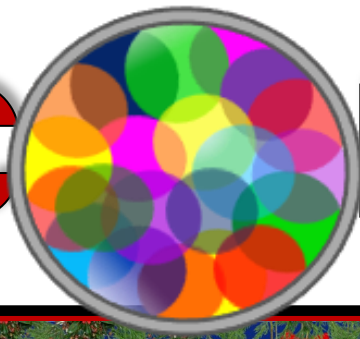


KALEIDOSCOPE

A newsletter reflecting our rich cultural community



CAROLINA SOUND

Join us for this unique holiday performance not to be missed!



December 13

Light hors d'oeuvres 5:30pm to 7pm
Concert 7pm to 8pm

Carolina Sound, a premier acapella group from the University of Mount Olive, performs a variety of genres sharing their passion for music and ministry.

Tickets \$15 Adults/\$10 Ages 6-12/ Under 5 Free

Light hors d'oeuvres, wine & beer cash bar available



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Call the Arts Center for more information
(252) 527-2517

Purchase your tickets online
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This program is supported by the Community Council for the Arts through the Grassroots Grant Program of the NC Arts Council, a State agency.

TAPS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
December 17, 4pm at the Arts Center
Free & open to the public

INSTRUMENTAL & CHORAL
Traditional Arts Programs for Students

See Inside for Details

www.kinstoncca.com

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



Shop with us for the holidays! Through January 31, 2025

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

Looking for the perfect, unique gift for that special someone this holiday season? Visit the Holiday Arts Market. By purchasing your gift from the Arts Center, you will actually be giving two gifts...the second being a gift of support for the artists in our community.

When you shop with us, draw a discount slip from our basket and take the amount indicated off your entire purchase! Remember we offer free gift wrapping, but welcome donations!

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.

HAMPTON GALLERY, THE KENNETH & KRISTI BLIZZARD GALLERY, and GALLERIA GIFT SHOP Through January 31, 2025 — *Holiday Arts Market* — This annual event 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!

SECOND-FLOOR GALLERIES including MINGES GALLERY and JENKINS ROOM Through January 31, 2025 — *smARTkinston, ART105, and Skinner Senior Center* — Artwork created by local artists will be on display and for sale.

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.

QUEEN ST. DELI SATELLITE GALLERY Through December — *John Groesser from Grimesland* — John will have a series of line drawings 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.



The Arts Center will be open for special hours Christmas week, Monday, December 23, 10am to 4pm, and Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 10am to 12pm. The Arts Center will be closed from Wednesday, December 25 through Wednesday, January 1. We will reopen at 10am on Thursday, January 2.



DECEMBER VISITOR OF THE MONTH
CONGRATULATIONS JIM ALDRIDGE OF LAGRANGE, NC
Cathy's name was drawn for a \$25 gift certificate from the Arts Center.



TAPS

INSTRUMENTAL & CHORAL
Traditional Arts Programs for Students



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 17, 4pm at the Arts Center
Free & open to the public

Join us for a holiday concert featuring participants of our TAPS (Traditional Arts Programs for Students) Instrumental and Choral groups.

TAPS Instrumental is under the direction of Benjamin Miller and meets at the Arts Center the last Wednesday of each month at 4pm. TAPS Choral is conducted by Marcus Jones and William Sawyer and meets every Wednesday, 4pm to 5:30pm.

Call (252) 527-2517 for more information.

The TAPS programs are grant-supported from the North Carolina Arts Council, a State agency.

The youth (5th-9th grades) have been **slighting** their rehearsals, working extra hard to create a Christmas show that will **sparkle** brighter than the lights on the tree! They have been practicing their songs and dances with so much **elfort**! Join them for a **jolly** good time as they prepare to share their festive fun with friends and family!

HOLIDAY MINI CAMP



Inviting ALL children ages 6 to 12!

Join us as we celebrate the holidays with two fun-packed days at the Arts Center!

Thursday, December 19 &
Friday, December 20
10am to 4pm each day

Cost: \$50 per day for Members or \$90 for both days
\$60 per day for Not Yet Members or \$110 for both days

Non-refundable fee of \$25 is required to secure a space. Space is very limited so make your reservations NOW by visiting our website or by calling the Arts Center. All supplies and instructor fees are included in the registration fees.

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Call the Arts Center for more information (252) 527-2517

MAKE MUSIC WINTER



Inviting ALL school students grades k-12, parents, guardians, seniors, families, neighbors, friends, and the general public!

Join us for a celebration of the winter solstice and gather as we sing Christmas carols and make music together

Saturday, December 21
10am to 12pm

This event is FREE and open to the public. Wear your favorite holiday attire, bring an instrument to play, and share in the Christmas cheer with snacks and music! The celebration will conclude with a parade around the Arts Center. **No instrument? No problem. Simple percussion instruments will be provided to play.**

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KEYS FOR KIDS



This grant-supported program is open to all students and was started by internationally acclaimed North Carolina native and pianist *Ben Folds* to provide free or modestly priced keyboard lessons to youth who are interested. Keyboards are provided and in-school instructors *Laura Mewborn & William Sawyer*, and *Mike Kinzie* at the Arts Center. We are currently in the 2nd 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. We are one of seven nonprofit partners 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. Interested? Call the Arts Center today to reserve your spot! Contact Sandy for more information, slandis@kinstoncca.com or (252) 527-2517.



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, 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!

EVENT IN REVIEW



Pictures from Veterans Reception held November 14.)

We are filled with immense gratitude towards the local veteran artists who participated in the November Veterans Art Exhibit - SALUTE! Their incredible artwork not only added vibrancy to our gallery but also brought to life the diverse and poignant experiences of those who have served. Their contributions are a testament to the power of art in sharing stories and connecting communities. We also wish to extend a special thanks to *Creed Piel* and our local SALUTE! chapter in Kinston. Since the inception of SALUTE!, their partnership with the Community Council for the Arts has been a cornerstone of our efforts to integrate the arts within our community. This collaboration has been instrumental in creating a platform where the voices and talents of our local veterans are celebrated and honored. We look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership and further enriching our community's cultural landscape.



HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

with *Lyndsay Segrave*

Register online or call the Arts Center
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Thursday, December 12

5pm to 6pm

\$10 per child

Register TODAY!

Pre-registration is required to secure your spaces as class has limited participation.

SOUP & A BOWL



Tickets make great stocking stuffers!

Join us for our **ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT & pARTnership KICK OFF**

January 26, 2025

Floating between 11am and 2pm

Tickets ON SALE NOW!

\$20 Adults/\$12 Ages 5-12

Under 5: Free admission, no bowl

Price includes salad, beverage, dessert, unlimited soup, and a handcrafted pottery bowl

Complimentary children's activities offered during event

Call the Arts Center for more information (252) 527-2517 and purchase your tickets online communitycouncilfortheartskinston.com

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STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE



We have begun open listening sessions with artists and the community at large. These sessions were held November 13 and November 20 respectively. Our next steps in the planning process will be a community wide survey in which we hope you will participate. Your opinions count and will help to inform the direction of the Arts Council for the next few years and be impactful in the journey of the collective arts in our community.

We are available for questions, comments and thoughtful expression by contacting **Sandy Landis** at (252) 527-2517 slandis@kinstoncca.com; our strategic planning chairwoman **Lyndsay Segrave** at lyndsaysegrave@gmail.com; and/or our strategic planning consultant **Todd Brantley** (919) 624-6956 todd@artmstrongmcguire.com.

ILLUSIONS



Open Mic Night

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

The next **ILLUSIONS: Open Mic Night** is scheduled for January 25, 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.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH



You are welcome to join the Kinston-Lenoir Community Chorus and North Carolina Baroque Orchestra in performing this seasonal favorite!

- The Handel's MESSIAH chorus is open to all singers, high school-age and older; no auditions required!
- New and inexperienced singers are welcome.
- Join us for two Sunday afternoon rehearsals (attendance required to participate) — December 1, and December 8, from 2pm to 3:30pm.
- Dress rehearsal is December 9, 3:30pm to 5:30pm.
- Performance is Monday, December 9, at 7pm.
- Rehearsals and concert at First Presbyterian Church, 2101 N. Heritage Street, Kinston.
- For more information, to join the choir, or become a sponsor, contact Zoe Laakmann at messiah@fpckinston.org, or call (252) 361-2229.

AROUND TOWN

What's happening in the arts?

As described in the last couple of issues of Kaleidoscope, you will see several art installations around town, many of which are installations of smARTkinston artists. They change frequently and are in the windows of the gallery adjacent to the O'Neil Hotel on Queen St, the smARTkinston Gallery, and the original "Rose's" store on Queen Street. Watch also for holiday gallery window painting by smARTists Manor Nobles and Raney Rogers.

The artists of the smARTkinston neighborhood are offering the first in what they hope to be an annual event with proceeds supporting the art programs of the Lenoir Co. Public Schools. Named, "The Winter Festival," the smARTists will open the doors of the Smart Space located on the corner of N. Blount and Mitchell Streets. Numerous hand-crafted artworks will be available for sale including holiday décor, gifts and goodies, fresh wreaths, and hand-stamped wrapping paper (as seen in below samples). Children's activities will be available in addition to Christmas ornament making, all to be enjoyed with a cup of hot chocolate to complete your holiday shopping experience. (See the Ad for "The Winter Festival" BELOW)

Event chits are available at the Arts Center and will be on sale in advance at the smARTkinston Gallery where you will see examples of items for sale. Make your shopping truly unique while supporting the art programs of the Lenoir Co. Public Schools. This fundraiser is led by smARTists including Joanne McCobb, one of the Community Council for the Arts Pottery Instructors.

WINTER FESTIVAL



Sponsored by smART Kinston Foundation

Join us Saturday, December 14, 11am to 3pm at the smART Space, 314 Mitchell Street for this fundraiser benefiting Lenoir County Public School Visual Arts. Chits are \$5 each or 6 for \$25 and are available at the smART Gallery on N. Queen Street or at the Arts Center.

(Purchase chits with cash or checks made to smART Gallery.)



NEUSE QUILTERS

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



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



Down East Woodturners will not have a December meeting but will be back the second Tuesday of the month in 2025.

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.

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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

POTTERY NEWS

- Caroline Perry's 2025 Pottery Classes will be announced in the January *Kaleidoscope*, on Facebook, and on our website as they are scheduled.
- Joanne McCobb's Wheel Throwing & Hand Building will pause the month of December. Classes will start up the week of January 6.

POTTERY with Joanne McCobb



Hand Building Class starts Monday, January 6
Class 5:30pm to 8:30pm (3-week class)
Dates: January 6, January 13, & January 20
\$60 Members/ \$70 Not-yet Members
\$25 Supply Fee

Hand Building Class starts Monday, January 27
Class 5:30pm to 8:30pm (3-week class)
Dates: January 27, February 3, & February 10
\$60 Members/ \$70 Not-yet Members
\$25 Supply Fee

Beginner's Wheel starts Wednesday, January 8
Class 5:30pm to 8:30pm (6-week class)
Dates: January 8, January 15, January 22, January 29, February 5, & February 19 (February 12 will not meet to allow bisque firing)
\$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.



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 clay.

“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 (252) 527-2517.

OPEN STUDIO FOR JANUARY

Open Studio will pause from 12/18/24 to 1/7/25. Open Studio begins in 2025:

- Wednesday, January 8, 1pm to 4pm
- Thursday, January 9, 9am to 12pm
- Friday, January 10, 9am to 12pm

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*



WELCOME BACK!

CCA Instructor Mike Kinzie is back and ready to provide 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**

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





It's a festive time of year and what better way to celebrate is to create these beautiful stained-glass ornaments to add to your collection or to give as gifts.

Learn how to make these holiday ornaments to use on your tree or to place in your window. No experience needed as you will learn to cut glass and all the steps to completion. You will make two ornaments during class. Pregnant women should check with their doctor prior to signing up for the class. Bring a snack or small bag lunch.

Tuesday, December 10, 10am to 4 pm
 3-person minimum class requirement
 \$75 Members/ \$85 Not-yet Members
 \$45 Supply Fee

Register online at communitycouncilfortheartskinston.com.

Stop by the Arts Center and visit the Artist Studios of Tracey Penrod and Karin Thompson and her mother, Ingrid Quick.

Also, REMEMBER to shop our Galleria Gift Shop for wonderful gift ideas and support our local artists with your purchase from HOLIDAY ARTS MARKET!





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for desk volunteers and those interested in helping with events. Interested? Call the Arts Center (252) 527-2517. THANK YOU!

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Tuesday - Friday: 10:00am - 6:00pm
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Closed Sunday & Monday

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