



February 2024



Talking Taxes

CHIP HALL, who owned the H&R Block office in Exmore for many years, took on the gnarly issues of artists and taxes, at the Jan. 18 meeting.

Hall had answers prepared to questions members had asked in advance, and also took many questions during the meeting.

One big piece of advice he gave was that it is vital to decide whether you are making art as a hobby or as a business; reporting and requirements are different for each area.

Though he sold the franchise, Hall works at the Exmore HR Block office during tax season. You may contact him at charles.hall3@tax.hrblock.com

Maura Davis, president
Susan McGuire, vice. president
Carol Barylski, secretary
Marianne, Francavilla. website coordinator

Dottie Troxler, membership coordinator
Marge Bradach, membership liaison
Debbie Ryon, treasurer
Carrie Jacobson, newsletter, carrieBjacobson@gmail.com

Up & Coming

JEWELER BRAD SMITH, a new ESAL member, will talk about his process and display his jewelry at the Feb. 15 meeting, in the big room at the Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock.

The meeting starts at 1 p.m.

Smith will give a jewelry-making workshop in the future, yay!

MARY CLEMENTS, FRAMER, ESAL member and friend to the art community, will give a workshop on mono printing on gel pads Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Art League Room, Studio 104. The workshop will be free, and Clements will provide all the materials needed.

ART CHALLENGE! The next one takes place Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Art League Room, Studio 104, in the Historic Onancock School.

Carole Campbell will lead the challenge. Bring your preferred media, support (canvas or paper or whatever you like to make art ON), and a photo that you like. Plan to make a piece no larger than 9x12.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT shows will return 2024, under the new name “Featuring (These Artists).”

ESAL President Maura McNulty-Davis said her goal is to mount three Featuring shows a year, if people are interested.

These shows consist of pieces by three artists, so they appeal to artists and crafters who have a good amount of work. Davis will send an email out to the membership with specifics for the upcoming show. She would like to incorporate more three-dimensional work in upcoming shows.



Starry, Starry Paint & Sip

ART LEAGUE PRESIDENT

Maura Davis led another successful and FUN paint & sip.

Once again, the event was full! Most participants were members of the community.

*Photographs by
Carol Barylski*

Board Meeting Notes

The Board of Directors met Jan. 4 in Room 104 of the Historic Onancock School.

Topics included 2023 income, which was \$11,907.22, and expenses, which were \$13,528.42 for a net loss of \$1,621.20.

In addition to discussing the idea of shorter shows,

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and the addition of “Featuring” shows, the board discussed the possibility of special pop-up shows for three-dimensional work, on opening night of 2-D shows.

The board talked about the need for artists whose work is in the shows to be present on opening night of the shows. This not only helps bring life to the party, but makes it easier to welcome visitors to the shows, and increases the likelihood of making sales.

President Maura Davis and VP Susan McGuire met recently with the directors of the new Regional Library and Heritage Center in Parksley to discuss possible joint ventures with the Art League. They were very receptive to the League exhibiting there.

The first exhibit would be this spring. While it would not be a “selling” exhibit, every effort would be made to connect the artists with the visitors and it would be a spot where many visitors come every day.

As the Heritage Center is all about local culture, our members’ paint out products are perfectly suited to this new venture. There will also be a glass display case for 3D art. Interested? Contact Susan McGuire.

Paint-Out Coordinator Position Is Open!

MARIANNE FRANCAVILLA, who has been the paint-out coordinator for the past five years, has become the website coordinator, and so the paint-out coordinator position is open.

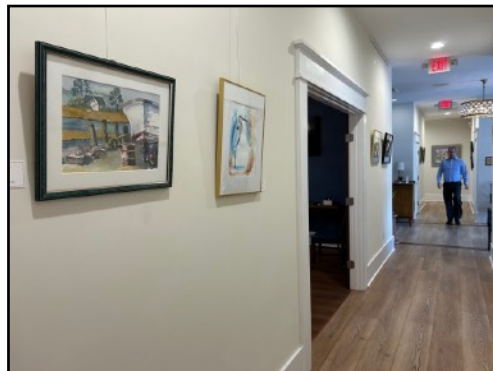
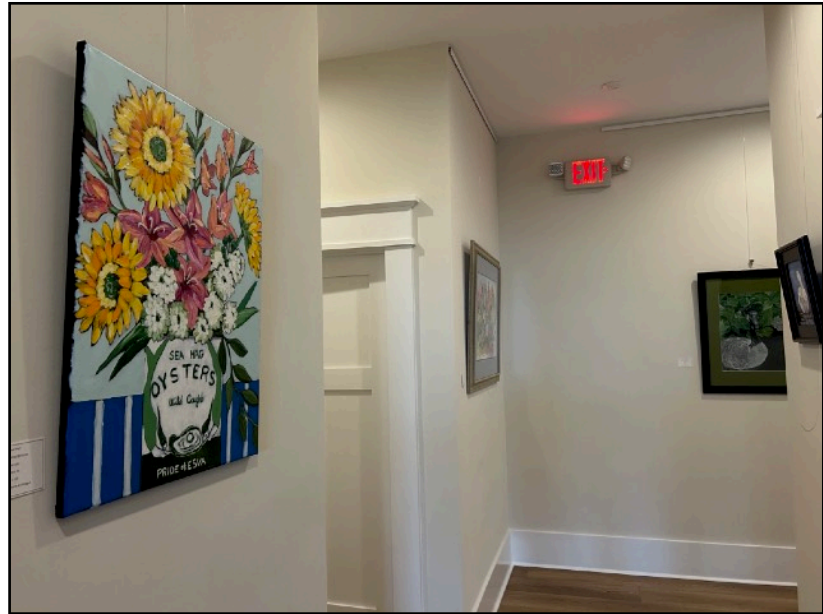
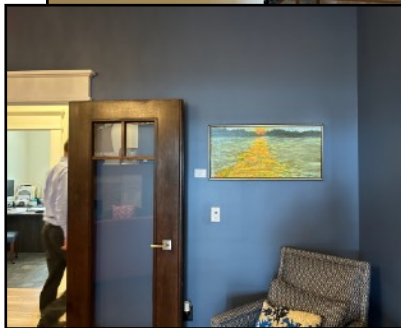
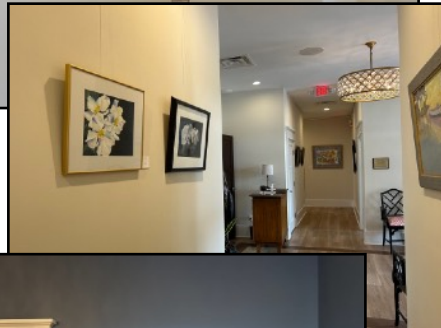
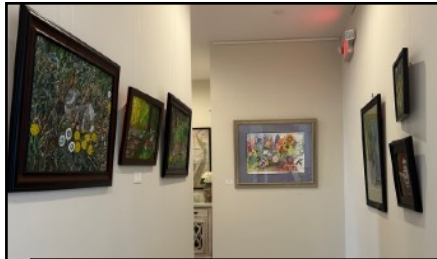
The paint-out coordinator organizes 10 paint outs/activities a year. (There are no paint-outs in December or February.)

Francavilla says “It’s a great job for getting to know other art league members, improving your painting skills, and also visiting all of the beautiful locations on the eastern shore.”

A list of sites and contacts is ready for your use. Francavilla is available for consultation and guidance.

If you’re interested, please contact Maura McNulty-Davis at littlemcd1984@gmail.com

Art League at the Country Club



Our art looks great on the walls of the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club! General Manager Chris Stodghill seemed pleased with the collection. You can go in and see the show, even if you’re not a member.

This Just In!



ESCC
Indoor Winter Art Walk
Saturday, February 24th
from 10am-2pm

Enjoy two floors of local artists and crafters in the Main Academic Building on campus in Melfa!

Come celebrate the Shore's creativity in a comfortable and weather-proof setting with food and live music!

Free Admission!

ESCC Main Academic Building 29316 Lankford Highway, Melfa, VA

Artists, artisans, crafters, this is a redoing of the Heritage Festival, which typically has taken place in February at the Eastern Shore Community College.

See the flyer for info on where to sign up for the event.



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we_are_esc Local art community on the Shore! Let's do an "Indoor Winter Art Walk" at your Eastern Shore Community College on Saturday, February 24th! Artisans producing original works can sign up to participate now at <https://es.vccs.edu/news/esc-announces-winter-art-event/> Spaces are limited, so register now. This will be exclusively in the new Academic Building (both floors) on campus in Melfa!