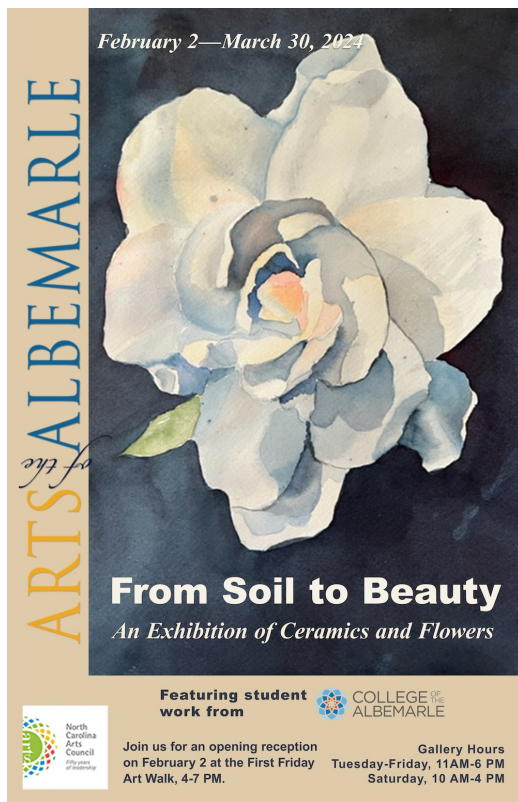


ARTS *of the* ALBEMARLE

What's Happening at AOA this Month?

As we slowly emerge from the winter lull and extra hours of darkness, AOA is returning to the full swing of things, with workshops, events, and the like. In February, we're bringing you happenings like a new semester of **School of the Arts** classes, our annual fundraiser, **AOA Goes West**, the kick-off of a new **Open Life Drawing** series, **The Center Players** spring musical auditions, an interactive exhibit for making **Typewriter Valentines**, and more!



February First Friday

Art Walk: "From Soil to Beauty," Typewriter Exhibit, and More February 2nd, 4-7PM

The February First Friday Art Walk sees the opening of **"From Soil to Beauty: An Exhibition of Ceramics and Flowers."**

The common threads between ceramics and flowers—both born from the soil—weave themselves into a narrative of beauty in this exhibition of work featuring students enrolled in the College of The Albemarle's Continuing Education painting and ceramics courses. Floral compositions, sculpted vessels, and activations where the two subjects collide can be found on view, featuring the work from the following classes:

- Watercolors, Intermediate and Beyond with Peggy West
- Acrylic and Mixed Media Painting with Margie Sawyer
- Advanced Wheel Throwing with Jerry Murray
- Beginner Wheel Throwing with Christine Henniger
- Wheel Throwing with Ashley Paskov
- Beginning Watercolor Painting I & II with JudyLynn Hooser

The First Friday opening reception will also feature a **flower arrangement** by **Lynn James** and a **demonstration of hand-building ceramics** by **Debra Rae Hare**.

Also opening that evening is **Larry Pressnell's Typewriter Valentines** exhibit. Through Valentine's Day, you are invited to come learn more about the collection of vintage instruments and write your own Valentine a love letter, free of charge.



Typewriter Valentines February 2-14

Open Studio Wednesdays Wednesdays, 1-4PM 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!



Open Life Drawing

February 24th, 10AM-12PM

The AOA Madrin Studio

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



We are excited to introduce a new monthly visual arts series: Open Life Drawing. Beginning in February, on the last 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.

AOA Goes West: Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, February 24th, 7-10 PM
Tickets: \$50 per person or \$500 for a corporate table

Arts of the Albemarle invites you to a night in the Wild West for its 2024 annual fundraiser. Put on your best chaps, boots, and spurs, and prepare for a fun-filled evening featuring line dancing, a bourbon bar, live performances, a DJ set, live and silent auctions, and more. Light bites, beer, wine, and other beverages will be available. Festive attire is encouraged.

All proceeds raised go directly to AOA's operations and programming, which serves Pasquotank and Camden counties and surrounding areas with opportunities in visual and performing arts.

To reserve a corporate table (8 seats), contact us directly at (252) 777-2787.



[Get Your Tickets!](#)



[Register Here](#)

School of the Arts - Spring 2024 Classes

Following a wonderful return of the School of the Arts in the fall, we're excited to announce our lineup of classes for the spring semester, beginning on February 12 and culminating on April 25 with a showcase for friends and family.

The Spring Semester Includes:

Acting & Theatre Tech - Grace Jones
Musical Theatre - Savannah Winslow
Intro to the Stage - Lauren Luther
Voice - Pearl Napolitano
Visual Arts - Kim Wilkerson
River City Strings (Violin) - Danny Tate

Come to the Maguire Theater for our Open House on Tuesday, January 30 from 5:30-7PM. Meet the teachers and learn more about the upcoming class session!

Photography Basics with
Kevin Jacot

February 10th, 10 AM–12 PM

In the AOA Madrin Studio
Registration: \$60

In this introductory workshop, Kevin Jacot will begin by teaching you the functions (aperture, ISO, shutter speed) of an SLR camera, explain the Rule of Thirds, and demonstrate the effect of different light sources in your shots. During the second hour, he will guide you as you photograph a model in natural light, applying the principles from class.

Bring your camera of choice to this fun and informative class! Coffee and hot tea provided.

[Register Here](#)



The Center Players: Spring Musical Auditions

February 17th, 10:15 AM–12:30 PM &
February 22nd, 5:45–7:15 PM
In the Maguire Theater

We know, we've kept you waiting long enough, but we promise it will be worth the wait! Details on the spring Center Players musical will be announced soon.

What we CAN tell you is that we're thrilled to welcome a new **director, Natalie Hill!** Rehearsal schedule to be determined after casting, but slated to begin during the last week of February. Show dates will be scheduled for May 10th & 11th.

Also be on the lookout for...

...Details on our **February Third Thursday Music** (February 15th in the gallery) and a **discussion, signing, and reception with local author Jeb Stuart on February 23rd**, celebrating the release of his new publication *Big Al and Me - Partners in Mischief, Capers, and Shenanigans*.

**HAPPENING THIS
WEEKEND:**

The Second Annual Battle of the Bands

Saturday, January 27th, 7-10 PM
Tickets: \$15 in advance or \$20 day-of

Five regional bands will compete for the opportunity to record a single at Viking Sound Studios and win a PR package from local experts at Nicole J & Co., Eye Candy Digital Video, Amanda Kielar Photography, and Jessie Miller Graphic Design.

The bands—The Bee Keepers, Don't Kall the Law, Greyside, Rise of Titan, and Space Walkers—chosen through a juried review of submitted videos, will perform originals for a panel of judges and the audience, who will vote live to select the winner.

The show will also feature performances by Post-American Gothic and the 2023 winner, The Ramble. Beverages and concessions will be available for...



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featuring...

THE BEE KEEPERS RISE OF TITAN
SPACE WALKERS
GREYSIDE DON'T KALL THE LAW

Craft beer from Avdet and snacks by local vendors available, along with other concessions. Join a panel of judges in choosing the winning band with a live audience vote! With performances by Post-American Gothic and the 2023 BotB winner, The Ramble.

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...purchase, including snacks from The SweetEasy and E.C. Pizza Co., and craft beer from the evening's beverage sponsor, Avdet Brewing Co.

[Get Your Tickets!](#)

Gallery Hours

Tuesday-Friday 11AM-6PM
Saturday 10AM-4PM

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