

Community Briefs

City names Public Art Committee

During the City Council meeting on Monday, April 4, the council approved the following nominees for the City/County Public Art committee, which will be connecting artists with local governments to create public art:

- ***Endia Beal**, artist and director of Diggs Gallery at Winston-Salem State University
- ***David Finn**, art professor at Wake Forest University
- ***Darrick King**, high school music teacher
- ***Janie Wilson**, business owner
- ***Wanda Merchel**, retired City Council member and bank vice president
- ***Elizabeth Repetti**, attorney, Sawtooth board member

Forsyth County Commissioners previously approved the following nominees for the board:

- ***Jane Doub**, president of Piedmont Craftsmen Inc.
- ***Randolph Henning**, architect
- ***Angela Hudson**, owner of Creative Drama Children's Theatre
- ***Lane Watson**, photographer

County Commissioner meetings move to 4 p.m.

In its March 28 meeting, the Forsyth Board of Commissioners voted to change the time of its meetings from 6 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the months of April through September. The commissioners regularly meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The dates for the meetings at 4 p.m. are April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23, June 13 and 27, July 11, August 8 and 22, and September 12 and 26. The commissioners also have regular briefings that are open to the public on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. Meetings and briefings are televised live on Cable Channel 13 and are rerun twice on a regular schedule.

Arts Council launches ArtPop Program

The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County launched an ArtPop project April 6 by promoting local artists' original works through the use of donated outdoor advertising space. Artists who reside in Forsyth, Stokes, Davidson, Surry, Davie, and Yadkin counties were eligible to participate. Five works were chosen to appear on billboards on major arteries in a 13-county region as space becomes available on billboard-owned by Fairway Outdoor Advertising. Artists whose works will be prominently displayed on billboards throughout the region by The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County during the next year are:

- ***Owens Daniel**, Winston-Salem. Title of work: Sorcerer. Medium: Digital photographer.
- ***Kelly Keegan**, Rural Hall. Title of work: Nature by design. Medium - Digital photography.
- ***Kevin Marion**, Mocksville. Title of work: Cylinders 7. Medium: Digital photography.
- ***Jennifer McCormick**, Winston-Salem. Title of work: Headspace. Medium: CT of a head and pastel..
- ***Timothy Porter**, Winston-Salem. Title of work: Fall Feeding. Watercolor. There were 43 submissions and works were chosen through a juried process-chaired by Cheryl Lindsay, Hanesbrands and Arts Council board member. Other members of the panel were Saul Guinto Salinas, Que Pasa Media Network; Rosa Otero, Salem College Art Department; Tammy Evans, Winston-Salem State University, Department of Art + Visual Studies; Will Taylor, Visual Arts Department at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts; Anu Williams, Humanities, Communication, and Fine Arts department at Forsyth Technical Community College; and John Pickel, Visual Art Department, Wake Forest University.

More information and application guidelines can be found at www.intothearts.org/artpop.

Miss Nia Simone Sweatt named 2016 Miss Jabberwock

The Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and the Greensboro Alumnae Cultural Enrichment Center Inc., sponsored the Miss Jabberwock Pageant and crowned Nia Simone Sweatt as the 2016 Miss Jabberwock. The event was held at the Greensboro Carolina Theatre on Sunday, March 13. The Master of Ceremonies was Fox 8 Morning News anchor Kerry Charles.

Sweatt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Sweatt IV and Ulysesa R. Sweatt. She attends Ephesus S.D.A. Church of Winston-Salem and is a senior at West Forsyth High School. She is president of the Technology Student Association and is the Historian of her school's DECA, having won several regional awards. She is also an active member of the National Honor Society, National Dance Honor Society and National Science Honor Society. Nia Sweatt also serves as the Senior Teen President of the Winston-Salem Chapter of Jack and Jill of America Inc. She is planning to attend High Point University, Howard University or Oakwood University with an intended major in biology and become an anesthesiologist.

Franklin E. "Mac" McCain III escorted Nia Sweatt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin E. McCain Jr. and Vicki H. McCain. Franklin McCain is a senior at James B. Dudley High School in Greensboro. He has committed to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University, where he will play football with his father and grandfather's beloved Aggie Pride.



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For the week of April 7 - 13

Anderson Class of 1968 meeting

The Anderson Class of 1968 will be meeting monthly every second Saturday at Forsyth Seaford Café at 6 p.m. to continue to plan for its 50th Class Reunion to be held in 2018. For more information, please contact Laura Hayes Allen at 336-624-8516 or Reggie Moore at 336-671-7154.

Accepting applications now - Juneteenth Festival's call for artists and vendors

Triad Cultural Arts is seeking performers, choirs, dance teams, spoken word artists, craftsmen, artists, authors and vendors for the annual Juneteenth Festival to be held Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, which will include Biotech Place and Bailey Park in Winston-Salem. Interested persons should apply online www.triadculture.org or call 336-757-8556.

Through April 30 - '2016 Invitational' art exhibit fundraiser

"On the Wall," Delta Fine Arts Inc., is an exhibit and sale of the "2016 Invitational" works of students, professional and emerging artists across the region. On display: Pamela Cola, Owens Daniels, Darlene Glenn-McClinton, Jerilyn Harney-Baker, Cornell Jones, Joseph King, Bobby Roebuck, Donald Sawyer, David Wilson and 13 additional African-American artists. The public can vote for their favorite artist in the People's Choice Award. For more information, call 336-722-2625 or visit www.deltaartscenter.org.

Today, April 7 - Job Fair

Job seekers in the community looking for a fresh start, a better job, or a new career direction, will be able to explore opportunities at a job fair hosted by Forsyth Tech, today, Thursday, April 7, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oak Grove Center on Main Campus, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway. Nearly 50 employers from both the public and private sectors will be on hand to network with job applicants about full- and part-time job opportunities. Applicants are encouraged to dress professionally and bring copies of their resumes to share with prospective employers. Among the participating employers will be Time Warner Cable, Deere-Hitachi, Lowe's Hardware, Chick-fil-A, Maxim Healthcare Services, Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, and FedEx Ground. For more information, visit forsythtech.edu or contact Forsyth Tech's Student Success Center at 336-734-7156.

Beginning today, April 7 - FitForsyth Spring Challenge

The Forsyth County Department of Public Health is encouraging the community to stay active throughout the year through the spring challenge online fitness tracking program called FitForsyth. FitForsyth has many great features such as Fit Tips, Food Hacks and Community Corner to help you on your path to overall wellness. It is beneficial for all fitness levels and encourages participants to eat well and stay active. Best of all, it's! FitForsyth is divided into two 8-week long challenges a year. Monday, April 4 was the start of FitForsyth's spring challenge. You can create/join a team or compete individually for prizes by logging your minutes of physical fitness each day. The team who logs the highest average minutes for each of the team categories and the individual who logs the most minutes will win a prize provided by the FitForsyth Team. If you are someone who is looking for a little motivation or needs a team to help hold them accountable, check out FitForsyth.com today. Follow us on twitter: @FitForsyth and like us on Facebook: FitForsyth.

Today, April 7 - Fund Do Party

On April 7 from 5:30-7 p.m., The Women's Fund of Winston-Salem will hold the first-ever technology-driven fundraiser, the Fund Do Party, at Wake Forest University's Biotech place in the atrium located in downtown's Innovation Quarter. You will be able to network with members while raising funds and awareness to move women beyond poverty, and compete for amazing prizes, such as the Top Fundraiser and the Most Social. Tickets are \$30 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine/beer. You can also register to watch the online broadcast - it's free and you are still eligible to win prizes. Please visit the event website at <http://funddowomen.well-gives.com/> for more information or to purchase your ticket.

Today, April 7 - Augustine Literacy Project information coffee

READWS, a local non-profit that works with our public schools to improve the reading, writing and spelling abilities of low-income children and teens who struggle with literacy skills, will hold an informational coffee for their flagship program, the Augustine Literacy Project®, on Thursday, April 7, 9:30 - 11 a.m., at Polo Park Recreation Center, 1850 Polo Road. The Augustine Literacy Project trains and supports volunteer tutors who provide free, long-term, one-to-one instruction to students at their school during the school day.

Today, April 7 - An evening with historic novelist Stephanie Storey

Winston-Salem Writers presents an evening with historic novelist Stephanie Storey Today, April 7, 7 p.m., at the Milton Rhodes Art Center, 209 Spruce St. Stephanie Storey's latest book, "Oil and Marble, DaVinci and Michelangelo," just received a positive review in the New York Times. This workshop will address such writer's questions as: How much research was involved? How accurate must a historical novel be? Find out the answers to these questions and more! The program is free and open to members and non-members alike.

Today, April 7 - Screening of "Off the Rails"

A screening of "Off the Rails," a film that profiles Darius McCollum, a man with Asperger's imprisoned for his obsession with the New York transit system, will have its world premiere at the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival in Durham, N.C., today, Thursday, April 7, at 7:20 p.m. Additional screenings will be during the RiverRun Film Festival in Winston-Salem on Sunday, April 10, at 4 p.m. and Monday, April 11, at 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.fullframefest.org.

Today, April 7 - Lecture on Health Risks of Exposure to Plastic Containers

Dr. Kenneth Olden, director of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Center for Environmental Assessment, will lecture and answer questions about the public health risks of exposure to chemicals found in soft plastic containers used for packaging water and foods on April 7 at 11 a.m. in room 100 of the Donald J. Reaves Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. His lecture, titled A Conversation on Public Health - What's In Your Bottle? is sponsored by the Simon Green Atkins Scholar Society to raise awareness on the environmental impact of plastic on health outcomes. Dr. Olden made history as the first African-American to direct one of the National Institutes of Health.

Today, April 7, & April 8 - Racial Equity Training

Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods will present a Racial Equity Training workshop at Experiment in Self Reliance, 3480 Dominion St., on April 7 and 8 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The free workshop is designed to build the capacity of educators, health practitioners, child welfare advocates, representatives, other professionals and those persons who are interested in understanding and eliminating racial inequities and disparities within our society. This 2-day workshop is important for people who want to dismantle racism. This workshop provides an analysis that helps gain clarity about how racism is well-organized and at work in our institutional practices.

April 8 & 9 - Words Awake 2 WFU writers and writing event

More than 40 alumni who are novelists, biographers, journalists, screenwriters, poets and hip-hop artists return to Wake Forest University to share their experience as professional writers during a two-day Words Awake celebration of writers and writing on April 8-9. The event will demonstrate the power of writing with workshops, panels and readings that are free and open to the public. A complete schedule of events is available <https://word-sawake2016.sched.org/>.

April 9 - 17 - RiverRun Festival offers free films

The RiverRun International Film Festival will offer several free screenings during their upcoming Festival, April 7-17. These free events include: Saturday Morning Cartoons, April 9 9:15 a.m., beginning with a live stage performed by Peppercorn Theatre and the films beginning at 10 a.m. at Hanesbrands Theatre. At 12:30 p.m. will be an episode of Jim Henson's 1983 series Fraggle Rock followed by an episode of the new series Doozers, based on

characters created for the original series. On April 16 at 9:15 a.m. SECCA will present crafts for kids at Hanesbrands Theatre with films beginning at 10 a.m. For a schedule of all films, including free screenings and more child-friendly cartoons and movies, visit www.riverunfilm.com.

April 9 - Volunteer Training

Faith In Action volunteer training will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon at The Shepherd's Center. Faith in Action seeks individuals as volunteers to help address the problems of isolation and lack of social support through the Faith In Action Care Program, which includes home visitation, respite care, minor home repairs and transportation services for homebound older adults. Mileage reimbursement provided. Light refreshments served. To register, call Drea Parker at 336-748-0217 or email dparker@shepherdscenter.org.

April 9 - Can We Save the Monarch Migration?

Old Salem presents "Can We Save the Monarch Migration?" on April 9, 10-11 a.m., in the Wachovia Room, Old Salem Visitor Center, 900 Old Salem Road. Urgent action is needed to keep Monarch butterflies visiting our Piedmont North Carolina gardens. Hear the latest updates on the Monarch Waystation Project and how you can help these creatures in their epic annual migration. Presented by Harriet McCarthy, Forsyth County Master Gardener; Volunteer Curator of 1761 reconstructed Medical Garden at Bethabara. To pre-register for any workshop, please email vhannah@oldsalem.org or call 336-721-7357 (please leave a message if no one answers) to register. To join Friends of the Gardens, call 336-721-7333.

April 9 - Teen Maker Workshop

The Forsyth County Public Library and the Center for Design Innovation will offer a Teen Maker Workshop for middle school students. The Library, in collaboration with the Center for Design Innovation, will offer a one-day Teen Maker Workshop blending the use of 3D printing technology and the art of storytelling. Students will create objects made with a 3D printer to a pre-made mask reflecting their personal interpretation of the poem "We Wear the Mask" by Paul Lawrence Dunbar. The middle school Teen Maker Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Center for Design Innovation. For instructions on how to become a participant, go to www.forsythlibrary.org and click on the Teen Maker Workshop article. Call 336 703-2913 for more information. Space is limited. Participants will be randomly selected.

April 9 - Free Document Shredding Event

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center will host a document shredding event for the public on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. until noon, in the parking lot of the Administrative Services building at 2200 Cloverdale Avenue. The document shredding company, Shred-it, will provide the free service. Visitors may watch as their documents are securely shredded and destroyed onsite before being recycled. While there is no charge for this service, donations will be accepted, with all proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association's Winston-Salem Heart & Stroke Walk, which will be held on October 29, and the ALS Association's Walk to Defeat ALS, which will be held on May 7.

April 9 - Forsyth Tech Open House

Forsyth Tech will hold its annual Open House on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oak Grove Center on its Main Campus, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway. This event is free and open to the public and offers the community the opportunity to learn about the variety of programs available at the college. Pre-registration is requested by completing the form found at <http://www.forsythtech.edu/open-house>. During the Open House, visitors will have the opportunity to interact with representatives from academic programs, admissions, financial aid, and student support services during a Program Fair in the Dewitt Rhoades Conference Center in the Oak Grove Center. Workshops will be offered to help attendees learn more about financial aid and college transfer options. In addition, visitors can hear about Forsyth Tech's robust campus life, including clubs and organizations. Campus tours will be available. For more information, contact Eddie Waddell