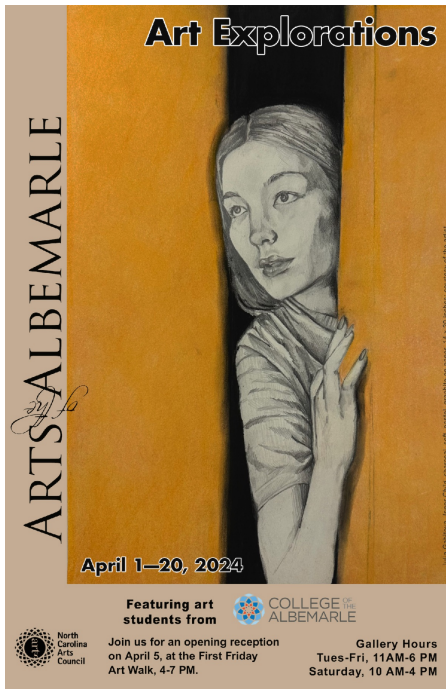


ARTS *of the* ALBEMARLE

What's Happening at AOA this Month?

April is a busy, busy month at Arts of the Albemarle—as you'll see below. We're looking forward to multiple concerts, our first Art Tour of Homes, visual arts opportunities, a performance of the storyteller Donna Washington, and more!



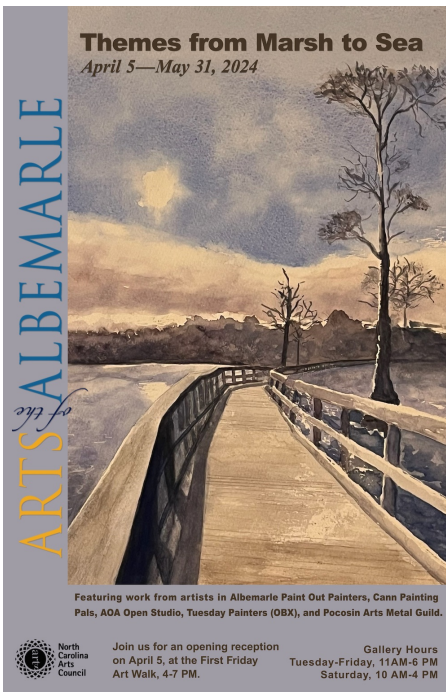
April First Friday Art Walk: *Art Explorations* and *Themes from Marsh to Sea* Opening Reception April 5th, 4-7PM

The April First Friday Art Walk sees the opening of two exhibitions, *Art Explorations* and *Themes from Marsh to Sea*.

Art Explorations is a multimedia presentation encompassing drawings, paintings, sculptures, and more by 10+ developing artists. Let their creativity fill your mind and inspire your own imagination when you experience their unique styles and thoughtful compositions.

Themes from Marsh to Sea is a group exhibition featuring Albemarle Paint Out Painters, Cann Painting Pals, Outer Banks Tuesday Painters, AOA Open Studio, and the Pocosin Arts Metal Guild. Enjoy works created as a product of environments “from marsh to sea,” representing these locals and their muses.

Don't forget to stick around for the rescheduled **Nu-Blu** concert directly after!



Third Thursday Jazz with Wayne James and Connected

April 18th, 6-8PM

The AOA Gallery

Free Admission

For the April iteration of our Third Thursday series, come enjoy a night of smooth jazz tunes in the AOA gallery by Wayne James and Connected! This free community series is open to the public. Drinks will be available for purchase at a cash bar.



Open Life Drawing

April 27th, 10AM-12PM

The AOA Madrin Studio

\$5 for high school students and \$10 for adults (pay cash or card at the door)

On the fourth Saturday of each month, our Madrin Studio at 115 N Poindexter St. invites artists of all levels to work independently in a group setting, creating from the reference of a live model. Bring your own supplies and your medium of choice—we'll provide the tables, chairs, and coffee. Admission goes directly toward paying the model.

Open Studio Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 1-4PM

The AOA Madrin Studio

Free to Attend

Artists: Come one, come all, bring your supplies and your latest project. Work independently in a new space or collaborate and exchange with other artists. We can't wait to see what you create!



Special Events and Happenings in April

ARTS of the ALBEMARLE
A Night of Bluegrass and Americana with

NU-BLU



Friday, April 5 at 7:30 PM
Directly following the First Friday Art Walk

**Admission is \$25 ahead
or \$30 at the door.**

516 E Main St. in the Maguire Theater

Scan for Tickets 

**Get Your
Tickets!**

Need help purchasing your tickets? Give us a call at (252) 777-2787!

Donna Washington: A Night of Storytelling for the Family

Wednesday, April 9th, 6 PM
Maguire Theater

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 day-of, and children 4 and under get in free. Skip the bedtime books and bring the whole family to the Maguire Theater for a riveting night of tales with the Durham-based storyteller, Donna Washington! Tickets are \$10 ahead and \$12 day-of, and children 4 and under get in for free.

Donna Washington is an award-winning internationally known master storyteller, artist-educator, and author who has been performing for audiences of all ages for over thirty-five years. She is renowned for her storytelling for both children and adults, from poignant and funny fables about the human condition to racy relationship stories to spine-tingling tales of terror. She has been featured at numerous festivals, schools, libraries, theaters, and other

Nu-Blu in Concert April 5th at 7:30 PM

Maguire Theater

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. This concert was rescheduled from the original date in March.

Directly after the First Friday Art Walk, head up to the Maguire Theater for an evening of Bluegrass and Americana by Nu-Blu.

Hailing from Siler City, the textbook definition of a picturesque small southern town, Nu-Blu's heart and soul is husband-and-wife duo Daniel and Carolyn Routh. Carolyn's caramel-coated soprano is one of the band's defining traits, at times a tender lullaby, at times a freight train headed straight for you, but always unwinding a surprising tale. Daniel is the group's backbone, a multi-instrumentalist and backing vocalist. Austin Hefflefinger on banjo, and Justin Harrison on mandolin round out the quartet's warm, layered, Appalachian sound. Together they deliver upbeat, blazing-fingers pick work just as well as gentle, heartwarming ballads, and they do it all with a natural togetherness that can't be faked, forged over hundreds of shows on the road.

venues around the world including Canada, Peru, Argentina & Hong Kong.

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024
6 PM in the Maguire Theater

516 E. Main St., Elizabeth City, NC - (252) 777-ARTS - www.artsaoa.org

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MAX ROACH CENTENNIAL Festival Concert

PERFORMANCES BY

ECSU JAZZ ENSEMBLE | TRACY GRIFFIN
DENNIS FIGGS | ELLARD FORRESTER
CHRIS BITTNER | STUDIO 137

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, AT 7:30 PM

ARTS OF THE ALBEMARLE
FREE EVENT - REGISTER AT ARTSAOA.ORG





ARTS of the ALBEMARLE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT for the ARTS ECSU ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

Reserve Your Free Tickets!

Max Roach Centennial Celebration - Jazz Festival
The Max Roach Centennial Celebration is a collaborative effort with Elizabeth City State University and other local entities, honoring the groundbreaking musical work of Max Roach in his birthplace of Pasquotank County, NC.

Opening Night Reception

Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at 6-8PM
Hosted at the Museum of the Albemarle
Free Admission

The Max Roach Centennial Celebration Jazz Festival opening night reception at MOA welcomes special guest Elizabeth City native, A. B. Spellman. Spellman has written essays and poetry for Rhythm magazine, taught at Morehouse College, Emory University, Rutgers, and Harvard University, and won a Grammy Award in 2024 in the category Best Classical Compendium for the project Passion for Bach and Coltrane.

Guests will be able to meet Mr. Spellman in the lobby starting at 6 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., A Conversation with A.B. Spellman hosted by Veronica Downing of ECSU/ WRVS Jazzy 89.9 Radio Show Honey Vibes Weekend Radio Show and the JazzHead Podcast will be held in the auditorium and will be followed by light refreshments.

Max Roach Centennial Festival Concert

Friday, April 12th, 2024 at 7:30PM
AOA's Maguire Theater
Reserve your free ticket at the link above.

The Jazz Festival Concert hosted by ECSU will be held at Arts of the Albemarle's Maguire Theater. It will feature performances by the ECSU Jazz Ensemble, Tracy Griffin (Trumpet), Dennis Figgs (Piano), Ellard Forrester (Drums), Chris Bittner (Tenor Sax), and Studio 137.

Max Roach Centennial Festival

Saturday, April 13th, 2024 at 2-7PM
Elizabeth City State University, Robinson Auditorium
Free Admission

The culmination of the festival will take place at ECSU's performing arts auditorium, where viewers can expect the following performances:

- 2:00 PM: The Max Roach High School Jazz Honor Band. Bethany Robinson, director
- 3:00 PM: The Latin Jazz Conspiracy featuring Jae Sinnett.
- 4:00 PM: North Carolina A&T Jazz Ensemble, Dr. Jonovan Cooper, director
- 5:00 PM: Camille Thurman (voice, tenor saxophone) with: Thomas Taylor, (drums), Dr. Stephen Anderson (piano), Jason Foureman (bass), Bethany Robinson (bass), Dr. Jonovan Cooper (tenor saxophone), Todd Wright (alto saxophone), and Bracy Martin (trombone).

Prayer Flags: A Workshop with Kelly Cameron

Saturday, April 13th, 6 PM
The AOA Madrin Studio
The cost is \$50 per person.

Join us for this unusual and inspirational class, creating a twist on the tradition of Tibetan Prayer Flags!

These Prayer Flags are simply intended to be banners of hope and peace. They're a visual voice, symbolic of our hopes, dreams, concerns, prayers, wishes and good thoughts. They are meant to

spread goodwill and compassion, uplifting all, as they blow in the wind. Kelly will guide and assist you as you make your own.

You'll use fabrics, lace, trim, buttons, and more to make your very own one-of-a-kind Prayer Flag. Its approximate size will be anywhere up to 9" x 12", using your own inspirational word or thought. Make one or more as time allows. Please feel free to bring your own sentimental embellishments or use the ones provided....



Prayer Flags

A Workshop with Kelly Cameron

...As this is a 3-hour workshop (running 10-1), Kelly will be demonstrating using fabric glue, so if you want hand stitched letters or words, please prepare them ahead of time. Otherwise, all materials will be provided.

[Register Now](#)

Art Tour of Homes

Saturday, February 24th, 7-10 PM
Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 day-of

The inaugural 2024 AOA Art Tour of Homes sets itself apart from traditional home tours by showcasing homes along the beautiful Pasquotank River with a featured artist at each location. The goal of the tour is to inspire people to grow their collection of art, support AOA and local artists, and re-visit the gorgeous spaces in some of Rivershore's most beautiful houses.

Participants are granted access to 7 amazing homes where they can enjoy decoration inspiration and beautiful pieces of art, which are also available for purchase! The tour will include:

- The Peel family's home, featuring Carolyn Peel and John Peel
- Lucy Gordon's home, featuring Larry & Janice Jones and Lynn Nash
- Adam White's home, featuring Adam White, Mark Brothers, and Christine Henninger
- The Midgett family's home, featuring Rob Kelly-Goss and Susan Birkhead
- The Hornthal family's home, featuring Jaquelin Perry and Leanne Clayton

A poster for the 'Arts of the Albemarle Tour of Homes' event. The background is a blue sky with white clouds and a green house silhouette. In the center, there is a colorful watercolor splash with the word 'Art' written in white cursive. The text on the poster includes: 'ARTS of the ALBEMARLE' at the top, 'TOUR OF HOMES' in the middle, and 'ELIZABETH CITY, NC' below it. The date 'April 20, 2024' is written in a large, white, cursive font. There are two callout boxes: one says 'TICKETS ARE \$25 IN ADVANCE OR \$30 DAY-OF.' and the other says 'VISIT EACH STOP AT YOUR LEISURE FROM 10AM-4PM.' At the bottom, it says 'EXPERIENCE WORK BY LOCAL ARTISTS WHILE GETTING AN EXCLUSIVE LOOK AT SOME OF THE MOST EXQUISITE HOMES ON RIVERSHORE ROAD.' There is also a QR code and a small text box that says 'TICKET HOLDERS WILL RECEIVE DISCOUNTS AT LOCAL BUSINESSES DURING THE EVENT. PROCEEDS FROM TICKET SALES WILL BENEFIT ARTS PROGRAMMING AT AOA.'

Patrons participating in the tour will also have access to special promotions and discounts at downtown restaurants on the day of the event!

-Barbara Wachter's home, featuring Barbara Wachter and Wendy Jewett
-The Pharr family's home, featuring Jessica Rich and Allison Ciancuilli

Get Your Tickets!



School of the Arts Spring Friends & Family Showcase

Thursday, April 25, 6:30 PM

Maguire Theater

Free Admission

The School of the Arts invites friends and family of its spring semester students to celebrate their hard work and learning. Students from River City Strings, Musical Theatre, Acting, Intro to the Stage, and Ceramics will perform various scenes, musical numbers, and present their clay creations.

Viking Sound Studios Open House

Saturday, April 27th, 3-4 PM
Twiford Room

Have you heard?! Viking Sound Studios is moving to AOA! Viking invites existing students and those interested in music classes and private lessons to come and familiarize themselves with their new instructional spaces and meet the teachers.



The rest of the series includes:

Sketch the Structures

Paint the Harbor of Hospitality: Watercolor Workshop Series

Friday, April 26th, 3-4 PM

The AOA Madrin Studio

\$35 per class or \$90 for all three

This three-class mini-series of watercolor fun kicks off in April, under the instruction of JudyLynn Hooser and guest artists. Open to all skill levels, students will learn a new perspective in painting cityscapes and riverscapes. While we

Friday, May 17th, 10 AM-1 PM

-Guest artist Rebecca Davis, simplifying perspective

-Painting shadow techniques

Sketch the Harbor

Friday, June 28th, 10 AM-1 PM

-Guest artist Peggy West, demonstrating transparent skies

-Painting water techniques

-Plein air or studio paintings

recommend that you take all three together, you are welcome to register for just one or two.

The first session, "Sketch the City," will feature:

-Guest artist Kathy Sychra, sharing her sketchbook style

-Guest artist Ruth Harrell, sharing how she taught herself the Line & Wash technique

[Register Now](#)

Sounds of Soul Featuring the ECSU Choir

Saturday, April 27th, 7-9 PM
Maguire Theater

Elizabeth City State University's choir and soloists Ciasia Greene, Samayah Ellerbe, Jacobi Clowney, Nakyla Lewis-Clarke, and Alisa Chandler will present a soulful night of tunes ranging from jazz and pop to Broadway classics and traditional spirituals.

[Tickets Coming Soon](#)



In Other News...

Artist Opportunity: Exhibit your work at the Villages of NC Glow Run for mental health!

About the event: [Light Up the Night Glow Run for Mental Health](#) on Saturday, April 13th

Download artist information [here](#).

The deadline to participate is April 13.

Held at Elizabeth City State University's Roebuck Stadium, the event will run from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and includes a Glow Run, Community Wellness Fair, and Community Art Showcase.

ART SHOWCASE

Create a piece of art that captures the theme - *It's okay to not be okay* - and join us in showcasing your talent at this year's Art Showcase!

To ensure we have enough space at the event, please send a picture, video, or audio clip of your art to villagesofnc@gmail.com along with your name to be displayed with your art! All forms of art are welcome - visual, music, spoken word, and performance!

DEADLINE APRIL 13

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AT ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 2024 5:30-7:30

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The Center Players Presents:

Annie Jr.

May 9-11th

Maguire Theater

Mark your calendars for the return of The Center Players, bringing the fan favorite musical *Annie Jr.*, made possible by Harman Law Firm. to the Maguire Theater. The cast is hard at work in rehearsals and can't wait to perform for you!

Tickets Coming Soon

Annie JR.

Spring Bouquet Watercolor Workshop with Rebecca Davis

May 9-11th

Maguire Theater The cost is \$50 to bring your own supplies and \$70 including supplies.

Students will go through the process of painting flowers in watercolor, also discussing form, design, and watercolor techniques along the way. Have fun creating your own bouquet of delicate blooms through multiple techniques like

layering, lifting, and splattering. All levels are welcome.



[Register Now](#)

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