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**Two Remaining Spaces for Rent through the Hermitage Studio Artist Program**

Norfolk, VA- The Hermitage Museum & Gardens is offering artists the opportunity to apply for two studio spaces which are still available for rent through the 2009-2010 [Studio Artist Program](#). Fees range from **\$185-\$260**, utilities included, per month for a maximum of one year, at which point, artists may resubmit an application for continuance.

Various benefits of the program include: 24 hour studio access, commission free in-studio sales, and one group exhibition in the Hermitage Museum galleries.

The Hermitage is seeking out artists who are active, self-motivated, interested in the exchange of artistic ideas, and open to sharing their artistic processes with others. A panel of museum staff members will choose artists for the program based on portfolio submissions, professional commitment, and interest in participating in the exchange of artistic ideas.

The four artists currently included in this year's program are [Patricia Isenhour](#), [Helen Jones](#), [Amanda Page Stephens](#), and [Virginia Van Horn](#).

Patricia Isenhour, a mixed media painter who also teaches classes at the Hermitage Visual Arts School, describes the studio space as "coming to a retreat", adding, "As I'm driving down Shore Drive, my blood pressure goes down."

For more information on the *Hermitage Studio Artist Program* contact Kate Gebler, Public Programs Manager, at 757-423-2052 x207 or [kg@thfm.org](mailto:kg@thfm.org).

*The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family world-wide art collection, furniture, and history. The Visual Arts School houses classrooms, a complete ceramics studio, and darkroom photography facilities. Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5—closed Wednesdays and Thursdays. Free for Museum Members, children under 6, and Active Duty military. Admission: \$5 for Adults, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students. For more information on the museum and membership offerings call 757-423-2052 or visit [www.thfm.org](http://www.thfm.org).*

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