



CALENDAR

JULY 2025

COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	01	02 • Wheel Pottery Class	03	04 4 th of July • Closed to Public	05 • Closed to Public
06 • Closed to Public	07 • Hand Building Pottery Class • Closed to Public except for Camp	08 • Downeast Woodturners	09 • Wheel Pottery Class	10	11	12 • Evening Private Event
Arts Center Closed for Holiday	Camp: Clay Magic					Arts Center Closed for Holiday
13	14 • Hand Building Pottery Class	15	16 • Wheel Pottery Class	17	18	19
Camps: Spectacle of Curiosity & Crafty Funhouse					25 • Open Studio • Camp Performance @4pm	26 • Evening Private Event
20	21 • Hand Building Pottery Class	22	23 • Open Studio	24 • Open Studio	25	26
Camp: Performance Ring of Fire					01 • Camp Performance @4pm	02 • Evening Private Event
27	28	29	30 • Open Studio	31 • Open Studio	01	02
Camp: Vocal Acrobatics					01	02

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

"America the Beautiful"
By Samuel A Ward

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with
brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness

America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.



O beautiful for heroes prov'd
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country
lov'd,
And mercy more than life.

America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with
brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

PUBLIC ART *By Sonya Clark*

Kinston's Public Art Trail reflects the city's cultural and musical heritage through murals, sculptures, and installations that celebrate its artistic legacy. It enhances community pride, social engagement, education, and emotional well-being. Public art projects rely on careful planning, grants, and donations. Supporting initiatives like the Community Council for the Arts ensure these creative expressions remain accessible and continue to enrich the community. One of the many places to view Public Art is: "Kinston Map" in the lobby of the Mother Earth Motor Lodge.

This mural was painted by John Groesser, whose artistic style is characterized as "Open Expressionism." He primarily works with acrylics on canvas, using large brushes and palette knives to create texture and emotion in his paintings. His approach is energetic and loose, often completing a painting in under two hours. He prefers a limited color palette, mixing bold colors to achieve depth and vibrancy. Additionally, he enjoys plein air painting (outdoor painting), which allows him to capture dynamic scenes with expressive strokes.

- Mother Earth Lodge is located at 501 N. Heritage Street in Kinston.
- To see his art and learn more about John Groesser, visit his website 2happy painters.net

Visitors entering the lobby of Mother Earth Motor Lodge are welcomed by an exhibit of regional artwork and history from Kinston. This mural offers an excellent introduction for anyone interested in exploring the town beyond a computer-generated map. Murals can narrate stories of people, places, and events. Public art enables these narratives to persist not only within art galleries but also in our everyday lives.

