

An abstract painting serves as the background. It features a large, textured pencil with a brown eraser and a pinkish-brown body, positioned diagonally. To the right of the pencil is a framed abstract work with various colors and textures. The overall style is painterly and expressive.

CHARLES H. TAYLOR VISUAL ARTS CENTER SEASON 2023-2024

FROM THE VISUAL ARTS CENTER MANAGER



Greetings to All from The Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center

This past year has been an exciting one. I have had the opportunity to work with exceptional artists who have exhibited their immense artistic talents as well as their creativity. This cultural community also includes a talented staff, wonderful instructors and outstanding volunteers. These individuals contribute to the amazing success of the Arts Center.

For the upcoming year, we look forward to presenting a diverse schedule of exhibitions as well as classes. The schedule includes the inspiring works from **Artists Who Teach** as well as the highly-anticipated **Virginia Artists Juried Exhibition**. Also included on the schedule are the **Small Works Exhibition** as well as our **Hampton Holiday Fine Arts Bazaar**. Both events offer the community an opportunity to purchase and collect artworks for holiday gifts. The **Hampton Arts League Member Exhibition** presents the talent of artists within Coastal Virginia. For our spring/summer 2024 exhibition, we are highlighting artists who create outdoor works as well as smaller indoor art. Entitled **Renewal**, this curated exhibition will utilize the grounds of the Visual Arts Center and will revitalize the open space.

Our classes for adults and children have increased in the past year and continue to grow exponentially for the upcoming year. We have added more children's classes as well as expanded classes and one-day workshops for adults. More classes are being offered during the evening hours as well as the weekend.

I am proud of the work that we have completed and look forward to increasing our offerings. The commitment, inventiveness and energy help to advance our mission to reach more of our community within the region.

Diana Blanchard Gross

Diana L. Blanchard Gross

OUR MISSION

To advance the arts and enhance the quality of life for all Hampton Roads residents and visitors by: Educating and inspiring teachers, students, and lifelong learners to embrace the arts through exhibition, workshop and educational study, volunteerism and community outreach. Providing opportunities for Hampton Roads artists to showcase and develop performing, visual and educational arts in both traditional and non-traditional formats. Presenting unique, world-class caliber arts that appeal to a diverse citizenry, promoting a deeper cultural awareness.

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2023 ARTISTS WHO TEACH

And Growth in Liminal Space: Jenn Clemons Solo Exhibition
And Virginia Glass Guild Juried Exhibition

July 13 – August 26, 2023

Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony: July 15, 2023 | 3-5pm

2023 VIRGINIA ARTISTS

And The Triumph of the Human Spirit:
Vonnie Whitworth Solo Exhibition

September 16 – November 11, 2023

Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony: September 23, 2023 | 3-5pm

Cocktails at the Charles

October 20, 2023 | 5:30pm

2023 SMALL WORKS

December 2, 2023 – January 13, 2024

Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony: December 2, 2023 | 3-5pm

3RD ANNUAL HAMPTON HOLIDAY FINE ARTS BAZAAR

December 9, 2023 | 11am – 5pm

December 10, 2023 | 11am – 3pm

2024 HAMPTON ARTS LEAGUE MEMBER EXHIBITION

And Apprentice to Light: The West of Ireland -
Photographs by Glen McClure
And Hampton City Schools Youth Art Exhibition

February 3 – March 30, 2024

Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony: February 10, 2024 | 3-5pm

Cocktails at the Charles

February 16, 2024 | 5:30pm

RENEWAL: OUTDOOR/INDOOR SCULPTURE And Hampton Roads Pride Exhibition

April 20 – June 15, 2024

Opening Reception: April 20, 2024 | 3-5pm

ARTINI

April 27, 2024 | 7pm

IN THE GALLERIES

Kay Franz,
Textured Pod



ARTISTS WHO TEACH

JULY 13 – AUGUST 26, 2023

Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony:
July 15, 2023 | 3-5pm

Artists Who Teach is an annual juried exhibition that presents the artwork of our talented visual arts educators throughout Coastal Virginia.

Artwork in all media will be presented by current educators of local schools, colleges, art centers and institutions. This year's exhibition will be juried by Betsy DiJulio, full-time National Board Certified Art Teacher, teacher at Norfolk Academy, and freelance arts writer. This year's exhibition features cash prizes awarded to First Place (\$750), Second Place (\$500), and Third Place (\$250).

GROWTH IN LIMINAL SPACE

Solo Exhibition by
Jenn Clemons

"This past fall I visited the rainforests and beaches of the Pacific Northwest. Deep in the moss draped depths of the Hoh Rainforest some of the oldest and largest trees tower above their surroundings or have fallen buried within the ferns of the forest floor with new growth rising up from their trunks. With the dramatic climate changes that we now face, what is the future of these centuries-old giants? Will these gnarled towers still be living in another hundred years or will the driftwood monuments be all that remain? Their existence is at the edge of a precipice. To capture this idea, I gravitate to working from unusual tree forms that reflect their movement. I remove the background and focus on the form of the tree existing in the state of limbo. Working on large sheets of plywood in graphite with oil paint and pastels, I create texture and movement through loose marking and the layering of materials. In these shapes, I let the forms come to life of their own accord to reach out and share their story, engaging in a dialogue with the viewer."

Tonya Hopson,
Remembrance Rose



Tenley Raithel,
Rougheye Rockfish

34TH ANNUAL VIRGINIA GLASS GUILD JURIED EXHIBITION

The Virginia Glass Guild presents this juried exhibition featuring the many forms of glass created by members of the guild of artists working across the state of Virginia. The exhibition offers a wide range of creative glass processes, including blown, carved, cast, painted, flame-worked, fused, leaded, neon, sandblasted and stained glass. This year's juror is Chelsea Pierce, Ph.D. who is the McKinnon Modern and Contemporary Art Curator at the Chrysler Museum of Art.

Victor Frailing, Afton Road

2023 VIRGINIA ARTISTS

SEPTEMBER 16 – NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony:
September 23, 2023 | 3-5pm

This much-anticipated annual juried exhibition showcases many of Virginia's finest artists and artisans. Artists from across the Commonwealth who work in all styles, genres and media are invited to submit artworks for consideration. This year's juror is Erik H. Neil, Ph.D., the Macon and Joan Brock Director of the Chrysler Museum of Art. The juried exhibition features cash prizes awarded to First (\$1,000), Second (\$750) and Third (\$500) Places as well as Awards of Distinction and Honorable Mentions.



Benford Stellmacher,
Independent Artist

THE TRIUMPH OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Solo Exhibition by
Vonnie Whitworth

"I find myself at a stage of life that I can concentrate on the images and subjects that truly inspire me to my core. With no parameters, I am able to pursue this search into the soul of the subject. An ordinary experience, a slice of life or a moment in time make my heart race. Dignity, beauty, strength and grace become my source of inspiration. Since childhood, I have been interested in capturing the human spirit. This solo exhibition is an opportunity to express myself with my watercolor paintings and graphite drawings."



Ray Hershberger, Red Bases and Flag



2023 SMALL WORKS DECEMBER 2, 2023 – JANUARY 13, 2024

**Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony:
December 2, 2023 | 3-5pm**

Small works of art can be just as powerful and meaningful as larger pieces. These miniature creations can pack a punch in terms of their artistic value and emotional impact. They offer a unique opportunity for artists to explore different mediums and techniques in a more intimate and concise way. Despite their diminutive size, small works of art can leave a lasting impression on those who view them, showcasing the skill, creativity, and imagination of the artist behind them. Small works of art are also often more affordable, making them accessible to a wider range of collectors and enthusiasts. This juried exhibition is open to all Coastal Virginia and Virginia artists. Awards are given for First (\$200), Second (\$150) and Third (\$100) Places along with Awards of Merit for Small Works and Miniatures.

EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS DAY OF THE DEAD

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
11AM-2PM**

This widely observed holiday focuses on remembering family members and friends who have passed away. This originates from the ancient indigenous peoples of Mexico who believed that the souls of the dead return each year to visit with their living relatives - to eat, drink and be merry. Just like they did when they were living.

This free family-friendly event includes a traditional colored straw demonstration by Cesar Carbajal as well as the preparation of an altar where members of the community can share a prayer, light a candle or bring a memento to place as an offering for loved ones. Activities include face painting, costume contest, sidewalk chalk drawing, and exploring the VMFA On the Road Artmobile. Craft stations include making paper marigolds, Day of the Dead masks, skull magnets and creating papel picado. Food trucks will be onsite.

3RD ANNUAL HAMPTON HOLIDAY FINE ARTS BAZAAR

**December 9, 2023 | 11am-5pm
December 10, 2023 | 11am-3pm**

Join us for the third annual Hampton Holiday Fine Arts Bazaar. The opening of the Small Works Exhibition will be accompanied by this two day fine arts bazaar featuring original, handmade works from artists around the region. Come meet the artists and shop for extra special holiday gifts!



Mary Lee Ruff, Shore Relic

HAMPTON ARTS LEAGUE

2024 MEMBER EXHIBITION

FEBRUARY 3 – MARCH 30, 2024

Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony:

February 10, 2024 | 3-5pm

The Hampton Arts League Member Exhibition presents the artwork of The Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center's member organization showcasing both emerging and established artists working in a variety of media. This diverse exhibition represents the talented and unique artists who reside and work in Coastal Virginia.

APPRENTICE TO LIGHT: THE WEST OF IRELAND

Photographs by Glen McClure

Born in Norfolk and a lifelong resident of Virginia, Glen McClure has brought the people and places of the United States and Europe into focus through his photography. His first visit to Ireland in 1994 led to his obsession with landscapes and seascapes of this great country. In his words, "I follow the light. Literally, I look at the sky and then drive or walk in the direction that looks interesting. I have followed many a tiny, narrow back road with no idea where it would lead, and something magical is waiting at the end." This exhibition features a selection of McClure's work over the past 25 years.

HAMPTON CITY SCHOOLS ART STUDENT EXHIBITION

(K-12) Celebrating Youth Art Month

March 1 – March 30, 2024

Nancy Hewitt, Threads

Judith Saunders, Elegant

Richard Ward, Outdoor Sculpture



RENEWAL

OUTDOOR/INDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

APRIL 20 – JUNE 15, 2024

Opening Reception:

April 20, 2024 | 3-5pm

Utilizing the grounds of The Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center, this curated outdoor sculpture exhibition highlights artists from Virginia and North Carolina. Entitled Renewal, the exhibition revitalizes the open space around the Arts Center to create wonder, surprise and discovery as visitors stroll the grounds. Invited artists will also display smaller works within the galleries.

HAMPTON ROADS PRIDE EXHIBITION

Celebrating and showcasing artwork created by LGBTQ+ artists, this exhibition addresses issues related to the LGBTQ+ community, such as identity, representation, discrimination and liberation. The exhibition will feature a wide range of mediums, such as painting, sculpture, photography, and mixed media work.

Barbara Kobylinska



ART CLASS AND WORKSHOP FAIR

Saturday, August 26, 2023, 11am – 1pm

Join the incredible class instructors at The Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center as they demonstrate their craft at the fair. This is an opportunity to learn more about our fantastic classes and workshops for adults and children. Get a glimpse of our instructors at work as well as have a chance to purchase their art.



Eloise Shelton-Mayo



**Saturday, April 27, 2024,
7-10pm**

ARTini is an event that invites mixologists from the Peninsula's most prominent restaurants and bars to compete to see who can create the most artistic martini. This inspiring occasion will feature an amazing lineup of the area's finest food and beverage establishments. Each restaurant will provide an appetizer for the guests to enjoy as well as their artfully delicious martini. Each mixologist will square off with other mixologists as they vie for the People's Choice Award and Best Overall Martini Award. Each person has the opportunity to vote for their favorite ARTini at the end of the night.



ART HAPPENINGS

In addition to our changing exhibitions and quarterly art classes, The Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center offers other arts programming during the year.

COCKTAILS AT THE CHARLES

This one-of-a-kind social experience will begin by mixing and mingling with the evening's exhibition-inspired cocktails followed by a casual conversation with the exhibition's juror and award-winning artists.

Virginia Artists Juried Exhibition: October 20

Hampton Arts League Member Exhibition: February 16

\$15 per person/\$10 HAL members, includes ticket for one cocktail/mocktail. Ages 21+

HAMPTON ARTS LEAGUE

The Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center's membership organization is comprised of 300 regional artists.

New and Expanded Benefits include:

- Invitations to Exhibition Opening Receptions
- Discounted Tickets to Cocktails at the Charles
- Two Drink Vouchers per person redeemable at Opening Receptions or Cocktails at the Charles
- Open Member Exhibition every year
- Early Bird registration on Visual Art Classes and Workshops – before the general public!
- Discounts on Visual Arts Classes and Workshops
- Open Studio on Tuesdays from 10am– 12:30pm and 4pm–6pm
- Members-Only Lectures
- Bi-Monthly Members Newsletter

TUESDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON ARTIST STUDIO

Hampton Arts League members can meet in a classroom Tuesdays from 10am– 12:30pm and 4pm–6pm to draw and paint without formal instruction and to enjoy the company of other artists.

OPEN STUDIO

Artists working in painting and drawing can sign up to use studio space when classes are not being held. Independent, individuals working only; no materials or instruction are provided.

ARTS MEETING ROOM

During open hours, arts organizations can hold meetings in our upstairs classroom. Up to 25 people. \$40 per hour. Chairs and tables provided.





HAMPTON ARTS EDUCATION

The Hampton Arts Education season is back and better than ever for 2023-2024! We will be offering a robust season of arts education events.

Our pre-and post-show talkbacks, On TAP at the American, will return for selected performances. Starting in the fall, we will be launching a series of performing arts classes and workshops for learners of all ages.

Our Spring Fling Visual Arts Camp for young budding artists will return to provide an immersive and creative experience for young artists in many visual arts disciplines.

Our partnership with the Armed Services Arts Partnership (ASAP) will expand to offer more free visual and performing arts classes and workshops for members of the military community.

In June, our Summer Performing and Visual Arts Camps will also be returning with even more innovative day camps for young artists to unleash their creativity.

Whether you're a seasoned artist looking to refine your craft or a beginner just starting out, we have something for you. Join us for a season full of community, passion, and creativity!

HAMPTON *Arts* EDUCATION



CREATE COMMUNITY. INSPIRE PASSION.
UNLEASH CREATIVITY.

THE AMERICAN THEATRE A HAMPTON ARTS VENUE

Over 100 years ago, long before the Town of Phoebus was incorporated into the City of Hampton, construction began on a theatre, which was to provide "clean, wholesome amusement." The American Theatre opened in 1908 and subsequently survived many incarnations and even a fire.

The American Theatre enjoyed a century of growth and change, but it has always remained the centerpiece of the historic community. The American is the only remaining theatre of the four that Hampton supported during the first half of the 20th century. Generations fondly recall the 10¢ movies on Saturdays. The American became The Lee for a while, and it became the Lee Adult during the years when Phoebus itself was enjoying its reputation as "Little Chicago." During the 1980s, the theatre became The New American Theatre where beer and pizza accompanied a movie and local bands played.

In the mid-1990s the Hampton Arts Foundation in an exciting public/private partnership with the City of Hampton, purchased the building, fulfilling a long-standing dream of arts patrons throughout the region to create a boutique, intimate and acoustically superior space for the performing arts. Since its opening in 2000, the City of Hampton has provided day-to-day operations for The American Theatre, leasing the building from the Hampton Arts Foundation.

The American Theatre now hosts more than 50 performances a year. The Arts in Education programs have flourished, featuring classes, workshops, and camps for all ages. Whether presenting artists from around the world or around the corner, The American Theatre, a Hampton Arts venue, stands as a beacon to improve the quality of life for citizens throughout Coastal Virginia!

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For over 36 years, Hampton Arts has provided a variety of engaging performing and visual arts experiences for the entire Hampton Roads region.

One of the goals of the Hampton Arts Foundation, in a unique public/ private partnership with the City of Hampton, is to provide long-term financial support in the performing and visual arts in our region.

Thanks to the generous contributions from people like you, we're able to continue this 2023-2024 season with top-notch entertainment at The American Theatre —

such as Lorrie Morgan, Ann Hampton Callaway and local favorites! Over at The Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center, visitors can look forward to Small Works, HAL Member Exhibition, and much more!

But we cannot do it without your support. Your gift supports the programs and historic venues, but you'll also be making a difference in the lives of Hampton Roads youth through our Education Programs! With your support we will continue to provide exciting programming and educational opportunities for you and your entire family.

To donate you can visit hamptonarts.org/support/hampton-arts-foundation or call the Development Office at 757-727-1995.



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