

Community Briefs

Brenner Children's Hospital offering annual 'Footprint' holiday card

The 2015 annual Brenner Children's Hospital footprint card illustrates a Christmas tree designed from infant Ruth Lupita Cristobal's footprints. Ruth was born earlier this year weighing less than two pounds. She is now home with family after an extensive stay in the Brenner neonatal intensive care unit. All proceeds from this card go toward Brenner Children's Hospital.

Ten cards and envelopes are included in a set and sell for \$10 a pack or \$8 a pack if more than ten packs are purchased. The inside of the card reads, "Wishing you all the joys of the holiday season."

In addition to the Brenner Children's footprint card, another card option created by Elkin artist John Furches and titled "Candle Light" is available for purchase. Furches' card displays a Moravian candle and snow scene that features the same holiday greeting inside as the footprint card. This is the 17th consecutive year he has donated artwork to the Brenner Children's card project.

Cards can be purchased by phone at 336-716-7987. Cards are also available for purchase from local store partners: Golden Apple, Mainstream Boutique, Southern Home and Kitchen, Bevello, Rosie's Hallmark, Monkees of The Village, and Accessorize This.

Calling all African-American artists

In early 2016 Delta Arts Center will host its third juried exhibition, "Invitational 2016@Delta Arts." African-American artists from North Carolina are invited to submit work samples by Jan. 1, 2016. Up to three digital images should be sent via email to deltainvitational2016@gmail.com (attach jpeg or tif files).

Please identify each work by name of artist, title of work, date, exact size, and medium in the body of the message. An artist statement (of 200 words maximum) must also be included. Jurors will be announced at a later date.

The criteria is as follows: all works must have been completed in the last three years; all types of two-dimensional media are acceptable, but works cannot exceed 90" x 72"; all types of three-dimensional media are acceptable, but small works (to be placed on a pedestal) cannot exceed 18" at the base; large, free-standing sculptures cannot exceed 36" at the base or be taller than 72"; all entries must be ready for hanging; and identification labels must be securely attached to the back of the work.

If selected, the work will be exhibited at the Delta Arts Center from Feb. 2 through April 30, 2016. All work must be available to be exhibited for the duration of the exhibit. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m.

All images submitted may be used for publicity.

Pauline Strong Skinner celebrates 100th birthday

On December 5 Mrs. Pauline Strong Skinner "Linda" celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family and friends from various parts of the state. Mrs. Skinner relocated from Omaha, Neb. to Charlotte in early 2000 and later moved to Winston-Salem due to health issues, where she is in the care of her nephew Elder James Vincent Little and his wife Evangelist Vanessa Little. Best wishes to Mrs. Skinner on achieving this milestone!



Skinner

Habitat for Humanity Executive Director to retire

Sylvia Oberle will retire as executive director and chief executive officer of Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County in May 2016, Habitat's board of directors has announced.

Oberle, who joined Habitat Forsyth in February 2006, has led the organization through a period of unprecedented growth, doubling the number of families served, broadening its housing products to include rehabs and repairs, and establishing a strong neighborhood revitalization focus. In addition, under Oberle's leadership, Habitat has increased its ReStore revenue with a new flagship store on Coliseum Drive and a second store opening in Kernersville. The board will begin a national search for a new executive director, Dunnagan said. Plans call for the new director to be hired by late spring.

Wake Forest Law graduates top overall in N.C.

Wake Forest University Law graduates had the highest overall bar passage rate (which includes repeaters) at 83 percent among North Carolina law schools for the North Carolina bar exam in July. That's compared with a state overall passage rate of 58 percent, according to the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners.

Applications available for City of Winston-Salem University

The city is accepting applications for the next class of "City of Winston-Salem University" to be held for 11 weeks starting Feb. 11, 2016.

Classes meet Thursday evenings for three hours. Topics will include city governance and finance, sanitation, utilities operations, streets and transportation, public safety, planning and economic development, housing and recreation.

Participation is limited to residents who live in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County and will be selected through an application process. City of Winston-Salem University is free; however, participants have the option of earning continuing education credit through Winston-Salem State University for a nominal fee of \$25.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Dec. 31 and are available at the Marketing and Communications Department in City Hall, 101 N. Main St., Suite 336, or by calling CityLink 311. The application is also posted online at www.CityofWS.org and can be printed and mailed in, or filled out and submitted online. For more information, call CityLink 311.

Local photographer, UNCSCA dancers create art project

BY MAYEESA MITCHELL FOR THE CHRONICLE

Home of the National Black Theatre Festival, numerous art galleries and the oldest city symphony in North Carolina, Winston-Salem has celebrated the arts for decades.

Even in the art-filled city of Winston-Salem, fine arts like photography and performance arts like dance don't often mix.

But local photographer Owens Daniels has set out to change that with his most recent photographic series.

"I wanted to recognize student talents in Winston Salem," said Daniels. "I want to reflect and acknowledge the City of Arts in my work."

The first showcase in the project, which will include five photos, will be in the Sawtooth School of Visual Arts from Dec. 4-21 as part of the "Deck The Halls" fundraiser program.

Inspired by images from the New York City Dance Project, Daniels created the Winston-Salem Dance Project. The project aims to capture the spirit of dance and demonstrate the nonverbal communication between the dancers and

the photographer.

"I wanted to be as original to myself as possible," said Daniels, who has captured unique photo series since 2007. "I didn't want to use the big stage. I didn't want to use the bright lights. I didn't use professional dancers like the New York City Dance Project."

Instead of using professional dancers, Daniels worked with students from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

"Dancers almost always wanted to be photographed," said Paige Amicon, a fourth year contemporary dance major at UNCSCA who helped Daniels find other students for the project.

Amicon reached out to friends and students in the department who would be comfortable in front of the camera. In line with Daniel's request, Amicon found dancers from multiple cultural and dance backgrounds.

"We crossed out of our comfort zone, out of our own expectations," said Daniels when speaking of the generational, racial and artistic performance differences at play throughout the shooting process.

During six photo sessions over six weeks,



Photo by Owens Daniels

All dancers in the project danced to *Carmina Burana: O Fortuna* performed by London Philharmonic Orchestra. This dancer drew inspiration from the statue *David* by Michelangelo.

Daniels photographed over 20 dancers who attend UNCSCA. Each dancer was asked to stay true to themselves by bringing music they wanted to dance to and two costume changes.

"He would ask, 'Is this her?' and show us the picture to keep it true to the individual," said Natalie Kirk, a second year contemporary dance major who participated in the project. "He let us be a part of the shot and behind the scenes as well."

Although Daniels has no background in dance and has never photographed dancers before, he was able to connect to the students during the photo sessions.

"That was the meeting point between us," said

Amicon. "Owens understands music and we [the dancers] understand music in dance so we connected on that."

Many of the dancers expressed a learning curve throughout the project for both Daniels and themselves.

"[Owens] had to reinvent the way he shot each dancer because they were so different," said Amicon. "For us, it was difficult to transition from dancing large to dancing with smaller movements because there was a smaller background."

For more information about photographer Owens Daniels or the Winston Salem Dance Project visit <http://www.owensdaniels.com>.

Community Calendar

Schools top 100 holiday cards exhibit

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools has the Top 100 Holiday Cards exhibit at Delta Arts Center. The exhibit is sponsored by The Links Inc. and will be on display today (Thursday, Dec. 10) through Dec. 18. A reception will be held for students, family and friends today from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Delta Arts Center, 2611 New Walkertown Road. Admission to the Center is free and open to the public. For more information, call 336-722-2625.

Human Relations, police to hold community trust talk

The city Human Relations staff and commission members will facilitate a "trust talk" between representatives of the Winston-Salem Police Department and citizens from 9 a.m. to noon today, (Dec. 10) at the Polo Road Recreation Center, 1850 Polo Road, Winston-Salem.

The event is open to the public, but pre-registration is requested by calling Pam Peoples-Joyner at 336-773-7962. Seating is limited. The trust talk will allow residents and police to discuss community safety, stereotypes, perceptions, building trust, and other areas of concern.

Council Member Montgomery to hold town hall meeting

Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery will hold a Town Hall meeting at 6 p.m. today, (Dec. 10), to give constituents an opportunity to discuss their concerns. Members of the city staff will attend. The meeting will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church, 916 E. 12th St. For more information, contact Carol Brooks-Fonville at 336-462-2341 or carolf@cityofws.org.

Holiday open house

The S.G. Atkins Community Development Corporation is having its holiday open house today (Dec. 10) from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Enterprise Center at 1922 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Canned goods or unopened toys are suggested for donations to support the Second Harvest Food Bank and Toys for Tots. For more information or to RSVP, call 336-734-6900 or email Sgatkincdc@gmail.com.

Groundbreaking scheduled for Jamison Park

City residents are invited to join Mayor Allen Joines and members of the City Council as they hold groundbreaking ceremonies today (Dec. 10) for Jamison Park.

The groundbreaking for Jamison Park will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Muddy Creek Greenway parking lot off Meadowlark Drive, just south of Meadowlark Middle School. The 36-acre park will include a picnic shelter/outdoor classroom, playground, walking trails, dog-park, maintenance facility and parking lots.

Voters approved \$3 million for Jamison Park in the November 2014 bond referendum. For more information about these and other bond projects, go to 2014Bonds.CityofWS.org.

Events at Flywheel

Flywheel, at 525 Vine St., Suite 210, will have free events for anyone to attend. Today (Dec. 10) from 10:30

a.m. to 11:30 a.m. will be "Small business roundtable: performance assessment," and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., "How to self-fund a business." On Friday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., will be a "LinkedIn clinic," and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., "Presentation clinic." On Monday, Dec. 14 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be "Ask the marketing and sales coach," and on Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. will be "How can the Better Business Bureau help." For more information or to RSVP with your name and guest, contact Jen Oleniczak at jen@theengagingedu.com.

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