

I “Heart” Art Exhibition Highlights Growing Leland Arts Scene



“Three Duck Day” by Janet Johnson, one of the many artworks featured in the Art League of Leland’s May 2019 Gallery Exhibition. This weekend, the league will host its “I Heart Art” Fine Art Exhibition & Sale at the Brunswick Forest Fitness & Wellness Center.

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The Art League of Leland has grown to include 140 artists

LELAND -- The Art League of Leland (ALL) is busy at work planning its first I “Heart” Art exhibition this weekend. The 2-day event will be the first of its kind for the Art League and organizers are excited about what the exhibition and sale has to offer.

“The hope is that we will draw people in our local area but certainly from Wilmington and all over the region,” says Barbara Hubbard, President of ALL.

Original artworks by 60 participating artists from Brunswick and New Hanover counties are expected to be on exhibition. Hubbard says that many mediums of art -- from photography to watercolor to hand-thrown ceramics -- will be on display. Other types of art will include mixed-media, glass and wood artwork.

“There will be something for every art lover,” according to pastel artist Janet Johnson, whose work will be on display.

According to Hubbard, the many varied artists will bring a variety to the inaugural event.

In addition, the exhibition will be offering several raffle drawings with proceeds going to benefit scholarships for local youth that participate in programs at the Leland Cultural Arts Center.

“Summer Camps at the Arts Center are growing each year and the raffle proceeds will benefit the youth of our area to be able to participate in those camps,” says Hubbard.

Want to go?

WHAT: I “Heart” Art Fine Art Exhibition & Sale. The event is free and open to the public.

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday

WHERE: Brunswick Forest Fitness & Wellness Center, 2701 Brunswick Forest Parkway, Leland.

For more information, visit www.Artleagueofleland.org

First beginning in 2014, as part of “Art in the Forest,” for artists in the Brunswick Forest neighborhood, the group became officially known as the Arts League of Leland in April 2018. Today the league, which is open to everyone, has exploded to 140 varied artists that meet 9 months out of the year.

Hubbard says that part of the mission of ALL is to educate and provided learning opportunities.

Candace Whitlock, ALL member, says the arts in northern Brunswick is growing and is not limited to Leland.

“We have artists from Bolivia and Southport that are members of our league, as well as Wilmington,” says Whitlock, adding that some of the artists participating in this weekend’s event are not members of ALL.

“We just have a group of art lovers, art enthusiasts as well as artists, so we encourage those people to come and get involved.”