



RIVERWORKS ART CENTER - March 2024

We've got loads of community arts engagement opportunities happening this month! Learn more at www.riverworksart.org.

Ongoing and Free

The Reserve Wind Ensemble, Every Wednesday

If you've ever played a wind instrument at least at a high-school level, join our community band! This program is led by Michelle Palmer of Yunique Music School. Details at RiverworksArt.org/Reserve-Wind-Ensemble. Free.

*Riverworks Studio at Alden Farms, 19215 Beallsville Rd, Beallsville, MD
Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.*

Jam Sessions, Every Friday

Bring your instrument and voice and join Brian Jamison as he leads these jam sessions. Jam sessions are back starting March 1 and are held inside or outside depending on the weather. Free.

*Locals Farm Market, 19929 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD
Fridays, 5:00-8:00 p.m.*

Open Studio, Every Tuesday and Thursday

Need studio space, a change of scenery, or the company of other artists to nurture your creativity? Work on your project with fellow creatives during Riverworks' open studios. Free.

*Riverworks Studio at Alden Farms, 19215 Beallsville Rd, Beallsville, MD
Tuesdays, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Thursdays, 2:00-5:00 p.m.*

Made-in-Studio

Made-in-Studio workshops require no experience and are held on the First Friday and Second Saturday every month. at the Riverworks Studio at Alden Farms, 19215 Beallsville Rd., Beallsville, MD. Sponsored by the Butz Foundation. \$20. Details at RiverworksArt.org/events.

Wet on Wet Watercolor

A beginning watercolor workshop with Betsy Casaleno that will include basic brush techniques with a concentration on wet methods and rendering sky. Rather than painting the usual still life, we will end the class painting creative landscapes using a fun wet on wet approach. \$20.

Friday, March 1st, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tiny Quilts

Caitlin Robinson (flower farmer, floral designer, natural dyer, quiltmaker, and owner of Sungold Flower Co.) will walk you through each step from fabric selection, to patchwork, to quilting the layers together and binding your mini masterpiece. All sewing will be done by hand and there should be ample time to finish your Tiny Quilt during the class. \$20.

Saturday, March 9th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



Events

Details at RiverworksArt.org/events.

March 3rd: Artist-in-the-House Opening Reception: Sarah Hood Salomon, "Scratched"

Sarah Hood Salomon's series of black and white photographs depicts the haunting images of wild areas in the Ag Reserve that will soon be developed. Enjoy complimentary food and beverages, meet the artist and appreciate their work. Free.

Locals Farm Market, 19929 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD

Sunday, March 3rd, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

March 9th: Indigenous Peoples of the Potomac Piedmont Storytellers Series

Professor and writer Christine Rai shares her experience diving into the history of indigenous groups native to Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve. This free presentation is part of the larger Community Roundtable Project, which is looking for participants to explore the history of Indigenous Peoples in the Ag Reserve and work with Christine to create artwork based on their experience. Free.

Poolesville Old Town Hall Bank Museum, 19933 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville, MD

Saturday, March 9th, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

March 10th: Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Barnesville School students and local artisans created and donated handmade bowls for purchase at this event. Each bowl will be filled with delicious soup generously donated by local chefs from Locals, Coop's Soups, Hooch and Banter Restaurant. Proceeds from the event support Backpack Bites—a local organization that helps feed food-insecure students in the Ag Reserve. Purchase your tickets now to get locally-sourced soup and a handmade bowl while supplies last. \$20.

Locals Farm Market, 19929 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD

Sunday, March 10th, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Artist-In-The-House Gallery

Exhibits are held in the upstairs gallery at Locals Farm Market (accessible only by stairs), 19929 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD. Sponsored by Walter Matia, Curlew Castings. Details at RiverworksArt.org/gallery-1.

Sarah Hood Salomon, "Scratched"

The trees in Sarah Hood Salomon's black-and-white photography impress the viewer with their stark beauty, but there is an unnerving tone of foreboding: When she photographed them, all of these trees were on the verge of being cleared for development. Now most of them are.

Locals Farm Market, 19929 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD

February 21st - April 7th, during Locals regular business hours



Classes

Held at Riverworks Studio at Alden Farms, 19215 Beallsville Rd., Beallsville, MD (unless otherwise noted). Details at RiverworksArt.org/book-online.

ADULT VISUAL ART AND DANCE

Beginning Drawing (ages 16 and up)

Learn to draw with James Vissari. Discover the science and math behind getting your drawings just right followed by the fun of making intuitive drawings with appropriate proportion and shading. For the absolute beginner to intermediate. \$210 for 6 sessions.

Thursdays, March 7th - April 11th, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Beginning Painting (ages 16 and up)

Start your painting journey with James Vissari. Learn to take measurements and know where to place your color. If you just want to get started, this is the class for you. \$210 for 6 sessions.

Thursdays, March 7th - April 11th, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Beginning to Intermediate Oil Painting (ages 16 and up):

Led by painter and Yellow Barn Studio instructor Kimberly Yourick, learn the basics of oil paints and painting theory. \$150 plus materials for 5 sessions.

Thursdays, March 7 - April 11th, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Afrofusion Dance and Mindfulness:

Dance Instructor Angela Gonzales invites you to heal your heart and body through learning the art and history of afro-influenced latin dance, including styles from Peru, Puerto Rico, and Cuba. Now held at Essence Dance Studio during the winter months, thanks to their generous contribution of their space. \$20 per session.

Essence Dance Studio, 19710 Fisher Ave Suite E, Poolesville, MD 20837

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

YOUTH MUSIC AND ART

Magic Makers (ages 2-5 w/parent)

Kids get crafty with Yunique Music School while listening to music and exploring age-appropriate instruments, such as maracas and tambourines. Meet new friends and socialize your little ones! Join any time. \$85 per month.

Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Tiny Tones (ages 4-6)

This class with Yunique Music School is a great introduction to musical concepts and first musical experiences. Students learn to count rhythm, explore percussion and other cool instruments, and create art while listening to and learning about classical composers. Join any time. \$125 per month.

Saturdays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.



Music Explorers (ages 6-8)

Go for a music adventure and explore wind instruments! Yunique Music School teaches a wide variety of wind instruments, including saxophone, didgeridoo, harmonica and ocarina. Learn about classical composers, practice counting rhythm, and create some awesome art along the way. Join any time. \$140 per month.

Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Instrumental Music Classes

A music education program that in a joyful way inspires your child to play an instrument, developing confidence and a growth mindset. These Montessori-style classes focus on music notation, breath control, and proper form, all while learning fun songs. No experience necessary! Students are responsible for renting or purchasing their own instruments (resources for instrument rentals are provided). Select flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone or recorder. Join any time. \$185 per month.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays.

Community Roundtable Project #3 - Indigenous Peoples of the Potomac Piedmont

The CRP brings artists and the community together in sharing and conversation of important issues, topics and cultures through the medium of art. Details at RiverworksArt.org/communityroundtableproject.

Join Christine Rai for excursions and workshopping starting in March and culminating with the Community Roundtable Discussion on June 15th. Christine will begin the program with a free Storytellers Series Lecture at the Poolesville Old Town Hall Bank Building, documenting her experience researching the indigenous groups of the area. Artists and writers are invited to join this cohort to explore a deeper understanding of the Indigenous Peoples of the Potomac Piedmont with an experiential focus. Use curated resources and dynamic site visits to inspire a final artwork or creative writing piece inspired by the history and culture of the Ag Reserve's original inhabitants. \$95 for 9 weeks.

March 9th - Storytellers Series Presentation (Open to the Public, Free)

March 16th - Group Orientation

April 13th - Day Trip to Historic St. Mary's City and Jefferson Patterson Museum

May 4th- Tour of Local Sites

June 8th - Group Meeting

June 15th - Community Roundtable Discussion (Open to the Public, Free)

Sponsored by Heritage Montgomery, Montgomery County Government, and MHAA.

