

Pamlico County's Arts Council Presents Annual Art on the Neuse – Outdoor Arts & Music Festival in Oriental, NC - May 12, 2012

The 9th Annual Art on the Neuse Festival in Oriental, NC, undergoes rebranding this year as “Art on the Neuse – Outdoor Arts & Music Festival.” The rebranding places equal importance to both the Visual and Performing artists represented at this year’s festival.

Sponsored by Pamlico County’s Arts Council, this event will take place at the Oriental Marina Inn Courtyard and harborside along Hodges Street on Saturday, May 12, 2012, from 9am to 4pm.



Work by Marlene McDonald

“The music,” says Arts Council President, Evie Chang Henderson, “gives added vitality and atmosphere to what is fast becoming an annual arts ‘happening’ in Pamlico County. This year, we have chosen a variety of music genres, ranging from country and gospel to jazz, bluegrass and popular acoustical music – all with a distinctive Down East flavor.”

Saxophonist Kevin Davis – formerly director of the Pamlico County Community Band – is coming from Raleigh, NC. Ed Terry and the County Opry group, the Jazzomine Band, and Chris Daniels with vocalist Keri Delisle, are all popular Coastal area talent. These four groups will perform on the Festival Stage at the Oriental Marina Inn from 9am to 4pm. In addition, versatile North Carolina musician, Isaac Clowers, will entertain on Hodges Street.

Visual artists from across the state will join local artists in exhibiting sculpture, paintings, pottery, photography, jewelry

and local crafts.

Local painter Sue Henry’s paintings will reflect her passion for the water and boats.

Well-known NC sculptor Gary Gresko, of Oriental, will exhibit a series of works with the theme, Recycle, Re-use and Re-purpose. “We live in a society where we throw vast amounts of products away,” says Gresko. “I’ve always been inspired by the shapes and possibilities of this material.”

Gresko’s recent sculpture, “Service” in Veterans Park, Fayetteville, NC, for example, is made entirely from military parts. “I’ve created sculpture entirely with military artifacts, parts from those humvee things, parts from helicopters and local dock boards,” says Gresko.

The sculptural frameworked glass jewelry of Marlene McDonald will also be on display. Flameworking is the art of melting rods of glass around stainless steel mandrels with a torch whose flame exceeds 1000 degrees. “The depth and dimension that I try to achieve in my art,” says the Carolina Beach jeweler, “is fueled by my imagination that runs as deep as the ocean itself.” One of her mermaids is testament to that. She works with fine silver mesh, gold leaf, pearls, and her own colors of glass to build and create her designs.

“Last year, we had over forty visual artists exhibit and we hope to match that again this year,” says Henderson. “There are so many artists doing so many exciting and beautiful things that I hope folks will take the time to drive to Oriental and spend the day with us at Art on the Neuse.

Savor the visual art, listen to the music and just hang out by the dock and soak up the ambience of Oriental harbor. We’re only a 40 minute drive from New Bern.”

In addition to the art and music, there’ll be door prizes. And in case of rain, the event will reschedule for Saturday, May 19, 2012.

“Art on the Neuse 2011 – Outdoor Arts & Music Festival” is organized and sponsored by the Pamlico County Arts Council, a designated county partner of the North Carolina Arts Council which works to make North Carolina The Creative State where a robust arts industry produces a creative economy, vibrant communities, children prepared for the 21st century and lives filled with discovery and learning. Pamlico County Arts Council is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible.

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Council for the Arts in Jacksonville, NC, Features Works by Stacy Hall

The Council for the Arts in Jacksonville, NC, will present the exhibit, *Bahamas Bound*, featuring the photography of Stacy Hall, on view in the Bradford Baysden Gallery from May 6 - 25, 2012. A reception will be held on May 6, from 2:30-4pm.

Hall has been a nurse for over 20 years. After receiving a camera (Minolta XG1) in the early eighties her love for fine art developed into a passion for photography. This led to an AD in photography in the 1990’s. Hall has been busy photographing ever since.

In 2008, Hall and her husband, Robert, retired from the working life, bought a boat and headed to the Bahamas with daughter, Andei. The Bahamas marked a major transition in their lives, from jobs and a house, to living and traveling on a boat that became their home.

“I love the vivid colors of the Bahamas, and the ability to travel into very remote locations and live closely with nature without the distraction of commerce,



Work by Stacy Hall

shopping and TV. My goal is to document all our travels. The sea beckons!,” says Hall.

Hall gave her original Minolta to daughter, Andei, in 2008. From that moment, she too, was hooked. She and her father, Patrick Keough, will be our featured artists in May of 2013.

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New Bern ArtWorks & Company in New Bern Offers Works by Bruce Nellsmith

New Bern ArtWorks & Company fine art gallery in downtown New Bern, NC, will present an exhibit of new works by Bruce Nellsmith, on view from May 1 through June 4, 2012. A reception will be held during the downtown Art Walk on May 11, from 5-8pm.



Work by Bruce Nellsmith

Picasso once stated that he did not trust pure abstraction to shoulder the burden of meaning. Nellsmith does not necessarily agree, yet, even when his paintings ebb towards pure abstraction, elements such as the hull of cargo ships, the water, the sky, buildings, containers, bridges, or

scaffolding are never wholly sacrificed; abstracted, but still very intelligible.

When painting, Nellsmith finds that he cannot accept a movement in the composition that does not contain a certain raw or edgy quality about it. It is this that gives the work a furtive or shifty quality that keeps him engaged. This working and re-working process gives the paintings an inner life, their own independent histories.

Nellsmith received his MFA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his BFA from the University of Georgia in Athens. He is currently the Art Department Chairman and a Professor of Art at Newberry College in Newberry, SC, where he has taught for nineteen years.

Nellsmith has been selected for numerous exhibitions in the North and Southeast and has been the recipient of local and national awards in painting and drawing competitions. He has been listed in *Art in America's* International Index to Artists several times since 1985.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 252/634-9002 or visit (www.newbernartworks.com).

NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, Features Works by Daylon Jones

Graduation Day for a high school senior is a teenager’s dream come true, but for Daylon Jones graduation day will be so much more. In acknowledgement of Jones’ talents, NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, has awarded him a solo art exhibition in the Dunn Center North Civic Gallery, on view through Sept. 28, 2012.

Jones is a gifted artist; he is a fantastic draughtsman, pencil is his preferred medium. But for him, drawing is a physical challenge; he has progressive muscular

dystrophy and has become quadriplegic. With his limited movement he must move his drawing paper because he is physically incapable of moving his pencil.

Wesleyan is honored to give public attention to this young man’s achievement, both for graduating Southern Nash High School and for producing a fine solo exhibition of drawings.

Jones tells his own story best: “My name is Daylon Bruce Jones. I’m a senior at Southern Nash High School. I am a

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