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## JOIN US...

**Saturday, May 3, 5:30pm to 8pm**  
**at the Arts Center** for our 5th Annual Horsing Around for the Arts. Don your best Derby attire and enjoy an evening of prize drawings, Kentucky Derby viewing, cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and an art show & sale.

This event is scheduled as a closing event associated with the **BBQ Festival on the Neuse** and will be held at the Arts Center, 400 N. Queen Street.

Tickets are \$100 for 2 adults, which includes admission price and 1 adult beverage ticket per person.

There are a limited number of tickets available, so purchase yours while they last! Visit our website for tickets.



## Horsing Around for the Arts

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Reserve your space for our Summer Camps 2025. Call the Arts Center at (252) 527-2517 for information. Complete the registration and pay online: **artkinston.com**. Non-refundable registration fees are required to secure a camper's space in a camp and are due at the time you initially register. Non-refundable fees are applied to the total camp fee which are due no later than the first day of each camp. A snack will be provided at all camps. Campers registered for a morning camp and a second camp in the afternoon may opt to stay at the Arts Center between camps but need to pack a lunch each day. Campers should dress comfortably in play clothes. Join in the fun!

Your pARTnership support is critical to keeping the doors open and the art flowing to all in Lenoir County. Renew your pARTnership or join TODAY!

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# IN OUR GALLERIES

The Arts Center is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We are closed on Sunday and Monday. (Hours are subject to change.) Admission is free. We welcome group tours of our galleries and can provide tactile docent-led tours upon request. We are handicap-accessible and follow CDC recommendations for safe operations.

**HAMPTON GALLERY Through May 24, 2025 — Arts Market** — Shop this annual event which is a collaborative exhibition for sale of more than 50+ artists and artisans, the majority of whom are local or regional in their practice. Featured works include jewelry, pottery, glass, paintings, photography, textiles, baskets, and much, much more!

**June 5 through September 6, 2025 — Collaborative Invitational Exhibit: "North Carolina Mountains to the Sea"** — 25+ regional 2-D and 3-D artists will exhibit their work. A reception will be planned with the date to be announced.

**THE KENNETH & KRISTI BLIZZARD GALLERY Through September 2025 — Murals** — The Arts Council, in cooperation with the City of Kinston, has on display a eight-panel mural originally installed on the outdoor façade of the Lenoir County Office Building. This mural was created five years ago as part of a City-wide mural project and commissioned through a grant-supported project through the National Endowment for the Arts. The mural depicts the peaceful 1951 Adkin High School walkout by students.

**MINGES GALLERY Through September 2025 — Selected Works from our Permanent Collection**

**RAYNER GALLERY Through September 2025 — Permanent Collection Works of Henry Pearson & Friends** — Kinston-born Henry Pearson (October 8, 1914 – December 3, 2006) was an acclaimed abstract and modernist painter who graduated from the University of North Carolina and studied theatrical design at Yale University. During WWII, he became interested in Japanese art and theatre forms and designed maps for the US Army Air Corps. In the early 1950s, Pearson moved to New York and studied Reginald Marsh and Will Barnet, who were students of the Art Students League of New York. Pearson was loosely associated with the Op Art movement. His collections may be found in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, and the North Carolina Museum of Art. Along with his art, Pearson taught at the New School for General Studies and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He was interested in literature and illustrated several poems by the Irish Nobel Prize-winning poet Seamus Heaney. Much of his correspondence and other associated memorabilia may be found at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

**GALLERY STAIRCASE Now Showing — Mike Sagaser: "Flight School Installation"** — Mike is a mixed media, ceramic, mosaic, and digital artist. This loaned installation features molded and painted planes suspending in formation and as an artist's simulation of aerial maneuvers.



Please join us for a **Retirement Reception for Sandy Landis**  
**Friday, May 30, at the Arts Center.** Time TBA. This event is open to the public.



**QUEEN ST. DELI SATELLITE GALLERY Through July 2025 — Sylvia Lanier** — Sylvia will be exhibiting and selling oil paintings at Queen St. Deli. All have excellent price points. Sales are placed through the Arts Center by bringing the painting "exhibit tag" to the Center or calling (252) 527-2517 to speak with staff from the Arts Center. Transactions are not completed through the Queen St. Deli. Additional works are also for available for sale at the Arts Center.







# PROGRAMS

The **Keys for Kids** program offers **FREE piano lessons** for **ages 5-18** taught by musician **Mike Kinsey**. Whether you're just starting out or want to get better, this program is for you!

Thanks to a partnership with the **North Carolina Arts Council** and the **North Carolina Arts Foundation**, we provide **keyboards and lessons at no cost**. No experience needed – just bring your love for music!

This is your chance to **learn, grow, and have fun** with music. Come discover the joy of playing piano!

**Contact Olivia at the Arts Center with questions and to schedule your FREE lessons: (252) 527-2517**  
[eventsdirector@kinstoncca.com](mailto:eventsdirector@kinstoncca.com).

## SUMMER CAMP DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We are accepting Teen Volunteer Applications!** Apply online at [artkinston.com](http://artkinston.com) – spots fill up fast, so don't wait!

We're also in need of:

- Snacks and supply donations
- Scholarship support so every child can attend
- Camp sponsors to help with teacher and material costs

Want to lend a hand or learn more? Give us a call at **(252) 527-2517**. Thanks for making our **"Big Top" summer camps** a success!



### Come join the music!

We are welcoming new members to our Instrumental and Choral programs! Whether you sing or play an instrument, there's a spot for you!

**Practice is every Wednesday, 4pm to 5:30pm** – a fun way to meet new friends and build your skills!

- Choral Group led by William Sawyer (Banks Elementary) and Marcus Jones
- Instrumental Program directed by Ben Miller (Rochelle Middle)

**Free to all 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders in Lenoir County**

This program is supported by a grant from the NC Arts Council, a State Agency, to the Community Council for the Arts, in partnership with Lenoir County Public Schools.

**Contact Olivia at the Arts Center for more information:**

[eventsdirector@kinstoncca.com](mailto:eventsdirector@kinstoncca.com) or **(252) 527-2517** \* [artkinston.com](http://artkinston.com)



We are looking for desk volunteers and those interested in helping with events, committees, or special projects. We need your help, time and expertise! Interested? Give us a call **TODAY!**  
**Call the Arts Center (252) 527-2517. THANK YOU!**



# MUSIC IS IN THE AIR

## INSTRUMENTS

with Mike Kinzie



**Mike Kinzie** is a CCA instructor who offers music lessons for several instruments, including **Suzuki violin lessons**. He teaches from his studio located in the basement of the Arts Center and currently has openings for Saturdays.

**For more information call the Arts Center at (252) 527-2517 for scheduling information.**

## Guitar

with  
Abijah  
Graham



**Abijah Graham** is from Fremont, NC and has been playing guitar for more than 13 years. He is a University of Mount Olive graduate and toured the U.S. with the a cappella group, *Carolina Sound*.

Abijah offers 30-minute beginner guitar lessons for ages 7 and older. Students will learn basic guitar skills and music theory to build confidence and a strong foundation.

He is excited to help kids and adults start their musical journey!

**Contact Olivia at the Arts Center at (252) 527-2517 or email her at [eventsdirector@kinstoncca.com](mailto:eventsdirector@kinstoncca.com).**

## Drum

with  
Jordan  
Alston



**Jordan Alston** is a 26-year-old drummer from Goldsboro, NC, with almost 20 years of experience. He teaches many music styles like Pop, Country, Indi, R&B, and Hip-Hop.

Jordan loves helping people of all ages learn drums. Whether you are new or experienced, he is ready to share his passion and skills.

Availability: Tuesdays-Fridays

\$30 per hour; \$100 per week for a one-hour session a day

**Contact Olivia at the Arts Center at (252) 527-2517 or email her at [eventsdirector@kinstoncca.com](mailto:eventsdirector@kinstoncca.com).**

# UMBRELLA ORGANIZATIONS

Umbrella organizations are special interest 501C(3) or volunteer arts organizations that meet at the Community Council for the Arts or other properties and work under the umbrella of the Arts Council. Some of the support services offered include providing a meeting space during regular business hours or special arrangements; management of funds; organization capacity support; and advertising. A plan for how the Community Council for the Arts might serve a specific organization is developed based on the unique needs of the organization.

If you have an organization you would like to be considered as an Umbrella Group of the Arts Council, please contact CCA at (252) 527-2517 or [slandis@kinstoncca.com](mailto:slandis@kinstoncca.com).

**The Kinston Area Railroad Modelers Association** runs model trains most Saturdays from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Contact the Arts Center for more information and to verify run times (252) 527-2517.

**The Lenoir Co Artist League** meets the second Tuesday of each month from 1pm to 2pm. Call the Arts Center at (252) 527-2517 for additional information. All are welcome.

**Neuse Quilters "Nightowls"** meet the first and third Mondays at 6:30pm, and **Morning Quilters** meet each Wednesday, 10am to noon, at Spilman Baptist Church, 601 Madison Avenue.

**Down East Woodturners** meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6pm to 9pm at the Arts Center. Down East Woodturners are a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org). Contact the Arts Center for more information — (252) 527-2517.





# HAPPENINGS

**The next ILLUSIONS: Open Mic Night** is scheduled for June 21, 2025, at the Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 to enter; \$7 for open mic talent. Doors open at 8pm; showtime is 8:30pm to 11pm. This event is hosted by Clevette "Chyna" Roberts. *There will be no show in May.*



## AT THE ARTS CENTER

### APRIL VISITOR OF THE MONTH

**Congratulations to BRANDIE NICOLE of KINSTON, NC.** Brandie's name was drawn for a \$25 gift certificate from the Arts Center.



**Contact the Arts Center to plan your child's next birthday party!**

\$250 for 10 kids (including the birthday child)  
\$15 per child, each additional, with a limit of up to 20 children  
Price includes: an artist instructor for art activity, art/craft supplies, birthday cake, snacks, punch, paper products, invitations, treat bags, & venue space.  
Contact Sonya at [assistant@kinstoncca.com](mailto:assistant@kinstoncca.com) or (252) 527-2517.

***The Arts Center is the celebration destination!***



**Join LYNDSEY SEGRAVE for MOTHER'S DAY WORKSHOP**  
**Thursday, May 8, 5pm to 6pm**

\$10 per child; space is limited to 12 participants  
Reserve your space for this fun and festive workshop  
by visiting [artkinston.com](http://artkinston.com).  
**Call the Arts Center (252) 527-2517.**



***Parties. Weddings. Special Events.***  
***Meetings. (large & small)***

Consider the Arts Center when planning your event. We are THE place for your next party, reunion, wedding, reception, meetings, and more! In addition to your guests enjoying the unique surroundings, you will be supporting the arts with your bookings.

We offer competitive pricing, an array of amenities, and have several rooms available for use which will accommodate 20-250 people, with the entire facility available for up to 350. Non-profit rates are available.

Contact Sonya at [assistant@kinstoncca.com](mailto:assistant@kinstoncca.com) or (252) 527-2517

**The Arts Center is THE place for ALL your gatherings & celebrations!**





**POTTERY STORE:** New to our studio is our store; we are now selling glazes, supplies, and specialty items. Full offerings can be seen on our website. Follow our social media pages to see new items. We will be expanding our inventory as we grow, so keep us in mind when looking for art supplies. Suggestions are welcome.

**OPEN STUDIOS:** We have Open Studios for our students. Check out the calendar schedule and follow the link for more information.

#### Open Studio in May

- Thursday, May 1, 8, 15 & 22; 9am to 12pm
- Friday, May 2, 9, 16 & 23; 9am to 12 pm
- Wednesday, May 7, 14, 21 & 27; 1pm to 4pm

**STUDIO KILN:** Our Kilns are available to the community for a fee. Details are found on our website. Please follow the link for more information.



# CLASSES

**POTTERY:** Please read if you are interested in participating in a pottery class.

There is limited space in ALL CLASSES with each class limited to 6 participants with a minimum class participation of 4. **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.** Many of our instructors have decided to focus on their studio work so as to decrease contact with others. **Register online for classes. Registration can be done in person at the Arts Center, by calling the Arts Center at (252) 527-2517, on-line [artkinston.com](http://artkinston.com).**

A non-refundable deposit of \$25 is required to be made at the time of registration to secure your space. This non-refundable fee of \$25 is part of the total registration fee. Should you need to cancel however, a \$25 processing fee will be non-refundable. The remainder of the registration fee and the \$25 supply fee is due the first night of class.

The listing of new classes can generally be found by the end of the week of the current month, or at a minimum the first few days of the next month. If you are unable to find the information you need, do not hesitate to contact the Arts Council at (252) 527-2517, we will be pleased to assist you.

## POTTERY WITH JOANNE MCCOBB

### Hand Building

Monday, May 19, May 26 & June 2; 5:30pm to 8:30pm (3-week class)

\$60 Members/ \$70 Not-yet Members/ \$25 Supply Fee

### Beginner Wheel

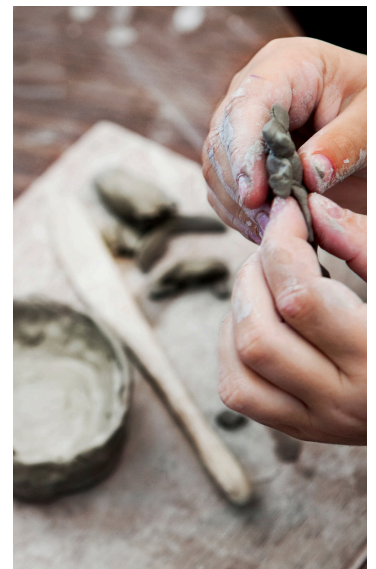
Wednesday, June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9 & 16; 5:30pm to 8:30pm (6-week class)

\$100 Members/ \$120 Not-yet Members/ \$25 Supply Fee

### Beginner Wheel

Thursday, June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10 & 17; 5:30pm to 8:30pm (6-week class)

\$100 Members/ \$120 Not-yet Members/ \$25 Supply Fee





# PHOTOGRAPHS



Images from Adkin Mural Reception and St. Mary's Preschool Reception

**"The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance." – Aristotle**

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Closed Sunday & Monday

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