

# 32nd Artrageous Kids Arts Festival

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ern Carolinas. "PNC is happy to continue supporting this festival, which brings enrichment and fun to local children and families."

This year's theme, "Be You! You're An Original", encourages children to celebrate being themselves and creating original artwork.

"Having fun, making art, listening to music, and enjoying time with family and friends is what Artrageous is all about," said Dare County Arts Council Interim Executive Director Jessica Sands. "Our plan is to offer high-quality art activities that inspire children, while showing them there is no right or wrong way to express themselves through art."

Organizations and businesses interested in hosting a kids art activity and artisans interested in selling their works at Artrageous can find the applications online at ([DareArts.org/artrageous](http://DareArts.org/artrageous)). DareArts.org/artrageous) or call 252/473-5558.



Artrageous fun at Dowdy Park in 2019. Photo courtesy of Melissa Zehner

## Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash, NC, Features Works by Ginny Lassiter

Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash, NC, will present *Ginny Lassiter: Finding My Passion*, featuring abstract works by local artist and gallery owner, Ginny Lassiter, on view from Sept. 10 through Oct. 16, 2021.

Lassiter graduated from East Carolina University, majoring in art with an emphasis in design. Her taste, which is evident in every aspect of the gallery, leans toward the eclectic. Her paintings, often textural and almost always abstract, are primarily expressionist in nature, sometimes influenced by architectural structures, forms and spaces.

"I love the process of painting abstracts," she says. "By focusing on shape, color and line I'm able to step outside of the 'real world' and representational imagery, but still generate interest from the viewer. It's my hope that each of my paintings draws the viewer in and brings about an emotional response!"

Among the twenty-plus paintings in *Finding My Passion* are acrylics and mixed media pieces including some favorites from the artist's personal collection. Lassiter invites the public to join her for a meet-the-artist afternoon on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 2-5pm.



Work by Ginny Lassiter

Located in coastal Brunswick County, Sunset River Marketplace caters to both tourists and a growing local community of full-time residents seeking fine art for their homes and businesses. Featuring work by approximately 150 North and South Carolina artists, the gallery is well known in the area for its collection of oil paintings, watermedia, pastels, photography, hand-blown glass, fused glass, pottery and clay sculptures, turned and carved wood, unique home décor items



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and artisan jewelry.

There are two onsite kilns and five wheels used by the gallery's pottery students. Art classes and workshops are currently being offered on a limited basis. Call the gallery for details.

The FrameCenter, located within the gallery, can be reached by calling framer Louis Aliotta directly at 910/368-7351.

The gallery is located on Beach Drive SW, Calabash, NC, just across the border with South Carolina.

Special Covid 19 Notice: To meet North Carolina State guidelines, Sunset River Marketplace requests that patrons who are not fully vaccinated wear face coverings and requires the use of hand sanitizer plus six-foot social distancing between gallery visitors and at the cash register. The gallery staff conducts thorough cleaning of surfaces upon opening and closing and during the day and has placed complimentary hand sanitizer throughout the gallery for visitor use. Depending on alerts from the Governor's Office, this advisory may change.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 910/575-5999 or visit ([www.sunsetrivermarketplace.com](http://www.sunsetrivermarketplace.com)). Daily updates are available on the gallery's Facebook and Instagram pages.



## Thalian Association Community Theatre in Wilmington, NC, Offers 25th Annual Orange Street ArtsFest - Sept. 4 & 5, 2021

The Thalian Association Community Theatre in Wilmington, NC, will present the 25th Annual Orange Street ArtsFest, Labor Day Weekend, Saturday Sept. 4, and Sunday Sept. 5, from 10am-5pm each day. The Orange Street Artsfest is a Memorial Day Weekend tradition but this year will move to the end of summer as community COVID-19 conditions improve.

The celebrated street fair will be bigger than ever this year with exhibitors inside the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center, beside the building on Orange Street, on 2nd Street from Orange to Dock Streets, and for the first time on the parking lot beside the building. The popular juried festival is one of the largest arts festivals in downtown Wilmington and now has space for more artists, local entertainment, and specialty food vendors.

"We are ready to get together again and celebrate arts in the Cape Fear region," said Susan Habas, Executive Director of Thalian Association Community Theatre. "It's disappointing to postpone the festival to Fall but our priority is the safety of the community and everyone who works hard to make Orange Street ArtsFest a special event, unique to downtown Wilmington."

Works in acrylic, oils, watercolor, sculpture, drawing, graphics, wearable arts, leather jewelry, clay, glass, fiber, metal work or mixed media will be presented.

The Orange Street ArtsFest is a family friendly event for visitors of all ages featuring entertainment from Thalian Association Community Theatre and artists who teach and perform in the Community Arts Center year-round. Another highlight of the festival is the opportunity to tour the WWII exhibits in the lobby of the fully renovated Historic USO Building.

Another much anticipated activity is the Children's Museum of Wilmington

(CMOW) interactive playroom in the Linda Lavin Studio beside the lobby museum. The CMOW staff will lead activities daily from noon-4pm featuring fun stations with science experiments, construction with foam building blocks, and the famous arts and crafts station for entire families to enjoy.

Thalian Association Community Theatre launched the Orange Street ArtsFest in 1995 to promote the arts in Wilmington and the Community Arts Center (CAC), located in the Historic USO building. Thalian Association Community Theatre has managed the Community Arts Center for the City of Wilmington since 1994. The 78-year-old landmark building, long recognized as the center of visual and performing arts, was completely renovated in 2008 and is now known as the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center.

More information about the building and its history can be found at ([wilmingtoncommunityarts.org](http://wilmingtoncommunityarts.org)). Established in 1788, Thalian Association Community Theatre is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to enhancing the Cape Fear region through live community theatre and arts education. Thalian Association Community Theatre produces five major productions annually on the Main Stage at historic Thalian Hall and professionally manages the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center for the City of Wilmington. The youth theatre program offers training and performance opportunities for children age seven through high school seniors. In 2007, Thalian Association Community Theatre was designated North Carolina's Official Community Theater by the state legislature.

For further information visit ([www.thalian.org](http://www.thalian.org)).

So you're the Marketing Director of a visual arts organization, art museum, arts center, arts council or artist guild and you're wondering why you never see the exhibits presented at your facility included here. Maybe you're the owner of a commercial art gallery and you've never seen your exhibits included with others presented in your area. You might even be an individual artist who is having an exhibit in a non-profit space or commercial space and you don't see your exhibits included.

My question to you is - How long will you put up with that before you ask someone,

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