in May. If you don't have any additional sales in May or June, I will issue the \$6 check by July 15.

If anyone has questions concerning this policy, please email me at suelegault@aol.com any time, and put On The Hill Gallery or Yorktown Arts Foundation on the subject line so your message won't end up in my spam folder.

I look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones! I also look forward to having a bit more free time so I can weave more and get a few more pieces into the Gallery!

Sue Legault-Davidson

Record Your Volunteer Hours

Participating artists are required to volunteer six hours per month, either staffing the Gallery, or performing other duties supporting YAF. Gallery staffing ours are recorded for purposes of commissions, but until now, we haven't had a way to capture hours served in other ways.

If you are doing work for the Foundation or Gallery, including serving on the Board or Committees, setting up or breaking down for events, etc., we'd like you to record those activities on this [online form](#).

It's easy to use – no logging in required. Just put your name and email address and fill out the fields for your volunteer service.

The form is not just to verify service requirements. As a non-profit, we apply for grants to help fulfill our mission. If we can show a vibrant volunteering community, it helps us secure these grants.

Capturing The Essence

On The Hill Gallery officially opened "Capturing The Essence," Paintings by Ellen DeMaria on Saturday, April 7. Scores of members, friends, family and art lovers joined in celebration of Ellen's first-ever solo show. Don't miss it! "Capturing The Essence" continues through Sunday, April 29.

Ellen DeMaria wanted to share this letter with our membership:

Dear Yorktown Arts Foundation and On the Hill Gallery Volunteers,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to exhibit my work in the On the Hill Gallery. It has been a new challenge for me to do a solo show, which was daunting but exciting and I want the people who supported me in this endeavor to be commended. The Gallery Committee was so helpful and encouraging, writing newsletters, planning the reception, sending out notifications and always available to answer my myriad questions. Thank you to the members who brought food for the reception, and kept things running smoothly.

Many thanks go to Mike and Bernice Kravchak for their professional hanging of my work. This task is one of those things that, if it's done right, you don't notice it. It's those clean and perfect labels and measured separations between the paintings that everyone should appreciate. Mike and Bernice, you are a true team and I will always remember how you sent me away and you handled this project so I didn't need to stress anymore.



Thank you to the Gallery staffers whose continued support make this On The Hill an art destination.

Here are the members who helped make this event a success: Kathy Wahl (Our mighty leader), Tracy Sorensen (Writer extraordinaire), Jan Price (Did you see that beautiful floral arrangement she created?), Gail Eldred, Susan Copenhaver, Oksana Davism Lisa Trichel-Beavers, Gina Mynes, Lydia and Cavin Kinsey, Maureen Cassada, Diana Haynie, Peter Stipe and Kim Johnson.

Thank you again. With Regards, Ellen DeMaria

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

We love our volunteers! To show our appreciation, we invite everyone who has served as a day manager in the Gallery and/or on a committee to join us for lunch, noon-2 p.m. Monday April 30 at Grace Episcopal Church, 111 Church St., Yorktown.

Please RSVP by Monday, April 23 to stonelace.pottery@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Learn to Pour!

There are just a few spots left in our pouring class. Come learn the new trend that is becoming a sensation in the art world. Learn how to create works of art that are ethereal and flowing.

Learn several ways to pour paint on surfaces creating one-of-a-kind artworks using acrylics, pouring mediums and other additives. Class will be held 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 30 in the Gallery. Cost is \$35 per person, including all supplies.

Call the Gallery at 757-369-1108 or email us at yorktownartsfoundation@gmail.com to sign up.



The Animal Kingdom

Our next show in the Gallery is our annual Member Show. The theme for this year is "The Animal Kingdom." We invite and challenge all artists to create a work based on this theme. It can be any interpretation that you like -- paintings, photography, sculpture or your favorite medium. It can be serious or whimsical, but as always, it must be your original artwork created in the last year and not entered in any other show.



We will award prizes for the top three categories. If you are not a member, you may still participate by paying a \$20 entry fee (though we'd love for you to become a member).

To help our furry friends, we are partnering with Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter (PRAC) by hosting an adoption event 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday, May 19 outside the Gallery. At the reception and throughout the show, we will accept donations and supplies for the PRAC.

Please drop off your work at the Gallery May 1-2 so we will be ready for our opening reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

Also, we'll be sending out another call soon for volunteers to sign up to help with the Member Show reception.

Quick Notes

Art Teachers! If anyone is interested in teaching during our Summer Sampler classes for children, please contact Angie Mack or Kathy Wahl as soon as possible. We need teachers and assistants during the weeks of July 16-20, July 23-27.

Spring Cleaning. Yes, it's time. It is each artist's responsibility to clean up their inventory sheets, make sure old work is removed from Gallery, and maintain what has been brought in. The gallery is not responsible for damage to art which is left past the date listed on signed contracts.

Abandoned Art. Anyone wishing to gather to work on Abandoned Art pieces, please join us 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 16 at the Gallery. We will assemble a new batch of art to "abandon" for the spring/summer season. If you have art to donate to the cause, please mark it clearly and leave it upstairs before the assembly time.

Upcoming Events

Through April 29: Capturing The Essence," Paintings by Ellen DeMaria.

April 30: Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, noon-2 p.m. Monday, April 30

April 30: "Learn to Pour" class, 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 30

May 5-31: "The Animal Kingdom," YAF Member Show; reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

July 16-27: Children's Summer Sampler Program

September 30: Seventh Annual Art Stroll, Waterfront, Historic Yorktown

October 19: Yorktown Days, Main Street Historic Yorktown.

October 27: 5x5, Our Third Annual Silent Auction and Fundraiser

November 10: Second Annual Veterans Show

November 3-December 22: Members Holiday Show

December 1: Christmas on Main Street Historic Yorktown

Yorktown Arts Foundation and On The Hill Gallery are located at 402 Main Street, in Historic Yorktown, Virginia. The Gallery is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

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