

Art Expressions

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of the **ARTS**

2nd Annual Wine for the Arts and Art Show Fundraiser

Chesapeake Friends of the Arts (CFOTA) sponsored the 2nd Annual Wine for the Arts and Art Show Fundraiser September 2, 2007 in conjunction with the "Symphony Under the Stars," located at the Bagley Stage, Chesapeake City Park. A selection of wines were sold by the glass. Chef Randy Polley of Simply Cuisine contributed culinary delights to enjoy with the wine. The atmosphere under the covered picnic area embodied the aroma of food and wine mixed with the music provided by Twinklers to Sizzlers Suzuki Violins.

Twenty-two baskets of wine and coffee items, handmade chocolates, numerous other specialty baskets, tickets to local restaurants, and a painting by artist Everett Cossaboon were presented for our raffle.

An Art Exhibit by the Southside Artists Association, members of CFOTA, was a new addition to our event. The art show attracted viewers to visit and enjoy the variety of art on display and talk with the artists, as well as watch Everett Cossaboon demonstrate water-color techniques. Proceeds from sales were presented to CFOTA.

Chesapeake Friends of the Arts is proud to announce that \$3,000 was raised from the above events, and was presented to the Fine Arts Commission at a City Council meeting in September. Auditions for our students of Chesapeake are held in February of each year, and this money is presented to the winners of the Arts Educations Grants.

Parks and Recreation provided tents, tables, fenced off the area, set-up and clean-up of the event. The Sheriff's Department assisted with security and parking. Volunteers sold raffle tickets, collected money, stamped hands, poured the wine, and passed out CFOTA membership information for interested visitors. Our thanks to all the participants and those who donated raffle items.



Chef Polley cuisine and wine tasters.



Raffle baskets and donated items.



Visitors enjoy the Art Exhibit and talk with Artists of the Southside Artists Association. (Left)

Twinklers to Sizzlers Suzuki Violins play as the public enjoys food and wine tasting. (Right)



Congratulations to Randy Harrison, 2007 ALLI Award Winner!

Randy Harrison was honored by the Cultural Alliance of Hampton Roads for her numerous contributions to the Arts and received the prestigious Vianne B. Webb Lifetime Achievement Award in a ceremony at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts on November 11, 2007. Randy, Fine Arts Coordinator for Chesapeake, was recognized for her ability to conceive, promote, and execute many artistic programs for the City of Chesapeake, particularly the creation of the Buddy Bagley Stage, the revitalization of the Chesapeake Public Art Program, and the organization of the Chesapeake Friends of the Arts, fundraisers for the Fine Arts Commission.

Randy was also recognized for her Lifetime Achievement Award by City Council. Congratulations, Randy! We are proud of your outstanding accomplishments!



L. Randy Harrison, Fine Arts Coordinator (R) with Bobby Clifton, Director of Parks and Recreation (L)

Unique Art Center in Chesapeake - Everett's Watercolors

Local Artist and Art Educator, Everett Cossaboon opened Everett's Watercolors at 1296 S. Battlefield Blvd. in September of 2007.

Everett's dream and goal is to have fun, exciting and informative classes in watercolor and drawing, and make a difference in the Arts. As a Studio, Classroom, and Gallery Everett's Watercolors evolved into a unique Art Center. As you enter the Studio you will find Everett painting. The overhead mirror, used in his classes, allows you to see brushstrokes and color merge into one of his creations. The Classroom has ample space and excellent lighting surrounded by a creative atmosphere. Classes are ages 6 years to adult. This leads to the Gallery, which displays his award-winning paintings in a variety of subjects, including landscapes, still life, flowers, water scenes, ships, and historical scenes. Everett encourages children and adults alike self-expression and energizes everyone in their creativity.

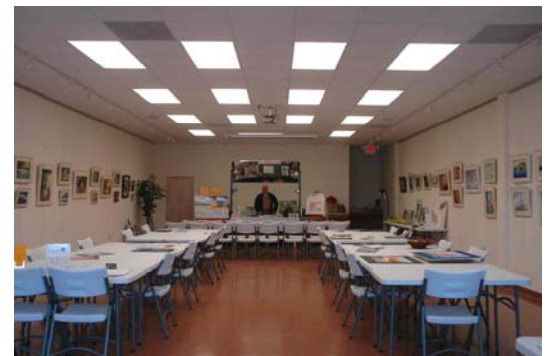
As Board members of the Chesapeake Friends of the Arts, Everett and his wife, Gloria, are proud that they meet the objectives of the CFOTA. (See Page 4.)

A recent accomplishment is inclusion of four of his paintings in a new book by Tom Lynch, International Master Artist, called "Watercolor Rescue," published by International Artist Magazine.

Everett and Gloria hope to implement future endeavors that will be beneficial to the community. Call 410-9691 to make an appointment or to verify the Cossaboons are in the Studio. Come by to sign up for a class, watch Everett paint, talk about art, or view the Gallery. Welcome to Everett's Watercolors!



Everett standing by his Gallery paintings.



View as you enter Everett's Watercolors Studio, Classroom and Gallery

2008 Chesapeake Annual Events Calendar

- January 27 - **Chesapeake Civic Chorus Winter Concert**
St Paul's United Methodist Church. Call 436-3746.
- February 23 - **Arts Education Grants Auditions & Doris Sahr Memorial Piano Auditions**
Western Branch Middle School. Call 382-6411.
- April 26,27 - **4th Annual Chesapeake Art Show at Lakeside Park**
1441 Bainbridge Blvd. Call 625-6161
- April 27 - **Virginia Arts Festival Chesapeake Event - Miami String Quartet**
Great Bridge Presbyterian Church. Call 282-2822.
- May 1-31 - **"Healing Arts" Exhibit** - Central Library. Call 382-6411.
- June 25-29 - **"Shakespeare in the Grove" - "The Merchant of Venice"**
Tidewater Community College, 8:00 PM. Call 822-5219.
- June 8 - **10th Annual Phelps Brothers Music Festival**
Lakeside Park. Call 467-2149.
- July 4 - **4th of July Celebration at Lakeside Park** - Call 382-6411

"Under the Stars" Performance Series 2008:

All performances on Bagley Stage, City Park
Contact Parks and Recreation at 382-6411



Bagley Stage

- July 3 - **Annual Concert and Fireworks (Todi Summer Symphony)**
- July 19 - **"Bluegrass at the Bagley"**
- August 31 - **"Symphony Under the Stars"**
Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Tidewater Pipes and Drums
3rd Annual Wine for the Arts - Chesapeake Friends of the Arts

September 20,21 - **Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival** - Chesapeake City Park. Call 382-6411.

Performances / Exhibits Scheduled throughout the year:

Second Wind Dance Company - Call 547-2236 for information.

Portlock Galleries at SoNo - Call 502-4901 for information.

Fundraisers - Chesapeake Friends of the Arts (CFOTA) :

- January 29 - Sterlings Restaurant, 5:00-9:00 PM. Call 549-2626 for reservations.
- March 4 - Muroni's Mediterranean Cuisine. Call 482-7701 for reservations.
- April 29 - TBA

Your attendance and participation to our fundraisers will make each event a success.

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Goals of the Chesapeake Friends of the Arts

Chesapeake Friends of the Arts (CFOTA) was established in May of 2006 as an educational and non-profit organization to stimulate participation and an appreciation of the arts in Chesapeake.

The objectives of CFOTA are:

- Sponsor quality visual and performing arts that are affordable and accessible to Chesapeake audiences of all ages.
- Support and stimulate both new and established artists.
- Support and facilitate the development of visual and performing arts venues open to the public and located

within the City of Chesapeake.

- Make the arts a part of every child's life.
- Build a membership of individuals, families, organizations and businesses, which include Levels of Giving.
- Conduct fundraisers to support the above objectives.

Membership

Join the CFOTA to support Chesapeake's new and established artists and our youth's talents and interests in the Arts.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of our success and growth in fundraising. Phone: (757) 410-3019 for information.



Susan Rowling, Co-President of CFOTA, with other Board members present a \$3,000 check to Jani Lipps, Chair, Fine Arts Commission at City Council in September of 2007.

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Thank you!

We appreciate your support and acceptance to serve as Honorary Board Members to the Chesapeake Friends of the Arts. We will all work together to make this a successful and beneficial union for the arts and the city of Chesapeake.

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