



## AFAS & RED DOG GALLERY OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



October 1, 2020

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### AFAS OCTOBER EVENTS

While N.C. continues to be in partial lockdown due to the Covid-19 virus, we're thrilled to announce that Saturday ArtJam will be held (with appropriate safety measures in place) October 3 and 17! Other events are sure to follow!

Artists began work on this year's Concrete Canvas on September 12, but due to inclement weather, it has not been completed... What we have so far is spectacular, and we hope to have the whole thing finished in mid-October. Come by the ARTivity Park to check it out!



### Red Dog Current Exhibit

**Show Name:** Art Life...Live it, Breathe it, Love it - will be running thru October 31st. We invited artists to submit works that best represent their style, passion, message, and their best art life! Each artist was allowed up to 3 entries, and we placed a \$500 limit on pricing for this show to encourage affordable prices for our patrons. See a few of the submissions below, and come by the Red Dog Gallery to see more. It's such a beautiful show!!!



The Red Dog Gallery is open Tuesday - Friday 12 - 6, and Saturday 11 - 4

## SOWING SEEDS - CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL & FOOD DRIVE



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# SOWING SEEDS CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL AND FOOD DRIVE

**October 11, 2020 1:00-4:00**  
**Artivity on the Green**  
**630 N Liberty St**  
**Downtown Winston Salem 27101**

**DRIVE BY**

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN ARTIST**  
**CREATE ART AND DONATE YOUR PROCEEDS TO**

 Arts For Life is nonprofit dedicated to supporting pediatric patients and families through arts education and engagement. By providing educational arts programs, we enrich patients' lives, nurture their minds and spirits, and encourage positive healthcare experiences for children and their families.

**HERES WHAT YOU DO:**

1. Create art pieces
2. Auction or sale your art through your parents social media, family, friends, or neighbors. Please share and tag us on FB: Sowing Seeds Children's Festival and Food Drive.
3. Drive by Artivity Park/Arts For Arts Sake on October 11, 1:00-4:00PM during our drive by food drive to donate funds raised to Arts For Life or contact [sowingseedsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:sowingseedsfestival@gmail.com)

**DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE FOR WSFCS FOOD PANTRY**

This year will look a little different in response to Covid-19. We will have a tent set up for you to drive by and drop off non-perishable items to be donated to the WSFC Schools Food Pantry. We will be following safety protocols, wearing masks, and social distancing.

See next page for more information about the WS/FC Schools - "Food For Thought Pantry" being supported by this event —>>>

**SOWING SEEDS - CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL & FOOD DRIVE****WS/FCS Food for Thought Pantry***Items most needed:*

- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Crackers Granola bars and cereal bars
- Rice
- Beans
- Non-frozen microwaveable meals
- Instant potatoes
- Soup
- Bottles of juice
- Cereal
- Kid's multivitamins
- Toiletries

*Thank you for donating!*



The Food for Thought Pantry is housed in the WSFCS Social Work Office downtown at City Market. It is supported through generous contributions from Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church and other local community partners and individuals. The pantry serves any one of our 55,000 students who may be experiencing food insecurity. Social workers receive referrals and assess the need before taking food to their home. With over half of our 55,000 children qualifying for free and reduced lunch there is an enormous need in our community. Many children rely on school breakfasts and lunches each school day, but are still in need of food in the evening and on weekends. Providing children with these basic needs allows them to have a better chance at succeeding in school as well as leading healthier and happier lives. The recent pandemic has created even more challenges for families who are struggling with lost wages and homes. The need to feed children and families has never been greater. We greatly appreciate the support that so many have provided to keep this pantry stocked and ready to help those in need. **No one should go hungry."**

Checks may be written to The Lynne H. Berry School Buddies Fund and can sent to:  
WS/FCS Social Work Dept. 601 N. Cherry St, Suite 300, Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
You can collect cash and write a check or bring us cash if you prefer. We will give you a receipt for any donations that you drop off with us.

## **AFAS LEGACY SKETCHBOOK PROJECT**

### AFAS Legacy Sketchbook Project with MeadowLark Middle School and the Forsyth County Library

On a field trip to the Arts District during the second semester of the 2019-20 school year, Elizabeth Miller - who teaches art at Meadowlark Middle, and art teacher Deidre Mullen stopped by the Red Dog Gallery with their students. There they met Stewart Knight, an artist who sits on the AFAS board and volunteers with a number of AFAS programs.

Ms. Miller thought that Art for Art's Sake might be a possibility for displaying the sketchbooks that students were creating for an activity she had in mind for them.

AFAS was able to provide the students with a safe place to leave their back packs while on their adventures and, when they would return, they would have a short sketch and focus session in our ARTivity Studios.

After much discussion, Stewart reached out to the Forsyth County Public Library for direction on cataloguing, preserving and digitizing these little treasures.

That was the start of the AFAS Legacy Sketchbook Project.

Click on the link <http://www.theafasgroup.com/afasnews/> to read the whole story and then on the embedded link on that page to see more photos, check out the sketchbooks, and view a video on the project.



## AFAS SHARES CREATIVE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

AFAS is pleased to announce the addition of a new page to share some creative educational resources with the community that may help during the time we are all at home staying safe and social distancing. Art can be very helpful during stressful times and help our youth (and whole family) express themselves.

### Let's Make Art Together: At-home Resources for the Family

Please click on the link below to learn more from the Unleashed Art Center section of our AFAS website. <http://www.theafasgroup.com/creative-educational-resources>

A special thanks to [educatortools.info](http://educatortools.info) for sharing this list with AFAS.

## FALL AND HALLOWEEN HAVE ARRIVED AT THE RED DOG GALLERY



Fall and Halloween jewelry and masks, Doug Rice's "Beauty of W-S", art nerd lapel pins... these, and SO MANY MORE lovely items are available at the Red Dog Gallery. **We'll see you there!**



## **Some opportunities our AFAS artists might be interested in:**

The AFAS art towers around town will be updated in the not too distant future (probably in the spring). If you are interested in creating a panel to be considered for one of the towers, please contact Stewart Knight and let him know. Stewart may be reached via email at: [stewartknight02@gmail.com](mailto:stewartknight02@gmail.com).

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The Mannequin Shenanigans page on the website has been revamped. It shows a history of those wonderful creatures as well as a map to locate those still in existence. Or, if by chance you're interested in creating your own mannequin, or seeing what other artists have done, please check out the Mannequin Shenanigans page on the AFAS website. [www.theafasgroup.com](http://www.theafasgroup.com)

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AFAS is in need of artists to teach at the Saturday ArtJam events. This program typically runs the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 12:30pm - 3:00pm. If interested in participating, please contact Stewart Knight at [stewartknight02@gmail.com](mailto:stewartknight02@gmail.com)

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## **AFAS is a non-profit 501-C3 organization**

### **We Build, Educate, and Celebrate Community through Art**

We also support our community in many other ways! Right now, we're collecting food donations to support the Forsyth County School Food Pantry - **see flyer on page 3**. There's a box inside the Red Dog Gallery for that purpose.

Please be generous with your donations. There are quite a few folks in need due to the many closings and restrictions brought on by the pandemic!





## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 3 & 17, 2020

Saturday Art Jam

Starts: 12:30 pm - Ends: 3:00 pm

Description: Plans are to continue with Art Jam the first and third Saturday each month.

We have some really good news ..Art For Art's Sake will be relaunching our free for the family, kids art program on October 3rd from 12:30 - 3pm in the ARTivity Park (weather permitting).

**We know safety is a concern on everyone's minds so we will have a sanitation station set up and we will have plenty of space for everyone to maintain social distancing while creating. Join us here on the 3d and let's help each other return to exploring the wonderful FUN found in making art together... bring your whole family and let's make this a great day of art and community!**

\*\*\*\* Masks will be encouraged while engaging in our ARTivity fun\*\*\*\*

### October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2020

2BYoga / Hip Hop Yoga

Starts: 6:30 pm - Ends: 8:30 pm

Description: High intensity interval training, followed by soothing restorative yoga. Every Monday starting on October 5 in the Unleashed Gallery of the AFAS building.

Classes are \$12, and although walk-ins are welcome, if you know you are coming to class, please register at [www.2byoga.net](http://www.2byoga.net), or check that web-site for more information

### October 7 & 21, 2020

Open Studio / Community Portrait Sessions

Starts: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: AFAS Center for the Arts, 630 N Liberty St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, USA

Description: ArtAbout hosts an open studio, portrait painting session every other Wednesday from 11 am -2 pm. Bring your own supplies to draw or paint from a live clothed model. All ages and skill levels welcome. Light snacks and beverages included. We have plenty of room for social distancing in our large studio space.

**Please note:** this group may have figure drawing from time to time. Please call or check the website for changes.

Students can register online at: [www.artaboutclasses.com](http://www.artaboutclasses.com).

For more information, contact Beth Spieler at 336-682-3525 or email [artaboutnc@gmail.com](mailto:artaboutnc@gmail.com)

### October 11, 2020

4th Annual Sowing Seeds Children's Festival and Food Drive Hosted by AFAS

Starts: 1:00 pm

Ends: October 11, 2020 - 4:00 pm

Location: ARTivity on the Green, 630 N Liberty St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, USA

See flyers on page 2 & 3 for all the details.

Normally we have a “**Boo in the Park**” Halloween event in late October. Because of the Covid crisis, we’re rethinking how to host that celebration while keeping our kids and families safe. So far, we haven’t figured out just how to do it. But we’re hoping to pull off something that allows us to commemorate the Halloween holiday with all our friends in the community. Please check the website [www.theafasgroup.com](http://www.theafasgroup.com) later in the month to see if we’ve come up with a scathingly brilliant (and SAFE) plan to celebrate Halloween in the middle of a pandemic!

## DONATIONS / CONTACT

If you would like to donate to AFAS and / or The Red Dog Gallery you can do so via our website [www.theafasgroup.com](http://www.theafasgroup.com) (via PayPal), regular mail (sent to the Red Dog Gallery address), or in person at the Red Dog Gallery. Please visit our website for more details and to see what your generous donation helps provide our community

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