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Artwork for Sale and on Exhibit in April at the Hermitage Museum & Gardens
Studio Artists' Sale and Norfolk Public Middle School Exhibit

Norfolk, VA – **Studio Artists' Sale:** The studio artists at the Hermitage Museum & Gardens will have their studios open to sell works on Saturday, April 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The six artists participating in the [Studio Artist Program](#) are Jane Cleary, Anne Iott, Patricia Isenhour, Helena Navarro, Amanda Page Stephens, and Virginia Van Horn. These artists work in a broad range of media and their exhibited works will demonstrate that same range of artistic expression through a variety of techniques, materials, and styles.

The Hermitage opened the doors of the Gardener's Cottage, located adjacent to the Hermitage Visual Arts School, in July of 2007 to the first group of participants of the *Studio Artist Program*. Each year, six artists are juried into the program based on portfolio submissions, professional commitment, and interest in participating in the exchange of artistic ideas.

[Click here](#) to view featured artists and sample works.

Norfolk Public Middle School Exhibit: The Hermitage will display works of Norfolk Public Middle School art students in the upstairs galleries beginning Friday, April 10th. The exhibit will remain on display through April 26th.

Serving as a culminating activity for artwork created throughout the academic year, the exhibition gives students a glimpse into their future as artists and insight into the artistic process. With works juried by outside artists and art educators, students will receive awards for outstanding works and the Hermitage Portfolio Award will be given to those with remarkable portfolios.

For more information on the *Studio Artists' Sale* or *Norfolk Public Middle School Exhibit* contact Dana Thompson, Public Programs Coordinator, at 757-423-2052 x 203 or dt@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 in this Norfolk historic home. The Visual Arts School houses classrooms, a complete ceramics studio, and darkroom photography facilities. Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5-closed Wednesdays. 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.

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