

Artists In the Schools



Founded in 1999 by Fred and Ginny Smith of Clayton, "Artists-in-the-Schools" is a highly successful arts-in-education enrichment program for Johnston County students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The comprehensive program is a partnership between the Johnston County Arts Council and the Johnston County Schools.

Funding for the program pays for professional artists, some coming from around the world, to present programs in the schools in music, dance, literary arts, theater, visual arts, folk art, storytelling, and multi-disciplinary arts. An example of a multifaceted program is an Australia-themed show that combines music, art, social studies, science, character building, and audience participation to excited students about reading. There have been a number of effective artist residencies and student workshops, too.



One example is a traveling theatre company that works with 4th and 5th graders in making Shakespeare come alive in an exciting way. Another is a week-long high school residency in weaving that incorporates social studies and math while developing self-discipline, and honing creative thinking skills.

Artists are selected by the schools to complement and expand the curriculum being taught. These quality performances offer students tools of learning and cultural enhancement that aren't available from any other source.

In its impressive history, over \$1,240,000 has been raised, funding different artists in 1300 different cultural events in the public schools. This year, "Artists-in-the-Schools" will sponsor over 33 different artists and more than 94 programs. Funding for "Artists-in-the-Schools" comes from memberships in the Johnston County Arts Council and the generosity of Johnston county citizens, local businesses, Johnston County Government, and parent-teacher organizations. It is the largest program offered by the Johnston County Arts Council. The Johnston County Artists in the Schools Program is modeled on the Artists in the Schools program of the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County and is supported in part by services provided by United Arts.



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Anniversary Of The Johnston County Arts Council

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Arts for the People – People for the Arts



2012 is an exciting year for The Johnston County Arts Council! This year marks the 40th year existence of an organized group of people interested in seeing the promotion of the Arts in Johnston County. We will be honoring this year with a wealth of ongoing programs celebrating the arts in Johnston County.

Community Outreach

Music for the Lunch Bunch

Since 1983, "Music for the Lunch Bunch" has continued to offer a wonderful weekly summer concert series performed by talented local and regional artists. This past summer the series was held in several locations across the county and included 17 local artists. These concerts are free, open to the public and are usually centered on classical music.

Grassroots Arts Programs

For 34 years, the Johnston County Arts Council has annually administered the selection and awarding of the "Grassroots Arts Grants" to local arts programs and nonprofit organizations. The funds come from appropriations to the North Carolina Arts Council by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Johnston County Arts Council works closely with the North Carolina Arts Council to insure the recipients adhere to the funding criteria. This year, 10 grants were awarded for multiple programs that will culturally enrich county residents.

Literary Arts Program

In recent years, the Johnston County Arts Council participated in the Piedmont Laureate Program, whose goal is to promote awareness and heighten appreciation for excellence in the Literary Arts. This year's Piedmont Laureate, Scott Huler, is presenting programs about his nonfiction writing across the county. Additional programs for the Literary Arts are in the works for the coming year.

Painting at the Orchard House

Artists looking for opportunities to come together to paint and/or draw will enjoy a collegial environment at The Orchard House on the second Wednesday of every month. Please check the Johnston County Arts Council Website or Facebook page to confirm monthly dates which have been reserved for opportunities to enjoy this time of creativity together. You don't have to be an artist to participate. Come for coffee, conversation, and observing the artists at work.

Arts in the Healthcare

Since 1996, the Johnston County Arts Council has partnered with Johnston Medical Center in Smithfield to provide opportunities for public school students (K-12) and others to exhibit their artwork at the hospital. School exhibits are rotated. The exhibits are open to the public.

Clues on the Neuse – Plein Air Paint Out

Along the Neuse River walk is one of the beautiful settings for artists to set up easels and capture Johnston County's rich history and beauty. A Plein Air opportunity is offered in conjunction with the Mountains-to-Sea Trail Celebration: "Clues on the Neuse". The event honors Johnston County's contributions to the N.C. Mountain-to-Sea Trail. It features a scavenger hunt for people of all ages and live entertainment. All activities are free and are family oriented.



Ava Gardner

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Regional Artist Project Grant Program

For 12 years, the Johnston county Arts Council has awarded grants to local artists who are in need of financial support to be able to pursue projects that will aid them in their development as professional artists. The Johnston County Arts Council collaborates with the North Carolina Arts Council and a consortium of five counties (Franklin, Vance, Warren, Johnston, and Wake) to offer grants to artists in all disciplines. Grants of up to \$1500 are available. Links to information and applications are available on the council's web site.

Scholarships

The Johnston County Arts Council, in partnership with Johnston Community College, annually awards scholarships to students pursuing careers in the arts. Students must have minimum grade point average of 2.5, reside in Johnston County, and enter into either the Associate in Fine Arts or the Graphic Arts program at Johnston Community College.

Special Events:

Johnston County Arts Council proudly sponsors two special events throughout the year. This coming year a **Scramble for the Arts Golf Tournament** will be held at The Johnston County Country Club on March 30, 2012 so mark your calendars and get your teams together to join in the fun. Also, the **3rd Annual Art and Food Festival** will be held on April 27, 2012 at the Johnston County Agricultural Building. This celebratory event is highlighted by a juried art exhibit taking place along with several local restaurants serving samples of their local fare. Both of these events help to raise funds to support Johnston County Arts Council ongoing Projects.

Annual Membership

Since its founding in 1972, the Johnston County Arts Council has served as the officially designated private, nonprofit arts agency for the county. Its purpose is to provide financial assistance for Johnston County Arts Organizations and artists. Additionally, it supports and administers the county's "Artists-in-the-Schools" education program for the public schools. The Johnston County Arts Council has chosen "Arts for the People, People for the Arts" as its motto because of its dedication to promoting conditions in which the arts can thrive and be enjoyed by all.

Memberships in the Johnston County Arts Council help strengthen and promote the organization's activities throughout the county. The levels of giving are listed below. They will receive invitations to special events during the year, the Monthly "E" Newsletter and other monthly cultural information (by email), and recognition on the council's web site.

Membership and levels of Giving

<input type="checkbox"/> Donor	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Patron	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Investor	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$2,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Partner	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Benefactor	\$5,000
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