

Participating Artists

Nancy J. Brinkley	Tawanda Prince
Phyllis Bunn	Diana J. Rondinelli
Oksana V. Davis	Aletha J. Russell
Lynne O. Denney	Daryl S. Russell
Donna M. Drey	Mendel Service
Angelia M. Edwards	Anton J. Stellwag
Roselyn R. Graves	Ellyn C. Tilburg
Donzella A. Knight	Marjorie A. Guisao-Wallace
Betty Camille N. Lewis	Rosalie D. Yoder
Sheila R. Moore	

Cover Image: *Sundown at Warwick River*
Oil on Canvas

Oksana Davis

Certified Water Color, Acrylic & Oil Art Instructor

The Active Lifestyles Program Presents

Artistic Expressions of Aging



An Exhibition Celebrating Artists and the Art they Create

May 1 - 13, 2023

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center
2400 Wickham Ave
Newport News, VA 23607



Providing Opportunities for Active Living



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Art is Happening at All of our Active Lifestyle Centers!

Brittingham-Midtown Community Center – BMCC
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Ph. 757-591-4853

Courthouse Way Community Center – CWCC
14302 Old Courthouse Way, Newport News, VA 23602
Ph. 757-886-7929

Denbigh Community Center – DCC
15198 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23608
Ph. 757-812-7900

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center – DGCAC
2410 Wickham Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607
Ph. 757-247-8950

Hilton Senior Center – HSC
605 Hilton Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23605
Ph. 757-247-2451

North Newport News Community Center – NNN
605 South Avenue, Newport News, VA 23601
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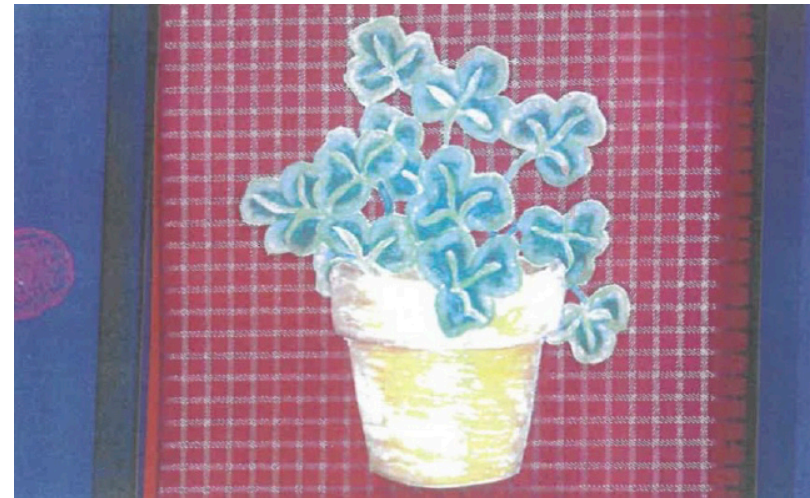
**Beginner to Advanced Painting, Water Media, Drawing,
Bob Ross Floral Oil Painting Classes, The Joy of Watercolor
Pencil, The Art of Paint Pouring, Amateur Art Hour with
various media, Creating Art Series, and good old
Arts-N-Crafts with different themes! Visit one of our Centers
to find the class that is right for you to discover your
“Inner Artist” or pick up one of our newsletters
for times and locations!**



Nancy J. Brinkley



The Guardians
Color Pencil, NFS



Shamrocks
Watercolor Pencil, NFS

Phyllis Bunn



Welcome Sunshine

Acrylic, \$125

The artist was born in London, England. Spent her childhood in Cardiff, Wales and Manchester, England. Her parents were fundamentalist, Pentecostal preachers from Jamaica. At 10 years old she immigrated to Canada and at 14 she moved to the United States. Mendel began participating in the arts as a storyteller and photographer. One major motivation has always been to help people recover from racism, sexism, xenophobia, bias, discrimination, and colorism through opportunities to be seen, heard, and validated through inclusion practices. Her “Chocolate Babies” have graced her Painted Van, murals and pages of books and have celebrated dark skin as beautiful. Her artwork includes fabric arts, collage, and folk art that is often ablaze with vibrant colors. Mendel has exhibited her work at the Generic Theater in Norfolk, VA, The Peninsula Fine Arts Center in Newport News, VA, and many more. She was the owner of an art center in Phoebus and presently operates a mobile cultural arts center called The Painted Van Tour.

- Mendel Service

Ellyn Tilburg, a retired educator resides in Newport News. While she has not received formal art education, she enjoys watercolor painting. Ellyn paints a variety of subjects including scripture interpretation, birds, and portraits. Over the years, her paintings have been included in exhibitions at Virginia Beach Modern Art Center, Charles Taylor Gallery, and the former Peninsula Fine Arts Center. Commissioned work is welcomed. Leave a message a (757) 876-0750 for more information. **- Ellyn Tilburg**

“The eldest daughter of two artist parents. I learned to appreciate the arts from birth. Surrounded by canvas, turpentine, museums, known and evolving artists, writers, civil rights leaders, actors, and musicians helped form my view of the world. My earlier pieces were influenced by travels and love of the environment. While in high school, I earned a scholarship to the Brooklyn Museum Student Art League and exchanged ideas and styles with my self taught parents. We were all members of the Artist Leagues of Brooklyn (ALB) and co-owners of the Tu-Can Duffield Gallery of Art, Brooklyn, NY. 19 years ago I moved to Newport News, VA from Brooklyn and made Virginia my home.” **- Marjorie Guisao-Wallace**

I’m a retired teacher, enjoying creative activities including music, writing, poetry, and dabbling in acrylic fluid art. Volunteering at my church delivering Meals on Wheels, and traveling keeps me busy. For me, the process of creating brings me joy even when the product is not always successful! Aging is about keeping the “ings” going!.

- Rosalie Yoder

Oksana Davis

"I was raised on the Peninsula and graduated from Newport News High School. I traveled to Europe as a military wife and visited again after that and I am extremely patriotic. I have been drawing and painting since I was a child. Received an art scholarship but got married and life took over, I painted through the years of raising my family until they were older and I did not paint as much for awhile. But art has always been my love. I started painting seriously again about 10 years ago. Before that, I worked in stained glass, watercolors and mosaics. Now I paint mostly in acrylics. These days I am a realtor, I love to paint waterscapes, landscapes, pets, animals, and anything patriotic."

- **Diana Rondinelli**



Hay Bales

Acrylic, \$350

"“I am” was created to give women a sense of empowerment. “Being Daisy” is a silhouette of my granddaughter when she plays dress up. I create most of my artwork using fabric pieces, acrylic paint, and other organic pieces that others may throw away. I started creating the portraits about a year ago as a gift to a friend. My goal is to leave people with something to talk about and with a feeling like one of my art pieces is speaking to them in some way.”

- **Aletha Russell**

Daryl Russell is a native of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. He started dabbling in art by drawing and painting pictures for his family and friends. After graduating from high school he went to college to study communications. He later enlisted into the United States Army where he became a nurse. After years of being an Army nurse, and later a civilian nurse, Daryl rediscovered his love for art. He created a meetup group, he, along with a couple of the artists from the meetup group founded a chapter of the Newport News Urban Sketchers, an international group. Daryl is the founder and organizer of the local group the Urban Artist 757 that creates and shares art. His art has been featured in local shows and art charities.

- **Daryl Russell**



Celebration of World Cultures in Newport News, Virginia

Oils, \$2500

Lynne O. Denney



A Breathe of Spring
Watercolor Pencils, NFS

"I needed something to occupy my time during Covid and started painting. I found that I enjoyed it so much I decided to take classes. My paintings on display were painted after enrolling in classes with Oksana Davis."

- Donna Drey

Angelia Edwards has been with the City of Newport News for 25 years. She is a Program Coordinator with Newport News Parks & Recreation's Active Lifestyles Program. She is a class instructor for Boot Camp, Enhance Fitness, Walk with Ease, Watercolor Pencils, Jewelry Making and Arts & Crafts. She also plans trip excursions and special events for mature adults.

- Angelia Edwards

"I'm an active lifestyle senior that has been retired for 8 years as a Financial Aid Office Manager of a Christian school. I have always loved to paint but have most recently in the last couple of years had the time to put it into action. I like painting in acrylic, drawing, and other creative crafts. I most recently completed a class in charcoal drawing and am looking forward to oil painting. I also enjoy keeping active with biking, dancing, yoga, and pickleball."

- Roselyn Graves

"A graduate and continued supporter of Norfolk State University. I have always been a craft-centered artist. Using found and limited-purchased objects, I keep busy every day creating something. I work for the Active Lifestyles Program at Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center engaging seniors in having fun and creating their own 'pieces of art.'"

- Donzella Knight

Sheila grew up in Hampton, VA. Her family was stationed at the Veterans Administration. They moved around a little until settling back in Hampton. She graduated from Hampton High School, class of 1966. Go Crabbers! She has two wonderful children; one lives in York County and another one in New Mexico. They are two of her best artworks. Sheila has always loved art, and after retiring she picked up a paintbrush and just kept going. She has tried to paint fun things and objects people may like.

- Sheila Moore

Tawanda Prince is a published author of 7 books, theatrical performer, singer, drummer, and poet who recently added artist to her creative profile. Without any formal artistic training, she explored visual arts as a means of personal creative expression throughout the pandemic. She primarily works with acrylics on a canvas medium. She uses abstract blending of colors to evoke emotion, capture a scenic moment or to convey abstract beauty. She especially enjoys the Plein Air technique taking inspiration from nature and painting outdoors. Her intent is to communicate the heart of God and inspire others through creative expression.

- Tawanda Prince

Persian Dreams
Mosaics, NFS



Artist Biographies

Nancy was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisc. After high school she attended Mt. Mary College and graduated in 1962 with a BA in fine arts. Then she moved to Chicago, IL and began a family. There she attended Elmhurst College and earned a BA degree in Education. After 20 years of teaching at an elementary school she moved on to Jr. High where she taught art full time. More education entered her life with earning her MA in Environmental Curriculum. Retirement arrived in 2005 along with renewed excitement of exploring her own art. Color pencil, graphite and batik have always been her favorite form of media, but now she wants to learn all the possibilities of watercolor and pastels. Her subject matter comes from all around her and delights in exploring it all.

- **Nancy Brinkley**

"As an artist, I want to bring enjoyment of landscape to others as well as myself. The process of visualizing, planning and painting are relaxing, creative and spiritual and I hope that speaks to those who view my work. My vocation was professor of business but now I am retired. I divided my life between Cleveland, Mississippi and Newport News. I have always wanted to be a landscape artist but that was suppressed for much of my life, however the desire never stopped. Because I am retired, I am finding more time to devote to painting with the hope that I will pursue art education opportunities to further enhance and grow my creativity and artists talents."

- **Phyllis Bunn**

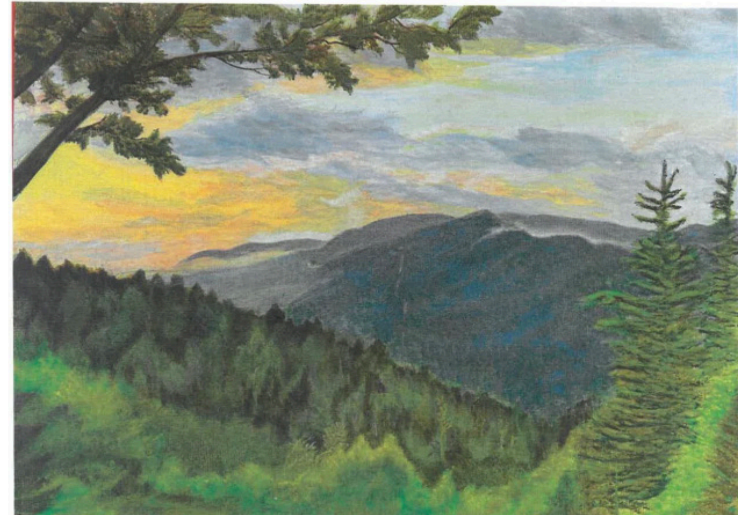
Oksana Davis was born and raised in Russia and Ukraine, where she obtained formal fine arts and science degrees. She moved to the United States from Spain in 2012, reuniting with her husband. In 2014 she became an art instructor for Newport News Parks and Recreation's Active Lifestyles Program. Since 2019 she has been an art instructor for the Life Long Learning Society at Christopher Newport University. She is an associate member of Oil Painters of America and American Watercolor Society. Works of both her and her students are represented in this exhibition. "I work with watercolors acrylics, and oils and prefer direct painting when possible, challenging myself and enjoying the entire process."

- **Oksana Davis**

Lynne is a Newport News native and currently a caregiver for her father who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. She participates in the Active Lifestyles Program at Brittingham-Midtown Community Center in the Watercolor Pencils class under the instruction of Angelia Edwards. She likes working with the colored pencils, but especially enjoys adding the water to make the painting "come alive". She has worked with mosaics for some time along with many types of arts and crafts.

- **Lynne Denney**

Donna M. Drey



New Found Gap
Acrylic, NFS



The Storm is Coming
Acrylic, NFS

Angelia M. Edwards



Magnolia
Watercolor, NFS

Rosalie D. Yoder



Tropical Air
Acrylic Fluid Art, NFS

Marjorie A. Guisao Wallace



Fruit Beetles on my Pears
Acrylic on canvas, \$650



Gustavia Augusta in a Blue Vase
Acrylic on canvas, \$650

Roselyn R. Graves



Beauty Underwater
Acrylic, \$100



Monarch on Echinacea
Acrylic, \$75

Donzella A. Knight



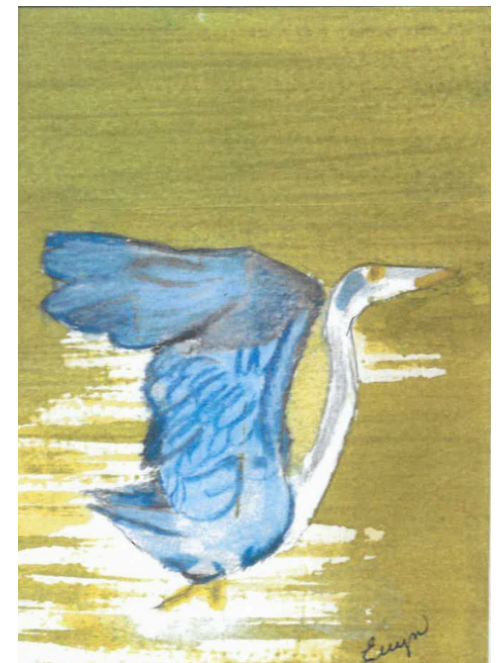
Time Clock
\$25

Ellyn C. Tilburg



Coming in for a Landing
Watercolor, \$75

Blue Herron
Watercolor, \$75



Anton J. Stellwag



Bodensee, Germany
Oil, NFS



On the Lake
Oil, NFS

Betty Camille N. Lewis



Stone Diva
Prisma Color, \$700

Kitchen Window
Watercolor, \$500



Sheila R. Moore

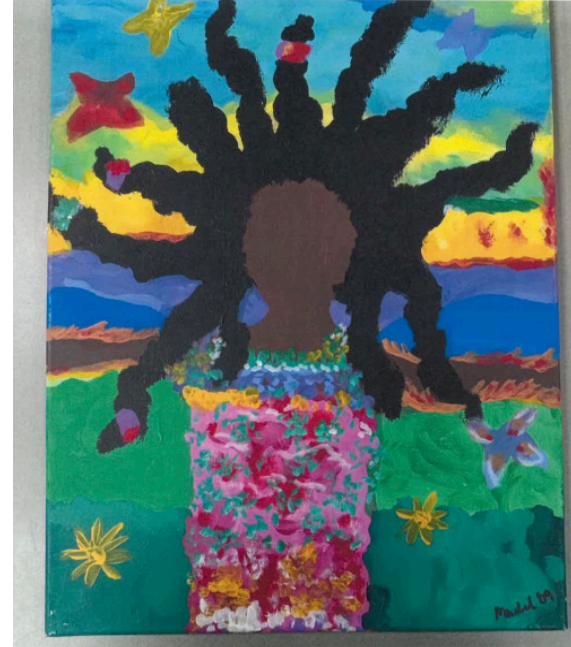


Old Cabin in the Woods
Acrylic, \$100



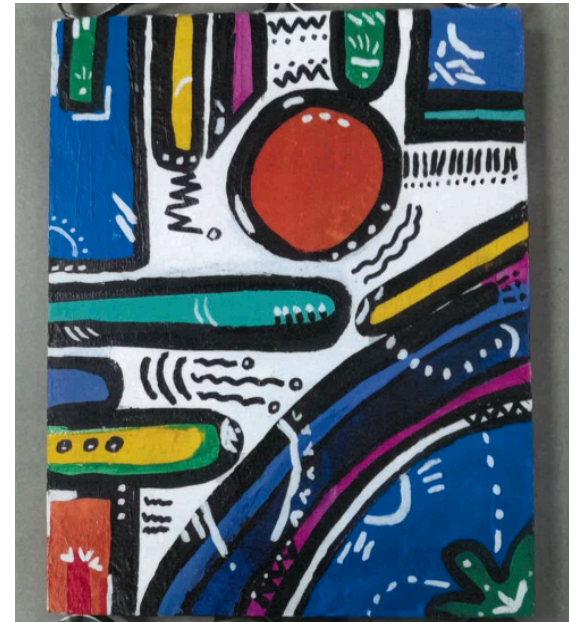
Bumble Bee
Acrylic, \$125

Mendel Service



**In Celebration of All
that I Am**
Acrylic, \$350

Still Me
Mixed Media, \$1200



Daryl S. Russell

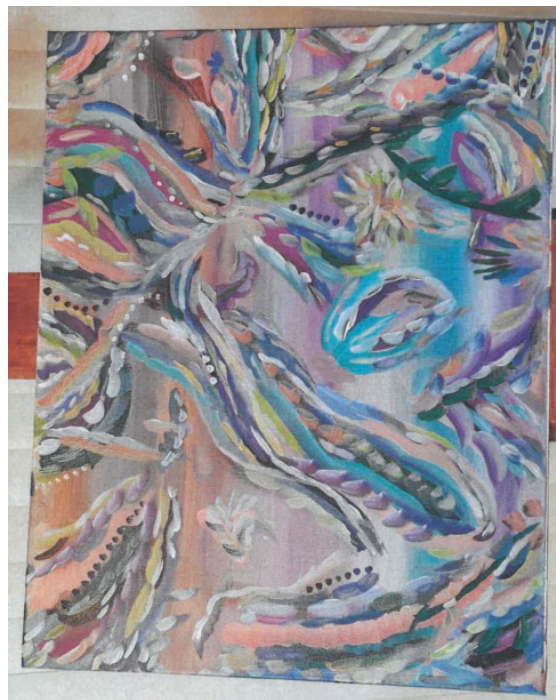


Unity
Acrylic, \$200



Ribbon in the Sky
Acrylic, \$200

Tawanda Prince



Les Fleurs
Canvas, \$400

Dancing Ladies
Canvas, \$400



Diana J. Rondinelli



Motherly Love
Acrylic, \$125



Hi Biscus
Acrylic, \$125

Aletha J. Russell



I Am
Mixed Media, \$25



Being Daisy
Mixed Media, \$30