



Tracking Those Bear Town Bears

We all know them and love them. Our hearts smile when we see them as we're heading to work or appointments, to our favorite restaurants, running our errands, or even as we're walking our dogs. New Bern's Bear Town Bears have fans near and far and have even made national news. Craven Arts Council & Gallery is proud to have taken on the coordination of the Bear Town Bear Project as of December 2018. As an artist who has had the privilege of painting a Bear, I was thrilled to learn that one of my roles at CAC&G would be to help bring sponsors and local artists together to create their own unique Bear Town Bear. It has been a wonderful experience for all to see the faces of the sponsors, artists, and onlookers light up at the unveiling of a new Bear.



How did the concept of the Bear Town Bears come to be? Local artist Vicki Vitale is from Buffalo, NY where they have over 125 painted buffalo sculptures all over town. That project originated from the Roswell Cancer Center there. Vicki said, "Coming here, I thought that surely we could have bears. Washington, NC had crabs, if they could do it, so could we." And so it began. A steering committee was formed with Vicki Vitale and Barbara Lubsen as the co-chairs. Vicki envisioned a 12 bear project at the beginning, however, as the project evolved the committee agreed on 50 Bear Town Bears for the New Bern tricentennial celebration. Vicki certainly never anticipated the project to evolve the way it has. There were so many who were initially involved in the project including New Bern city leaders, City of New Bern Electrical Department, the Convention Center, CAC&G Bank of the Arts, Bear Autobody, Craven Precast, and many worker bees behind the scenes.

Today, many of the same groups and businesses are still involved though some of their roles have changed. In the past, the New Bern-Craven County Convention & Visitors Center acted to coordinate the Bear Town Bears after the initial tricentennial bears were created. As the program grew in popularity, it became apparent that there was a need for new artists and sponsors to have guidance from an artist organization. Craven Arts Council & Gallery was the natural fit. The New Bern-Craven County Convention & Visitors Center continues to publish a regularly updated brochure for the public to use in their personal bear hunts. Here at CAC&G, we hope to soon launch a Bear Town Bears website where anyone can track their favorites. CAC&G is here for anyone who wishes to sponsor a bear by walking them through the process, from ordering the sculpture to helping them find just the right artist to bring their vision to fruition. We strive to be a support for new artists to cre-



ate a high quality painted sculpture to last for years to come.

As of today, there are over 75 Bear Town Bears, including the first two Bears that we helped bring to life for Chatsworth Products by artist Brandy Baxter, and CresCom Bank by artist Sheri Leseburg, that are pictured below. Two more Bears are set to be unveiled on September 19th. The Newcomer's Club will be unveiled at the Cubhouse on Pollock St. at 10am. The new Domino's Pizza in New Bern Marketplace shopping center will be unveiled at 4pm. With several more currently in the planning stages, the Bear Town Bear project may soon catch up to the herd of buffaloes in Buffalo, NY. When the original call for artists, pictured below, was published, the artists didn't know they were beginning to write such a well-loved chapter of New Bern history. One that tells the story of how businesses and the arts truly come together to support one another and our town.

Then...



...And Now



SEPTEMBER Main Gallery - Safe From The Storm: Memories of Florence

For the one year anniversary of Hurricane Florence's landfall, Craven Arts Council & Gallery will host "Safe from the Storm: Memories of Florence," an exhibition about the effects of the hurricane and the spirit of resiliency and support that

emerged in our community. The exhibition will feature artists of all ages in a variety of disciplines, including visual, literary, dance, music, and more. CAC&G will host an opening reception for the exhibit during the downtown New Bern ArtWalk, September 13th, from 5pm-8pm. "Safe From the Storm" will operate in conjunction with a Florence remembrance event featuring a Health & Wellness Fair offering free yoga, tai chi, spiritual recovery, creative arts and more. "Safe from the Storm" is a community project by Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance, Artastico, CAC&G, FOLKS Journals and other community groups. For more information on events being held on Saturday September 14th at the O'Marks building and Bank of the Arts, please see our Calendar of Events on pages 4-5.



Karen Schaaf, *Safe from the Storm*



Laura Gammons, *Safe from the Storm*



Julie Larick, *Director's Gallery*

Director's Gallery - Julie Larick

Craven Arts Council and Gallery is proud to present the work of Julie Larick. A former medical illustrator, Larick's work combines a realistic adherence to form and line with an impressionist's sense of color and shading in oils. CAC&G will host an opening reception for the exhibit during the New Bern ArtWalk, September 13th, from 5pm-8pm. Speaking of her work, Julie says "My work is initially the result of an interesting observation of form, color, or environment. I rely heavily on my 'tools' when I begin: many years of careful decision-making regarding drawing, anatomy, design, composition, and color. Once this part is established I try to loosen my grip and let those fundamental skills serve as a platform for the creative, intuitive part of my brain to take over." Larick's formative years as a painter were spent under the direction of her mother, painter Barbara Doane Larick, followed by her professional training to receive a B.S. in Medical Illustration from Ohio State University. Her studies as an artist continued at the Georgetown Studio School in Washington D.C. and post graduate work at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She has worked as a professional medical illustrator and maintained her own art studio practice for a number of years, exhibiting in New Bern and across eastern North Carolina.



Julie Larick, *Director's Gallery*



OCTOBER

Main Gallery - Anywhere But Here

Traveling expands the mind, improves physical and mental health, provides new experiences, and can inspire one to create. "Anywhere but Here" is an exhibition celebrating the benefits of travel, and documenting ten local artists' trips in the United States and beyond. The exhibition will feature a cross section of artistic mediums on the topic including painting, photography, prints, sculpture, jewelry, and others. Artists include Hannah Wiser, Karl Chaing, Elaine Varley, Steve Kotrch, Ginger Wernersbach, Sandy Bruno, Donna Hodgins, Jenn Pitman, Irina Skalova, and Mary Phelps. Their artwork encompasses explorations of locations such as Alaska, Israel, Italy, and various European destinations. Viewers are invited to see the exhibition and relive previous travels, or scope out new possibilities for their next trip. CAC&G will hold a reception for the exhibit during ArtWalk on October 4th from 5-8pm.



Elaine Varley, *Anywhere But Here*

Director's Gallery - Mum's The Word

As part of the 2019 New Bern Mumfest, Craven Arts Council will host the annual "Mum's the Word" exhibition and art contest. Celebrating New Bern's annual Mumfest, "Mum's the Word" gives local artists of all mediums, skill levels, and styles a chance to exhibit and sell work in the downtown area. Entries will be reviewed by members from the Mumfest planning committee and one work will be selected to be the 2020 Mumfest logo, featured on tee shirts, bags, banners and other promotional materials. CAC&G will hold an artists' reception for the exhibit during ArtWalk on October 4th from 5-8pm.



Sandy Bruno, *Anywhere But Here*



Thank you Trent Woods Garden Club for making a flower display for each opening reception! Each arrangement is wonderfully original and captures the essence of the current exhibition. The July arrangement was designed by Barbara Mercer (pictured left) for our Faces of Columbia exhibit. The Inner Coast Wood & Quilting exhibit was colorfully complemented by caladium, potato vine, and pineapple lily blooms arranged by Gail. P. McLamb in August.



Mary Phelps, *Anywhere But Here*

AT THE GALLERY CONCERT SERIES

McCartney & Lennon *Performed by The Wannabees* September 21st

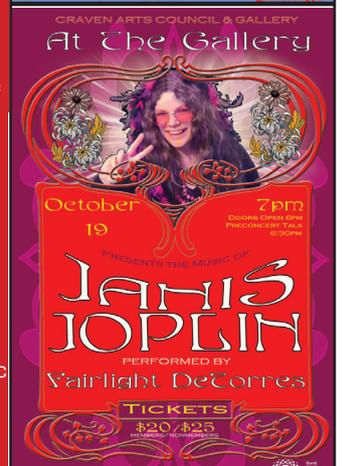
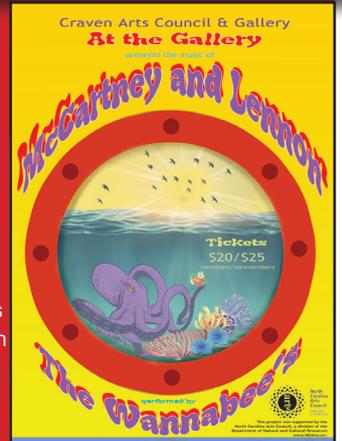
The iconic duo behind the music of the Beatles, Paul McCartney and John Lennon's songwriting partnership began in 1957 when the pair met at a church event. The two immediately struck up a partnership that would form the basis of the world's most iconic band, and produce more than 180 songs. Since the inception of their partnership, the pair agreed that all songs written by them would feature both names, and though later disputes would see the alteration of the order and crediting of certain songs, they remain one of the most influential songwriters of the 20th century. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, "Yesterday" is the most covered song of all time. Hits include "Hey Jude", "Across the Universe", "Yellow Submarine", "Here Comes the Sun", "Blackbird", and "Wait."

The Wannabees play "classic rock done right," from the decades of greatest music. Featuring three and four part harmonies with dual guitars coupled with exceptional musicianship, the group has played a variety of venues and festivals across eastern North Carolina, including the Embrace Recovery Rally, City Stage New Bern, and the Buccaneer Music Hall. Fans rave about their talent as a cover band, and get particularly excited about their covers of The Beatles.

Janis Joplin *Performed by Fairlight DeTorres* October 19th

First coming to prominence as lead singer of "Big Brother and the Holding Company" at the Monterey Pop Festival, Janice Joplin was known for her signature voice, electric stage presence, and bluesy sound. After gathering a following in the San Francisco Bay Area and singing lead for two bands, Joplin decided to pursue a solo career that would see her perform at the famous Woodstock Festival and achieve mainstream success. Her life was tragically cut short by a drug overdose in 1970, soon followed posthumously by the Pearl album, one of her most successful and influential. Joplin was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995 and to date has sold more than 15.5 million albums. Hits include "Bobby McGhee", "Cry", and "Get It While You Can."

Emerging from the foothills of Manitou Springs, Colorado, Fairlight DeTorres arrived in eastern North Carolina with a van full of kids, a trunk full of life experiences, and a heart full of the Blues. This singer/songwriter has a passion for making others feel something in their soul, and she strives to create a vibe of unity and love. Fairlight has appeared with a number of musical acts, most notably with her very long time friend and guitar player, Joe King, as Plastic Mojo. This Blues duo/sometimes band has been playing together since 2004 and they continue to do so whenever Joe visits the eastern United States. Plastic Mojo received many accolades throughout the Colorado Springs and near mountain town regions. Most notably they won first place in the Colorado You Got Talent contest. They also won the Pikes Peak Blues Community's International Blues Challenge, where they were sent to compete in Memphis.



Call for Artists

Mum's the Word

Draw, paint, photograph, or collage your best chrysanthemum for the Mum's the Word exhibition this October! As part of the 2019 New Bern Mumfest, Craven Arts Council will host the annual "Mum's the Word" exhibition and art contest. Entries will be reviewed by members from the Mumfest planning committee and one winner's artwork will be selected for the 2020 Mumfest banner. The winner of the 2019 "Mum's the Word Exhibition" will receive \$250 and his or her work will be used as the logo for 2020 Mumfest! For full details or to register, please visit cravenarts.org/mums-the-word. Drop off on September 27th & 28th.

Artful Healing

CarolinaEast Medical Center ("CarolinaEast") has partnered with Craven Arts Council & Gallery to seek submissions of large scale works for their new SECU Comprehensive Cancer Center and Alyward Diagnostic Center (collectively "Cancer Center") located on CarolinaEast's main campus in New Bern, North Carolina. CarolinaEast will purchase a minimum of 3 works to form the basis of a permanent collection for their new facility. For full details please visit cravenarts.org/artful-healing.

Critters

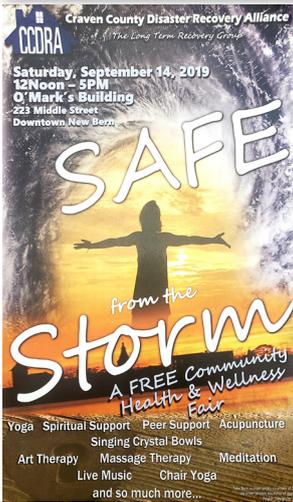
Once again the Main Gallery at Bank of the Arts will be filled with animals that fly, walk, crawl, and swim! Craven Arts Council is currently seeking artists for this two month exhibition. Now an annual tradition, Critters gives the community a chance to view and purchase art about the creatures we love and cherish. Works may include painting, photography, collage, mixed media, small to medium sculpture and more. Submissions Due: 11:59 pm, October 4, 2019. For full details or to submit an entry please visit cravenarts.org/critters-2019.

Purchase tickets in person at the Bank of the Arts, call 252-638-2577, or online at cravenarts.org
 Tickets: \$20/members & \$25/nonmembers
 Season Passes: \$180/members & \$225/nonmembers

AT THE GALLERY 2019-2020

McCartney & Lennon by The Wannabees	September 21st
Janis Joplin by Fairlight DeTorres	October 19th
Hank Williams Sr. by Blue Cactus	November 16th
Harold Arlen by Crystal Bright	January 25th
Ray Charles by Heather Pierson Trio	February 29th
Daltrey & Townshend by Meet the New Boss	March 28th
Herbie Hancock by Minus2	April 18th
Harry Nilsson by John VanDyke	May 30th
Season Finale by Ken Kennedy	June 20th

The Arts Beyond Our Doors: CAC&G Member Organizations



One year ago, Eastern NC experienced Hurricane Florence. While we are indeed a strong community, we can all learn ways of healing ourselves from Florence and possible future events, as we now can see clearly with Hurricane Dorian's approach. As the one year anniversary is upon us, CCDRA, along with many community groups are holding a health and wellness fair offering community support services, relaxation techniques, spiritual wellness, art therapy, and healthy lifestyle approaches. All offerings are FREE and held on 9/14.

Health & Wellness @ the O'Marks Building
(Music, Yoga, Meditation, Accupuncture, Art, Resources) Noon - 5pm

Bank of the Arts Events:
Singing Bowls: 1:00-1:30 pm
Tai Chi: 2:15 pm
Chair Yoga: 3:15

Carolina Creations

317A Pollock Street, 252-633-4369, carolinacreationsnewbern.com
Monday-Thursday 10-6; Friday 10-8; Saturday 10-6; Sunday 11-4

September Featured Artist: Andrea Liladis, who is passionate about recycling and reusing materials, transforming them into simple, unique and funky art objects.

October Featured Artist: Bart Levy, who after many years in the corporate world and as a business owner, has stepped back to her education as an artist. She recently studied with renowned artists Christophora Robeers and David Tanner to update her skills.

Community Artists Gallery & Studios

309 Middle Street, 252-633-3715

Tuesday - Saturday 10-5, communityartistsgallery.org

September Featured Artists: Dianne McKillop, Betty Knapp, and Shawn Bradley

October Featured Artists: Eileen Wroe and Heidi DiBella

Every ArtWalk the Gallery offers live music and refreshments and visitors will be invited to tour the upstairs Studio annex where several artists will show their works in progress. CAGS Outreach Program also will be offering classes at nursing homes. Our Gallery artists will be offering a variety of classes to the public in the fall: painting, jewelry making, batik, knitting and drawing. Information is available at the Gallery and online.



Heidi DiBella, CAGS

New Bern-Craven County Library

400 Johnson Street, 252-638-7800

Monday-Thursday 9-9; Friday-Saturday 9-6; Sunday 2-6

September Artist of the Month: Members of the Twin Rivers Artists Association, encompassing a variety of styles, mediums, and themes. This annual exhibition will be available for viewing in the Main Library after the reception through the end of September. A reception will be held on September 5th at 7pm in the Library Auditorium.

October Artist of the Month: Exhibition of artwork from the Craven County Schools. Additional information will be published in the Sun Journal as details for the reception is announced by the BOE.

Shop Class: DIY Community Woodshop

406 Guion St, 252-617-8980

Shop Class operates much like a gym, but instead of paying to lift heavy weights, you pay to operate great tools in a comfortable environment. For a list of class offerings and events please visit shopclass-nb.com



Twin Rivers Quilters Guild

Bee by the River "Seasons for Quilts" Show

New Bern Riverfront Convention Center

October 25, 9am-5 pm

October 26, 9am-4:30 pm

Featuring over 250 quilts, lectures, vendors, and raffle.

Tickets \$10 for 2-day admission & includes guest lectures.

Music and Dance

Carolina Chamber Music Festival

Season 17/Beethoven's World

September 7-14

Celebrate Beethoven's World on the eve of his 250th birthday! CCMF's exciting September concerts feature early works by Beethoven, music by influential Baroque and early Classical era composers, and French and American works inspired by Beethoven's genius. A delightful variety of chamber music abounds with instrumentalists combining clarinet, strings, and piano four hands. CCMF features world-class instrumentalists in programs heard only here in New Bern. As always, CCMF events blend music and fellowship between audiences and artists through lively discussions and meet-the-artists receptions. There's something for everyone at CCMF! Purchase tickets at Bank of the Arts, Fullers Music, or carolinachambermusic.org.



Opening Night: Beethoven & Beyond September 7, 7pm, Bank of the Arts \$30 **POSTPONED**

Festive Family Concert: September 8, 3pm, First Presbyterian Church - Free

Classical Lunch: September 10, Noon, Bank of the Arts \$15

After Work: Music for Four September 12, 6pm, Bank of the Arts \$25

Instrument Showcase: September 13, 6pm, Christ Episcopal Church - Free

Festival Finale: Baroque to Beethoven September 14, 7pm, Christ Episcopal Church \$35

Craven Concerts Inc.

cravenconcertsinc.com

Sons of Serendip

September 5, 7:30 pm at Orringer Hall.

Tickets \$30. Sold at Bank of the Arts, online at cravenconcertsinc.org, and at the door.



This unique quartet were finalists on season 9 of TV's America's got Talent. They play a wide range of musical styles that you won't want to miss.

Down East Folk Arts Society

downeastfolkarts.org, 252-412-1703

folkartsenc@gmail.com

Singer-Songwriter Sally Barris

September 11, 7pm, at City Stage (901B Pollock St.)



Recognized as one of the finest of the many singer-songwriters in the folksy, Americana genre today, Sally Barris holds her own as both an evocative singer and striking songwriter. Ever since she moved to Nashville from her Minnesota home to dedicate her life to songwriting, Sally has led a storied career. She's had songs recorded by Kathy Mattea, Trisha Yearwood and Martina McBride, received a Grammy nomination and is now making a living as a traveling performer. She often lends her talents to a trio called the Waymores, joining hit songwriters Don Henry and Tom Kimmel for fun, music-thrilled shows. For September's performance, Sally plays by her lonesome using her sensitive finger-picking style to accompany her sweet soprano with a strong selection of original material.



Georgia Mason, TRAA

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Cultural Education

English Speaking Union - Colonial NC Branch

www.esuus.org/colonialnc

Louisa Treger, English author of *The Dragon Lady*

September 9, 7pm at the NC History Center in Cullman Hall

Treger discusses how she masterfully blends fact and fiction in *The Dragon Lady* to deliver a magnificent, deeply evocative historical novel that spans enormous cultural and social change. Her extraordinary story of Lady Virginia 'Ginie' Courtauld, so called for the exotic tattoo snaking up her leg, is a daring blend of romance, crime and history, and an intelligent exposé of the inherent injustice and consequences of all forms of oppression. Jointly sponsored by ESU and Tryon Palace, the program is open to the public with a suggested admission donation of five dollars.

Downtown New Bern's Renaissance by Susan Moffat-Thomas

October 24, 11:30am at the Chelsea

An overview of downtown New Bern's Renaissance will be presented by Susan Moffat-Thomas on October 24, 11:30 AM at the Chelsea Restaurant. This luncheon program is open to the public. Members \$18 and Non-members \$22 with the menu choice of shrimp and grits, chicken bruschetta or baked salmon. Her presentation focuses on the broad based renewal effort led by SwissBear in partnership with local government that took place over the past 40 years and includes numerous before and after photos. To make reservations, send your check and menu choice to ESU-Colonial NC Branch at P.O.Box 645, New Bern, NC 28563. Make checks payable to ESU-Colonial NC Branch no later than Wednesday, October 16th.

New Bern Historical Society

511 Broad St. 252-638-8558

NewBernHistorical.org

NBHS Lunch & Learn at The Chelsea

Lunch & Learn starts at 11:30 a.m. at The Chelsea Restaurant, 335 Middle Street, New Bern. The cost is \$17 for Historical Society members and \$22 for non-members. Lunch is included. Contact the Historical Society to make your reservation.



September 11 - North Carolina's Mystery Tribe - The Neusiok

The Neusiok were an ancient people who lived on the south side of the Neuse River in what is now Craven and Pamlico counties. Join us to find out who the Neusiok were, where they lived, what happened to them and who their descendants are. Stan Allen has been researching the history of the contemporary Native American peoples of North Carolina for over forty years and is the author of ALL OUR PEOPLE: First Nations of Eastern North Carolina.

October 10- The Last POW presented by Steve Tyson

There were about 500 German and Italian POWs here in New Bern at Camp Battle for two years during World War II. Then the war ended. In 1946 Camp Battle was closed. What happened to those prisoners? Steve Tyson explores the story of the last POW to leave Camp Battle.

Steve Tyson is a native New Bernian with a love of history. He shares many historic images on his Facebook Page, Remember In New Bern When. He has spent many hours researching the stories behind Camp Battle. Steve has given his time on many local boards. He served as a Craven County Commissioner and is on the board of CarolinaEast Health System, Craven 100 Alliance Building Committee, and the Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance. In 2019 Steve Tyson received the Community Fabric Award for Individual Leadership presented by Craven Community College Foundation.

WWI Memorial Project Monument Reveal & Rededication

September 16, 4pm at the Craven County Courthouse

The American Legion was founded by WWI veterans, and chartered 100 years ago on September 16th. In celebration and remembrance, the American Legion Post 539 and the New Bern Historical Society have partnered with the Craven County Department of Recreation and Parks on a special WWI Memorial Project. Their goal is to update the WWI monument that has stood on the

courthouse grounds since 1944. The update has two parts. First, to clean the 75-year-old obelisk. The second is to add the names of Craven County residents who gave their lives in "The Great War," but were not originally listed on the stone.

29th Annual Ghostwalk

October 24-26

Ghostwalk is a family friendly event offering entertaining stories from our history and tempting dinners available at historic churches. Hauntings begin Thursday, October 24, from 6:30- 9:30 p.m. Expect ghost sightings at the cemetery and entertainment at both theatres and the Attmore-Oliver House. An additional nine ghost sites and the photo booth are open Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26 from 5:30 -9:30 p.m. There are 13 different ghost sites in historic houses, churches and businesses, and of course in Cedar Grove Cemetery where candlelit paths will lead to plenty of eerie entertainment! Your ticket gains you entry all three nights. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$23 day of event. Active duty military, their dependents, and students \$14. Children 3-12 are \$5 and under 3 are free.



Theatre

New Bern Civic Theatre

414 Pollock St., newberncivictheatre.org

252-633-0567

I Hate Hamlet

September 13, 14, 20, 21 @ 7:30 pm; September 15, 22 @ 2 pm;

Ticket Prices (NOT including Sales Tax or Online Service Fee)

Orchestra - Advance: \$18, Door: \$20, Students & Active Duty Military: \$12

Balcony - Advance: \$17, Door: \$19, Students & Active Duty Military: \$10

Andrew Rally seems to have it all: celebrity and acclaim from his starring role in a hit television series; a rich, beautiful girlfriend; a glamorous, devoted agent; the perfect New York apartment; and the chance to play Hamlet in Central Park. But there is trouble in paradise when his TV series is cancelled and Andrew really doesn't want to play Hamlet. When Andrew's agent visits him, she reminisces about her brief romance with John Barrymore many years ago, in Andrew's apartment. This prompts a séance to summon his ghost. From the moment Barrymore returns, dressed in high Shakespearean garb, Andrew's life is no longer his own. Barrymore, fortified by champagne and ego, presses Andrew to accept the part and fulfill his actor's destiny. The laughs are nonstop as Andrew wrestles with his conscience, Barrymore, his sword, and the fact that he fails as Hamlet in Central Park.



RiverTowne Players at Masonic Theater

514 Hancock St.; rivertowneplayers.org

Alice in Wonderland, Jr.

September 27, 28 & October 4, 5 at 7:30pm

September 29 & October 6 at 3:00pm

Tickets: \$18 Adults \$10 Students

Purchase online or at Nautical Wheelers

Travel down the rabbit hole and join Alice, one of literature's most beloved heroines, in her madcap adventures. Featuring updated songs from Disney's thrilling animated motion picture, Disney's *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* is a fast-paced take on the classic tale. The ever-curious Alice's journey begins innocently enough as she chases the White Rabbit. Her adventures become increasingly more strange as she races the Dodo Bird, gets tied up with Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, raps with a bubble-blowing Caterpillar and beats the Queen of Hearts at her own game!





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A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Well, another summer has slipped away but let's hope that this one ushers in a much more calm and gentle fall. As I reflect upon the year post Florence, I truly count my many blessings. Personally, my home being affected by the flood was more of a minor inconvenience because I had adequate insurance and an incredible rebuild team. Here at the Bank of the Arts, we dodged a bullet and had no damage from the storm. What I truly feel fortunate about is to have the talented staff of Jon and Dara to help with all that running a busy Arts Council entails in the gallery and the shop and behind the scenes. What we do can be demanding at times and involve some long hours but it is quite rewarding with the interaction between them, the general public, talented artists and our wonderful volunteers.

Another factor which makes it so remarkable to work here is the magnificent structure where the gallery and offices reside. I love it when people come through the doors and marvel at the striking architecture and art within. They constantly remark about the beautiful setting and what a peaceful feeling that it exudes. CAC&G went through an extensive interior restoration in 2013 to restore the building to its original glory. Now we are embarking upon our "Putting Our Best Face Forward" project to restore and preserve the integrity of the granite façade for future generations to continue to enjoy. The Harold H. Bate Foundation awarded us a grant to help offset some of the costs as well as committed money from the Swiss Bear's Façade Improvement grant and some private individuals for which we are very grateful. But, as most of you know, restoration and construction projects are not inexpensive and add up very quickly. We are looking at a start date in October so if you would like to donate to this very worthwhile project which would freshen up Middle St., please contact me at 252-638-2577 or at director@cravenarts.org and we can discuss this opportunity to maintain the history of this glorious building donated originally by First Citizens Bank.

Wishing you all a splendid fall.

-Eileen Bress

Arts Luminary

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Submissions to *Arts Luminary* must arrive by the 5th of the month prior to publication. Word documents and jpg images at 300 dpi are preferred.

Email submissions and inquiries to
 Luminary@cravenarts.org

Questions? Call Dara Morgan at 252-638-2577



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