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A newsletter reflecting our rich cultural community



Horsing Around for the Arts

A Closing Event associated with the BBQ Festival on the Neuse

MAY 4, 5:00PM-8:00PM

Arts Center, 400 N. Queen Street

Don your best Derby attire and plan to join us for an evening of reverse drawing, side bets and raffle, Kentucky Derby viewing, cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, art show & sale

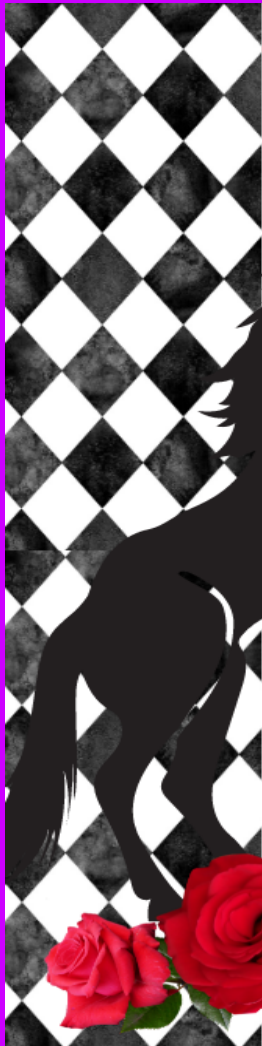
**\$100 Raffle Ticket
(Admission for 2 Adults)**

Purchase includes 1 adult beverage ticket per person

**Limited Number of
Reverse Drawing Tickets Available
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

*You Do Not Have to Be Present to Win
(Someone will represent your ticket)*

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Summer Camp 2024

Dive into the unknown at the Community Council for the Arts this summer and join us for **The Unexplored!**

Last year we explored *Around the World*; this year we are exploring the mysteries of space and the depths of the sea.

Creative Painting *Cooking *Performing Arts
Musical Theater *Photography *Pottery *Fashion
Art Exploration *Art Variety *STEAM
Mural Painting *Vocal Vibrations

Registration is now open!

Join us for another year of exploration and artistic discovery!





Due to a postal issue, the mailing of the April newsletter was delayed. We apologize for any inconvenience and will be repeating some information this month in case you missed them.

The Arts Center is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We are closed on Sunday and Monday. (Hours are subject to change.) Admission is free. We welcome group tours of our galleries and can provide docent-led tours upon request. We are handicap-accessible and follow CDC recommendations for safe operations.

HAMPTON GALLERY & FRONT DESK AREA On-going — Fair Exchange Handmade Baskets & Artist Shelia Stroud — On display is an exhibit of small acrylic artwork by local artist Shelia Stroud.

GALLERY STAIRCASE Now Showing — Mike Sagaser: “Flight School Installation” — Mike is a mixed media, ceramic, mosaic, and digital artist. This loaned installation features molded and painted planes suspending in formation and as an artist’s simulation of aerial maneuvers.

“This piece originated as a challenge to create 100 identical copies of the same object to form a stand-alone installation. Each jet is made from stoneware, hand pressed into a plaster cast, bisque-fired, then glaze-fired with an irregular black surface and a single golden “eye.” The boundary between human made machine and living thing is blurred by the skin-like texture of each jet’s glaze.



“The jet-swarm dives in and out of the rafters like schooling fish effortlessly swimming over our heads immersed in the thin compressible fluid of the air, chasing an unseen goal and responding to unseen forces. From mechanism to body, we feel the flow of power and vulnerability and wonder at their destination and motivation.”



ALL FIRST & SECOND FLOOR GALLERIES

April 25 through June 29, 2024 — Neuse Quilters — This exhibition will feature many handmade creations including bed quilts, table runners, pincushions, baby and lap quilts, and much more. Some of the items exhibited will be for sale, with proceeds supporting this organization and some of its community projects. Demonstrations, classes and workshops will be presented at various times during this exhibition. Stay tuned for updates on these additional events. The first demonstration will be during the **Reception on Thursday, April 25, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public.** During the reception, members of the Neuse Quilter’s Guild will demonstrate a “bed quilt turning” and members will be available to provide information on the group and individual quilted projects. The Guild is asking for ideas of interest from the public for their planning purposes. Please forward any ideas to Sandy Landis at slandis@kinstoncca.com or (252) 527-2517.





Traditional Arts Programs for Students Instrument Ensemble meets the last Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm. The director of this program is **Benjamin Miller**. This program is an after-school enrichment program in jazz and musical instruments.

TAPS Choral Group meets every Wednesday, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm, with Director Marcus Jones. The group performs several times throughout the year.

Both the TAPS Instrument Ensemble and the TAPS Choral Group will meet throughout the summer on Wednesdays.

There are pilot programs in chorus at Banks Elementary School under the direction of **Will Sawyer** and Instrumental at Rochelle Middle School directed by **Benjamin Miller**, with additional enrichment pilot programs in both instrumental and choral to be added in the near future.

The TAPS programs are grant-supported from the North Carolina Arts Council, a State agency, and a wonderful way to introduce your child to music, both through instruments and voice. If you are interested in your child being part of one of these TAPS programs, please contact Sandy — slandis@kinstoncca.com or (252) 527-2517.



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Keys for Kids is a charitable initiative established by North Carolina native and musician Ben Folds in partnership with the North Carolina Arts Council and the North Carolina Arts Foundation. Its purpose is to provide young people in North Carolina, who express an interest in learning to play piano but

have limited opportunity, the access to appropriate lessons and instruments at little to no cost. Working in conjunction with the Arts Foundation and Arts Council, Keys for Kids has created a statewide network of seven nonprofit partners that are providing free or affordable access to piano and keyboard lessons for school-age youth throughout North Carolina. As resources are available, partners are receiving funding, keyboards, and access to branding materials for support for their efforts.

This is a grant-supported program. There is an ongoing recruitment for students. New to Keys to Kids is a concurrent program that will be offered as a pilot for students of Banks Elementary School. **Keys for Kids will continue through the summer.** A few slots are available; ACT NOW! Call the Arts Center today to reserve your spot! Contact Sandy for more information, slandis@kinstoncca.com or (252) 527-2517.



Pictured from left: **Will Sawyer**, Music Teacher and TAPS Choral Group pilot program leader at Banks Elementary School and Keys for Kids Instructor; **Sandy Landis**, Executive Director Community Council for the Arts; **Wayne Martin**, Executive Director North Carolina Arts Council Foundation; **Mike Kinzie**, musician and Keys for Kids instructor



Pictured from left: **Wayne Martin**, Executive Director North Carolina Arts Council Foundation; **Conley Howard**, who played two solos for Wayne Martin's visit to CCA April 10; **Will Sawyer**, Music Teacher and TAPS Choral Group pilot program leader at Banks Elementary School and Keys for Kids Instructor

In Memoriam

The Arts Center extends condolences to the family and friends of Naomi Camnitz, a founding member of the Arts Council who passed away at age 102 on March 15, 2024. Naomi had a life-long love of music and the arts and was an integral part of the life and culture of Kinston. We cherish her memory and she will be greatly missed.

Mark Your Calendars for CCA's Annual Fall Gala

JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S THEME



**SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 / 6:30PM TO 11PM
MASSEY TOYOTA, 4760 US 70 / KINSTON, NC**

**HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES * CASH BAR * LIVE MUSIC * LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS
More Information to Come**

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Tell us about it Stud with your 50s Attire



"Bee" a pART of fostering creativity, supporting the community, and enriching lives through the power of art, music and culture. Together we can make a difference!

JOIN or RENEW your pARTnership TODAY!

Just a friendly reminder to join or renew your pARTnership. If not yet a pARTner, join now and save on camps, classes, and selected events throughout the year!



Be the Bee!

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MURALS — Kinston has been added to the list of towns featured on the North Carolina Musician Murals Trail. The trail begins in Chapel Hill, where Scott Nurkin, owner of The Mural Shop, began creating this project as a homage to the renowned musicians from around the State. As part of this project, large-scale murals are being created in the hometowns of the musicians. A partnership with the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources helps visitors access information about the featured artists on the murals trail. Plaques mounted on Nurkin's works include QR codes for visitors to scan the codes to connect to the DNCR website. Visit musicmuralsproject.com for more information and for a map of mural locations visit dnrc.nc.gov/explore/north-carolina-trails-guide/nc-musician-murals-trail.



“MACEO PARKER” by Scott Nurkin
The above mural is located on Gordon Street on a wall bordering the City parking lot and adjacent to the entrances for Jay’s 108, The Exchange, and Tundratown Boutique Ice Cream Parlour



Photographs of Mural Artist Scott Nurkin by Charles Harris



Illusions, Open Mic Night — Photographs from Illusions 15th Anniversary Show & Celebrating Clevette "Chyna" Roberts on March 30, 2024.



SATURDAY APRIL 27TH

ILLUSIONS

PRESENTS - ALL I NEED IS ONE MIC
at THE ARTS COUNCIL

*\$10.00 TO ENTER
\$5.00 FOR OPEN MIC TALENT*

FEATURING
RASHEEDA WADDELL

HOSTED BY **CHYNA**

DOORS OPEN 8:00PM
SHOW 8:30PM - 11:00PM

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

Join Us!

Reception

Thursday, April 25
5:30pm to 7:00pm

This Art Gallery reception is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.



APRIL VISITOR OF THE MONTH CONGRATULATIONS JOAN SIMPSON OF KINSTON

Joan's name was drawn for a \$25 gift certificate from the Arts Center.

Parties. Weddings. Special Events. Meetings. (large & small)

Facility Rentals

The Arts Center is THE place for ALL your gatherings & celebrations!

Consider the Arts Center when planning your event. We are THE place for your next party, reunion, wedding, reception, and more! In addition to your guests enjoying the unique surroundings, you will be supporting the arts with your bookings. We offer competitive pricing, an array of amenities, and have several rooms available for use which will accommodate 20-250 people, with the entire facility available for up to 350.

Contact Sonya at assistant@kinstoncca.com or (252) 527-2517
Non-profit rates are available.

SUMMER CAMPS
The Unexplored
Where Space Meets the Sea

Dive into the infinite possibilities, ranging from pottery to cooking, mural painting, musical theatre, fashion and beyond.

CLASSES ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY!

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Are Available
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Would you like to help sponsor a child for summer camp? Contact the Arts Center for more information.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

DERBY DAT HAT MAKING WORKSHOP, APRIL 18, 2024



Greetings Friends,

This year has already proven to be one of many changes and challenges. In last month's Kaleidoscope I announced my retirement after 26+ years as your Executive Director. The announced date is August 31, after which I will continue as a consultant to the Board of Directors to complete special projects and initiatives while also orienting the new director. It is hoped that this plan will provide a smooth transition for the organization.

Sadly, additional changes in our staffing will occur much sooner than my retirement with the recent resignations of both full-time employees -- Syrina Wimberly, Assistant Director, whose last day was March 22, and Abbye Reynolds, Children's Program Coordinator, who will be leaving in mid April. Syrina completed two full years of employment, first as our Events & Development Director and this past year as the Assistant Director. She brought new energy to many of our existing programs and was extremely engaged in developing our social media presence which has grown exponentially under her care. Early in the Fall of 2023, we proudly launched a new website designed by Syrina. It has proven to be very user friendly and has increased participation in programs, classes, events, concerts, fundraisers, etc. while solidifying our web presence. Her culinary skills were definitely put to use with her menus, food preparation and oversight of kitchens for events large and small, on and off our campus. She wrote curriculums for the summer camps and many other programs, taught classes, organized programs, developed numerous projects, and participated in all events. This past year she was on an administrative track, learning the aspects of oversight of the organization on a day-to-day basis.

Abbye Reynolds has been with the organization for approximately three years, starting as a desk volunteer, then a part-time employee, and early last summer becoming full-time as the Children's Programs Coordinator. Her bright smile and energetic personality have made her the "pied piper" with children. She has brought her unique talents to all that she touches with the development of our year-round children's program and last year, coordinating our summer camps. Whether teaching "Mommy and Me" Yoga, painting, pottery, or many other visual art genres to the young children of Lenoir County, her charges are excited about their projects while learning and developing critical thinking skills. She has masterful skills in relating to both children and parents. Like Syrina and the rest of the staff, Abbye is present at all events.

Both ladies have made significant contributions to the life of the Arts Council and have helped bring us back from the difficult days of closure due to the pandemic. Because of them, along with the other Arts Center staff and our many community partners, the arts are alive in Lenoir County and continue to be an integral part of the life of the community. We are thankful for the many hours and days they have given us, albeit too few, and wish them the best in their future professional endeavors.

In closing, I am respectfully asking for your support in helping me, the Board of Directors, and the remaining staff in completing the myriad of tasks of which Syrina and Abbye were assigned, while at the same time carrying on the many other daily operational activities in addition to our on-going events, fundraisers, membership drive, exhibits, programs, and projects of the Center.

Thank you for your continued support.

In friendship,

Sandy Landis, Executive Director





Purchase your raffle ticket for a quilt designed by and benefiting Neuse Quilters, an Umbrella Organization of CCA. Tickets are available at the Arts Center, 400 N. Queen Street. The quilt is a Dresden Plate design pattern, measuring 85"x100". Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5.



NEUSE QUILTERS

Neuse Quilters "Nightowls" meet the first and third Mondays at 6:30pm, and Morning Quilters meet each Wednesday, 10am to noon, at Spilman Baptist Church, 601 Madison Avenue.



Calling All Lenoir County Artists: the Lenoir County Artist League meets the second Tuesday of each month, 1pm to 2pm. All are welcome.



Down East Woodturners meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 6pm-9pm at the Arts Center. Down East Woodturners are a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), www.woodturner.org. Contact the Arts Center for more information – (252) 527-2517.



K.A.R.M.A.

The **K**inston **A**rea **R**ailroad **M**odelers **A**ssociation runs model trains most Saturdays from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Contact the Arts Center for more information and to verify run times (252) 527-2517.

Classes listed are those offered by the Arts Center. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Many of our instructors have decided to focus on their studio work so as to decrease contact with others.

Register online for classes communitycouncilfortheartskinston.com or call the Arts Center for more information (252) 527-2517.

SUMMER CAMPS are filling up quickly! Register Today and see the enclosed camp flyer for camp offerings.



Father's Day Kids' Workshop

This seasonal workshop is for ages 5-12, with Instructor Lyndsay Segrave. Thursday, May 16, from 5pm to 6pm. Cost is \$10/child. Class limit is 12. Sign up at communitycouncilfortheartskinston.com



The *John Brown cARTwheels Program* at Northwest Elementary School March 18. This is a grant-supported program of the North Carolina Arts Council.



This program is supported by the Community Council for the Arts through the Grassroots Grant Program of the NC Arts Council, a State Agency.



Carolina Sounds, an a cappella group from the University of Mount Olive, held a concert for select elementary, middle, and high school students in March. This was arranged by Sandy Landis with Frances Herring and the central office.



SUMMER CAMP SPOTLIGHT — Speaking of CAROLINA SOUNDS, instructors and members of this group will be leading one of our summer camps. Register TODAY!

SUMMER CAMPS

The Unexplored
Where Space Meets the Sea



Vocal Vibrations Camp

Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14, 10am to 5pm @ Arts Center, 400 N. Queen Street
Ages 9-16 * Cost \$115 Members/ \$125 Not-Yet Members
Snacks provided; Camper must bring a lunch

PERFORMANCE Friday, June 14, 5:30pm



Directors Lester and Holly Rector and members of the a cappella group CAROLINA SOUND are the instructors.

Campers will learn the fundamentals of music from members of the esteemed a cappella group CAROLINA SOUND, from the University of Mount Olive.

Experience a camp that is OUT OF THIS WORLD!

REGISTER TODAY

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Left: "TWIN FLAME" mural by smart Kinston City Project artist Jamil Burton. The mural is located on the back of the Mother Earth Spirits building on Mitchell Street and bordering the parking lot for Pearson Park and the Riverwalk. Funding for this mural was through the Grassroots Grant Program of the NC Arts Council and the Community Council for the Arts.




MIKE KINZIE

CCA Instructor Mike Kinzie plays and teaches a variety of instruments and also teaches Suzuki violin lessons. He has a studio in the basement of the Arts Center and currently has some openings for lessons on Saturdays. Call Mike for scheduling (252) 350-1620.


VISIT...
 the Artist Studios of Tracey Penrod and Karin Thompson and her mother, Ingrid Quick, at the Arts Center

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