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THIS WAY See inside for Attractions.

Class size is limited, and camps fill up quickly. Secure your child's space with a non-refundable deposit. Sign up NOW!

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 tactile docent-led tours upon request. We are handicap-accessible and follow CDC recommendations for safe operations.

HAMPTON GALLERY Through March 2025 — Winter Arts Market — Shop this annual event which is a collaborative exhibition for sale of more than 50+ artists and artisans, the majority of whom are local or regional in their practice. Featured works include jewelry, pottery, glass, paintings, photography, textiles, baskets, and much, much more!



THE KENNETH & KRISTI BLIZZARD GALLERY Through March 2025 — Display Honoring Black History Month — The Arts Council, in cooperation with the City of Kinston, will have on display an eight-panel mural originally installed on the outdoor façade of the Lenoir County Office Building. This mural was created a few years ago as part of a City-wide mural project and commissioned through a grant-supported project through the North Carolina Arts Council, a State agency. The mural depicts the peaceful 1951 Adkin High School walkout by students. In addition to the mural is an exhibit of some selected African American artifacts donated to the Kinston-Lenoir County African American Heritage Commission.

Black History Month Celebration Activities: We “kicked off” the celebration of Black History Month with two (2) incredible performances by internationally known and Grammy award nominee Pierce Freelon.



Pierce Freelon, a multi-talented artist, educator, and activist is known for his work in music, film, and community leadership. As a rapper, producer, and founder of the hip-hop group *The Beast*, he blends thought-provoking lyrics with creative soundscapes. Beyond his music career, Pierce is passionate about promoting social justice and youth empowerment, using his platform to inspire and uplift underserved communities. He is also the founder of *Blackspace*, an arts and technology collective aimed at empowering young people of color. Through his diverse work, Pierce continues to make a significant impact in both the creative and social realms.

Pierce shared with the students powerful life lessons that he learned from his grandmother. During the event, Pierce spoke about the values she instilled in him, emphasizing the importance of having an attitude for gratitude. He encouraged the students to appreciate the small blessings in life, reminding them that a grateful heart can bring positivity and growth. Through his performance and stories, Pierce not only entertained but also inspired the young audience, leaving them with valuable lessons about resilience, appreciation, and the power of gratitude.

Participating students and faculty were from South Lenoir High School, North Lenoir High School and Kinston High School. In addition, band and music students from several of the Middle Schools were in attendance.

This performance was supported by the NC Arts Council, a State agency, and funded in part by the cARTwheels grant and in partnership with the Community Council for the Arts and the Lenoir County Public Schools.

Also to celebrate Black History Month, selected artifacts from the Kinston-Lenoir County African American Heritage Commission are on display at the Neuse Regional Library, curated by the Arts Council. We encourage everyone to visit both the Arts Center and the library to view works from the collection.

MINGES GALLERY Through March 2025 — smARTkinston, ART105, and Skinner Senior Center — Artwork created by local artists will be on display and for sale.

JENKINS ROOM Through March 2025 — On display are several selected items from the collection of African artifacts owned by the Kinston-Lenoir County African American Heritage Commission. A free to the public reception will be scheduled at a date to be announced and will be hosted by the AKA sorority.





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.

CHILDREN’S GALLERY *Through March 2025* — **Rochelle Middle School** —

On display are fabric panels created in an in-school residency at Rochelle Middle School and lead by African American artist September Kreuger, from Wilmington, NC. (Photograph by Lissa Gotwals; *Walter Magazine*) September is Director of Lifelong Learning at Wilmington’s Cameron Art Museum and is a textile artist who creates intricate quilts and silk paintings often depicting nature motifs.



QUEEN ST. DELI SATELLITE GALLERY *Through March 2025* — **Shelia Stroud** — Shelia will be exhibiting and selling a grouping of mini paintings at Queen St. Deli. Excellent price points, each will make a wonderful Valentine’s Day keepsake gift for that special someone in your life. 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. Additional works are also for available for sale at the Arts Center. (Left: *A Mess of Fish*, acrylic by Shelia Stroud)

Thank You

Words of appreciation to Round Table Viking who is providing funding for the rewiring and replacement of the lighting that adorns our outdoor rooftop. Watch for this enhancement project to happen in the next few weeks as we once again “light up the arts!”

There are numerous projects that are in need of support as we re-purpose and grow our arts property. They include, but are not limited to:

- Development of an existing space for a textile program
- Development of an existing space for a metals program
- Support for the Traditional Programs for Students – an after-school enrichment program for choral and instrumental students, 5th through early college
- Building of shelving for appropriate storage of our permanent collection
- Upgrading of gallery lighting
- Re-purposing of an existing space for multi-media use, i.e. graphics, printing, etc.
- Upgrade of our technical support equipment
- Upgrade of computer system

Call the Arts Center (252) 527-2517 for additional information about these projects. Ask for Sandy, or email her at slandis@kinstoncca.com.

WINTER ARTS MARKET



Shop with us NOW through March 2025

***Jewelry *Glass *Pottery *Photography *Textiles *Paintings *Baskets *And much more!**

Shop from our selection of 2D and 3D art created by artists and artisans from around our region and community. Whether needing a gift for a birthday or “just because,” find your fabulous, one-of-a-kind gifts at the Winter Arts Market. All items sold are made with loving hands, voices, written words, and hearts -- gifts sure to please your family and friends.

Draw for a percentage off your total purchase. We provide complimentary gift-wrapping service. (Donations are always welcome.) Let the Arts Center be your one stop shopping for all your gift-giving needs. Remember, when you purchase through the Arts Center you are supporting a local artist and helping the Community Council for the Arts with general operations.

Proceeds from sales during Arts Market will benefit the Children and Youth Programs of the Arts Council. Your purchases help to provide the arts and cultural enrichment in the schools and in our community.



As we prepare for upcoming fundraisers and summer art camps you can help offset costs by:

- Financial support of summer art camps
- Basic art camp supplies, i.e. paint, glue, construction paper, funding for clay & pottery glazes, etc.
- Snack and beverages for campers
- Scholarships for campers for summer art camps – they have 25 choices this summer, all taught by artists and/or art educators
- Sponsorships for Horsing Around for the Arts scheduled as a closing event of the BBQ Festival on the Neuse – May 3, 5:30pm-8:30pm at the Arts Center
- Volunteer at the Arts Center – at the front desk for basic clerical duties one four hour shift a week or bi-weekly; for a fundraising event; for social media and other forms of marketing and many, many other tasks

Ask for a staff member when you call (252) 527-2517 or email any staff member (listed in Kaleidoscope)

STRATEGIC PLANNING

During the month of February, two community meetings were held -- a forum of past presidents and Board members was facilitated by Todd Brantley, Senior Planner Armstrong McGuire, a community-wide survey was distributed and is still available. If you have not completed the survey, please go to this link surveymonkey.com/r/CCAPublic and take a few minutes to complete and submit by March 11. Your opinions and comments are valuable to us as we make transitions in leadership and plan for the future. This survey is anonymous. To those of you who participated in the community meetings, also guided by our planner, thank you for your participation!



Last month our update concerning our Strategic planning informed you that we were making a pivot in our original plan moving from a full strategic plan for the organization and a coinciding community wide arts plan. Our pivot did not exclude plans for community input therefore we have continued to collect community information so that it can be used to inform our strategic plan. We felt that there was a need for further board development, training and strategic development particularly as it relates to the onboarding of a new director. There has been an anonymous survey completed by our Board of Directors with a facilitated Board of Directors retreat planned in March. Information collected over the past several months will assist the Board in recruitment of a new Executive Director therefore it is anticipated that the search for a leadership will begin soon thereafter.



FEBRUARY VISITOR OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS KIM LAIL OF KINSTON, NC

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



HORSING AROUND FOR THE ARTS MAY 3, 2025



TAPS INSTRUMENTAL & CHORAL



We are still taking additional participants in both the Instrumental and Choral programs. Practice sessions are held every Wednesday from 4pm to 5:30pm. TAPS Choral is under the direction of Weil Sawyer, (Banks Elementary School) and Marcus Jones with TAPS Instrumental directed by Ben Miller (Rochelle Middle School). The TAPS programs are free to all 5th through 12th grade youth through a grant support by the North Carolina Arts Council to the Community Council for the Arts. These programs are in partnership with the Lenoir County Public Schools however any youth in Lenoir County may participate.



JOIN THE FUN!

Contact Olivia "Liv" for more information: eventsdirector@kinstoncca.com or (252) 527-2517. communitycouncilfortheartskinston.com



KEYS FOR KIDS

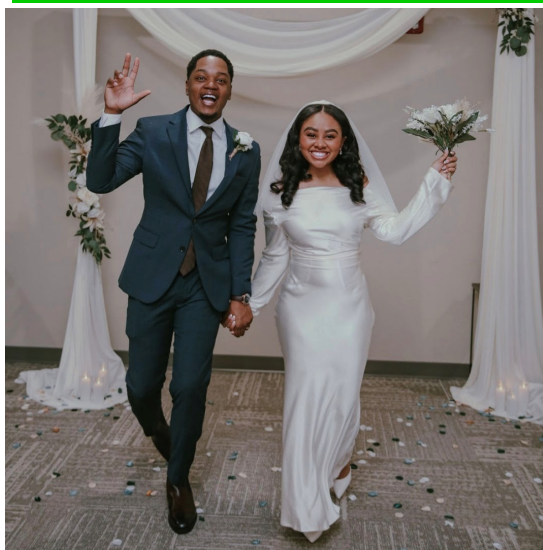


KEYS FOR KIDS

The Keys for Kids program is here to bring the joy of music to kids ages 5-18 who have little access to lessons and instruments. This incredible opportunity provides **FREE** piano lessons with our in-house musician Mike Kinsey. Whether you're a beginner or looking to improve your skills, this is an opportunity not to be missed!

Thanks to a partnership with the North Carolina Arts Council and the North Carolina Arts Foundation, Keys for Kids is designed to give young people in North Carolina the chance to learn the piano, even if they haven't had the chance to do so before. Keyboards are provided, and no prior experience is needed—just bring your excitement and love for music! This program is all about making sure every child has the opportunity to explore their musical potential and grow as an artist. Join us and discover the magic of playing the piano!

Contact Olivia Alston for more information and to schedule your **FREE** lessons: eventsdirector@kinstoncca.com or (252) 527-2517.




Congratulations!
AND
Best wishes 🎁

We are excited to announce that our Events and Development Director, Olivia Simmons, is **NOW Olivia Alston!**

Congratulations and best wishes to Olivia who recently tied the knot! We celebrate with her on this happy milestone! Join us as

we recognize this beautiful new chapter of her life and wish her and her partner a lifetime filled with love, happiness, and unforgettable memories!





Celebrating *Women's* HISTORY MONTH

In recognition of this month's designation as Women's History Month, we would like to focus our spotlight on three women makers who not only have artwork in our Galleria Gift Shop, they also have their studios in our lower-level workspace: Tracey Penrod, Karin Thompson, and Ingrid Quick.

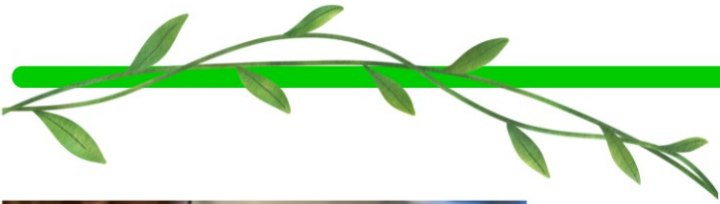
TRACEY PENROD...Tracey Penrod is a professional artist who left her career as a middle school teacher in 2021 for the art studio. Calling Wayne County home, she finds inspiration in the landscapes of Eastern North Carolina, its history, people, and customs. Tracey paints to stir the memory of the viewer and she hopes to convey a message of encouragement whether painting landscapes or subjects from everyday life.

As a part of her creative process, Tracey uses acrylic paint often in combination with collaged paper and dry mediums. Her contemporary paintings are in a style of abstract expressionism and/or semi-realistic while giving a nod to nostalgia. Tracey has exhibited her works of art in galleries, juried shows, and in many other public settings throughout North Carolina. Her work is also



available in the Art Market at the Community Council for the Arts. Having relocated her art studio to the Arts Center in 2022, Tracey can often be found painting downstairs in her studio where she gladly welcomes visitors.





KARIN THOMPSON...Karin's name appeared as one of the clay artists we focused on in last month's *Kaleidoscope*. However, Karin is a diverse artist and has developed her talents using many different mediums. She is a studio artist who has been active with the Community Arts Council for many years. Her creations have been a constant in the Galleria Gift Shop and her paintings can usually be found throughout the gallery. Karin's work has been in numerous juried shows throughout North Carolina, Artfields 2024, and the NC Artists Show in Raleigh 2024. She currently has a piece in the Atlantic Gallery in New York City. Painting and pottery are her main focus, but she also works in fiber, glass, as well as knits (like her mother Ingrid Quick). Her work always contains a bit of whimsy and inspiration from nature. Animals are one of her favorite subjects and she enjoys working on pet portraits. Please visit her in the studio she and her mother share.

INGRID QUICK...Ingrid Quick is a studio artist who shares a studio space with her daughter, Karin Thompson. Ingrid works in the traditional crafts of knitting and basket weaving. Her great-grandmother taught her to knit when she was about six-years-old. She has seldom been seen without knitting needles and yarn in her hands ever since. At 85-years-old, Ingrid still has projects in the works. Her baskets, hand-knit hats, scarves, and sweaters can be found in the Galleria Gift Shop. She also has work displayed in her studio. Ingrid enjoys making baby blankets, stuffed animal toys, and almost anything else that can be knit as a special gift for a little one.

The Arts Center is privileged to be involved with these talented artists and to provide a showcase for their works. We hope you will join us as we watch them develop their exceptional talents and offer to show us the world through their eyes. The Galleria Gift Shop offers a variety of current works from these artists and from many other talented makers. Galleria sales are made on a commission basis and, as such, benefit both the artist and the Arts Council. We invite you to visit us and enjoy our every changing displays.



STAINED GLASS PLANT STAKE

with Kim Foy

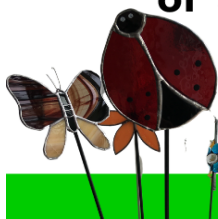


Tuesday, April 15, 10am to 3pm

Cost \$75 Member/ \$85 Not Yet Member/ \$45 supply fee

Want to add some color to your garden year-round or before all your flowers bloom? These plant stakes will add beauty to your garden. Several patterns from which to choose. All supplies provided, just bring yourself and a lunch or snack. If we work hard, we might get two made!

Lead-free solder is used.



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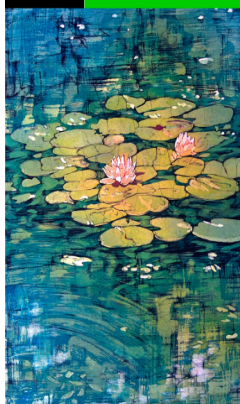


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for desk volunteers and those interested in helping with events, committees, or special projects. We need your help, time and expertise! Interested? Give us a call TODAY!
Call the Arts Center (252) 527-2517. THANK YOU!

BATIK WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

with Ed Macomber



Thursday, April 17 & Friday, April 18, 10am to 4pm
(lunch 11:30am to 12pm)

Cost \$200 per person/ \$75 non-refundable deposit required to reserve your space; space is limited to 6. Workshop participants are asked to bring your own lunch.

Goal: To share the fun, brilliant effects of an ancient form of applying color to paper, not just fabric. **Method:** Using Rice paper and wax, we will utilize the wax as a resist to slowly build up brilliance of color and end up with a delightful, completed work of art you will find surprisingly easy and fun, fun, fun! **Materials:** The following materials are covered in the workshop's fee, which include Masa rice paper, wax, wax brushes, and supporting supplies. The student only needs watercolors, palette and brushes, a #2B pencil and if you have one, a lightbox to share with other students.



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FACILITY RENTALS



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, meetings, 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.

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

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Contact the Arts Center to plan your child's next birthday party!

\$250 for 10 kids

(including the birthday child)

\$15 per child, each additional, with a limit of up to 20 children

Price includes:

an artist instructor for art activity, art/craft supplies, birthday cake, snacks, punch, paper products, invitations, treat bags, and venue space.

Contact Sonya at assistant@kinstoncca.com or (252) 527-2517 for availability.

The Arts Center is the celebration destination!

SEASONAL WORKSHOP

with



Lindsay Segrave

Thursday, March 20, 5pm to 6pm
\$10 per child; space is limited to 12 participants

Reserve your space for this fun and festive workshop by visiting communitycouncilfortheartskinston.com.

Call the Arts Center (252) 527-2517.

ILLUSIONS



For tickets, pay in advance via CASHAPP — \$clevetteroberts

The next ILLUSIONS: *Open Mic Night* is scheduled for March 29, 2025, at the Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 to enter; \$7 for open mic talent. Doors open at 8pm; showtime is 8:30pm to 11pm. This event is hosted by Clevette “Chyna” Roberts.



Applications for teen volunteers are available and is available on our website communitycouncilfortheartskinston.com.

Register early as camp session limits are small to keep optimum teacher/camper ratio.

Supply and snack donations are welcome.

Dollars that assist with supporting scholarships are needed so any child/youth wanting to experience a camp can do so. Underwriting dollars for summer camps are needed to assist with teacher and supply costs. Contact the Arts Center “Big Top” be available for all campers this summer (252) 527-2517. Thank you for your support!



Your pARTnership has sustained the Arts Council for 57 years and is paramount to the current continuation of operations and sustainability for future years.

CCA provides: **arts enrichment programs for the schools* *a public art program (which is the largest operated by an arts council in North Carolina and serves as an education/ enhancement project and tourism tool) **African American Heritage Music project and similar place-based projects that promote the uniqueness of Lenoir County* *large mural project

depicting the vitality and accomplishments of our citizens **exhibition and gift shop space for artists* *affordable rental space for events/ meetings **summer camps/ workshops/ classes for the community* *concerts and performances of major touring artists and arts educators **an arts leader to promote and provide the recruitment of residents, increase tourism, and drive the local economy through the arts* *and a 30,000 square foot historic property located intentionally in the heart of Kinston for easy access for all.

Be a pART of what we provide -- renew or become a pARTner TODAY!
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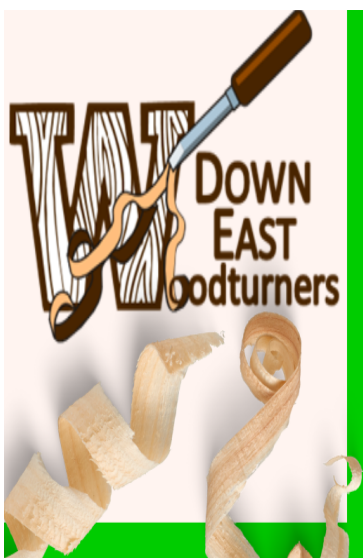


NEUSE QUILTERS

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.



The Lenoir Co Artist League is re-organizing with meetings scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month from 1pm to 2pm. Call the Arts Center at (252) 527-2517 for additional information. All are welcome.



Down East Woodturners meets the second Tuesday of the month.

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 6pm-9pm at the Arts Center. Meetings concentrate on the how-to of the craft featuring demonstrations covering all aspects of woodturning, including tools, equipment, safety and artistic design. Woodturners are a unique group of craftsmen who take pride in sharing their knowledge and techniques with all. The monthly meeting include time for "show and tell of members work." 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.

UMBRELLA ORGANIZATIONS

POTTERY PROGRAM

Please read if you are interested in participating in a pottery class.

There is limited space in ALL CLASSES with each class limited to 6 participants with a minimum class participation of 4. Registration can be done in person at the Arts Center, on-line (www.communitycouncilfortheartskinston.com), or by calling the Arts Center at (252) 527-2517.

A non-refundable deposit of \$25 is required to be made at the time of registration to secure your space, although the entire amount can still be made at this time, as before. This non-refundable fee of \$25 is part of the total registration fee. Should you need to cancel however, a \$25 processing fee will be non-refundable. This is NEW!! The remainder of the registration fee and the \$25 supply fee is due the first night of class. If you are a returning participant and still have clay stored with us or at home (if you purchased from us) you are not charged a supply fee (\$25) until you require more clay. Registration payments can be made via credit card on line or via phone or in person with credit, debit, check or cash.

IMPORTANT NOTE whether registering online, in person, or on the phone, please register by indicating the first day/date of the class in which you are interested. By doing so, it will help avoid confusion as we accept registration through a variety of means as listed above and at times volunteers are posting your registration. If you have any doubt about your registration, please ask for a staff member or call to verify if using the online process. Our monthly newsletter is always completed by the last week in a month and then sent via bulk mail – there have been times in the past when the post office was tardy in sending the mailing, thus receipt to you has not been on time. When Kaleidoscope is sent to our printer it is automatically posted online, therefore the listing of new classes can generally be found by the end of the week of the current month, or at a minimum the first few days of the next month. If you are unable to find the information you need, do not hesitate to contact the Arts Council at (252) 527-2517, we will be pleased to assist you.

CLASSES

PRE-REGISTRATION

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

OPEN STUDIO



We are now offering “Open Studio” sessions during limited times in the week. This is available to students who have taken classes with us and are familiar with the studio and clean up practices. There will be a monitor present, but no instruction will be offered. There will be three days with times where a student can come in for a three-hour session. The fee for “Open Studio” is \$25.00 per session at the door or purchase a 5-session punch card for \$100.00. Twenty-pound (20#) bags of Little Loafers Clay will continue to be on sale to the community for \$25.00 each. This is the only type of clay that can be used in our studios and must be purchased from the Arts Center. Please ask at the front desk if you are interested in clay.

NOTE: Open Studio sessions include use of the glazes and the kiln. Only those who are working completely at home and bringing in work should pay for the kiln.

“Open Studio” sessions are offered Wednesday afternoons 1pm-4pm, Thursday mornings 9am-12pm, and Friday mornings 9am-12pm. For more information, contact Sandy, slandis@kinstoncca.com, or Joanne, artist@kinstoncca.com.



POTTERY

with *Joanne McCobb*



Hand Building Class Monday, March 3, March 10 & March 17

Class 5:30pm to 8:30pm (3-week class)

\$60 Members/ \$70 Not-yet Members/ \$25 Supply Fee

Hand Building Class Monday, March 24, March 31 & April 7

Class 5:30pm to 8:30pm (3-week class)

\$60 Members/ \$70 Not-yet Members/ \$25 Supply Fee

Beginner's Wheel Thursday, February 27, March 6, March 13,

March 20, March 27 & April 3 (no skip bisque week)

Class 5:30pm to 8:30pm (6-week class)

\$100 Members/ \$120 Not-yet Members/ \$25 Supply Fee

Beginner's Wheel Wednesday, March 5, March 12, March 19,

March 26, April 2 & April 9 (no skip bisque week)

Class 5:30pm to 8:30pm (6-week class)

\$100 Members/ \$120 Not-yet Members/ \$25 Supply Fee

Moons and Lids -- Intermediate Wheel Throwing Class -- Learn to make a moon vase and lids. Thursday, March 6, March 13, March 20,

March 27, April 3 & April 10 (no skip bisque week)

Class 1pm to 4pm (6-week class)

\$100 Members/ \$120 Not-yet Members/ \$25 Supply Fee

Please follow us on social media to be sure you are not missing any of these wonderful offerings. Register online our website at communitycouncilfortheartskinston.com.

POTTERY

with *Caroline Perry*



Beginner Wheel Monday, February 24, March 3,

March 17, March 24, March 31 & April 7 (skip March 10 due to spring break)

Class 5:30pm to 8:30pm (6-week class)

\$100 Members/ \$120 Not-yet Members/ \$25 Supply Fee

Wheel Throwing Class Tuesday, February 25, March 4, March 18, March 25, April 1 & April 8 (skip March 11 due to spring break)

Class 9am to 12pm (6-week class)

\$100 Members/ \$120 Not-yet Members/ \$25 Supply Fee

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STUDIO KILN



The pottery studio will start accepting work made at home to be fired in our kiln. The terms are:

- Clay is Little Loafers ONLY bought from the Arts Center
- Glaze is not included
- Because of limited space, we ask you bring in everything at one time when the kiln is scheduled to be fired.
- Cost of firing for both bisque and glaze is \$25.00 each for a shelf. We also have punch cards you can use for a kiln fire in place of an Open Studio session. When you bring in your greenware, it will go into the next kiln fires as a shelf charge.
- Please pay in advance.
- Glazing, with your glazes, can be done at home or in class or Open Studio, cost not included.
- Glazes need to be Mid-Fire, cone 5-6.

Punch cards may be purchased online our website at communitycouncilfortheartskinston.com.

INSTRUMENTS

with *Mike Kinzie*



CCA Instructor Mike Kinzie provides musical tutoring. Mike 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.

For more information call the Arts Center at (252) 527-2517 for scheduling information.

DRUM

with *Jordan Alston*



Jordan Alston is from Goldsboro, NC. He is 26 years old and has been playing drums for approximately 20 years. He grew up playing in the church and has had opportunities of playing and traveling behind his family to minister at local churches. With not having many opportunities at a young age, he took the time to find out what he liked. He began listening to and practicing with different styles of music, like Pop, Country, Indie, R&B, Hip-Hop, etc. While in high school, he was a part of the jazz band "Blue Notes". Jordan has participated in sessions with Gospel artists: Demarcus Kelly, DOE, Crystal Aikin, and Brian Courtney Wilson.

Jordan wants to reach out to all ages, young and old. Those who are looking to find their way on percussion/drums. He would love to share his passion with those who want to know more or to add on to what they love doing.

**Availability: Tuesday through Fridays
\$30 per hour; \$100 per week for one-hour session a day**

Questions regarding scheduling for private lessons should be referred to Liv at eventsdirector@kinstoncca.com, or call Liv at the Arts Center at (252) 527-2517

GUITAR

with *Abijah Graham*



Abijah Graham is from Fremont, NC and has more than 13 years of experience in guitar playing. As a graduate of the University of Mount Olive, he has had the privilege of touring the U.S. with the renowned acapella group, *Carolina Sound*. Along with his work as a singer/songwriter, he serves as the worship leader at Bethel Church in Goldsboro, NC.

Abijah offers 30-minute guitar lessons for beginners, starting at age 7. Lessons will focus on both practical guitar skills and foundational music theory, designed to help students build their confidence and develop a strong musical foundation. He looks forward to helping children and adults begin their rewarding musical journey.

**Availability: Mondays & Thursdays
30 minutes for beginners
\$25 per 30 minutes**

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March is the first month of spring.

- Artists born in March**
- Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1)
 - Michelangelo (6)
 - William Etty (10)
 - Mildred Jean Thompson (12)
 - Diane Arbus (14)
 - Anthony Van Dyke (22)
 - Vincent Van Gogh (30)

The name "March" is Roman word *Martius*, the Roman god of war.

March

FUN FACTS



Birthstone is aquamarine which symbolizes courage

March Madness



Birth flower is the daffodil, means creativity and rebirth

March is:

- Women's History Month
- National Reading Month
- American Red Cross Month
- National Craft Month
- National Optimism Month



National Share a Smile Day (March 1)



World Tennis Day (March 6)



Popcorn Lovers Day (March 9)



National Quilting Day (March 20)



National Puppy Day (March 23)



World Piano Day (March 29)



St. Patrick's Day (March 17)

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