

HOLIDAY 2024

SALISBURY

the magazine




GENERATIONS OF CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

*Steve and Lina Drinkard's
decorations have ties to the past*

• ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS
WORK BEHIND
THE SCENES TO BEAUTIFY
LOCAL ALTARS

• WATERWORKS HOSTS
ROBERTSON ART COLLECTION
FROM WORLD MASTERS



“I want a cardiologist who’s done this a thousand times”

You want Novant

Our award-winning heart and vascular team offers advanced treatments, personalized plans and comprehensive cardiac care from diagnosis to rehabilitation. To learn more about our nationally recognized heart care, go to [NovantHealth.org/Heart](https://www.novanthealth.org/Heart).

Best physicians. Amazing nurses. Remarkable care.

N ■ **NOVANT**[®]
■ **HEALTH**

ADMINISTRATIVE

John Carr — Publisher

john.carr@salisburythemagazine.com

Maggie Blackwell — Editor

maggie.blackwell@salisburythemagazine.com

Andy Mooney — Creative director

andy.mooney@salisburythemagazine.com

ADVERTISING

Dennis Davidson

dennis.davidson@salisburythemagazine.com

Brendan Hill

brendan.hill@salisburythemagazine.com

Randy Perdue

randy.perdue@salisburythemagazine.com

Amy Williams

amy.williams@salisburythemagazine.com

PRODUCTION

Susan Baker

susan.baker@salisburythemagazine.com

CONTRIBUTORS

Sean Meyers, Luann Nordine,
David Powell, Virginia Robertson,
Susan Shinn Turner,
Brenda Zimmerman

On the web:

www.salisburythemagazine.com

On Facebook:

www.facebook.com/salisburythemagazine

To subscribe

call 704-797-4213 or online at
salisburythemagazine.com

Salisbury the Magazine

P.O. Box 4639
Salisbury, NC 28145-4639

Published 9 times / year



12 Unsung heroes

Altar guild members work behind the scenes to beautify local altars

22 Once-in-a-lifetime exhibit

Waterworks hosts Robertson art collection of world-renowned masters

32 Generations of Christmas memories

Steve and Lina Drinkard's decorations have ties to the past

DEPARTMENTS

Editor's Letter p.6

Through the Lens p.8

Bookish p.11

Rowan Original p.10

On the cover: Lina and Steve Drinkard decorated their home for holidays with help from home decorator Jon Planovsky. — *Sean Meyers photo*

INDEX OF ADVERTISERS

Accelerate Therapy and Performance.....40	Carolina Pipe Cleaning.....18	Novant Health4	Stout Heating and Air41	Yatawara Gynecology and Wellness28
Ace Hardware.....39	F&M Bank.....48	Osterhus Outdoors30,39	Students in Training.....41	Melissa Yates — Lantern Realty37
Ralph Baker's Shoes5	Godley's Garden Center7	Putnam's Carpet.....39	The Barn at Cedar Hill.....31	
Bare Furniture.....4	Cathy Griffin/Ashlee Flippin — C2117	Ritchie's Steamway.....39	TMR Realty41	
Barnhardt Jewelers.....31	Lil' Shaver's.....38	Rowan County EDC.....21	Tom's Carpet Care.....39	
Blue Bay Seafood16	Jan McCanless.....40	Rowan-Kannapolis ABC.....38	Trinity Oaks.....20	
		Sink Farm Equipment47	Windsor Gallery.....28	



Bare
FURNITURE
CO.

1660 N. Main St. China Grove NC. 28023 • 704 857-2619 • BareFurnitureCo.com

Give YOUR Santa the Gift of Comfort!



Comfortable Shoes Make GREAT Christmas Gifts!



PROFESSIONAL FITTING • GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

**RALPH
BAKER'S SHOES**

428 N. Main Street | Salisbury, NC
704-636-1850 • www.RalphBakerShoes.com

Locally owned & locally operated
HOURS: M-F 9:30-5:30 | SAT 9:30-4:00



'Tis the season

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Holidays to all! Steve and Lina Drinkard are that kind of people who perpetually have their happy faces on. You'd never guess that they're deeply sentimental. Their Christmas decorations give away their sweet secret, with ornaments made from their dads' ties, fishing lures and more. Lina even has ornaments her mom won at a bridge game over 60 years ago! They've read the same Christmas book with their children, now in their 40s, every year without a break. Lina says at some point in the book, someone will start to cry — then the whole family cries as well! You can see their delightful decorations — as well as their gorgeous home — here.

In case you've been somewhere else since September, there's an art exhibit at Waterworks that is ~~amazing~~ ~~fantastic~~ breath-taking. On loan from the Robertson Foundation — this time the Julian and Josie foundation, not the Blanch and Julian one — the portfolio contains 40 pieces by world masters.

Here. In Salisbury. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to see — without traveling — pieces by Picasso, Pissarro, Monet, Kandinsky and others — live and in "person."

We are sharing some of that exhibit with you here in the magazine. We have photos from the private opening reception and a school visit. In addition, we will feature one piece per issue for the remainder of time the exhibit is here. Some issues will contain art historians' words on the



piece; some issues will feature the history of a piece. Altogether we'll share in-depth info on five of the pieces (Winter, March, April, May and Summer issues). We encourage you to go multiple times so you can focus on one artist at a time, or one genre at a time, and so on. This is an opportunity for us to absorb the art at a level not often afforded small towns.

I'd like to point out as well that the Robertson Foundation donated five pieces to the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh for their permanent exhibit.

Our churches comfort us, particularly in the Christmas season, with, among other things, tradition. Do you ever think of the people who maintain our traditions for us? Susan Shinn Turner brings us a story of several of our downtown churches and the people who set up communion, arrange flowers and make our traditions possible.

Our Rowan Original this month is Santa's

Mailbox at the Salisbury Square! We wondered how it got there and how Ol' St. Nick gets his letters from it. A new writer to the magazine, Virginia Robertson, went straight to the source and talked with Mrs. Claus herself. The story is friendly to readers old and young alike. Spoiler alert: if children include their return addresses, Santa will reply!

Because we have a sub-theme of art this month, Brenda Zimmerman brings our book review on *The World According to Color*. An artist herself, Zimmerman has studied multiple books on color, yet this one presents the topic in a new and interesting way.

We don't often mention our Scenes in the back of the magazine. This month we share photos of two more art events in Salisbury: the annual Carolina Art Guild show and the *Painting the Pavement* at the intersection of Lee and Kerr Streets.

I wish you all a meaningful holiday season filled with the people who love you. I'll be hosting 18 of my own large tribe, including 11 children. I anticipate a noisy, messy week, filled with secrets and laughter, just as Christmas should be.

Merry Christmas!

Maggie

— Maggie Blackwell
Editor, Salisbury the Magazine



Tidings of Peace, Comfort & Joy

From all of us to all of you, go our
very best wishes for a bright and beautiful
Christmas season filled with love,
friendship, health and happiness.

Luke 2-10

*Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid,
for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy
which will be to all people."*




Godley's
GARDEN
CENTER
& NURSERY, INC.

2281 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC 28147
704-638-0082

A long, bright, yellowish-white comet streak against a dark starry background. The comet is oriented vertically, with the brightest part at the bottom. The background is filled with numerous small, white stars of varying brightness.

Image of Comet C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) through a Canon 400mm lens. The comet made its closest approach to Earth on Sept. 27 at 36 million miles, and it was visible to the naked eye. This was shot Oct. 20 after it had already made its trip around the sun and was heading back out into space. This image is a combination of 68 20-second exposures on a star tracker.



David Powell captured this image at The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the largest such event in the world. Approximately 750 balloons are launched twice a day for 10 days in a row, weather permitting.

To submit a photo for Through the Lens, send a high-resolution photo to andy.mooney@salisburythemagazine.com.

Vertical orientation is required.

Santa's Mailbox on the Square

by Virginia Robertson

We all see it every year around Thanksgiving to Christmas. In downtown Salisbury, on the square stands the Christmas Mailbox. There has been great debate around the origin of this Christmas Mailbox. We have so many questions. When did it start showing up? How does it get there? What happens to the letters once they are sent?

In order to get to the root of this problem we began with the public. We found boys and girls old and young and asked if they knew. Some remember a story about the largest snow storm in Salisbury history 1927 and when the snow cleared — there it was! Santa's mailbox on the Square.

Others say it's the good Santa himself who delivered the mailbox in the 1950's. One lady said Salisbury City staff put it out every year. With such conflicting evidence we decided to go to the source itself. We wrote the big man. It took a while but we finally received a response from Mrs. Claus:

"We would like to let you know that yes, we



did place your mailbox around 1927 during a beautiful snowstorm as a gift to your community. Letters should be placed there for Santa."

She continued to explain that once mailed, a special elf then retrieves the letters and brings them back to the North Pole. These letters are then downloaded to each child's personal profile which is then put on either the good or bad list. The present requests go to the engineering department who draws up building plans and sends to production. Some items have to be bought at a store or online because of trademark laws.

Miss Claus ended her email with this statement, "Your mail box will be delivered this year on Wednesday, November 20. The children should be sure to include their own address if they want a reply. The mailbox will disappear on Wednesday, December 18, so they need to get their letters in on time.

"And — always remember: He knows if you've been bad or good, so be good for goodness' sake! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!" **S**

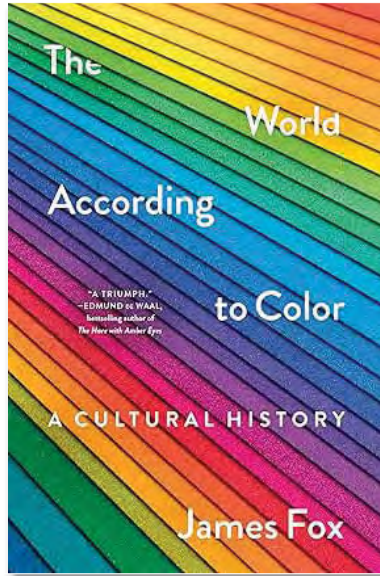
‘The World According to Color’

A brilliant rainbow pattern in perfect Roy G. Biv order, the book jacket pulled me in. The text of the book, however, was anything but a reflection of the simple child’s mnemonic device for remembering the colors of the spectrum. Bright colors have always been a joy in my life. From brightly colored glass in a church window to the rich colors of food; from the jewel tones I love to wear to the various mediums I use to create art; color is a part of every aspect of my life.

This fully annotated and footnoted book has no major plots, not a single hero or heroine but is a must-read if you love the wash of color in your daily life. Major color categories are given entire chapters to explain how they have influenced history and culture around the globe. It is a mesmerizing study in our visual environment.

How many shades of blue exist? Why do some cultures wear black for mourning while others wear red? Is black a color? What is the difference between a hue and a tint? What color is the sun? Why do the good guys wear white? What natural dye was once far more valuable gram for gram than pure gold? The book considers endless questions and discussions about how human beings around the world are influenced by color.

The first color used in cave art was most likely red. Drawings hidden far into caves done with red earth pigments remain as bright and fresh as the day they were made. Earliest cave drawings show human hands stenciled over with red powder. Anthropologists speculate that this was a list of the group present, or a way of marking time. In cultures around the



“The World According to Color, A Cultural History,” James Fox, Martin’s Press, 2022, 320 pp

world, red is associated with life cycles and may have been the first color used with symbolic intention.

Green has many meanings in cultures, but the most common is a sign of growth and hope. Imagine Neolithic man making the connection between the tiny green shoots coming through frozen ground and the concept that warmer days were on the way. In the Bible, Eden is the very definition of green. The reference to the green earth in the Koran directed man “make no mischief of the earth” hundreds of years before Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring* in 1962. Green symbolizes the existence of a future.

The book tackles the debate of whether black and white are really colors. The an-

swers may surprise you. White makes color disappear while black soaks it up. Michelangelo insisted on pure white marble with no inclusions. His sculptures were devoid of all color; the pure white assured the visual impact was on physical form and depth. Rembrandt depended on black to create his mysterious characters in oil... or did he? Depends entirely on your perception of black as a pigment.

Why was it illegal for 600 years to wear purple in ancient European lands? Shades of purple became popular in England in the mid-1800s for a single specific reason. It was said that once London was covered in a purple fog. So how did the popular hue go from royalty only to the common palette?

Why are there entire cultures that do not have words for blue? Why is blue one of the very last colors to be found in classic literature? Blue was the last color to have a name. Blue is one of the most predominant colors found naturally, but it is also the least tangible color.

A child’s drawing of the big yellow circle with stick-like rays reaching out from it is no different than a cave drawing millennia ago. Many origin stories of divine images are associated with the yellow and gold of the sun. The sun, however, is not actually yellow!

Small areas of detail in the book remind me of a heavy art textbook I had to study regarding the chemistry and physics of light and color. Where “The World of Color and Culture” is different is that, instead of formulas and scientific theory, the reader is drawn into how color is used and how it works in the everyday life of humanity. Color gives meaning a context to our perception of the world. Like music, color is a universal language.

“... second only to language, color is the greatest carrier of cultural meaning in our world.” **S**



by
**BRENDA
ZIMMERMAN**



The St. Luke's altar is set for communion at Easter.

UNSUNG HEROES

Altar guild members work behind the scenes to beautify local altars

STORY : SUSAN SHINN TURNER | SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Soldiers Memorial Deaconesses Dorothy Washington, Edna Gillispie, Sarah Norman, Corrina Parks.

For those who attend church on a regular basis, there's a great deal of comfort in the rituals — the singing of hymns, the listening to the message, the receiving of bread and wine.

But the average congregant probably doesn't even think about what it takes to make our local altars so beautiful and so perfect.

That's where the altar guilds come in.

Caroline Stephenson is parish ministry coordinator at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

"We have about six altar guild teams who prepare our worship space for every service," she says. "That's every Sunday and all our Holy Week and other special services. They're certainly unsung heroes."

At St. Luke's, there are about 24 members who perform this task with respect and care.

The altar guild members also set up communion for every wedding and every funeral that takes place, Stephenson notes. "It's very detailed in how things are to be prepared."

Altar guilds are typically led by one person, and at St. Luke's, that person was Judy Newman.

"Judy Newman was all things altar guild at St. Luke's," Stephenson says.

Following Newman's unexpected death two years ago, Father Robert Black oversees the guild, and the staff makes sure everything is in place, Stephenson says. "It's a self-sufficient group."

Nearby at St. John's Lutheran Church, Brenda Goodman and Melody Moxley serve as co-chairs for the altar guild teams.

Shortly after she joined the church, Goodman remembers watching women who were the real "movers and shakers" of the congregation making sure things were being done correctly.

"There have been many people in the past I think of quite often when I'm there," she says. "They had relentless energy."

She adds, "The average churchgoer has no idea how much time and effort goes into setting up and cleaning up."

As your mom probably said, there's a place for everything and everything in its place. The same is true of all the pieces used for communion. Once everything is washed and wiped down and the individual glasses sanitized, it's all put away carefully. It's not just because of the value of these pieces, Goodman explains, but because of the sentimental value attached to the families who donated them.



*Decorators in the Family
Life Center of First
Presbyterian preparing for
the Christmas season.*

“There’s a certain
order and symmetry
that you follow.
This is our heritage.”

— BRENDA GOODMAN

ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Goodman appreciates the continuity the altar guild provides.

“There’s a certain order and symmetry that you follow,” she notes. “This is our heritage.”

At St. John’s, about 35 people serve on either the preparation committee or the clean-up committee.

The prep work typically takes place on Saturday, Goodman explains.

“When you are prepping on a Saturday, nobody is there,” she says. “It’s a space that exudes tranquility and peace. I think of the people who have come and gone and who have contributed. This is the least I can do to keep this wonderful church going.”

And it’s a wonderful way, she says, to meet new friends.

“Everybody has the same goal,” she says. “Our group is just a fraction of what it takes to put together a church service, and we’re determined to do it the right way.”

At Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church, a group of five deaconesses prepares the altar. The group sets the communion table the first Sunday of each month.

They dress in white from head to toe, says Raemi Evans, a lifelong church member. “They’re very dependable.”

Deaconesses are appointed by the pastor for life, Evans adds.

On Communion Sunday, the communion table is covered by a white cloth. After the pastor says a blessing, the deaconesses remove the white cloth from the table, folding it carefully. The pastors serves his co-pastors, then himself. Then members of the church are invited to the front to partake of communion. Finally, the deaconesses are served last. Then they unfold the white cloth and once again cover the communion table.

One of them is Dorothy Washington, who drives from Charlotte every week.

“I just never moved my membership,” says Washington, who estimates she’s been commuting about 40 years.

“My family and friends and classmates are here,” she explains. The deaconesses meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday



*Above: The altar
flowers represent the
flames of Pentecost
Sunday as the Rev.
Lori Carter gives
the post-communion
blessing at St. John’s.*

*Left: Flowers from
Kaye Brown Hirst’s
garden at Organ
Lutheran Church.*



Soldiers Memorial Deaconesses Dorothy Washington, Edna Gillispie, Sarah Norman, Corrina Parks.



Two Locations to Serve You
2050 Statesville Blvd. 1007 East Innes St.
704-639-9500 704-633-9585

**DELICIOUS SEAFOOD
& Your Favorite Entrees**



DAILY SPECIALS

- Senior Citizen Discounts •
- Children's Menu • Healthy Choices

Voted Best Seafood 7 times!

2022
ROCO
gold
Salisbury Post

2023
ROCO
gold
Salisbury Post

2021
ROCO
gold
Salisbury Post

2020
ROCO
gold
Salisbury Post

2018
ROCO
gold
Salisbury Post

2017
ROCO
gold
Salisbury Post

2016
ROCO
gold
Salisbury Post

Follow us on     

www.bluebay-seafood.com



**THERE IS NO PLACE
LIKE HOME FOR THE**

Holidays



**CATHY
GRIFFIN
REALTOR**
704-213-2464
c21cathy@bellsouth.net

Cathy is #1 in the state & #5 in the nation among Century 21 agents. Born and raised in Rowan County.



**ASHLEE M.
FLIPPIN
REALTOR**
704-267-3371
c21ashlee@gmail.com

Ashlee was born and raised in Rowan County and is a Catawba College graduate.



**JOSEPH
RUSHER
REALTOR**
704-762-0701
jcrusher12@gmail.com

Born and raised in Salisbury, Joseph is a graduate of NC State University.

**WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU,
AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP.**

21 Century 21
Towne & Country

474 Jake Alexander Blvd., West
Salisbury, NC • 704-637-7721



Communion trays ready for distribution.

mornings to complete their tasks, then Washington spends the night with her sister.

In addition to preparing communion for the pastor to take for home visits, the women also call and send cards to those members who are sick and homebound.

“Once a deaconess, always a deaconess,” Washington says. “We really take it seriously.”

At First Presbyterian Church, Karen DeGraaf is the worship team leader for the Life Center worship service. The team centers on decorating the space, she says. “We rely on the congregation to help, especially at Christmas. You just have to go with what people enjoy doing. We put out the call for volunteers and people respond.”

At Organ Lutheran Church, Kaye Brown Hirst loves arranging flowers, and that’s been her contribution for years. She works in tandem with the altar guild to keep the altar perfect Sunday after Sunday.

Hirst says that communion is celebrated on the first and third Sunday and festival Sundays. But on the second and fourth Sunday, the congregation gathers after the service for “quiet communion” at the altar. So, the altar guild has com-



Residential and Commercial

Complete Sewer & Drain Cleaning

Emergency Service

Licensed, Bonded, & Insured

You Name It, We'll Drain It!

230 Emanuel Church Road | Rockwell, NC

704.279.1151 or 704.932.7090

www.carolinapipelinecleaninginc.com

carolinapipelinecleaning@gmail.com

- Plumbing Services
- Water Heater Repair & Replacement
- Septic Services
- Grease Trap Pumping & Installation



*Family Owned
and Operated
for 25 years!*

*Joan Pranke prepares
the altar at Organ
Lutheran.*





TRINITY OAKS

SMALL TOWN, BIG CHARM

SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE.
ENHANCE YOUR LIFESTYLE

Enjoy friendly social settings and design your own lifestyle with all of the options provided here at Trinity Oaks. Between our community fitness center, indoor pool, The Oaks dining room, outdoor patios and the many nearby attractions of historic Salisbury, there is truly never a dull moment. We offer a carefree retirement lifestyle that caters to you. The moment you walk in, you will be captivated by the warmth and friendliness that characterize this vibrant, full-service retirement living community.

Learn more about our **Independent Living residences**, with access to **Assisted Living, Health & Rehab**, and **Memory Care** when you scan the **QR code**, call **704-603-9202**, or visit **TrinityOaks.net**.




Trinity Oaks is an affiliate of Lutheran Services Carolinas in Salisbury, NC.



Flowers from Kaye Brown Hirst's garden at Organ Lutheran Church. She notes there are specific instructions as to where the candles are to be placed beneath the massive cross.

munion prepared every Sunday, she says.

On the first and third Sundays, youth group members bake the communion bread.

"It's a service to your church family in preparing the altar and making it look appropriate," Hirst says. "Everything has to be placed in a certain way. We take it for granted, but all of this seemingly miraculously appears. You don't see these people doing it. They do it out of love and respect for God and for their congregation." 



The Rev. Robert Black offers communion at St. Luke's Episcopal at Christmas.

Discover

everything you love about Rowan County

Start your subscription today!
Call 704-797-4213 or go to
www.SalisburyTheMagazine.com

SALISBURY
the magazine

9 issues for only \$18. Gift subscriptions also available.



ONCE-IN-A LIFETIME exhibit

Waterworks hosts Robertson art collection of world-renowned masters

STORY : MAGGIE BLACKWELL | PHOTOGRAPHY : SEAN MEYERS



China Grove Elementary students look at paintings during the Waterworks Visual Arts Center's Modern Masterpieces and Remembering Bostian Alley exhibit.





Patrons gather during a gala for the Waterworks Visual Arts Center's Modern Masterpieces and Remembering Bostian Alley exhibit.

If you've not visited Waterworks Visual Arts Center to see the 40 works of art by masters on display, you must go. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to see these pieces by Pissarro, Picasso, Monet and many others up-close and real-time.

The works are on loan to Waterworks by the Julian and Josie Robertson Foundation. Julian, the founder of the Tiger Fund in New York, established the Blanche and Julian Robertson Foundation in honor of his parents. That foundation, of course, has granted millions of dollars to worthy organizations here in Salisbury.

The foundation named for Julian and Josie is the benefactor who loaned the touring exhibit to Waterworks. When it leaves in August, it will travel to other museums across the U.S.

"When the foundation in New York was deciding how to ensure his artwork was made available to the public, they hired some first-class art consultants to



China Grove Elementary students, from left, Leo Puckett, Matt Young and Deydrian Sherrill work on creating their Picasso-themed artwork at Waterworks.



China Grove Elementary students look over the Boston Alley exhibit.



Left: Waterworks Executive Director Anne Scott Clement poses for a photo.

Right: The Robertson family were present during the exhibit. Back row, from left: Spencer Robertson, Alex Robertson, Julian "Jay" Robertson III. Front row, from left: Sarah Robertson, Wyndham Robertson, Claire Robertson.





advise them.

“All the family members involved with the foundation, including me, knew he would have loved for the art to travel to Salisbury,” Wyndham Robertson, Julian’s sister, said. “But candidly, I worried the consultants would find Waterworks in some way lacking the physical or curatorial heft to pull this off. So, I was thrilled when they reported, after meeting with Anne Scott Clement, that she was fabulous and the museum would be a worthy place for the collection’s first stop. Anne Scott proved them right, with an opening night that was absolutely dazzling.”

Anne Scott adds, “When the consultants came for the site visit, they were impressed. I was so proud.”

Waterworks is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

One thing Wyndham loves about the Waterworks display is that all the paintings are in one room.

“That was the look in Julian and Josie’s apartment,” she says, “Lots of paintings hung almost up to the ceiling. You can take all in one big visual gulp. Or you can stay and slowly work your way around the room and closely examine each picture.”

The foundation also gifted pieces to the North Carolina Museum of Art, the Cantor Center at Stanford University in California and the Auckland Art Gallery in New Zealand.

The collection, titled, “Never Before Seen ... Modern Masterpieces,” spans the timeframe from the late 19th century through the early 20th century.

Waterworks worked with the Robertson Foundation and Rowan Salisbury Schools to enable all school children in the area, some 19,000 students, to see the collection.

“(This is) something that Julian would have loved, and makes all three of his sons especially happy,” Wyndham says. “The experience won’t be meaningful to all of



Jason and Tracy Walser pose for a photograph during the Waterworks Visual Art Center’s Modern Masterpieces and Remembering Bostian Alley exhibit.



Artist Maria Bennett Hock, who painted the Boston Alley photographs, during the reception.



*China Grove
Elementary student
Moises Ramirez looks
over a Boston Alley
painting.*

Artists include:

- Pierre Bonnard
- Marc Chagall
- André Derain
- Henri Fantin-Latour
- Othon Friesz
- Paul Gauguin
- Armand Guillaumin
- Alexej Von Jawlensky
- Wassily Kandinsky
- Franz Kline
- Willem de Kooning
- Fernand Léger
- Marina Marini
- Albert Marquet
- Ludwig Meidner
- Claude Monet
- Samuel John Peplow
- Francis Picabia
- Pablo Picasso
- Camille Pissarro
- Odilon Redon
- Pierre Renoir
- Gerhard Richter
- George Rickey
- Georges Rouault
- Maurice de Vlaminck



Mayor Karen Alexander looks over paintings during the reception.



GAYLE YATAWARA, MD.



GENERAL GYNECOLOGY
BIOIDENTICAL HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY
BOTOX • JUVEDERM • LATISSE • ZO SKIN HEALTH
KYBELLA • CHEMICAL PEELS • MONALISA TOUCH
WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMS

WWW.YATAWARAMD.COM
704.754.8990
415 STATESVILLE BOULEVARD • SALISBURY, NC 28144

Live Healthfully • Age Gracefully

Thankful Tree

★
CAROL
JIM
 Hope **KENT**
 Community Care
WINDSOR 40 years BOB
 Neighbors rainbows **KEALY**
MUSIC friends snow TOMMY
 Chocolate **GINGERBREAD** books
 Stockings **FAITHFUL FRIENDS** owls
LAUGHTER memories **Determination**
KADEN kindness **KIM** health **CIVITAN**
 Lions **KIRSTEN** Knowledge Libraries
 Full moons **STARS** holidays **FAMILY**
PEACE
HAPPINESS



Holiday charms for that special someone



Windsor Gallery
 JEWELERS

1810 W Innes St, Salisbury
 704.633.7115
 www.windsorgalleryjewelers.com



Waterworks volunteer Emily Seaford gives a talk on the masterpiece exhibit for the China Grove Elementary School.





Family Owned and Operated

Awarded the 2022 and 2023 Leisure Pool Dealer of Excellence, the team is composed of Ken, his wife, and sons, and strong support from experienced pool builders, customer service and retail staff.

Osterhus Outdoors Warehouse is a one-stop shop for pool supplies and Ledge Lounger In-Pool and Patio furniture.

With 17 years of experience, a strong construction crew, and a support team we build quality pools using all expert line Hayward Equipment!

Reimagine your backyard!

805 Klumac Rd.,
Salisbury, NC 28144
704-239-7647
www.rowanpools.com



Photographer Tim Coffey snaps a photo of the Robertson family.

Salisbury the Magazine will feature one of these artworks in each of our next five issues, with a photo of the compelling piece and remarks from an art historian. Stay tuned to learn more about this collection.

them, but it will for some, and who knows how that might enrich a life?"

Julian's philosophy was, "accessibility for all," and Waterworks offers a barrier-free environment so that anyone can come celebrate the artwork.

"Dad would be so proud for these artworks, his 'painted children,' to be exhibited at Waterworks for the people of Salisbury to admire and ponder, and to inspire future generations," said Alex Robertson, Julian's son and chairman of the board of the Robertson Foundation. "It is now up to all of us to make sure that everyone takes advantage of this amazing and unique opportunity."

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Self-guided tours are welcome during gallery hours.

Groups of 12 or more may arrange a guided tour of the exhibitions by contacting the gallery at 704.636.1882. Please schedule at least four weeks in advance.

Due to the nature of these pieces, no photography is allowed.

For more information, visit www.waterworks.org. **S**



Linda Alexander, left, and Marie Leonard Hampton admire the masterpieces.



Here's hoping your Christmas and the New Year sparkle with happiness!

Thanks for brightening our year with your visits.

YOUR HOMETOWN JEWELER

BARNHARDT JEWELERS

112 E. Innes St. • Downtown Salisbury • 704.633.0618

CEDAR HILL
WEDDINGS & EVENTS

BRING YOUR VISION TO LIFE -OR- LET US DO THE WORK
WITH OUR STRESS FREE ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGES!

CEDARHILLEVENTS.COM



generations of Christmas
MEMORIES

Steve and Lina Drinkard's decorations have ties to the past

STORY : MAGGIE BLACKWELL | PHOTOGRAPHY : SEAN MEYERS



*Lina and Steve
Drinkard decorated
their home for
holidays with help
from home decorator,
Jon Planovsky.*



Steve and Lina Drinkard moved into the grand home in the West Square in the spring of 2021. Since then, they have worked alongside “friend-like-family” Jon Planovsky to create an elegant but heartfelt Christmas house.

The Drinkards have enjoyed using the space the home has to offer. They’ve hosted a sit-down dinner for 46 neighbors; they held a party for Terri Hess House with 40 to 50 guests; they had a luncheon for 45 of their fellow church members and had a party for a friend who was having open-heart surgery. The house easily accommodated each gathering. That same space, however, makes for a challenge in decorating for a warm, welcoming vibe.

Enter Jon Planovsky — a dear friend who has helped accomplish just that. With five trees and other spaces to decorate, Planovsky had his hands full.

Steve says, “We had a wreath with nothing on it so I said, ‘Let’s throw it away.’” They all laugh. Steve continues: “It took him about ten minutes to pull it all together.”

“They wanted a new tree for new memories,” Planovsky says. “They are like family to Bob and me so I knew their likes and style. They have so many pieces with a story. So, it was easy to do it in a way that spoke to them.”

The timing was perfect when Piedmont Floral held their giant going-out-of-business sale. They filled multiple buggies with finds to fill the new living room tree. They are close enough, in fact, that when Steve took something to Jon for approval, he was comfortable giving him an, “Um, no,” in response.







Lina says, “In addition to Jon’s knowing what we like, I knew his creativity and he knows my heart. It was a perfect match.”

The Drinkards have a “memory tree” upstairs with generations of decorations.

“Quite a few go back to the 1940s when my parents were first married, including mercury glass. We have glass balls filled with angel hair that my mother won at a bridge party when I was five, and hand-blown balls with my dad’s fishing flies inside.”

There’s a Santa that Steve made in kindergarten. A Styrofoam ball Lina decorated in Sunday School at age three or four. A quilted ball made from Lina’s dad’s ties was made by Lina’s college friend. And, of course, there are ornaments made by Steve and Lina’s own kids, Sarah, 45, and Mark, 42.

The foyer mirror reflects a Santa Mark gave his parents. Lina had lighted birch branches but never





Melissa Yates

REALTOR®





LANTERN
REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT
Let Us Guide You Home

123 N Ellis Street, Suite 128 • Salisbury, NC 28144

**2021 Roco Gold**
Salisbury Post
1st Place

**2022 Roco Gold**
Salisbury Post
FINALIST

 **704-239-3835**

 **melissayates4u@gmail.com**

 **melissayatesrealtor.com**



Building materials • Lawn and garden
Hand & power tools • Paint, sundries, glass & ladders
Plumbing and heating supplies • Electrical supplies
Sporting goods & outdoor living
Automotive supplies


3301 Salisbury Highway,
Statesville, NC 28677
www.lilshavers.com
704-872-3148

Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday, 7:30 am - 3:00 pm • Sunday Closed

ABC UPWARD! WANTS YOU TO

KNOW THE LAW!

Under 21 it is ILLEGAL to:

- **purchase** alcoholic beverages
- **possess** alcoholic beverages
- **consume** alcoholic beverages
- **use fake ID** to attempt to buy alcoholic beverages
- **drive** after drinking **ANY AMOUNT** of alcoholic beverages



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES BECAUSE

Together We Care.

Rowan-Kannapolis ABC Board
Safer Communities. Stronger Knowledge.


Learn More at talkitoutnc.org

Get Inspired!

Your Home & Garden
HEADQUARTERS

Shop wagonloads of plants, flowers and all the gardening aids to nurture your yard's growth potential.

Landscape Design
 Trees - Shrubs - Perennials - Annuals
 Pavers - Stone - Mulch
 Bagged & Bulk Products - Garden Tools
 Water Features - Garden Decor

Godley's GARDEN CENTER & NURSERY, ...

Monday - Saturday • 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Closed on Sunday

2281 STATESVILLE BLVD., SALISBURY, NC 704-638-0082
 godleysgardencenter.com

Everything for Your Outdoors

Great Pool! Great Furniture!
 Great times!



805 Klumac Rd. Salisbury, NC 28145
 www.rowanpoolwarehouse.com

RITCHIE'S STEAMWAY CARPET CLEANING

Steam Carpet Cleaning • Hardwood Floors • Upholstery Cleaning • Tile and Grout • Oriental Rug Specialists



Call for Your Holiday Cleaning!

54+ years in business.
704-633-9418

322 E. Fisher St. Suite 105, Downtown Salisbury

2024 ROCCO gold Salisbury Post 1st Place

Salisbury's Best Choice for Highest Quality

FLOOR & UPHOLSTERY CARE

Commercial and Residential

Professional Steam Cleaning • Carpet - Tile
 Upholstery - Wood • Oriental Rugs
 (Pick-Up/Delivery available)
 We can assist you with flood damage

Since 1981

TOM'S CARPET CARE
 SALISBURY, NC

FREE ESTIMATES
 SENIOR DISCOUNT **704-633-7030**

2021 ROCCO gold Salisbury Post 1st Place

ACE

Hardware of Rockwell

The helpful place.

Traeger, Green Egg and Weber Grills
 Mon.-Fri. 8-6;
 Sat. 8-5, Sun. 1-5

229 East Main St. Rockwell, NC 704.279.5269

2024 ROCCO gold PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS Salisbury Post 1st Place

PUTNAM'S CARPET

Your Flooring Experts



CALL TODAY FOR A QUOTE!
704-279-3526
 418 China Grove Hwy., Rockwell, NC

LOCAL Home Improvement Services



knew what to do with them — until Jon elevated them on the cabinet with Santa.

“An inspiration was that Steve and Lina had bought this house and made it their own,” Jon says. “I was trying to complement what they had done while integrating their family pieces. The overall theme was elegant. It’s very reflective of them and what they’ve done with the house.”

Lina couldn’t be happier.

“I couldn’t articulate to Jon what I wanted but he exceeded my dreams. The other thing is, I might be the only person who looks forward to decorating for Christmas because I know Jon is coming. It’s a happy two-day party. I don’t take it down until February; it gets me through the dreary winter.”

Steve and Lina have been married 47 years. Mark almost always comes for Christmas. Sarah and husband Don have an elderly dog so Steve and Lina will travel to Ohio before Christmas.

“We do have a children’s book we’ve read together every year,” Lina says. “If they’re not here, we pick up the phone and read it on a group call. We always cry. In different years, different people will be the first to cry. But once they start, we all go.”

MOVE. HEAL. LIVE. GET BACK TO FEELING FESTIVE!

This holiday season, give yourself the gift of wellness at Accelerate Therapy & Performance! Don’t let pain keep you from celebrating – our dedicated team is here to support your recovery with personalized care, featuring advanced techniques like manual therapy, deep tissue laser, and dry needling.

Ready to reclaim your holidays? Call us today!

+1-704-630-9656 | team@accelerate-pt.com | 1508 W Innes St, Salisbury, NC 28144

Jan McCanless

is an award winning and bestselling local author. All 25 of her books are bestsellers. Her latest book, *Death in New Orleans along with Vittles and Bon Mots* (Humorous Cookbook), *Murder in the Swamp* (Murder Mystery), and 3 Childrens Books *Herbie and Butterbean*, *Being Me* and *This is My Mommy*, are available now!

Books are available at the Rowan Public Library, Amazon, GiGi’s in Statesville and in local stores. You can also find the books at her website, janmacbooks.com, and empoweryourpublishing.com.



“Moving to the West Square after retirement has been magical,” Lina says. “We’re so close to Bell Tower Green and we enjoy social interaction with the neighbors. My golden doodle has adopted a gentleman in the park. She stands up for him and he dances with her. It makes my day every day. Being down here and the magic Jon helped us create, has helped us bring different communities together — a fulfillment of a dream unformed in my mind, now reality.” **S**

Students In Training is a non profit program for learners of any age with technology interest.



COMPUTER TRAINING FOR STUDENTS & ADULTS



AFFORDABLE COMPUTER REPAIR & IT SERVICES



E-WASTE RECYCLING & REFURBISHED COMPUTERS

(704) 630-7676 | www.sitorg.org
409 B S. Salisbury Ave. Granite Quarry

HIGHLY TRAINED EXPERTS IN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION.

WE STAND BEHIND EVERY TRANE.

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED COMING AND GOING.

Dependable. Sincere. Stubbornly loyal. However you want to describe us, our mission as your independent Trane Comfort Specialist™ dealer is simple: Deliver reliable year-round comfort you and your family can count on. And because we're stand up guys, you have our attention and support before, during and after every service or installation job. For a positive customer experience that's as unstoppable as a Trane system, call us anytime.



704-633-8095
www.trane.com

Contact us right away, your local Trane Comfort Specialists™ with the reputation for reliability.

© 2017 Trane. All rights reserved.

Let Us Help You
Deck the Halls of Your
new HOME
This Holiday
Season

Wishing You a
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!



Teresa Rufty
Owner, Broker In Charge
Office: 704.245.6184 • Mobile: 704.433.2582

107 North Main Faith St.
Salisbury, NC 28146
www.tmrrealtyinc.com



Voted RoCo Gold No. 1 Real Estate Company for the 3rd Straight Year!



Paint the Pavement

The Public Arts Commission's second Paint the Pavement project was on September 21-22. Selected artists and their teams were on site at East Kerr Street and North Lee Street painting five new murals, four at the intersection and one between Lee Street Theatre and the Farmer's Market Pavilion. Artists had to stop and take breaks to cool off from painting in the sun on the warm asphalt. The intersection was closed to allow time for the paint to cure.

This year's artists are:

- Yesenia Abney
- Sheila Pinero
- Gina Mitchell
- Constance Lane
- Cherrathée Hager

And their paintings are titled:

- Sensational Salisbury
- Equal Flowers
- The Dog Walk
- An Ode to Florence Wells Slater
- Paint Yourself a Beautiful World

— Submitted photos





"Fun in the Stream," oil painting by Deb Fredette.



"Culture Counts," mixed media by Janet Isenhour.



Artist Connie Penniger with her husband Keith.



"Family," photograph by Brian Holiday.

Carolina Artists Annual Expo

The Carolina Artists guild held its annual Expo Show and Sale at the Salisbury Civic Center in September.



"Spanky," watercolor by Karen Morgan.



Artist Barrie Kirby stands next to her pastel painting, "Heron at Hurley Park #4."



"Memories," drawing by Connie Eads.



"Evening Light," watercolor by Doris Trexler.



“AUTUMN PAST”

By Luann Nordine
— Watercolor

p. Nordine

Artwork for Local Colors may be submitted to andy.mooney@salisburythemagazine.com. Vertical orientation is required.

**SINK FARM
EQUIPMENT**

1840 US Hwy. 64 West
Lexington, NC
Mon.-Fri. 8-5; Sat. 8-12 Noon
336-243-5138
www.sinkfarmequipment.com

Your hometown
Kubota dealer
of choice



SIDEKICK RTV-XG850 SERIES

SIDEKICK

0%
APR | UP TO 54^{MOS}
— OR —
\$2,000*
SAVE



KubotaUSA.com

*© Kubota Tractor Corporation, 2024. \$0 Down, 0% A.P.R. financing for up to 54 months or customer instant rebates of \$2000 are available on purchases of new Kubota SIDEKICK RTV-XG850 SERIES series equipment from participating dealers' in-stock inventory. Promotional rate available to qualified purchasers through Kubota Credit Corporation, U.S.A.; subject to credit approval. Example: 54 monthly payments of [term-amount] per \$1,000 financed. \$2000 rebate is not available with 0% APR or other promotional financing. Offers expire 12/31/24. Terms subject to change. This material is for descriptive purposes only. Kubota disclaims all representations and warranties, express or implied, or any liability from the use of this material. For complete warranty, disclaimer, safety, incentive offer and product information, consult your Dealer or KubotaUSA.com. Your Kubota Limited warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may have other rights which vary from state to state. 2 years limited warranty or 1000 hours (whichever occurs first). Kubota Tractor Corporation does not authorize any person to create for KTC any obligation or liability other than that stated in the limited warranty.



A TRADITION OF FAMILY



Members of the Shady Grove Baptist Church Family, including Pastor Andrew Davis Jr. (front row - far right)

F&M Bank is proud to be a third-generation family business, committed to the values that strengthen our connection with the community. Shady Grove Baptist Church, a cornerstone of East Spencer, shares our dedication to those values, and for over a decade, they've trusted us as their financial partner.

Together, we've built a lasting relationship rooted in family, community and a shared vision for the future.



A Tradition for Life

fmbnc.com

Member FDIC