



## AFAS & RED DOG GALLERY SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

September 1, 2021

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### RED DOG GALLERY EXHIBIT

***Please join us Friday evening September 3 for the grand opening of Profiles of Vivid Reflections - by Nico Amortegui***



***Profiles of Vivid Reflections*** is a series of portraits of grand moments paused. The moments of intense feeling that cause us to pause and reflect in the moment rather than later in retrospect. The moments that catch us by surprise or those laden with emotion whether happy or sad, they make us feel human - and alive. Through these portraits, may the viewer create their own narrative of raw emotion portrayed. See a few examples above. This show may be seen at the Red Dog Gallery throughout September and October.

Nico Amortegui was born and raised in Bogotá, Colombia and grew up surrounded by creatives within his own family. He has lived and worked in the United States since the late '90s. Known for his large-scale paintings and murals, his public works can be found in numerous cities including Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Durham, Atlanta, DC, and Tel Aviv.

Amortegui has completed ten solo shows in four states since 2012 and dozens of group shows throughout the east coast. Most notably, you can see his work on display with the Smithsonian Latinx (*Gateways*) Collection and at the Charlotte Douglas International Airport, gates B7 & B10.

His current artistic foci include large-scale paintings on canvas or wood panels and sculpting & wood-working with found objects. He also enjoys spending time in the ceramics studio and in his elaborate garden.

He lives in Charlotte with his wife, two daughters, and studio companion - a chocolate Lab.

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

## Recent AFAS Happenings

The August Beginner Bead Camp was a HUGE success! Shown are the creations of two of the participants, and of those young ladies receiving certificates of completion. Thank you Tina Tonozzi for leading this camp!



Our twice monthly ARTJam for kids is ALWAYS fun, and last month the young folks got to work on mannequins!



**TAM TAM**  
MANDINGUE DJEMBE ACADEMY  
WINSTON SALEM

There was a wonderful Drum circle in the Ribbons of Steel at the ARTivity Park on August 27th.

Those who participated took in the rhythms of West Africa, and gave the ARTivity Park a strong heartbeat!

We are thrilled to announce that we can look forward to two more Drum Circle events in September!

Please plan to join us Friday September 3rd and again on Friday September 10th, both evenings from 7pm - 9pm, to enjoy this interactive, and very enjoyable experience

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# Salsa Night

Featuring DJ Cruz

Free cha cha lesson at 7:00pm

**\$10.00 ADMISSION** ★ **SATURDAY Sept 11**  
7:00PM-11:00PM ★ AFAS: 630N LIBERTY ST. WINSTON SALEM, NC 27101

A Salsa Night Social is being held the second Saturday of every month. The instructors are excellent, the ambiance & music perfect for dancing the night away, and the cost affordable. Please plan to add this activity to your calendar of events!

## Upcoming AFAS Happenings



ARTivity on the Green Park  
the Arts District, Winston-Salem  
September 11, 2021

**10am until ?** - the following artists will be painting their sections of the Mural Wall:

- ◆ Karen Britton
- ◆ Elijah Kimball
- ◆ Jeffery Diamond
- ◆ Tyamica Mabry
- ◆ Mari L Allende Carmona
- ◆ Jeff Beck
- ◆ Thore
- ◆ Nicholas Schmidt
- ◆ Wynoceros
- ◆ Doub

**12pm - 5pm** - AFAS artists will be selling their works in the park and around the AFAS Center for the Arts building.

**2pm - 6pm** - Live music by the following groups:

- ◆ Creatio
- ◆ Waking April

**All of this FREE to the public!**

Presented by: The AFAS Group

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**"Let It Show"**

**Sponsored by Art for Art's Sake  
November 1, 2021 to January 29, 2022**

The holiday season brings such joy in so many ways. Like celebrating with family and friends, enjoying winter weather and snow, showing our love of the season, and so many other things.

We are asking our AFAS artists to "Let your creativity and love of the season show". Show us just what the season means to you, your family, and your style – **Let It Show** through in your work.

We are inviting artists to submit up to 5 pieces of art that **Let It Show** for this exhibition, and are looking for two and three-dimensional art in all mediums and sizes, including, but not limited to, paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry, sculptures, etc. We would love to see lots of different mediums represented.

Entry deadline for **Let It Show** is October 23, and drop off for those pieces that have been accepted is October 29 and 30. Please visit the AFAS website under Red Dog Gallery submissions for more information.

The opening reception for the **"Let It Show"** exhibit will be held on Friday, November 5, from 6 to 8 pm. We encourage all AFAS artists to invite friends and family to the reception, and also to list the event on their Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and website pages.

## Meet our AFAS Artists

**Pam Hoiting** is a descendant of Moravian settlers in the Friedberg community of Arcadia in Davidson County, and after living much of her life in several states and even a year in Germany, has returned to the Piedmont of North Carolina.

Pam attended Western Carolina University and relocated to Atlanta Georgia after college - where she became a prominent figure in the insurance industry. She has always been interested in artistic ventures including photography, interior design, anything having to do with fabric, and most recently painting using acrylics and mixed media. Just a few years ago, she found that letting her imagination run wild and losing herself with paint brushes and canvas, was a great way to escape from the everyday stresses that we all face. She is intuitive and self-taught, and says that she rarely knows what the finished product of her work will look like. Pam usually has several pieces in various stages of completion at any given time.

Pam and her husband Tim share their home in Winston-Salem with their rescue cats Sissy and Maggie Mayhem. Maggie Mayhem-rescue cat has her own Facebook page and a line of note cards featuring photos of her in various poses. Profits from these note cards benefit animal rescue in many locations.

Pam says that from childhood she sought escape, exploration, and experience, and that emotion, intuition, passion, and vision are intertwined in her life, her soul and her art.



**Sheridan Watkins** considers herself a “Craftsman of Innovation” and is the owner of Shairpins, a collection of jewelry, gifts and accessories that cultivates wholeness through handcrafted reminders that your uniqueness is your ZEN. The motto is ***embrace, evolve and express yourself!*** Her wearable art features various materials to represent a different facet of human complexity and it all works together to create a reflection of all that’s good in the world.

Shairpins began as interchangeable hair pins. The mission all along was to empower women to be who they were born to be. Her “Pins” evolved into a 4-in-1 accessory and became the ultimate symbol to express yourself. These interchangeable “Pins” can be worn as a hair clip, necklace, brooch and even a pair of earrings! Fun to say the LEAST.

You can also enjoy her noninterchangeable line of earrings, necklaces and decor!

One of Sheridan’s favorite sayings is **“In a world where we may feel like we don’t have control, hold onto the fact that you actually do”.**



## September Calendar of Events

### **First Friday - opening of *Profiles of Vivid Reflections* Show - Friday Sept 3 6pm – 9pm**

Red Dog Gallery - first floor of the AFAS Center for the Arts

630 N Liberty St, Winston-Salem, NC

Join us as we celebrate First Friday AND this special exhibition

Meet Nico Amortegui and discover the inspiration for his incredible pieces.

### **Drum Circle - Friday Sept 3 & Sept 10 7pm – 9pm**

Drum circle in the Ribbons of Steel at the Artivity Park

Take in the rhythms of West Africa and join Tam Tam Mandingue of Winson Salem as we drum together in ARTivity Park. See write-up on page 2

These drum circles are sponsored by the Arts Council and ARTivity and are FREE and family-friendly.

### **Saturday ARTJam - Saturday Sept 4 & Sept 18 12:30 – 3**

Free to attend and will be held from 12:30-3pm outside in ARTivity Park (weather permitting).. If inclement weather, ARTJam will be held in the Unleashed Gallery on the second floor of the AFAS Building.

Sure to be a family fun Day for all ages.

### **Salsa Class - Every Tuesday Sept. 7, 14, 21, & 28 6pm – 9pm**

Salsa classes are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the AFAS Center for the Arts in the Unleashed Gallery.

Every Tuesday evening from 6-9pm.

Hosted by Luis.

Stay tuned for more details

### **Winston-Salem Bead Society Meeting - Wednesday Sept 8, 6pm – 8pm**

Winston-Salem Bead Society Meeting

In the Unleashed Arts Center on the Second Floor of the AFAS Center for the Arts

The annual cost of joining the Winston-Salem Bead Society is \$10.00 a year.

There is a **venue fee of \$5.00 per person, per meeting.**

We have beginner, intermediate and advance projects. Not every meeting will include a project. Some meetings will be a demonstration or discussion regarding beading

Please email Tina Tonozzi [[ttonozzi@hotmail.com](mailto:ttonozzi@hotmail.com)] so we can get a count of how many people will be attending. We need a count so we can have enough tables set-up and spaced accordingly.

We meet to share information to those that want to learn to bead or already have the “bead bug”.

### **Concrete Canvas Mural Fest - Saturday Sept 11 11am – 6 pm**

Artivity on the Green in the Arts District, Winston-Salem

Live music by Creatio and Waking April

Many AFAS artists selling their works in the park and around the AFAS Center for the Arts building.

See write-up on page 3

**FREE to the public!**

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### **Salsa Dancing Social - Saturday Sept 11 - 7:00pm - 11:00 pm**

Unleashed Arts Center

AFAS Building - Unleashed Gallery - 2nd floor above Red Dog Gallery

630 N Liberty St, Winston Salem, NC

See write-up on page 2

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## Help Wanted & Needed

### Promoting & Maintaining the ARTivity Park

We're hoping to repaint the red lines on the concrete paths running through the Activity Park in the VERY near future.

#### **WE SURE DO NEED HELP!**

We would like to accomplish this as soon as we can find the specific paint we need, but don't have a date nailed down yet. If you think you can help paint, or help keep folks off of the paths, or just show up with emotional support, please contact us using the contact tab on our website [www.theafasgroup.com](http://www.theafasgroup.com)

We have buskers who play in the park for tips on any given day or evening, and groups that perform when we have functions like the Concrete Canvas Mural Wall event coming up on September 11. Please come on out and support our events - and these folks - and do your part to help make **ARTivity on the Green** THE place to gather in Winston-Salem!

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### ARTJam Program instructors and helpers

The ARTJam program for kids (aged 5 - 12) runs on the first and third Saturdays of every month from 12:30pm - 3pm. This program is very well attended, and the children who participate are usually seen again at a following occurrence. When the weather permits, we hold ARTJam outside, but inside or out, appropriate safety protocols are always in place.

What you might not realize is that in order to keep the same level of excellence this program has enjoyed for many years, we are in need of creative instructors and helpers who like to work with children.

If this is something you would like to be considered for, please contact us using the contact tab on our website [www.theafasgroup.com](http://www.theafasgroup.com)

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### Supporting the Red Dog Gallery

On the first Friday of every month, the art galleries and many restaurants in the downtown area host a First Friday event. This monthly affair often coincides with the openings of new exhibits at the Red Dog Gallery.

While we hope that ALL the artists participating in our shows will not only come to the First Friday opening, but that they'll invite their families and friends to celebrate with them.

Even if your work is not being featured in a particular show, First Fridays - especially when they are celebrating the opening of new exhibits - are a wonderful way to meet your fellow AFAS artists, and maybe even get a little inspiration for your next project.

It may seem obvious, but another way to support the Red Dog Gallery is to shop there! Not only for art, but you'll find lots of lovely gift ideas, note cards, jewelry, holiday ornaments, pottery, and a plethora of other great things in the fine crafts and gifts section. And don't forget the Art-O-Mat machine! For just \$5 you'll find a unique and interesting *something!* Hope to see you there!!!

## **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 to our community

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