



NEWS RELEASE

York County Public Affairs

www.yorkcounty.gov



Gail Whittaker, Public Information Officer

757-890-3310 desk - 757-817-2665 cell

whittgl@yorkcounty.gov



A Grand Display of Local Talent to Line Riverwalk Landing for Yorktown's Eighth Annual Art at the River Juried Art Show!

April 22, 2021

An array of artists will add a touch of creative flair to the Historic Yorktown waterfront on Sunday, May 2, when the **Art at the River Juried Art Show** returns for its **Eighth Annual** event. Guests can stroll down the Riverwalk from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to marvel at the incredible one-of-a-kind work on display—paintings, pottery, jewelry, glass arts, photography, woodworking, basketry, and much more!

Forty-three captivating artists were carefully selected for this exhibition. These chosen artists are travelling to Yorktown from Richmond, the greater Tidewater Area, and even the Outer Banks of North Carolina to participate in this popular community event.

Each artist draws his or her inspiration from something different, and those revelations are arguably as intriguing as their artwork.



Juried Art Show prizes valued at more than \$3,000 will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in 2-D, 3-D and photography, as well as Honorable Mentions. The highly coveted Susan H. Powell Best in Show Award is in memory of the founder of the Art at the River Juried Art Show. Susan was a dedicated volunteer who enriched many lives by promoting the arts not just in Yorktown, but up and down the Peninsula. She is remembered for her enthusiasm for and love of the citizens of York County. A crowd favorite People's Choice Award winner will receive a \$100 check. **This year's judges are Jeanne Eickhoff and Susan Branch Smith.**

Back by popular demand—live demonstrations from the **Tidewater Turners of Virginia!** The woodturners will explain more about their tools and techniques as people of all ages watch them make a variety of objects including spinning tops that younger visitors get to take home as souvenirs.



Food and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the day from **Coastal Thirst**. All Historic Yorktown restaurants will be open. The Hampton Roads Winery is offering wine tastings with the option to buy by a bottle. **The Fifes and Drums of York Town** are scheduled to open the show at 10 a.m., with **Audio Portrait** taking the stage from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free parking is available at the Riverwalk Landing parking terrace, York Hall, York-Poquoson Courthouse, County Administration Building, and other designated public parking lots. The free Yorktown Trolley runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with several stops throughout town. The event is held rain or shine.

About the Judges

Jeanne Eickhoff majored in Graphic Design in 1984 at the University of Michigan's School of Fine Art and pursued her MFA in painting at Wayne State University in Dayton, Ohio. As early as 1986, Jeanne, working freelance for agency, specialized in creating computer-generated bitmap or vector images. In 1994, working as a Lead Illustrator for Boeing Aerospace, Jeanne designed and rendered 3-dimensional aircraft graphics. In Abilene, Texas Jeanne served on the Board of Directors of the Grace Museum, during the establishment of the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. Presently, Jeanne paints landscapes of the local area "outside the box" on traditional canvas. She has participated in regional area show competitions since 2006, and recently judged the Art on the Square juried art show in Williamsburg. For 14 years, Jeanne has served as a Commissioner to the York County Arts Commission.

Susan Branch Smith is a scriptwriter, producer, and director. She has won many awards, including four Tellys and many local and national video and film awards and has been nominated for an Emmy award for her documentary work. Susan has also written just about every other print and digital collateral, including books, brochures, websites, white papers, blogs, and more. She served on the arts commission for Williamsburg from 2011 to 2018 and has judged many arts festivals, including the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation's annual awards (screenwriting), the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (the Emmys, since 1987), ITVA and TIVA festivals, along with several others. Based in Williamsburg, Susan writes and directs videos for organizations in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and northern Virginia.

Additional Event Info:

- www.visitryorktown.org
- Art at the River Committee: (757) 898-6147
- Facebook: Visit Yorktown
- Instagram & Twitter: @visitryorktown
- Tag your event pictures with **#visitryorktown #AATR**

The event is presented by the Art at the River Committee in conjunction with York County and the Yorktown Foundation, with support from the Celebrate Yorktown Committee, the Economic Development Authority, and the York County and Williamsburg Area Arts Commissions.