



AFAS & RED DOG GALLERY JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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AFAS January Events

Happy New Year from the AFAS & Red Dog Gallery team!

The January Gallery Hop at Red Dog Gallery takes place on Friday January 4th from 7-10pm. At the Red Dog Gallery we will have the final month of the "Art the Walls & Deck the Halls" exhibit.

Saturday ARTJam—Bring the kids to the Unleashed Art Center on Saturdays, January 5th and 19th, between 12:30-3.00PM (drop in) and create a fun ART project with Team AFAS!

1st & 3rd Saturday Salsa Social - Come out and do some dancing to Salsa and Bachata music

Hip Hop Yoga on Mondays and R&B Yoga on Thursdays.

"Rebirth of Venus" a new mural in Kernersville at The Brewer's Kettle by AFAS artist Raman Bhardwaj.

Open studio portrait painting sessions by ArtAbout on Wednesday evenings.

A Preschool Art Experience! beginning Tuesday Jan 8 from 9:00am -10:00am hosted by ArtAbout.

Mochas & Mandala Workshop beginning Tuesday Jan 8 from10:30am-12:00pm hosted by ArtAbout.

Art at the Heart Winston-Salem after school art program every Tuesday 4-6pm.

ArtAbout Evening Events back by popular demand starting Jan 22, 6:30-9:30pm.

Details on these and other items throughout the newsletter!

Final Month for Exhibit "Art the Walls & Deck the Halls" A Juried Exhibition of AFAS Artists

"Art the Walls & Deck the Halls" showcases AFAS artists with a variety of artworks in a range of prices. This is the final month of this exhibit. Closing date is Saturday January 26, 2019. Stop in and see the collection of works. Maybe that certain piece you were searching for is waiting for you!

Come out during Gallery Hop, on Friday January 4th from 7 to 10 pm,



In Our Fine Craft & Gift Area

Check out some of the things in our Fine Craft & Gift Area. This is a great place to shop for that special gift. We offer a number of selections, within a range of prices, to fit every artistic taste and budget.

Charles Chrisco's Pottery

Red Dog Gallery will be receiving some new raku pottery from artist Charles Chrisco. Charles retired in 2018 and will no longer be making pottery. Come in, check out his work and see if one of his unique pieces speaks to you!



Here are 2 of our AFAS artists that we are showcasing in this newsletter.

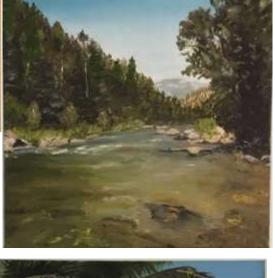
Holly Fleming

Holly is an operating room nurse by day and an artist by night. Her twin sister was diagnosed with breast cancer over a year ago and she took it harder than her sister did. She needed an outlet to get her racing mind off of reality. Holly had no idea that she could paint. Now she has been painting for over a year and has absolutely found her passion. Good things can come from tragedies.

Holly's work can be seen and purchased on etsy.com/shop/ ArtbyHollyFleming and also through Instagram- hollysoriginalartworks.









<u>Raman Bhardwaj</u>

As a visual artist, Raman's first and foremost concern is the visual. Although symbolism has always allured him, he believes that the tangible concern – apart from the subconscious content – is the Form. He celebrates the human form in his work. While his skills were developed under western influence, his life is trained under Asian and Indian values. So when he paints he fuses western senses of Form with Indian philosophy.

He includes the human form in his works via two contexts. The first reflects worldly surroundings, and the second reflects fantasy. Human form is a visual interpretation of heroic valor, which is eventually affected by supernatural powers. Raman uses the hand of man in his paintings to symbolize literal efforts, and fate which is symbolic through the belief in palmistry.

To paint is like living life. Extemporaneous and deliberate actions play simultaneously in life and art. Raman likes to stay as impulsive and meditative in his artwork as he is in life. Sometimes he jumps quickly to create an artwork in a matter of minutes or hours, and sometimes he likes to ruminate on a subject for months before creating an artwork. He believes the sincerity of these actions depend upon the intensity of his necessity to express himself. The more intense the need, the more unobtrusive the action and the more truthful the performance.

Raman is a professional illustrator whose trade involves drawing every day to perfection, catering to the different styles and requirements of his clients. This provides plenty of opportunities to practice and enjoy his skills. When he sits to do his own painting he does not have any obligation to cater to client requirements. This makes his own painting more liberating and at the same time much more difficult to actually draw, because every blank canvas poses the question to him "why do you want to draw this?"

An ability to draw everything and anything doesn't qualify Raman to create an artwork. An artwork should be a message – it should be something that he does that's not constrained to the methods of his commercial illustration activities. That makes him realize that he wants to celebrate human form, and the beauty of human body athleticism in both the male and female. He wants to cap-







ture the music of the motion of the body - the pure nude body, with the aid of lines. He has to make his lines dance... he has to draw it now and with force. If he sits to capture the beautiful light and shadows and plasticity, it delays his entire creative process. He just wants to feel the motion of the body on his canvas. Raman utilizes the slow processes of studying light, shadow, tones, color values, and the illusion of plasticity sparingly – for when he does portraiture or digital painting or oils.

Raman's work is showcased online at www.artistraman.com/paintings, and can be purchased from his home studio at 5618, Harbor House Dr., Greensboro.







AFAS Artist Happenings

Here are some events involving our AFAS artists that you may enjoy.

Hip Hop and R&B Yoga with Ashley Robinson This is the yoga class you always wanted!!! Hip Hop Yoga is held every Monday at 6pm and R&B Yoga is held every Thursday at 6pm in the Unleashed Arts Center, Second

Floor of the AFAS Center for the Arts, 630 N. Liberty St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101. A Shabaka James LLC Event Cost: \$10 per class or \$50 for seven(7) classes which is like getting two classes for free. Please check the AFAS calendar for holiday schedules.

shlev Robinson Why: Because it is the yoga class that you always wanted! Where: 630 N. Liberty St, Winston Salem, Second floor When: Every Monday at 6 pm Cost: \$10.00 per Class or \$50.00 for seven (7) Classes!



Saturday ARTJam—Various AFAS Artists

Learn, Play, Create! Bring the kids to the Unleashed Art Center on Saturdays, January 5th and 19th between 12:30 -3.00PM (drop in) and create a fun ART project with Team AFAS! All ages/skill levels are welcome and it's a free community ART event! No need to register ahead of time, just show up and bring your imagination. Parents/ guardians must stay with kids at all times while at the arts center. For large groups of 10 or more or if you have any questions, contact Program Director - Stewart Knight at 336.209.1236 or email theafasgroup@gmail.com

Saturday ART Jam is sponsored by The AFAS Group -Youth Arts & Education Programs. *Plan ahead and mark your creative calendar for the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month (year-round) - and create an awesome new ART project at Saturday ART Jam! AFAS Center for the Arts, Unleashed Arts Center - 2nd floor, 630 N Liberty Street, Downtown Winston-Salem Arts District. www.theafasgroup.com

1st & 3rd Saturday Salsa Social Hosted by Salsa Triad

Come join the fun the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month for a Salsa Social. If there is a 5th Saturday, we will be there. Come and join us to dance with the hottest Salsa and Bachata music. Invite your friends, family or special someone. Looking forward to seeing you.

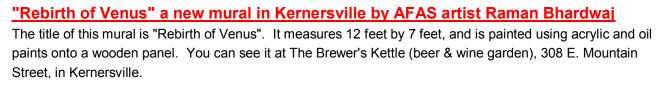
Videos of event at Facebook and Youtube at SalsaTriad1 7-8 pm Beginner (Level 1) Salsa Class - No partner needed 8-11 pm - Lets dance to latin music that consist of Salsa, Bachata, and Merengue Donations between \$5-\$10 are appreciated

The funds will be used to promote the events, such as this one, invite your family, friends or special someone and let's have fun.

Located in the AFAS Center for the Arts, Unleashed Arts Center, Second Floor, 630 N. Liberty Street.

Enter from the 7th Street Main Entrance

Water is \$1



Raman painted the central beauty as the Venus of modern times. She rises from the waters below, holding a cell phone taking a selfie. Raman mixed modern society trends with Greek myths in this piece. This red haired seductive beauty is Venus, and very much represents our narcissist society today that is obsessed with skin deep beauty and selfies. Poseidon on her right is the lustful god who is still chasing her.

The angel above Poseidon wears jeans, and announces Venus's rebirth much like the inspiration of this piece: the classical Renaissance painting by Sandro Boticelli entitled "The Birth of Venus". Notice more symbolism in the mural like a snake around the neck of Venus (a symbol of fertility and sin) as well as the rabbit tattoo on her arm (symbolizing fertility and prosperity).

On Venus's other side is a belle girl who dances to please the male gaze, but detests chauvinist attitudes and hence raises her middle finger to her viewers. There is a Sibyl who carries wine (in tribute to the Brewer's Kettle), and another demigod/redneck who drinks the dripping wine to add to the humor. The dogs belong to the owner, and linger around all the time, so they needed to be a part of this artwork too.









Wednesday Open Studio Portrait Painting Sessions

ArtAbout is hosting an open studio, portrait painting session every Wednesday evening. 6:30-9:30pm. \$15 at the door. This year, we will be painting 50 women. Please join us!

All ages and skill levels welcome. Several standing easels and many table easels available

Held in the AFAS Center for the Arts building in Unleashed Arts Center on the second floor, 630 N Liberty St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

Please email with any questions. Artaboutnc@gmail.com

<u>A Preschool Art Experience!</u>

Beginning Tuesday January 8 and recurring every Tuesday morning from 9-10AM, ArtAbout is hosting A Preschool Art Experience! Bring your young ones to play with colors and shapes. Geared for 4 & 5 year olds. \$15 per class.

Held in the AFAS Center for the Arts building in Unleashed Arts Center on the second floor, 630 N Liberty St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

Mochas & Mandala Workshop

12 Tuesdays, \$15/class - Beginning Tuesday January 8 and recurring every Tuesday through March 26 from 10:30AM-12PM. Enjoy a little "painting therapy" with ArtAbout. Open to all ages but designed for adults.

Held in the AFAS Center for the Arts building in Artivity Studios on the second floor, 630 N Liberty St, Winston -Salem, NC 27101. (unless otherwise noted, onsite)

Art at the Heart Winston-Salem

Art at the Heart Winston-Salem is brought to you by ArtAbout with Beth Spieler.

Art at the Heart is an after-school art program in its 7th year running! Our goal is to help your school children develop creative confidence through the practice of ART.

We meet EVERY TUESDAY from 4-6pm. Held in the AFAS Center for the Arts building in Artivity Studios, Studio #9 on the second floor, 630 N Liberty St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

Open to all students age 7 and older \$10 per class.

ArtAbout Evening Events

Back by popular demand, these evening sessions are for adults to come together and make art, make friends and have fun! Whether we make a painting, a mosaic, a mandala or any other art project, ArtAbout Evening Events are a enjoyable and relaxing! Perfect for a Date Night, or a Girls Night Out, or just a night to be creative and get to know others.

\$30 per session includes supplies, light snacks and a glass of wine. Feel free to BYOB. Sign up info on ArtAbout Facebook page.

2019 Event Dates: 1/22, 2/19, 3/19, 4/23, 5/21, 6/18, 7/23, 8/20, 9/24 10/22, 11/19, 12/17. 6:30pm-9:00pm.

Held in the AFAS Center for the Arts building in Unleashed Arts Center on the second floor, 630 N Liberty St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

Lock Yourself Into the Arts!

Capture and lock your memory in time. Celebrate life's events from births and marriages to graduations and birthdays! Design and attach your own personal lock to the Archway in the Art District in downtown Winston-Salem on 6th street.





Step I: Purchase Lock You can purchase your lock from a local store, Saturday Art Jam event at AFAS or Arts on Sundays in September, Locks are also available for \$5,00 at: The Red Dog Gallery - 630 N. Liberty St.

Step 3: Paint Lock Customize your lock into a one of a kind work of art with paint, permanent markers, etc.

Studio 7 - 204 W. 6th St.



Step 2: Prime Lock Prime your lock with a Outdoor primer (either spray or brush). Give your lock two coats of primer before painting,



Step 4: Clear Coat Lock Applied two coats of a clear coat finish, either using a spray clear coat or brush on clear coat. This will protect your creation from the sun & weather!

Step 5: Attach lock to Archway and toss the key in the Arch base!

Donations

If you would like to donate to AFAS and / or The Red Dog Gallery you can do so via our website www.theafasgroup.com (via PayPal), regular mail, 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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