OUR MISSION

Connecting the people of Alamance County through the Arts

At Alamance Arts, we are committed to shaping the cultural identity of Alamance County by making art a tangible presence in the lives of its citizens. We strive to enhance the quality of life by engaging people in a diverse array of art through the delivery of programming and education, and through the provision of facilities, advocacy, promotion and funding.

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Wiley Wooten lost his battle with cancer in December. He was renowned as an outstanding Family Law attorney throughout the state. But perhaps his greatest gift of service was his leadership in the arts by bringing world class cultural exhibits home through Alamance Arts. As chair of the Louise and Carlyle Wooten Family Fund, Wiley provided Alamance County with unparalleled art exhibits including J. Seward Johnson’s Beyond the Frame and Celebrating the Familiar, Sawaya’s Art of the Brick and most recently Chihuly’s Venetian Glass from the George R. Stroemple Collection. These exhibitions drew people from around the world. Wiley got a twinkle in his eye whenever he talked about how special it was to bring these world-famous pieces of art home to Alamance County.

Jim Moon, friend, patron and mentor, passed away January 5, 2019. Originally from Graham, he studied art at Cooper Union in NYC. His paintings are in many public and private collections worldwide including New York’s Museum of Modern Art. He served as president of Alamance Arts during the early years of its organization and was the founding director of the Art Department of the North Carolina School of the Arts. Jim was responsible for Alamance Arts’ long-standing friendship with internationally recognized artists Geoffrey Holder and Nathaniel Kaz and for organizing exhibitions of their work at the Captain White House. He still served on the Scholarship Committee of Alamance Arts until his recent death.

L.M. Wood died unexpectedly in March. For more than 20 years, she was a digital art instructor at Elon University. Each spring, she exhibited her students’ work in the SunTrust Gallery at the Captain White House. She was a member of the board of Alamance Arts, and redesigned and maintained our website for several years. She contributed to the arts council’s mission, and she will be missed greatly.
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200 VOLUNTEERS
have assisted Alamance Arts
over the past year

10 PARTNERSHIPS
with local organizations

+7,530 HOURS SERVED

$25,900 GRANTED
to Arts organizations in Alamance County

23 EXHIBITIONS

5 SCHOLARSHIPS
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furthering their education in the Arts

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Through programs and classes, Alamance Arts seeks to engage the community in artistic endeavors. We strive to create an environment that fosters creativity, allowing people of all ages to explore their artistic abilities.

More than 200 children have discovered Alamance Arts’ third Saturday of the month event for families. With art projects, face painting, story-telling, and door prizes, the young artists can explore their creative side. This year Family Fun also offered art activities every month at Lowes Foods in Mebane, reaching new families and creating more connections.

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DAY TRIPS
NC Museum of Art: You Are Here Exhibition
From Faith to Fashion: The Mint Museum and Billy Graham Library
1776: The Musical at The Temple Theatre
Sightseeing at Smith Mountain Lake
Old Salem Baking Tour in Winston-Salem
Mannheim Steamroller at DPAC
Elon University Tour
Gibsonville Foodie Tour: Saint Jacques
Tour of Pittsboro
Körner’s Folly and Paul J. Ciener Botanical Gardens in Kernersville
Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden
Conservators Center
The Malpass Brothers Benefit Concert for Alamance Arts was hosted at the Paramount Theater on March 7. The concert was sold out! Originally from Goldsboro, NC, the brothers play vintage country music. Their smooth vocal blend and skillful musical talents reflect their deep respect for the legends who have paved the way for artists like themselves.

GiggleMug: Children’s Performing Arts Festival
Alamance Arts, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, presented GiggleMug, a Performing Arts Festival for Children on Saturday, March 30 in downtown Burlington. The performances were held in the Paramount Theatre, Impact Alamance, Holy Comforter Church and First Baptist Church. Each venue presented two performers. The performers were professional groups that present subject matter for children in music, theatre, dance, and storytelling. 414 tickets were sold to GiggleMug!

Reflections of Elegance: Kenneth Paul Block
Alamance Arts presented Reflections of Elegance: Kenneth Paul Block and the Masters of Fashion Illustration which was a phenomenal exhibition of fashion illustrations by world renown artist Kenneth Paul Block. Over 1,400 visitors viewed the exhibition.

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There are 200 volunteers who give their time and talents to Alamance Arts. Whether it is serving as a docent greeting guests, pulling weeds in the garden, decorating the house for Christmas or moving pedestals for exhibitions, we could not operate without our treasured volunteers.
Thanks to the extraordinary chefs with gracious hosts at beautiful homes, this year’s 103 lucky guests enjoyed another masterpiece in fine dining!

Alamance Arts welcomed guest speaker Sion Harrington, the Dean of Students at The School of American Dance, the preeminent ballet academy in the United States. As the Dean of Students of this most prestigious and respected institution, Zion was the best candidate to speak to the challenges of ensuring that the young people in his charge arrive at their careers with ALL the tools they need to be successful professional artists.

Alamance County’s premier event of the year presented the artistic creations of New York fashion designer Beth Pilger in a couture-inspired fashion show. Attendees enjoyed an exceptional evening of delectable cuisine, music and fashion while fundraising to benefit the arts in our community.

Guests got a sneak peek at Christmas at Captain White’s during the drop-in affair which featured hors d’oeuvres and special martinis.

According to the 100 or so folks in attendance, Alamance Arts’ Reverse Raffle was a rousing success. Especially those who walked with cash themselves.
The Grassroots Arts Program is a partnership between the North Carolina Arts Council and the Alamance Arts. The state of North Carolina provided its major support of local arts projects through this program by allocating funds to all North Carolina counties on a per capita basis. Any non-profit organization in Alamance County may apply for funding to produce arts programs. Grassroots funds must be matched dollar for dollar and spent in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This project was supported by the N.C. Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. This year $25,900 was granted to the following organizations in Alamance County:

- Alamance-Burlington Closing the Achievement Gap
- Alamance Artisans
- Alamance Children’s Theatre
- Burlington Boys Choir
- Burlington Writers Club
- Culture Mill
- Gallery Players
- Studio 1
- Triad Men’s Chorus
- Young Musicians of Alamance

This year $25,900 was granted to the following organizations in Alamance County:

- Alamance Photography Club
- Jerry Lawrence
- Kathy Alderman and Elaine Pelkey-Herrick
- Emily Eve Weinstein
- Mo.Arts Arts Collaborative
- The Burlington School
- Brian Collins

Alamance Arts made donations to the following groups:
Alamance Arts appointed musician Wilton Dubois as an artist in residence at the Burlington Housing Authority After School Program. His mission was to inspire, motivate and educate youth to realize their full potential through the music and history of steel drum. He worked to create a nurturing community which fosters awareness of self and promotes active participation in a multicultural society. This project was funded in part by the North Carolina Arts Council.

All second graders in the public schools were given the opportunity to experience live theatre. The Children’s Theatre of Charlotte presented *Rapunzel*.

Alamance Arts held an educational fiesta for second and third graders from North Graham Elementary. The students learned the history and breaking of a piñata, traditional Mexican folk dances, making of paper flowers, literature by Mexican authors and the history of the Battle of Puebla.

Picasso’s Gift Shop, located in Alamance Arts, offers a unique selection of original and handcrafted gifts by local, regional, and international artists for all occasions. Sales made through Picasso’s help support the artists in and around our community.

### SCHOLARSHIPS
Alamance Arts granted five scholarships to graduating seniors to further their education in a Fine Arts Discipline. Scholarships were awarded to the following students:

- Sally Newcomb, River Mill Academy, received the James Wilson Scholarship.
- Jamarius Wall, Graham High School, received the Sarah H. Rhyne Scholarship for the Performing Arts.
- Tessa Wells, Williams High School, received the Hazel C. Sellers Scholarship for Visual Arts.
- Andrea Hunnicutt, Williams High School, received the Janet Rhyne Andrews Scholarship.
- Catherine Wiggins, Williams High School, received the A. & J. Johansen Scholarship for Literary Arts.