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News from Yorktown Arts Foundation and On The Hill Gallery | 2ND QUARTER 2019

Letter from the president

Hello my fellow members. It is truly hard to believe we have entered into our second quarter of 2019! As I sit here and write a brief update about the goings on at the On the Hill Gallery, the Easter Bunny is about to arrive.

I hope you all were able to take some time to check out On the Hill Gallery and marvel at the lovely and amazing watercolors by **Holland Wentz Ethridge**. This has been a fabulous show in our Back Gallery. Thank you, Holly and Al.

Moving forward we are gearing up for our annual Member Show, themed "Botanicals." It's wide open for your interpretation, so have fun with it and create something beautiful – or not! All mediums welcome, and you're limited to two pieces. Please bring your work in by 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 1. We will have an opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 3 in the gallery. We look forward to seeing you!

We are happily busy in the Gallery. We will be featuring a limited show June 4-9 with the local chapter of the international organization **Studio Art Quilt Association** in the back gallery. A call went out to its members for small quilts – just 10x7 inches. Four hundred quilts were created and are now travelling the nation. We are fortunate to have 58 of these beautiful at quilts to show. A volunteer from the Virginia Peninsula Studio Art Quilt Association will be on site to answer questions and tell you about the exhibit. Please take the time to come out and view these lovely works of art.



We are happy to be offering our **Summer Art Camp for Children** again this year. The dates for the camps are July 15-August 2, and they're free. Artists, we welcome your talents and hope you will share them by teaching to children. Please contact Oksana Davis or Kathleen Wahl at yorktownartsfoundation@gmail.com if you would like to teach or assist with the summer program in another way.

I would like to take a moment and remind our members about the awesome benefits you have just by being a member. You do not have to be a participating artist to enjoy a 10 percent discount on Gallery purchases and some limited cost breaks on classes offered at the Gallery. As a member/patron of the arts you are also invited to participate in our annual Member Show, held in the Spring, the Art Stroll at the end of September and our ever-popular Holiday Show, held mid-November through December. Take advantage of these wonderful perks and encourage your friends to join the ranks of Art lover and appreciator.

One last thing, you no doubt are beginning to notice some small changes in our Gallery: Quarterly change out of work, rotation of displays, updated jury process new ways to be involved. As we progress through this new year of change be patient with us as we are all volunteers and we do our best to get questions answered and issues resolved.

Until next time...

Lisa Trichel-Beavers
YAF President

SAQA Trunk Show



We are partnering with the Virginia Peninsula Studio Art Quilt Association to bring you a unique show featuring small art quilts. Come by and see these small, intricate works of art June 4-9 during regular Gallery Hours

Teachers Needed For Summer Art Program

To accomplish our mission and provide a venue for art education, Yorktown Arts Foundation offers free art classes for children for three weeks this summer.

Are you a professional artist, art instructor or hobbyist? We need you to inspire the next generation of artists! And you'll be compensated, unless you prefer to donate your time and participate in this fulfilling activity as a volunteer. The Summer Art program runs July 15-19, July 22-26 and July 29-Aug. 2, with two morning and two afternoon sessions.

The proposed schedule – depending on the number of teachers – will be 8 a.m.-10 a.m., 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., 1-3 p.m. and 3:15-5:15 p.m.

If you're interested in teaching please email us at with your availability and your preferred subject. Yorktown Arts Foundation holds the right to make a final decision about the schedule and classes.

Painting With Marjorie Harris Clark

Yorktown Arts Foundation will host a three-day workshop by Marjorie Harris Clark May 31-June 1 at Marlbank Clubhouse, 111 Old Landing Road in Yorktown.



Participants may attend one, two or all three days depending on their chosen projects. They are:

- Face study on an 11x14 canvas, on May 31: Learn how to paint a pretty face and create expression with soft layers.
- Limoges-style roses, on June 1-2: Students will receive a very large packet with color worksheets, and multiple patterns of swags and borders with grouping of two sizes of

roses, as well as step-by-step instructions. Students may bring a prepped suitcase, travel case, hatbox or other large prepped surface to paint on.

Class will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. You may sign up for one or both of the projects. The cost is \$65 per day for non-members \$55 for members and includes supplies. Visit or call the gallery to sign up.

Mindfulness For Children

We're offering something a little different in May for our Third Sundays Children's Art program: Mindfulness For Children. In this class, children will engage their senses and notice what's happening! Through art, play, movement and food we will explore how opportunities for mindfulness show up in day-to-day life. The class, open to children ages 6-12, will be led by Melissa McGill, yoga, meditation and preschool teacher; and Laura Stephens, lead mindfulness teacher for A Mindful Mess LLC. Cost is \$25. Call the gallery at (757) 369-1108 to register.

Here Are Some Really Fun Volunteer Opportunities

Here's a chance to serve the community through Yorktown Arts Foundation, and fulfill your gallery commitment, if you are a participating artist.

Yard Art Sale: Several people are needed now to form a planning team to organize an art yard sale event to be held in the fall.

The purpose of the event:

- Raise funds for Yorktown Arts Foundation
- Build community awareness of our mission and our gallery
- Provide members an opportunity to reduce their inventory
- Reduce inventory of items owned by On the Hill Gallery
- Collect donations of art supplies for children's classes

By forming a planning team now, we hope to create a fun and well-publicized community event. The event might include make and take art activities, artist demonstrations, samples from classes, competitions, games...You name it! The intent is to hold this event in October. The date to be determined by planning team. If you are interested in being part of a fun team and earning some

volunteer credit, please contact Susan Copenhaver at 757-879-8890 or sscope@verizon.net.

What about the 5x5? The exciting news is, we're planning a bigger and better 5x5(x5) Exhibit and Fundraising Event for May 2020. Why May? Well, it is the 5th month, of course! Artists can look forward to participating in a unique collaborative 5x5 project to be auctioned in addition to silent auction items. Planning has already begun so if you want to be part of the 5x5 planning team, jump on board now by contacting Susan.

Thanks for helping make Yorktown Arts Foundation an asset to the community!

Art Stroll is Sept. 29

The 2019 Art Stroll is slated for Sunday, Sept. 29, with a few changes.

First, the hours will now be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Second, we working to incorporate more spaces in and around the businesses around Riverwalk, which will provide artists more support from the Stroll staff additional support from businesses. One thing that hasn't changed is an energetic crew of volunteers to help artists unload their vehicles and get their setups in their spaces. And lunch is still provided to participating artists.



Don't procrastinate! All of your paperwork and fees are due on Aug. 1. Get more information and links to the application and contract on our website, <https://onthehillgallery.com/on-the-hill-gallery/yorktown-art-stroll/>

Jurying In The Gallery and Meeting Volunteer Commitments

Yorktown Arts Foundation's Gallery Committee has been hard at work to clarify and streamline the jurying process for artists who want to show in the gallery.

New artists are asked to fill out an application and questionnaire (available for download on our website: <https://onthehillgallery.com/othg-forms/>), and leave them at the Gallery. Jurying will occur monthly, usually on the first Thursday of the month in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Gallery Committee meeting.

Prospective artists will be contacted to arrange their jurying time. Nancy Foray, who is coordinating the jurying, will ensure that prospective artists will be juried by others who work in their medium. All participating artists – including those who are already juried in – are required to staff the Gallery or serve in YAF or the Gallery in another capacity a minimum of six hours per month. If you do not meet your volunteer commitment, your work may be removed from the Gallery until the commitment is fulfilled.

If you have questions regarding jurying or volunteering, please email yorktownartsfoundation@gmail.com.



Students in the recent Nautical Sea Glass class, taught by Tina Crawford, created small wall/window pieces. A fun time was had by all!

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 | www.onthehillgallery.com



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