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MAY 1 - JUNE 30, 2024

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Celebrate Summer with ArtSpin



Saturday, June 1

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Historic Downtown Wilson

Immerse yourself in a whirlwind of creativity at ArtSpin, a vibrant event brought to you by Wilson Arts and Wilson Downtown Development. Scheduled for Saturday, June 1, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Historic Downtown Wilson. ArtSpin promises to be a day filled with unique art experiences that will engage all your senses – RAIN OR SHINE!

From children's art activities to live performances, there's plenty to keep families, couples, and friends entertained.

The event is free and open to the public, but select activities may have a nominal fee. Follow the event on our Facebook page @WilsonArtsNC or visit www.wilsonarts.com/artspin to view details of the event.

Miniature Masterpieces Fundraiser

Gallery Open to Public: May 2 – 16

Fundraiser Event: Thursday, May 16, 6:00-8:00 pm

Wilson Arts Center / 204 Nash Street S

Tickets: \$50 each

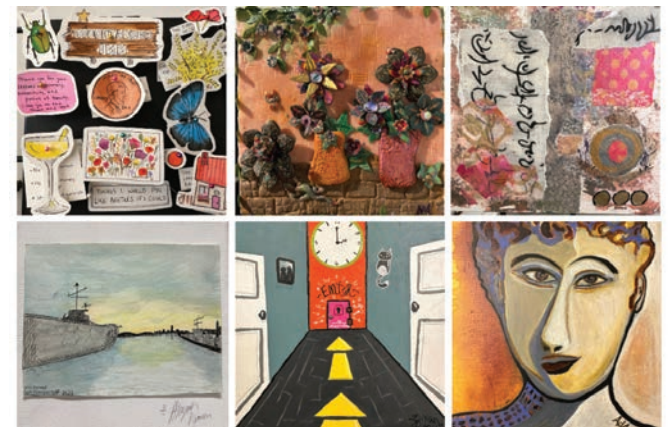
Hang on to your hats and loosen up your wallets to join us for one of our favorite annual events! This beloved fundraiser is back with some of your favorite local artists and many new ones to discover! You won't want to miss the opportunity to take home a tiny treasure at our Miniature Masterpieces fundraiser on Thursday, May 16! This one is always a sell-out, so if you'd like to attend, be sure to reserve your tickets today!

Your ticket price of \$50 includes a fun, festive evening of scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and an original 8" x 8" miniature masterpiece of your very own to take home! Our on-the-spot-framing station will be ready to help you choose your frame, and then install your mini masterpiece for you! Proceeds go towards funding art education programming for the year, and all original artworks are generously donated by local and regional artists.

All participating artists that have donated a masterpiece this year are invited to attend the event.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors Arreola Law Firm, Brenda and Don Evans, Blair Myers, Sheila and Jack Wiggins, and Marcia and Buster Williamson!

Visit us at the Wilson Arts Center to purchase tickets online at www.wilsonarts.com or call us at (252) 291-4329.



Annual Summer Community Musical Auditions

**Auditions: May 13 & 14 at 6:00 p.m.
and 7:30 p.m. each day**

**Performances: July 18-19-20 at
7:30 p.m. and July 21 at 3:00 p.m.**

Drawing upon local talent and bringing together performers of all ages, the Annual Summer Community Musical has been a staple of Wilson's theatrical culture since 2011.

Wilson Arts and The Singers Studio are looking forward to another amazing production this summer with Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, and we are looking for participants of ALL AGES!

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be

loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

Auditions for this year's summer musical will be May 13 and 14 with two time slots each evening - 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Callbacks, if any, will be held May 15. Auditions will be held at the Wilson Arts Center, 204 Nash Street S. For more information to sign up, please visit www.wilsonarts.com/summer-musical.



“Frans van Baars – Painting Journey: Awakens Memories”

May 30 - June 27

Opening Reception: Thursday, May 30

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wilson Arts Center / 204 Nash Street S

Sponsored by: Wilson Arts Visual Arts Committee



The “Frans van Baars – Painting Journey: Awakens Memories,” exhibition will feature a selection of land and seascapes, Whirligigs, community events, still life, and abstracts. It embodies a series on Wilson and our county in addition to his travels to other parts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, the Netherlands and more.

His early art is detailed in exquisite draftsmanship and masterful watercolors the latter of which he turned into a series of Watercolor Memories. “As I got older, I got bolder. Drafting and drawing helped me become loose and more abstract over time. It was as though I was liberated and free,” van Baars said of the use of oils and acrylics. His composition or subject matter is

usually not contrived or constrained. Oftentimes, he works in plein air as it allows him to capture the spirit and form of the place while on location. It’s there that he enjoys, “Painting what I see, the life before me,” he said. It’s the beauty he seeks when composing each piece of art and an integral part of his work spanning over forty years.

Frans van Baars is a Dutch American artist from the Netherlands. His father was a merchant marine captain. His mother was the daughter of a fisherman. As a child, growing up in the Netherlands during WWII was difficult. It left him with an everlasting memory of hardship, destruction, and fear when his province was occupied by the Nazis. After the war was over, he took great reprieve while traveling the world on his father’s merchant ship. It was in those times where on occasion, they would stop and visit galleries and museums along their way.


In 1956, Frans arrived in the United States intended on giving back to the country who saved him as a child. It was the day before his nineteenth birthday. Not long afterwards, he enlisted in the Navy where he enjoyed his time in a submarine and at sea. A freak accident and a broken neck later changed his trajectory in life. He received a medical discharge, then chartered his way into the arts.

Frans studied art the Ivy School of Arts in Pittsburgh, PA after leaving the Navy. After college, he started an art program and was the art instructor at Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville, NC. In 1980 and 1981 he participated series of classes with, Artist-in-the-Schools near the coast of NC, teaching

art to students in the public-school setting. Frans’s artworks have been sold commercially and individually all over the world.


Frans and his wife, Brenda, owned a gallery in Washington, NC for twelve years prior to moving to Wilson in 2002. The House of van Baars Gallery on Douglas Street is where they currently reside while also featuring a collection of his artworks. Throughout his life, he’s stayed true to what guides him. For over thirty years, he has participated in the Mile of Hope for children with cancer. Additionally, he took part in the East Carolina Telethon benefitting a children’s hospital, has given to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, and donated art that amassed a remarkable amount in fundraising for moving Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

This solo exhibition celebrating van Baars’s travels and love for Wilson will feature watercolor, pen and ink, oil, and acrylic works. We hope you will join us for the opening reception on Thursday, May 30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The show is sponsored by the Wilson Arts Visual Arts Committee and is free and open to the public through June 27.

**Join us for
The EDNA Awards**
Celebrating the ACT! for Youth
2023-2024 Season

June 1, 2024 at the Boykin Center
Refreshments: 5:30 p.m. \ Ceremony: 6:30 p.m.
Formal Attire. Masquerade theme.
Tickets: \$10 each On sale April 15
Must be purchased by May 31 at Noon!



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**ACT! FOR YOUTH
2024-2025 SEASON**
at the Edna Boykin Cultural Center
Season Tickets on sale July 2

 <p>INTO THE WOODS FALL 2024</p>	 <p>PETER AND THE STAR CATCHER WINTER 2025</p>	 <p>Charlotte's Web Adapted by Joseph Robinette Based on the book by E.B. White SPRING 2025</p>
<p>Auditions: Aug. 5 & 6 School Show: Oct. 10 Public Performances: Oct.11-13, Oct. 18-20</p>	<p>Auditions: Nov. 4 & 5 School Show: Jan. 23 Public Performances: Jan. 24-26, Jan. 30 - Feb. 2</p>	<p>Auditions: Feb. 10 & 11 School Show: Apr. 10 Public Performances: April 11-13</p>

Season Tickets (all 3 shows): \$36 Adults / \$26 Seniors & Students (plus tax)
Includes reserved seating - available for season ticket holders ONLY!

Arts Workshops for Adults and Teens

Take some time for yourself, gather a group of friends, or simply try something new with one of our upcoming creative workshops. Register and pay online at wilsonarts.com/workshops, by phone at 252-291-4329, or stop in at the Wilson Arts Center during business hours. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.**

Creating from Life-Portrait Session with a Live Model

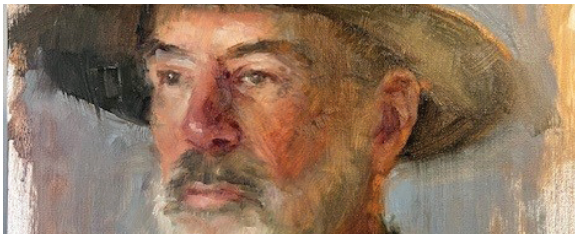
Wednesday, May 8 / 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Wilson Arts Center / Brown Family Studio 1

Age: 14 & up

Free! Limited space is available.

In this workshop, artists of all skill levels will have the opportunity to hone their portrait skills. This 3-hour session will offer a clothed model to pose for an extended single pose. Artists can work on a single painting/drawing or move around the studio (space permitting) to do several works of the same pose. You are welcome to bring your own materials and a variety of mediums on hand along with easels and drawing boards. No instruction will be given so come prepared to work freely!



Figurative Drawing Sessions

Saturday, May 18 / 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 15 / 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Wilson Arts Center / Studio 2

Age: 18 & up

Cost: \$20 per person per session

This Figurative Drawing workshop offers rotating professional nude models led by moderator Mike Radford. The workshop will include a series of short gesture drawings and several longer poses. Each session is supervised with no instruction given, so come prepared to work freely. All skills levels welcome! Easels, drawing boards and various drawing mediums will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own materials.

Bloom Where You're Planted, Even in the Mud! Workshop

Saturdays, May 18 & 25 / 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Wilson Arts Center / Brown Family Studio 1

Age: 14 & up

Cost: \$60 for both sessions

Join us for a 2-part hand building workshop creating your very own flowerpot from clay to hold your pretty spring flowers! May 18 is time for clay play with Renee J. Moore to form your pot! Then return on 25th to glaze your bisque fired pot! We will notify you with the pick-up date to follow glaze firing.

Hot Mess Art Journaling: Summer Stitches

Saturday, June 15 / 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Wilson Arts Center / Brown Family Studio 1

Ages: 14 & up

Cost: \$20 per person

Artist and instructor Renee J. Moore will show you how to make some-of-a-kind bookmarks for all your summer reads! (No sewing experience necessary)

This workshop highlights creating play using sustainable materials like fabrics, felt, stitches, and embellishments! Minors must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the workshop.



Creative heARTS Classes for Kids and Adults



Creative heARTS is designed to inspire and empower individuals with disabilities through fun and engaging art. With a focus on building self-confidence, refining fine motor skills, and improving social skills, Creative heARTS is the perfect place for individuals to explore their creativity and express themselves through art. This is a safe place to be yourself, belong, and explore creativity by yourself or with family and loved ones. If you need accommodations, let us know! Scholarships are available.

Each Creative heARTS event is \$10 per participant. All supplies are provided, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration cuts off two business days before the event. Please visit wilsonarts.com/creativehearts to register or call 252-291-4329 during business hour. Creative heARTS is supported by the Martha Cheatham Hunter & Dr. William C. Hunter Family Foundation Fund.

Kids Schedule

Saturday, May 4 / 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Instructor: Anna Fretwell

Have you ever wanted your own pet? How about creating our very own pet rock! In this workshop, participants will explore different materials as they paint, color, and decorate stones to design their own tick-tac-toe game.

Saturday, June 1 / 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Instructor: Abby Boykin

Learn about using materials in unexpected ways while creating a painted art piece. In this workshop, participants will use CDs to create a floral design or let their creativity run wild!

Adults Schedule

Tuesday, May 7 / 7:00–8:30 pm

Instructor: Maureen O'Neill

This workshop will introduce students to still life drawing with charcoal and soft pastels.

Tuesday, June 4 / 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Cathy Daniel

Participants will have the opportunity to design and craft their own mini sculpture inspired by the iconic glass art of Dale Chihuly, who is renowned for his vibrant, organic, and large-scale glass installations that captivate audiences around the world.

Disney's Finding Nemo KIDS

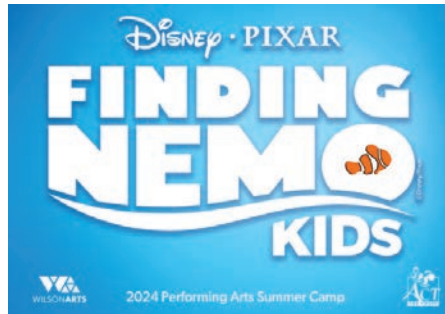
Camp Performance: Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Edna Boykin Cultural Center / 108 Nash Street NE

Show Tickets: \$5 plus tax per person / General Admission

Disney's *Finding Nemo KIDS* is a 30-minute musical adaptation of the beloved 2003 Pixar movie *Finding Nemo*, with new music by award-winning songwriting team Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez. Marlin, an anxious and over-protective clownfish, lives in the Great Barrier Reef with his kid Nemo, who longs to explore the world beyond their anemone home. But when Nemo is captured and taken to Sydney, Marlin faces his fears and sets off on an epic adventure across the ocean. With the help of lovable characters such as optimistic Dory, laid-back sea turtle Crush, and the supportive Tank Gang, Marlin and Nemo both overcome challenges on their journey to find each other and themselves. *Finding Nemo KIDS* brings a vibrant underwater world to life on stage in a story full of family, friendship, and adventure.

As the culmination of a week of fun, our summer camp attendees will show off all they've learned and accomplished in this production that is open to the public. Tickets will be available in mid-June by visiting our website at www.wilsonarts.com/tickets, or by calling Wilson Arts at (252) 291-4329. You may also purchase tickets at the Wilson Arts Center at 204 Nash Street S during normal business hours (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday).



Wizardsing Weekend Call for Vendors

The last weekend in July, Wizardsing Weekend is making a return, and this year the Truist Event Gallery at the Wilson Arts Center is transforming into a magical space filled with local makers and themed goodies.

If you or someone you know is a maker of magical things and would be interested in having a vendor space on Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28 (or just one day), check out our vendor application. Vendors are required to dress to theme while working the event and goods offered should also be themed for Wizardsing Weekend. Perk: It's July and you'll be inside where there's air conditioning!

Deadline to apply is June 14. Application can be found at www.wilsonarts.com/artistopps. Have questions? Magic a message over to Stephanie Pridgen at stephanie@wilsonarts.com.



We are looking for a few enthusiastic and dedicated Camp Counselors ages 16-18 to make our summer camp season AMAZING! Visit www.wilsonarts.com/volunteer and look for this same graphic to find links to the volunteer forms.



Annual Meeting of Members

Wilson Arts will be holding its Annual Meeting of Members on Tuesday, June 25 at the Wilson Arts Center, 204 Nash Street S. This gathering offers our members the opportunity to actively participate in shaping the future of our organization. Attending members will have the privilege to cast their votes on new Board members, gain insight into our journey thus far, and have a glimpse at our envisioned path ahead. All current 2024 members will receive a postcard invitation in the mail, providing details regarding the time and all relevant information, including how to RSVP. Please plan to join us and lend your voice to the cultural trajectory of Wilson and ensuring our vibrant artistic community continues to flourish!

Cathy's Column



Life is bustling once again in the post-COVID world. Personally, I find myself clinging to the creativity that blossomed in my own life during the pandemic-induced closures, despite my job revolving around fostering the creative experiences of others. I'm here to emphasize that engaging with the arts can profoundly impact mental health. Creating or experiencing art, be it through painting, music, writing, or other forms, offers a therapeutic outlet for expressing emotions, reducing stress, and nurturing self-awareness.

Art encourages mindfulness and being present in the moment, allowing individuals to momentarily escape daily pressures and concentrate on the creative process. Moreover, art can cultivate a sense

of achievement and self-esteem as people witness their ideas taking shape or connecting deeply with artworks that resonate with them. Additionally, art therapy is a recognized and effective approach for addressing mental health challenges, providing a safe space for exploration and healing.

In my 14 years of experience working for an arts center, I've often heard the phrase "It's cheaper than therapy" when ringing people up for their art classes. It seems like art classes could be a beneficial life hack! While our instructors at Wilson Arts aren't therapists, we firmly believe in the therapeutic power of the arts. Engaging in the arts expands your toolkit and enhances your ability to care for yourself.

Wilson Arts 2024 Members as of April 2

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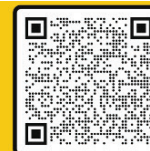
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Memberships start
at \$45/year



Wilson Arts Calendar: May 1 - June 30

Regular Truist Event Gallery
Hours 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Saturday

May 2

Miniature Masterpieces Gallery
Opening/ Wilson Arts Center/
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

May 3

Playhouse of Wilson presents:
[title of show]/ Boykin Center/
7:30 p.m.

Wilson Arts Center Closed for
a Private Event/ 4:00 p.m.

May 4

Playhouse of Wilson presents:
[title of show]/ Boykin Center/
7:30 p.m.

Creative heARTS Kids/ Wilson
Arts Center/ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Wilson Arts Center Closed for
a Private Event/ 12:00 p.m.

May 5

Playhouse of Wilson presents:
[title of show]/ Boykin Center/
3:00 p.m.

May 7

Creative heARTS/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 7:00–8:30 p.m.

May 10

Playhouse of Wilson presents:
[title of show]/ Boykin Center/
7:30 p.m.

May 11

Playhouse of Wilson presents:
[title of show]/ Boykin Center/
7:30 p.m.

May 12

Playhouse of Wilson presents:
[title of show]/ Boykin Center/
3:00 p.m.

May 13

Summer Community Musical:
Disney's Beauty and The Beast
Auditions/ Wilson Arts Center/
6:00–9:00 p.m.

May 14

Summer Community Musical:
Disney's Beauty and The Beast
Auditions/ Wilson Arts Center/
6:00–9:00 p.m.

May 16

Miniature Masterpieces Closing
and Fundraiser/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

The Moonlight Swing Band's
10th Anniversary Celebration
Honoring The Sardams/ Boykin
Center/ 7:30 p.m.

May 18

Wilson Arts Center Closed for
a Private Event/ 4:00 p.m.

Figurative Drawing/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 10:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

May 30

Wilson Active Artists Gallery
Opening/ Boykin Center/ 5:00
–6:30 p.m.

Gallery Opening: "Frans van
Baars – Painting Journey: Awak-
ens Memories"/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

June 1

ACT! for Youth: Edna Awards/
Wilson Arts Center/ 5:30 p.m.

ArtSpin/Historic Downtown
Wilson/ 1:00–5:00 p.m.

June 2

Creative heARTS Kids/ Wilson
Arts Center/ 10:00–11:30 a.m.

June 4

Creative heARTS/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 7:00–8:30 p.m.

June 8

Wilson Arts Center Closed for
a Private Event/ 12:00 p.m.

June 10

Play. Paint. Party. Camp with
Luanda Wiggins/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power #1 Camp
with Nicole Thomas/ Wilson
Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00
p.m.

The Art Express Camp with
Carrie Nobles/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

June 11

Play. Paint. Party. Camp with
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Funky Flour Power #1 with
Nicole Thomas/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

The Art Express Camp with
Carrie Nobles/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

June 12

Play. Paint. Party. Camp with
Luanda Wiggins/ Boykin
Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power #1 Camp
with Nicole Thomas/ Boykin
Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

The Art Express Camp with
Carrie Nobles/ Boykin Center/
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Gig East Summit/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

June 13

Play. Paint. Party. Camp with
Luanda Wiggins/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power #1 Camp
with Nicole Thomas/ Wilson
Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00
p.m.

The Art Express Camp with Car-
rie Nobles/ Wilson Arts Center
/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

June 14

Play. Paint. Party. Camp with
Luanda Wiggins/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power #1 Camp
with Nicole Thomas/ Wilson
Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00
p.m.

The Art Express Camp with
Carrie Nobles/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

June 15

Figurative Drawing Workshop/
Wilson Arts Center/ 10:30
a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Dance Studio B presents:
Snow White and the
Magnificent Seven/ Boykin
Center/ 2:00 p.m.

June 17

Comic Art #1 Camp with
Brandon Sanders/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power - Level Up
Camp with Nicole Thomas/
Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m. –
12:00 p.m.

Play. Paint. Party. Camp with
Luanda Wiggins/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Artists' Playground Camp with
Maddie Murphy/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Bejeweled & Bedazzled Jewelry
Making Camp with Heather
Stapp / Wilson Arts Center/
1:00–4:00 p.m.

Disney's Finding Nemo KIDS
Camp/ Boykin Center/ 9:00
a.m.–4:00 p.m.

June 18

Comic Art #1 Camp with
Brandon Sanders/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power - Level Up
Camp with Nicole Thomas/
Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m. –
12:00 p.m.

Play. Paint. Party. Camp with
Luanda Wiggins/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Artists' Playground Camp with
Maddie Murphy/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Bejeweled & Bedazzled Jewelry
Making Camp with Heather
Stapp / Wilson Arts Center/
1:00–4:00 p.m.

Disney's Finding Nemo KIDS
Camp/ Boykin Center/ 9:00
a.m.–4:00 p.m.

June 19

Comic Art #1 Camp with
Brandon Sanders/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power - Level Up
Camp with Nicole Thomas/
Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m. –
12:00 p.m.

Play. Paint. Party. Camp with
Luanda Wiggins/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Artists' Playground Camp with
Maddie Murphy/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Bejeweled & Bedazzled Jewelry
Making Camp with Heather
Stapp / Wilson Arts Center/
1:00–4:00 p.m.

Disney's Finding Nemo KIDS
Camp/ Boykin Center/ 9:00
a.m.–4:00 p.m.

June 20

Comic Art #1 Camp with
Brandon Sanders/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power - Level Up
Camp with Nicole Thomas/
Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m. –
12:00 p.m.

Play. Paint. Party. Camp with
Luanda Wiggins/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Artists' Playground Camp with
Maddie Murphy/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Bejeweled & Bedazzled Jewelry
Making Camp with Heather
Stapp / Wilson Arts Center/
1:00–4:00 p.m.

Disney's Finding Nemo KIDS
Camp/ Boykin Center/ 9:00
a.m.–4:00 p.m.

June 21

Comic Art #1 Camp with
Brandon Sanders/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power - Level Up
Camp with Nicole Thomas/
Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m. –
12:00 p.m.

Play. Paint. Party. Camp with
Luanda Wiggins/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Artists' Playground Camp with
Maddie Murphy/ Wilson Arts
Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Wilson Arts Calendar continued

Bejeweled & Bedazzled Jewelry Making Camp with Heather Stapp / Wilson Arts Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Disney's Finding Nemo KIDS Camp/ Boykin Center/ 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Disney's Finding Nemo KIDS Camp Performance/ Boykin Center/ 7:00 p.m.

June 24

Unearthing Junk Journaling: Mixed Media Bookmaking #1 Camp with Renee J. Moore/ Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

My Artistic Self #1 Camp with Tiara Taylor/ Wilson Arts Center / 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power Beginning Baking #2 Camp with Nicole Thomas/ Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Imagine It. Sculpt It. #1 Camp with Liz Denton/ Wilson Arts Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Draw Your Heart Out Camp with Frank Johnson III/ Wilson Arts Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

June 25

Unearthing Junk Journaling: Mixed Media Bookmaking #1 Camp with Renee J. Moore/ Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

My Artistic Self #1 Camp with Tiara Taylor/ Wilson Arts Center / 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power Beginning Baking #2 Camp with Nicole Thomas/ Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Imagine It. Sculpt It. #1 Camp with Liz Denton/ Wilson Arts Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Draw Your Heart Out Camp with Frank Johnson III/ Wilson Arts Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

June 26

Unearthing Junk Journaling: Mixed Media Bookmaking #1 Camp with Renee J. Moore/ Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

My Artistic Self #1 Camp with Tiara Taylor/ Wilson Arts Center / 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power Beginning Baking #2 Camp with Nicole Thomas/ Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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June 27

Unearthing Junk Journaling: Mixed Media Bookmaking #1 Camp with Renee J. Moore/ Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

My Artistic Self #1 Camp with Tiara Taylor/ Wilson Arts Center / 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Funky Flour Power Beginning Baking #2 Camp with Nicole Thomas/ Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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Draw Your Heart Out Camp with Frank Johnson III/ Wilson Arts Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

June 28

Unearthing Junk Journaling: Mixed Media Bookmaking #1 Camp with Renee J. Moore/ Wilson Arts Center/ 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

My Artistic Self #1 Camp with Tiara Taylor/ Wilson Arts Center / 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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Draw Your Heart Out Camp with Frank Johnson III/ Wilson Arts Center/ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

June 29

Wilson Art Center Closed for a Private Event/ 2:00 p.m.

Vision Community Theatre presents: The Dazzling Sounds of Broadway/ 7:00 p.m.

"Solstice" Art Show Celebrates Diverse Artistic Tastes



Mark your calendar and invite a friend or family member to share two art openings on Thursday, May 30 – Boykin Center from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Wilson Arts Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The Wilson Active Artists Association is excited to announce the opening of a new exhibit, "Solstice" at the Boykin Center on Thursday, May 30. Come celebrate summer! Talk with the exhibiting artists and enjoy light refreshments. This art exhibit is free fun and open to the public through August 17.

Since the beginning of the year, the WAAA has attracted an even more diverse talented pool of local artists. The organization now has 46 members; approximately half will exhibit their work. Here are five different perspectives on summer in various mediums to suit varied and culturally diverse artistic tastes:

- Lori Richardson's 24" x 21" colorful hanging quilt design, shows sandpipers parading in opposite directions, a lovely reminder of the beach... an original, non-traditional pattern!
- Metal sculptor Larry Jones's handsome "Celestial Rising" sculpture (77" tall by 39" wide) of the radiate sun would enhance any summer garden or be the perfect addition to an indoor room.
- Shartre Sylviant's colorful 24" wood circle, "Concentric Circles" would make a stunning addition to any room or office!
- Peruvian painter, Elizabeth Cotrina, richly influenced by African culture, offers striking sunrise and sunset canvases; plus a portrait of a young shepherdess peacefully enjoying fresh mountain air.
- David Kelly's 20" x 24" color-filled abstracts are drop-dead sophisticated and tastefully-created!

There has been an uptick in visitors to the Boykin Center so far this year! Need a great gift or celebrating a special occasion, like graduation? Our gallery could help you find the perfect solution! Look for the big white sign "GALLERY NOW OPEN" in front of the Boykin Center when a WAAA member is available to talk with you about their art and others. Gallery hours are 12:00-4:00 p.m. most Fridays and Saturdays. (Due to rentals of the space, the gallery may be closed on some dates.) A perfect time to select reasonably priced, amazing art is now! Visit us on Facebook at The Official Wilson Active Artists Association. Support for our local artists is greatly appreciated.



Send the kids to our house this summer!

With 26 visual arts camps and 3 performing arts camps this summer at Wilson Arts, we have a little something for everyone ages 5-18. Visit wilsonarts.com/camps for more information and to register online.



Need-based scholarships are also available. Visit wilsonarts.com/scholarships.



Playhouse presents: [title of show]

May 3, 4, 10, & 11 at 7: 30 p.m.

May 5 & 12 at 3:00 p.m.

Edna Boykin Cultural Center / 108 Nash Street NE

Tickets: Adults - \$18 in advance or \$20 at door /

Students and Seniors - \$18 anytime



The Playhouse of Wilson along with Concord Theatricals are proud to announce our third and final production for the 2023-2024 Season [title of show]!

Jeff and Hunter, two self-confessed nobodies in New York, make a pact: They will write an original musical and submit it to a festival. The only catch? The deadline is in three weeks! They gather their two actress friends, Susan and Heidi, and their accompanist and music director, Larry, on the keys. With the full team assembled, Jeff and Hunter hit another roadblock-- what should they write about? Jeff and Hunter decide to follow the old adage, "write what you know," and set off on a unique musical adventure: writing a musical about writing a musical. As the deadline looms, insecurities creep in and jealousies flare. Will the team succeed with their musical? Could it even win a Tony?! In this intelligent, playful, lovable new musical, the audience is treated to an inside look at the tough work of being a creative artist. Frequently hilarious, occasionally heartbreaking, and thoroughly inspiring, [title of show] is a love story celebrating individuality and creativity.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.playhouseofwilson.com/tickets or at the Boykin Center Box Office on the day of the show.

Thank You, Volunteers!

ACT! for Youth: James and the Giant Peach

Donna Beaman, Brandy Best, Cadle Edwards, Leigh Ann & Paul Ford, Emily Gonzales, Salvador Gonzales, Ellie Gorman, Emily Gorman, Keith Gorman, Renee Gorman, Joey Harper, Paidge Harper, Paige Harper, David Hawk, April Henderson, Roy Henderson, David Hill, Michelle Hill, Libby Hockaday, Tammy Hunt, Carol Kyles, Stacy Matthews, Elizabeth McCauley, Shawn McCauley, Brandon McLean, Cara Patterson, Lori Powell, Meghan Rigby, Jessica Satterfield, Stephanie Skinner, Kristin Spainhour, Luke Spainhour, Shelly Stancil, Liana Torres, Dawn Whitehead, Alayna Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Ricky Wilson, Jana Winders

Gallery Opening: Jack Early

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Boykin Series 26: Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road

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Renaissance Faire

David Hawk, Colt Soto, Steve Witchey, Wilson Youth Council

Arts Partners



Joyner's Funeral Home and Crematory has been a supporter of the Arts Council of Wilson (now Wilson Arts) for many, many years. As a past President of our organization, Dell Joyner appreciates and understands the importance of providing cultural arts opportunities for Wilson and Wilson County. The Joyner family and staff take great pride in the fact that they have served our community for over 100 years as a family-owned

and independent funeral home with a professional staff available 24 hours a day. Their beautiful facility is designed to best meet the needs of families, including visiting rooms, a beautiful chapel, and extensive parking for the convenience of guests.

Thank you, Joyner's Funeral Home and Crematory for making sure the Arts remain in the heART of Wilson!

Wilson Arts

Wilson Arts Center / 204 Nast Street S, Wilson, NC 27893

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday*

*May be affected by private rentals.

Mission

The mission of Wilson Arts is to improve the quality of life for all by being a hub for artistic experiences that enrich, educate, and entertain the citizens of Wilson County and beyond.

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All submissions for the July-August 2024 issue must be emailed to stephanie@wilsonarts.com no later than Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

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