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News from Yorktown Arts Foundation and On The Hill Gallery | **MARCH 2018**

Letter from the President

Hello friends, artists and members,

First off, I would like to thank those of you who offered to fill the jobs I asked for help with in my last letter. There are still a few jobs left and of course, as with everything that is successful more things to do have been added to the list. But I will not go on in this letter with what we need, I want to let you know what we have for you.

We are excited about our upcoming solo show, "Capturing the Essence," Paintings by Ellen DeMaria, that runs April 7-29. Ellen's work is amazing, and you will be enthralled when you see the colors and shapes in her work. The opening reception will be held 6-8 p.m. Saturday, April 7. Join us for an evening of good company, good food and great art!

Call out the dogs! Capture a cat! Be judged for a jungle animal! Bring your best in show and share your animal instincts with the world. Our annual member show in May promises to be an enjoyable and entertaining event.

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).

Our Summer Sampler program for local children will run July 16-27. We are still in need of instructors to teach classes in various media. If you're interested in teach, please email yorktownartsfoundation@gmail.com with your ideas and availability.

We also have teachers looking for students. If you are interested in Acrylic Pouring, Furniture Facelifts, Painting, Mosaics, Jewelry, Beading or art enlightenment, stay tuned for new class offerings.

Be Creative,

Kathleen Wahl

President, Yorktown Arts Foundation & On the Hill Gallery

Capturing The Essence



"Blue Crab" © 2014 Ellen DeMaria. All rights reserved.

As Kathy Wahl mentioned in her letter, in April, On The Hill Gallery will present "Capturing The Essence," Paintings By Ellen DeMaria.

Ellen paints expressively in watercolor and acrylics, creating shapes, color, texture and form.

For this show – her first solo – she has produced works in the realm of abstract realism. "There are some paintings that show more detail than others," she says. "It's a feeling that I want you to experience when you see it."

Ellen, a member of Yorktown Arts Foundation, has been painting about 25 years, and most intensively for the past five. This focus in her work was prompted by the loss of her and her husband's parents all within the course of four years.

"This was a life-changing, knee-buckling experience," she said. "It made me realize how fleeting life is, and that I must live my dream, not only because my parents would have wished this for me, but because there is every reason to find joy in life."

She credits her inspiration to her loving and supportive family, and a welcoming Gallery that has allowed her let the shifts in life turn to art. "Capturing The Essence may be a metaphor for life as much as art," she said.

Join us for a reception to open Ellen's show, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, April 7. The show runs through Sunday, April 29.

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!

Member Show Benefits Furry Friends

The theme of this year's Member Show is "The Animal Kingdom." The show is scheduled for May 5-31, with a reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, May 5. To help our furry friends, we are partnering with Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter by hosting an adoption event 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday, May 19 outside the Gallery.

Elementary School Art Show

The Elementary School Art Show opened with a reception for the student artists, their families and their art teachers on Sunday, March 18. Below are photos of some of their work and the students with their certificates.



Upcoming Events

April 7-29: Capturing The Essence," Paintings by Ellen DeMaria; reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, April 7.

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

On The Hill Gallery is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m.
Sunday. Call us at 757-369-1108



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