

Look & Listen

Hello Friends!

Every now and then we think about what might have been. Scheduled before Covid, the annual Rappahannock Farm Tour and the John Jackson Piedmont Blues Festival were to be held this Saturday. And 1000 Faces mask theater would have performed last weekend. Big losses for the community, but we have high hopes for next fall. In their absence, here are some artful events in Rappahannock to fill some of the void with creative inspiration.

LOOK

Stream "Meet-the-Artists" interviews from September 18 event.

Look and listen to interviews with six artists featured in the September Virtual Art Exhibition: Patricia Brennan, Jackie Bailey Labovitz, Davette Leonard, Margot Neuhaus, Paul Rutz, Lori Wallace-Lloyd. What motivates and inspires these artists? How do they approach their work? What are they trying to achieve? You can visit the gallery by clicking [virtual exhibit](#) as well as stream any or all of the Meet-the-Artists events [here](#).

Middle Street Gallery is looking for new artist-members to join the artist-owned cooperative. Since its founding in 1982, the Gallery has embraced all aspects of fine arts. If interested in becoming an artist-member, click [Gallery](#).

Black & white graphics by Wayne Paige, *Not Out of the Woods*, are now on exhibit at the Gallery until Oct 4 (open 12-5pm on weekends).

DARK MONEY Film-Talkback Event—Rescheduled to Friday, Oct 2 at 7pm.

There are some tickets left for this space-limited outdoor event that can be reserved by going to: [Eventbrite](#). [Note: ticket holders for the originally scheduled September event were given advanced notice to reserve for this make-up date.] Our after-film discussant is Trevor Potter, former FEC chair and president of the Campaign Legal Center. Rain date is Oct 3 at 7pm. Masks and social distancing required.

LISTEN

Law in Opera with Justices Ginsburg and Scalia — Castleton Festival is streaming its World Premiere at the 2015 Castleton Festival. In this comic opera, Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia must pass through three cosmic trials to secure their freedom. The catch: they may have to agree on the Constitution. Ginsburg said, *"If I could choose the talent I would most like to have, it would be a glorious voice."* You are invited to a free online performance. Click [HERE](#) to stream this fabulous performance from the archives.

Sunday Virtual House Concert continues this Sunday at 7pm (Sep 27) —Because We Have Music — will feature Steve Seskin, songstress Lyn Koonce, and Kid Pan Alley hosts Paul Reisler and Cheryl Toth. Seskin has penned hits for everyone from Tim McGraw to Peter, Paul and Mary, and is an electrifying performer. "His voice has a natural lilt that can't be learned," writes Joel Selvin in the SF Chronicle. Singer/songwriter/instrumentalist, Lyn Koonce, mixes the sounds of alt-country and pop, with a hint of blues, to make a music that is both powerful and comforting. She was a recent winner of American Songwriter Magazine Lyric Contest.

The concert is free. Here's the link to register for limited seating in the virtual living room via Zoom or to stream anytime: [Virtual House Concert](#). You can watch the concert this Sunday at 7pm at Before & After on their big screen outside—bring a chair. RAAC primes the tip jar for Rappahannock guest musicians; please join us by pitching in!

DO

Create Holiday Ornament for the Executive Mansion. Put your creative energy to work by crafting a "Home for the Holidays" ornament for display in Virginia's Executive Mansion. Each county in Virginia is invited to submit one ornament for the Executive Mansion Tree. **Rappahannock's Artisan Alliance** is sponsoring a local competition to select a winner for a spot on the Tree that represents what's unique about our County. One Rappahannock ornament will be sent to Richmond and the others will be displayed at Hazel River Arts & Antiques and online on www.xrap.org. Submission deadline is Nov 1st. If interested contact Sally Haynes for details at slhink@gmail.com.

If you know about a local arts event for an upcoming Look and Listen, please email us at newsletter@raac.org.

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