





# AFAS & RED DOG GALLERY MARCH NEWSLETTER

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#### RED DOG GALLERY EXHIBIT

#### Our fabulous "Momentum" show will be ending March 27

There is still time to see the very well received "Momentum show".

At AFAS, we thought that it was time for us to shift our momentum in a more positive direction than what we had last year. We asked our AFAS artists how the past year had changed and shaped the momentum they put into their art work, and what the next version of their art would be coming out of this past year. We allowed 3 entries per artist and placed a \$500 limit on pricing for this show, with an emphasis on smaller pieces of art with affordable prices for our patrons.

We received two and three-dimensional art in all mediums and sizes - including, but not limited to, paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry, sculptures, etc.

Here are just a few of the wonderful works in the show... Come on down and see these and many other beautiful pieces of art. You won't be disappointed!

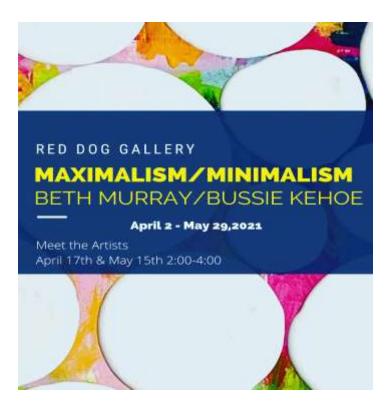


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#### Coming up - Maximalism/Minimalism will run April 2 - May 29



Beth Murray & Bussie Kehoe tell us what to expect in their Maximalist/Minimalist show:

We share so much: our passion to create, our appreciation of art, our love of life; we even share a studio space! Yet our artwork comes from very different intentions and artistic approaches, which results in very different work. Beth is a fearless maximalist who submerges herself in color, resulting in a beautifully layered, cohesive end. Bussie tends to overlook color completely, losing herself in form and structure.

In this exhibit, we embrace our respective maximalist and minimalist natures to their fullest extent. We explore our natures even further by creating a collaborative piece. When viewed all together, our art complements each other beautifully, a testament to those things we have in common.

**<u>Beth Murray</u>** is an abstract painter who lives in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

She has called Winston home all of her life and even attended Salem College where she majored in Studio Art. She has raised her two children here and, as they have become more independent, she has found herself back in the studio.

With her audacious color sense she tackles paper, cardboard and canvases. She loves that her work seems in constant change and enjoys working through thoughts with paint!

<u>Bussie Parker Kehoe</u> loves to tinker with materials in meticulous and unexpected ways - no material or process is off-limits. While tinkering, she is processing her feelings, thoughts, memories, hopes, life experiences; and her art is the language that she uses to communicate with others.

Currently, she's exploring acrylic paint peels and arranging them on paper or wood in a minimalistic, organic, and bold way. She focuses on form and structure first - intentionally placing each acrylic peel so that it connects to and supports the peels surrounding it, which is directly related to her life experience of moving and searching for those connections and support. She loves the lack of control when pouring juxtaposed with the meticulous placing of the organic shaped peels. Chaos and order are inherent in this process. It reflects life, where you take what life throws at you and try to make sense of it.

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The Red Dog Gallery has a year-round holiday tree - not just a Christmas tree! We sent out an appeal last month and received some lovely responses shown here and below. Listed are a few examples of ornaments that could be used on our tree, but we are fairly open to any ideas you might like to consider.

- · Birds, butterflies, bugs
- · Bunnies, eggs, baskets
- · Hearts, stars, mardi gras masks, shamrocks
- Flowers, mini-piñatas, sombreros
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July items, shell ornaments, sea horses, star fish, turtles
- Leaves, Pinecone ornaments, scarecrows, harvest items
- Halloween masks, patterned pumpkins, witches, ghosts, brooms, witch hats

If you are interested in participating, send us an email with "Year-Round Tree" as the subject. Attach pictures of the ornaments that you want to submit for consideration. Send the email to RedDogManager@theafasgroup.com . You will be contacted about your submission, and informed when to deliver your pieces to the gallery,



Thanks to Bonnie Brown for the little houses made from children's blocks, and to Donna Pellett for the beautiful beaded ornaments. Both of you have created perfect objects for our year-round tree!

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There is only one place in the world like this..

We here at AFAS have helped foster and showcase many young talents over the past 14 years and lovingly created an environment to inspire many dreams and magical moments through our adult and kids art programs and other community outreach programs, Red Dog Gallery, Unleashed Artist Studios, and the Unleashed Art's Event spaces....

We have enjoyed and loved every minute spent on this incredible journey and mission...We know the past year was tough on all of us, but spring is around the corner and many of our programs are ready and are coming back to life to blossom again ...

We are now reaching out to you and asking that you help us continue our mission "To Build, Educate, Celebrate Community through the Arts by donating to our cause.. please visit our website for more info on how you can support and be a part of AFAS.



## **Bottle Caps for Anchors**

The International Anchors will be working together on a project during Anchor Summit in Atlanta. They will be creating artwork using bottle caps, which will be donated to some of the low income schools in the Macon, GA area. These pictures are some examples of the type of artwork they will be working on.







## Here's how you can help

They need bottle caps (plastic) of ALL sizes and colors! Start collecting today and get them to Atlanta.

- · WATER BOTTLES
- · CLEANING SUPPLIES
- · MILK & JUICE JUGS
- · VITAMIN BOTTLES
- SAUCE JARS
- SODA BOTTLES

Thank you for your part with this project!

One of our AFAS artists is involved with Pilot International, a service organization which sponsors Anchor Clubs in High schools around the world. (see their motto below)

The Anchor International Summit will be held during the Pilot International Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this summer. Anchor Club members from all over the United States and several foreign countries will be in attendance. Typically an International Anchor Summit attracts several hundred of these young people.

AFAS artist Marian Smith plans to attend that Conference in July, and has asked if we can help her gather bottle caps of all shapes and sizes for this Anchor project.

If you want to participate, please bring **plastic** bottle caps to the Red Dog Gallery, and we'll be sure that they make it to Atlanta for this interesting art project!

#### WE ARE PILOT INTERNATIONAL



Pilot International's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others. Page 5

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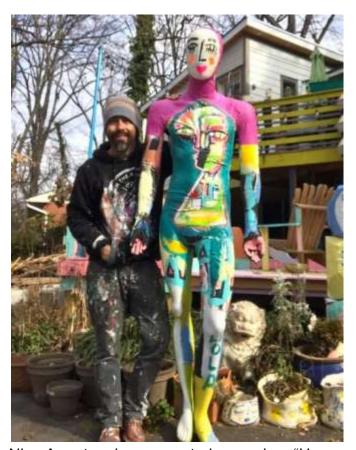


#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

We're hoping to have ArtJam classes resume in April, so please check with us if your children would like to participate in this program. And, we would love to have our AFAS artists consider facilitating some of the ArtJam classes. We have such a diverse group, and have much to offer!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of our events have been postponed or cancelled. Please call ahead if you plan to visit. (336) 723-4444

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Nico Amorteguis was quoted as saying: "Happy to finally finish this project for Red Dog gallery in Winston Salem. She will be installed soon at Trade St and 6th. Can't wait to see in her new element".

#### Possible opportunity for our AFAS artists

The Rockingham Company is excited to announce the 2021 **Power & Sound Revival**, a one-day Festival featuring Americana and Southern Rock bands, classic cars, food trucks and one-of-a-kind creations by local artists.

Slated for Saturday, May 22nd, this large-scale ticketed event welcomes all ages to the grounds of Julian, NC's Historic Piedmont Dragway. Located between Burlington and Greensboro, the site offers camping reservations to take the celebration well into the night.

Music fans will enjoy a power-packed line-up of local and nationally touring musicians. The Sound Stage will be at the heart of the action, surrounded by food trucks, brewery tent and artist stalls.

Our Car and Bike Show will be open to all makes and models. We look forward to an exciting mix of regional and local entries.

Overnight camping is available on the festival site within walking distance of all festivities. Tents, Car camping, Campers, or RVs are all welcome for a small fee. No hookups available.

Fantastic food trucks from across the region will compliment the drinkable delights of our Festival Brew tent.

Explore the open air market and support local Artists and Vendors.

Interested in participating? Apply at: www.powerandsoundrevival.com/vendor-application Or email: TheRockinghamCompany@gmail.com for more details.

There are also **opportunities for free advertising** such as donations of merchandise, gift cards, or promotional items for the Car & Bike Show awards and VIP swag bags.

To receive promotional and festival perks, the Festival wish list includes donations or discounts of: golf carts, crowd guidance barricades/fencing, stanchions, outdoor tables/chairs, tents & canopies, dumpster and/or removal service, banners/signage, beverages and snacks (for festival personnel), toilet paper, trash can liners. Email to discuss.

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#### **DONATIONS / CONTACT**

If you would like to donate to AFAS and / or The Red Dog Gallery you can do so via our website <a href="www.theafasgroup.com">www.theafasgroup.com</a> (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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