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## SUMIMER 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!

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SUMIMER CAMPS The Unexplored Where Space Meets the Sea

## ATTENTION EXPLORERS!

- Registration is important to save a camper's spot. All camps have limited registrations available; registration is easy online or call/visit the Arts Center.
- Scholarship donors are needed to help provide registration fees for needy campers.
- Your help is needed with supplies and snacks for camps.
- Performances will be held on the last day of several camps; these include Musical Theatre, Vocal Vibrations, Performing Arts Theatre, Cooking, and Fashion Camps.
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June 2024



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, handpressed 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

**Through June 29, 2024 — Neuse Quilters —** This exhibition features many handmade creations including bed quilts, table runners, pincushions, baby and lap quilts, and much more. Demonstrations, classes and workshops will be presented at various times during this exhibition. During the Gallery Reception held April 25, members of the Neuse Quilter's Guild demonstrated a "bed quilt turning" and members provided information on the group and individual quilted projects. Stay tuned for updates on these additional events. Some of the items exhibited will be for sale, with proceeds supporting this organization and some of its community projects. **The public is invited to purchase a raffle ticket for a quilt designed by** 



and benefiting Neuse Quilters, which is an Umbrella Organization of CCA. The quilt is a Dresden Plate design pattern, measuring 85"x100". The quilt is on display and tickets are available at the Arts Center, \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5. The drawing for the quilt (as shown above) is June 25. 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.

#### QUEEN ST. DELI SATELLITE GALLERY

June 1 through August 3 — Tiffany Hill from Goldsboro — Tiffany will have work on exhibit and for sale at Queen St. Deli. Sales are placed through the Arts Center by bringing the painting "exhibit tag" to the Center or calling (252) 527-2517 to speak with staff from the Arts Center. Transactions are not completed through the Queen St. Deli.





TAPS (Traditional Arts Programs for Students) Instrumental and Choral after school enrichment groups are up and running with approximately 20 middle and high school students participating in each. TAPS is a grant supported program in its 15<sup>th</sup> year at the Arts Council. An outgrowth of the African American Heritage Music Project, TAPS was

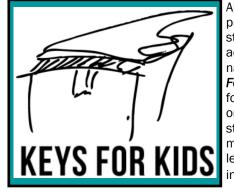
initially under the direction of *Charles Richberg* until just prior to the COVID pandemic. This instrumental program provides enrichment to participating student musicians in jazz, R&B, and gospel while also educating the students in our local, rich history of the same. TAPS Instrumental is now under the direction of *Benjamin Miller* and is a hybrid program meeting after school at Rochelle Middle School and once monthly at the Arts Center. During the school year, TAPS Instrument Ensemble meets at the Arts Center the last Wednesday of each month at 4:30pm.

An addition to the TAPS Instrumental Program was made this year with TAPS Choral. Also a hybrid program, the Choral group meets at Banks Elementary School and travels to the Arts Center once or twice a month for practices. TAPS Choral is conducted under the direction of *Marcus Jones* and *William Sawyer*. The group performs several times throughout the year. During the school year, TAPS Choral Group meets at the Arts Center every Wednesday, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm, with Director Marcus Jones.

These programs are open to all aspiring student musicians and vocalists at no cost. Performances are offered throughout the year. Both programs will continue through the summer months at the Arts Center on Wednesday's at 4:30pm.

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.





Also a grant supported program open to all students, internationally acclaimed North Carolina native and pianist **Ben Folds** has funded a foundation for the 7 organizations across the state to provide free or modestly priced keyboard lessons to youth who are interested.

Keyboards are provided and instructors include in the school setting: *Laura Mewborn & William Sawyer*, and *Mike Kinzie* at the Arts Center. We are currently in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the study and have exposed almost 500 school aged children, youth and adolescents to the keyboard.

Keys for Kids is a charitable initiative made possible through a 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 North Carolina Arts Foundation and North Carolina 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 program 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.

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# Horsing Around for the Arts

Thank you to all Reverse Drawing Ticket purchasers and to those who attended this year's event held May 4 at the Arts Center. Special words of appreciation for the in-kind donors and monetary sponsors, including: Rose Clark, Julie Defore, Food Lion, Jimmette Graham, Carmen & Jeremy Jones, Mary Kelley, Sandy & Rick Landis, Alison Merritt, Vickie Robinson, T.C. Smith, Shelia Stroud, Amanda Sutton, and White & Allen.

Reverse Drawing Ticket Winners: Tammy Kelly, Dolph Mintz, Marilue Cook, Frances Theodorakis, and Pat Rockenhauser.

Horse Race Drawing Winners: 1st Place, *Ren Edwards*; 2nd place, *Jess Edwards*; and 3rd place, *Kristi Blizzard*. Trophy Winners: Best Derby Hat, *Mary Kelley*; Best Dressed Woman, *Heather Matthews*; Best Dressed Male, *Jeffrey Williford*; Best Dressed Couple, *Jeffrey Williford* and *Ben Phillips*.







## MAY VISITOR OF THE MONTH Congratulations **Peyton Stroud of Kinston**

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

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

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

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.







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#### CALLING ALL MUSICIANS: JOIN US FOR MAKE MUSIC DAY JUNE 21!

Make Music Day began in France in 1982, as the Fete de la Musique, which in French means "festival of music." Since that time it has spread to more 1,000 cities in 120 countries. Make Music Day, a one-day celebration annually on the summer solstice is not a typical music festival or scheduled event. Participants include every kind of musician – from the young to old, every musical persuasion. It is the inclusion of workshops, special classes, master classes, performances – from solo to larger groups; in multiple venues indoors and out.

The format of the day belongs to our community and has been organized by a small group of musicians who have come together to create our 1<sup>st</sup> Make Music Day. We will join 13 other cities in North Carolina on June 21 to celebrate music. All events will be free. A schedule of events will be available prior to the day so that patrons can enjoy music while drinking coffee in the morning, eating lunch, or having a beverage in our downtown eateries and social clubs in the evenings. There will be workshops in a variety of musical styles. Unlike a scheduled performance or a music festival, anyone and everyone is invited to join in, play music, host performances or simply enjoy music pouring into our streets.

This celebration of music is a natural extension of the work the Community Council for the Arts has been doing for the City of Kinston in mapping the multiple music resources of our community in a project labeled Come Hear North Carolina. We anticipate Make Music Day to be a unique opportunity to not only bring the "sounds of Music" into the City, but also to be used as an arts-driven economic and tourism driver.

The Arts Council serves as the "coordinator" for this event. If you are a musician wishing to participate, an educator willing to share an expertise, a venue owner wanting to "host" a musician or a patron of music, reach out to Sandy at (252) 527-2517 or <u>slandis@kinstoncca.com</u> for more information. For more information about this global event, visit <u>makemusicday.org</u>.

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**WE'RE ON THE MOVE!** — We are doing a lot of moving and reorganizing our spaces! We are very fortunate to have a spacious property that provides a myriad of programming options.

We are on the move in re-envisioning several of our spaces and in doing so, we are also seeking funding and in-kind support. Most recently, our pottery room located on the basement level of the building has been renovated and meticulously organized by local potter and instructor Caroline Perry. One will find new pottery wheels, shelving, equipment, plumbing, sinks and even living potted plants in this space, which was completed several months ago and has been repurposed for use as a hand-building and multi-media studio. We are actively growing our pottery program with numerous offerings for children, youth, and adults, so watch for scheduled offerings. Our pottery studios, now state of the art, could not have come to fruition without the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Ely (Caroline) Perry and the Perry Family Foundation. Our original space has been beautifully renovated while the additional spaces provide needed storage and an area dedicated to hand-building and an extended clay area which can be used for a variety of visual art experiences.

Recently, a large weaving loom was donated by local artist Noelle Nelson of Kinston. We are currently repurposing a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor studio space to accommodate a textile program which will include weaving classes with the loom and will offer other textile-related programs.

Lastly, visit the visual artist studios of Tracey Penrod, Karin Thompson, and Karin's mother Ingrid Quick – all from Goldsboro — and Mike Kinzie, musician from Greenville. Our visual artist studios have undergone some much needed repairs and upgrades and we are about to "shuffle" a few of our spaces. Two studios we will not touch however house our beautiful model train display which continues to attract locals and visitors alike to our amazing facility.

Other spaces within our walls are undergoing transitions to be more effectively used and to accommodate new or growing programs. We are excited about this growth. Watch our early fall newsletter for the dedication of our new spaces.





The Community Council for the Arts (CCA) is working at the invitation of the City of Kinston to be the manager for this local project. Since March, the CCA has been mapping" (inventorying) the rich musical assets of our community. The main sectors documented in this study are: 1) Music Creation – musicians/dj's, artists or composers, bands, orchestras and choirs; 2) Music Publishers – music studios & rehearsal rooms; 3) Production – recording and publishing; 4) Distribution-radio broadcasting, music networks & shows, 5) Exhibition-live music & touring and venues (this also

includes booking & promotion, artist development, live production, festivals, and music management; and 6) Professional & Supporting – instruments & equipment, music education and other professional & business support. This document is a living document as we are positive that additions need to be made in the future although it is already expansive.

We have been working with the North Carolina Arts Council's Hometown Strong project entitled **Come Hear Music** as one of a few North Carolina cities to pilot the project. We are in the final stages of the activities of this pilot study. The last step is to convene small group meetings to discuss governmental regulations, musicians needs, and venues – all to vision strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Following these meetings, the information gleaned from the informal discussions will be forwarded, as with all data relating to this project, to an international data review group, Sound Diplomacy, to assimilate and report on the information they have received.

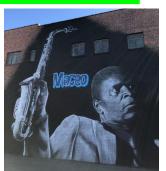
The overriding strategy of this project is to produce an outcome from the assimilation of our mapping that will result in naming the **City of Kinston a Music City**. A Music City is defined as a "community with a vibrant music economy, where music industry professionals, tourism and business leaders, politicians, and government work together to embed music into the fabric of the city. Once established as a Music City, we become a "member" of a music network that brings together cities who have identified music as a means to achieve sustainable urban development, promote awareness, improve communication, and foster collaboration. The overarching goal of a city network is "to strengthen each member city's ability to deliver effective programs and policies to support music."

The economic impact of music in North Carolina is significant. Economist, Inc., along with others, reports that "NC's music industry contributes \$1.9 billion to the state GDP and supports over 39,000 jobs across the state. One can and should acknowledge this as arts-driven economic impact, which is one of the tenants of the operations of the Community Council for the Arts.

We are appreciative of City Manager Rhonda Barwick and Mayor Don Hardy with the support of the City Council for inviting us into this project. The information provided here is a synopsis of a presentation on the status of the project presented at the City Council's meeting, Tuesday, May 6, by CCA Executive Director, Sandy Landis. If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact Sandy at (252) 527-2517 or <u>slandis@kinstoncca.com</u>.

**VISUAL ARTS PROJECTS** — Related to our growing musical ecosystem, there are two current visual arts projects happening in Kinston.

One is the mural of Maceo Parker, created and completed in March by artist Scott Nurkin. With this mural, Kinston joins a growing list of towns featured on the North Carolina Musician Murals Trail. The trail begins in Chapel Hill, where 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 <u>musicmuralsproject.com</u> for more information and for a map of mural locations visit <u>dncr.nc.gov/explore/north-carolina-trails-guide/nc-musician-murals-trail</u>.

The second project is currently underway — a mosaic mural for the façade of the stage located at the Kinston Music Park: Celebrating Our African American Heritage Music. The stage platform was increased in size from its original a few years ago with some funding available for the mosaic mural. Although a vision of the design was completed and some supplies were purchased, there were inadequate funds to complete the project. With a new lead artist, *Joanne McCobb* of the smARTkinston City Foundation, Inc., we are able to bring this project to fruition. The project will include some hand-built tiles with original designs designating images relative to music mixed with colorful ceramic tiles duplicating the colors of the existing mosaics in the park. Workshops for advanced potters were held in May to assist with the making of the tiles.



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.

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Calling All Lenoir County Artists: The Lenoir County Artist League meets the second Tuesday of each month, from 1pm to 2pm at the Arts Center. 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 Kinston Area Railroad Modelers Association 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.



#### HORSING AROUND FOR THE ARTS, MAY 4, 2024





**Top from Left:** Mistress of Ceremony, *Heather Mintz*; Event Setup; 3 of 5 Grand Prize Reverse



Drawing Winners, *Frances Theodorias*, *Pat Rockehauser*, and *Dolph Mintz*, all of Kinston (Absent *Tammy Kelly* of Louisburg and *Marilue Cook* of Goldsboro); **Bottom from Left:** Best Dressed Couple, Jeffrey Williford (Also Best Dressed Male) and *Ben Phillips;* Best Dressed Female, *Heather Matthews* pictured with CCA Board President *Jeff Howard*; Bourbon Winner, *Heather Matthews*; Best Hat Award, *Mary Kelley* 



EARTH DAY KIDS' WORKSHOP AT THE NATURE CENTER, APRIL 20, 2024





#### **Art Exploration**

Tuesday, June 4 through Friday, June 7 @ Arts Center, 400 N. Queen Street, Ages 2-4 Session 1: 9:30am to 11:30am / Session 2: 12:30pm to 2:30pm Both Sessions Cost \$110 Members/ \$110 Not-Yet Members Per Session Cost \$65 Members/ \$75 Not-Yet Members Snacks provided; Camper must bring a lunch if enrolled in both sessions

Designed for every little artist that loves to create, whether it be in the kitchen, in the art room, in outer space, or in the deep blue sea.

This camp will include cooking, art variety, and special activities associated with exploration of space and sea! Each session is different with no repeat lessons so your little can enjoy a full day of camp.

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#### **Musical Theatre**

Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14 @ Arts Center, 400 N. Queen Street, Ages 4-8 9:00am to 12:00pm Cost \$80 Members/ \$90 Not-Yet Members Snacks provided PERFORMANCE on FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 5:30pm

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#### 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-Vet Members

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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.

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The Unexplored Where Space Meets the Sea

Dive into the deep blue sea of theatre and explore the page and screen. Campers will hone their acting skills, design their own props, and activate their creativity all while preparing to put on a show-stopping performance.

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## <u>Performance Arts</u>

Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 21 @ Arts Center, 400 N. Queen Street, Ages 5-16 10:00am to 5:00pm Cost \$115 Members/ \$125 Not-Yet Members

Snacks provided; Camper must bring a lunch PERFORMANCE on FRIDAY, JUNE 21 @ 5:30pm

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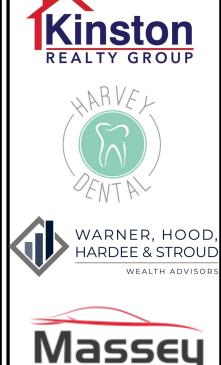


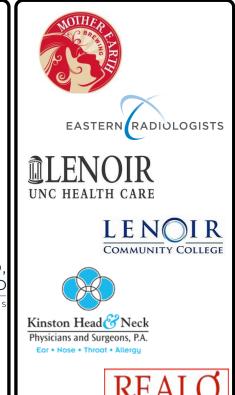
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Hours of Operation: Tuesday - Friday: 10:00am - 6:00pm Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm Closed Sunday & Monday



HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Arts Center is open to the public and admission is free and will be in compliance with CDC recommendations for safe operations.

The Community Council for the Arts is the regional center unifying community ties through exposure to the arts and providing rich cultural experiences while promoting tourism, economic development, and educational opportunities for all.

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