



Artists OF RAPPAHANNOCK

Dear Friends of RAAC,

The Rappahannock Association for the Arts and the Community (RAAC) is pleased to announce the fifth annual *Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour* to take place November 7 and 8. Celebrating the art and artists of Rappahannock County, the event is becoming a cultural destination for Virginia, Washington, DC and the Mid-Atlantic area. Since its inception, the Tour has drawn thousands of attendees, a testament to the fact that it is becoming a *must stop* along discerning art collectors' routes. The Tour not only supports our local artists, but it helps fuel our county's economy.

Rain or shine, the two-day event consists of at least 50 participating artists and 15 open studios and galleries in Washington, Flint Hill, Huntly, Sperryville, Slate Mills, Castleton and Amissville. The Tour begins at the Fire Hall Gallery in Washington, Virginia where visitors receive a map directing them to the various arts destinations, and can view representative artwork from all the participating artists. There is also the opportunity to attend a pre-tour reception Friday evening November 6 at the Fire Hall Gallery.

It is RAAC's goal to foster the creation of new arts initiatives to benefit our community. Last year, under the leadership of Claudia Mitchell, RAAC announced the creation of an arts education fund. In memory of Claudia, who recently passed away, and whose legacy lives on, RAAC has named the fund the Claudia Mitchell Memorial Arts Fund, to be commonly known as the Mitchell Arts Fund. The mission of the Mitchell Arts Fund is to provide grants and opportunities for emerging artists and otherwise promote innovation in the arts, in all media, in the Rappahannock area. To accomplish this mission, we seek donations from our community members, area business leaders and art patrons. As an *Artists of Rappahannock Studio and Gallery Tour* supporter you will help nurture artistic development, both in our schools and throughout the county, and assure the success of an important community event.

Please consider giving your support to the *Artists of Rappahannock Studio and Gallery Tour*. After tour expenses net proceeds from donations will go toward the Mitchell Arts Fund and other RAAC community projects. The enclosed reply form outlines contribution levels and accompanying benefits, including: your name listing on the tour map given to all attendees; recognition at events and in local publicity; invitations to the pre-tour reception and RAAC fall membership party; free tour and film passes. All donations are tax deductible, as allowed by law.

For 27 years RAAC has been enriching the lives of local residents through the arts and community events. We believe the *Artists of Rappahannock Studio and Gallery Tour* extends our mission by introducing talented artists and the unique beauty of our county to the greater Mid-Atlantic region.

Thank you for your support of RAAC and the *Artists of Rappahannock Studio and Gallery Tour*.

Sincerely,

Kevin H. Adams, President
RAAC Board



YES, I want to support RAAC's Fifth Annual *Artists of Rappahannock Studio and Gallery Tour* and help underwrite the Mitchell Arts Fund and other RAAC community projects.

Enclosed is my check for:

_____ **\$100 Sponsor of the Arts**

- Invitation to pre-tour reception November 6
- Listing in the 2009 *Artists of Rappahannock* program to all attendees
- Display literature at the Fire Hall Gallery in Washington where tour begins

_____ **\$250 Friend of the Arts**

In addition to the above, you'll receive

- Invitation to RAAC's fall membership party
- Recognition in select *Artists of Rappahannock* local publicity
- Listing on the *Artists of Rappahannock* website
- Complimentary pair of RAAC season film and tour passes

_____ **\$500 Patron of the Arts**

In addition to the above, you'll receive

- Mention in select publicity regarding your help to underwrite the Mitchell Arts Fund and other RAAC community projects
- Listing with a "live" logo/link on the *Artists of Rappahannock* website

_____ **\$1,000 Benefactor of the Arts**

In addition to the above, you'll receive

- Mention in all local publicity regarding your help to underwrite the Mitchell Arts Fund and other RAAC community projects

_____ **\$2,500 Master of the Arts**

In addition to the above, you'll receive

- Recognition at all RAAC/tour events and acknowledgment in all RAAC/tour publicity regarding your help to underwrite the Mitchell Arts Fund and other RAAC community projects

_____ **Other** Yes, I wish to make a donation in the enclosed amount

Your Name or Name of Business (as you'd like it to appear) _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

***Please make check payable to "RAAC" and send to the address below.
All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.***

***Please respond by August 15, 2009
(Deadline for printed materials)***

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