



The Flower and Art Show
2026

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Arranging & Setup For Floral Designers

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Patsy Kitchen Sherry Baldwin Sandy Priest
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Abby Malcolm Valerie Ricks Gayle Simms
Robyn Croft Frances Chambers

Refreshments Provided By

The Wakefield Foundation The Virginia Diner

Opening Reception Centerpiece Design

Ashley's Antiques & Florist

Musical Entertainment

Evan Face

Judging the Show

Art Judge ~ Carole Barnes Floral Judge ~ Rose Miller

Hanging of the Show

George S. Williams

Flower and Art Show Chairman

George S. Williams

May 2 - 15, 2026

The Wakefield Foundation

In 1987, the Wakefield Foundation Inc. was born out of the Community's desire to preserve and restore the 1919 School Building. Its aim was to use the building as a regional community and cultural center and to provide programs and activities for the enrichment of the Wakefield Community and the surrounding areas.

This was realized. The building was saved and has been mostly restored. It houses the town library, a dance studio, an auditorium, an art gallery, a karate studio, artist's space and conference rooms. Many organizations hold their regular meetings here. And, through out the year, numerous community and private events take place in the Building and on its grounds.

The Flower & Art Show

Each Spring, the Foundation hosts an exhibition combining the talents of visual artists and floral designers into a unified display. The Flower & Art Show was born out of this desire to integrate the Community and the Arts, and to showcase the abundance and variety of talent in Wakefield and the surrounding area. The concept is simple- anyone producing Art in any medium, at any level, is invited to submit one work for inclusion in the Show and the Community's gardening and flower enthusiasts are invited to produce floral arrangements to complement and harmonize with the artwork. This unique paring of talents was immediately successful and that success continues to this day.

From throughout the state of Virginia, 42 artists submitted work to this year's Show and 42 floral designers will be producing arrangements to accompany that art, for this, the 36th Annual Flower & Art Show.

The 36th Flower & Art Show

Professional Artists

P1 Meta Williams
Wakefield, VA

"Wishing Well"

18" X 24" Photography
\$1000

P2 Russell Schools, Jr.
Capron, VA

"Orphan Rock #2"

24" X 36" Painting
NFS

P3 George S. Williams
Surry County, VA

"Manfred and Astarte - Invocation Scene"

28" X 20" Digital Art
\$225

P4 Rachel Hancock
High Point, NC

"Luck of the Devil"

20" X 32" Painting
\$180

P5 Kim Ellis
Suffolk, VA

"Whispers of the Tide"

30" X 15" Painting
\$350

P6 Allie Styron
Portsmouth, VA

"Snow Day, 2026"

16" X 20" Painting
NFS

P7 Elizabeth Blanchard
Suffolk, VA

"Send Relief"

14" X 11" Painting
\$400

P8 Cody Noblitt
Dewitt, VA

"Untitled"

13" X 17" Mixed Media
NFS

P9 Tara Norris
Waverly, VA

"Hold Fast"

20" X 16" Photography
NFS

Amateur Artists

A1 Elizabeth R. Gold

Virginia Beach, VA

"Snow Study in Virginia Beach"

20" X 16" Painting

\$250

A2 Patti A. Watkinson

Sedley, VA

"Get Off Your Street"

16" X 20" Mixed Media

\$90

A3 Darlene Keyt

Windsor, VA

"Pink Hydrangeas"

12" X 9" Painting

\$250

A4 Jola S. Lamison

Franklin, VA

"Butterfly Garden"

11" X 14" Painting

\$80

A5 Lorelei Morrow

Wakefield VA

"Flour in Art"

8" X 10" Painting

NFS

A6 Rachael Santos

Suffolk, VA

"Sunset View"

8" X 10" Painting

\$140

A7 Hart Parker

Suffolk, VA

"Cindy"

12" X 12" Painting

NFS

A8 Victoria Phillips

Suffolk, VA

"Jug with Grapes"

8" X 10" Painting

NFS

A9 Laura Schmidt

Smithfield, VA

"Timid Beauty"

9" X 11" Pastel

NFS

A10 Mary LeCompte

Smithfield, VA

"Spring Fling"

18" X 14" Painting

\$185

A11 Brandon Taylor
Wakefield, VA

"Eternal Valentine"

9" X 12" Drawing
\$30

A12 Ann Vallone
Williamsburg, VA

"Ishtar Necklace by Valious"

14" X 3" Mixed Media
NFS

A13 Wanda Bishop
Carrsville, VA

"Untitled"

20" X 16" Cloth
NFS

A14 Milica Decker
Yorktown, VA

"Evening View"

7" X 5" Loom woven fiber art
NFS

A15 Michel Rodriguez
Disputanta, VA

"Unspoken Burn"

14" X 11" Painting
NFS

A16 Cynthia H. Baker
Suffolk, VA

"Gazing out the window"

14" X 11" Painting
NFS

A17 JoAnne Clark McCarthy
Wakefield, VA

"Rejoice- the Lost Lamb is Found"

14" X 11" Painting
NFS

A18 Patricia Outland
Suffolk, VA

"Bobby Lee's Magnolia"

10" X 8" Pastel
\$325

A19 Joy Branch
Ivor, VA

"Delight! Brookgreen Gardens, SC"

24" X 18" Painting
\$175

A20 Wendy Ellis
Wakefield, VA

"From the Shadows"

8" X 10" Watercolor
NFS

A21 Joy Weeldon

Como, NC

"For Love of Dragons"

17" X 14" Jewelry
\$225

A22 Bo Malcolm

Sedley, VA

"Can You Guess What I Was In A Former Life?"

17" X 6" Sculpture
NFS

A23 Sarah Willman

Suffolk, VA

"Italy, after a storm"

8" X 10" Pastel
NFS

A24 Beth Joyner Gillette

Capron, VA

"Simba"

11" X 14" Painting
NFS

A25 Martha Williams

Wakefield, VA

"Church Gossip"

20" X 16" Painting
\$200

Student Artists

S1 Austin Elswick

Zuni, VA

"Rango"

18" X 12" Pastel
NFS

S2 Connor Fillmore

Sedley, VA

"Squirrely"

11" X 17" Collage
NFS

S3 Alexa Cardman

Dendron, VA

"Gentle Heights"

18" X 12" Photography
NFS

S4 Buddy Allin

Waverly, VA

"Concrete Perspective"

12" X 18" Photography
NFS

S5 Maddox Willey

Waverly, VA

"Tree of Life"

17" X 13" Photography
NFS

S6 Jesse Cobb

Ivor, VA

"Self-Portrait"

11" X 9" Drawing
NFS

S7 Rixey Mauger

Elberon, VA

"Sunny Side Up"

12" X 9" Drawing
NFS

S8 Kaki Willey

Waverly, VA

"Home Sweet Home"

9" X 12" Drawing
NFS

Artists Awards

*P3 George S. Williams
Best in Show*

Professional Artists

*P7 Elizabeth Blanchard
1st Place*

*P6 Allie Styron
2nd Place*

*P2 Russell Schools, Jr.
3rd Place*

Amateur Artists

*A14 Milica Decker
1st Place*

*A1 Elizabeth R. Gold
2nd Place*

*A16 Cynthia H. Baker
3rd Place*

*A20 Wendy Ellis
Honorable Mention*

Student Artists

*S4 Buddy Allin
1st Place*

*S5 Maddox Willey
2nd Place*

*S3 Alexa Cardman
3rd Place*

Floral Designers

<i>P1 Meta Williams</i>	<i>A13 Nan Seeley</i>
<i>P2 Meta Williams</i>	<i>A14 Carol Fly</i>
<i>P3 Meta Williams</i>	<i>A15 Tara Norris</i>
<i>P4 Meta Williams</i>	<i>A16 Meta Williams</i>
<i>P5 Tara Norris</i>	<i>A17 Judy Britt</i>
<i>P6 Laura Spain</i>	<i>A18 Josephine Owney</i>
<i>P7 A. Paige Webb</i>	<i>A19 Abby Malcolm</i>
<i>P8 Frances Chambers</i>	<i>A20 Janet Monaban</i>
<i>P9 Meta Williams</i>	<i>A21 Abby Malcolm</i>
<i>A1 Tara Norris</i>	<i>A22 Bo Malcolm</i>
<i>A2 Abby Malcolm</i>	<i>A23 Gayle Simms</i>
<i>A3 Frances Chambers</i>	<i>A24 Joanne Dunker</i>
<i>A4 Gayle Simms</i>	<i>A25 Tara Norris</i>
<i>A5 Robyn Croft</i>	<i>S1 Meta Williams</i>
<i>A6 Eric Fly</i>	<i>S2 Patti Watkinson</i>
<i>A7 Gayle Simms</i>	<i>S3 Carol Fly</i>
<i>A8 Meta Williams</i>	<i>S4 Abby Malcolm</i>
<i>A9 Terrie Webb</i>	<i>S5 Dennis Hancock</i>
<i>A10 Robyn Croft</i>	<i>S6 Abby Malcolm</i>
<i>A11 Gayle Simms</i>	<i>S7 Abby Malcolm</i>
<i>A12 Meta Williams</i>	<i>S8 Abby Malcolm</i>

Carole Barnes ~ Art Judge

Carole Barnes has a degree in Art Education from Penn State. She is a member of the National Watercolor Society and a Dolphin member of the American Watercolor Society. Her work has received many awards in national shows and is in collections such IBM and SAS.

Carole has taught creative water media workshops across the country for thirty years. She was honored by American Artist magazine as acrylic teacher of the year.

Her jury experience includes many state exhibits as well as both NWS and AWS multiple times. She has recently moved from Boulder, Colorado to Williamsburg, Virginia.

Art Judge's Statement

As a Judge, I look for the head, hand, and heart. I want to get a feeling from a piece. I want
mystery.

I want to see something in a new way.

Congratulations to all of the artists.

Carole Barnes

Rose Miller ~ Floral Judge

The love of flowers is in my blood - I was raised in Europe, the place known for the world's most stunning gardens, in a city where every street block holds a flower shop brimming its floral goodness onto the sidewalks. From my earliest memories on I was picking and arranging fistfuls of flowers from my mother's beautiful flower gardens - forget-me-nots, lily of the valley, lilacs and roses were my favorite and I bunched them into vases and into the gracious hands of guests whenever I had a chance. My mother being an artist, she coached me even as a child in arranging flowers for events - weddings, graduations, and it was my mother who instilled in me not only the keen interest in flowers but also a trained eye to create balance and aesthetic in naturalistic designs. Together we designed loads of flowers for our local community.

Years later while attending graduate school in Chicago I worked for an Italian floral designer who taught me the more technical side of floral design and its mechanics. We designed flowers for up to 3 and 4 weddings per weekend in some of the most illustrious halls of the city. After graduate school I worked as a landscape designer while accepting private contracts for wedding flower designs.

But it wasn't until our family moved to Surry County, Virginia five years ago that I began to grow my own flowers to share with my community. Now I grow thousands of flower seedlings each year and raise them on Forget-Me-Not Flower Farm. I love sourcing seeds from fellow gardeners and trialing them in the Virginia soil before selling them in our flower cart or at our farm open houses. This year my daughter has been my farm apprentice and is learning the art of cultivating colorful beauty from dark earth. Now the third generation of flower lovers are growing and arranging flowers, showering them with love and scattering them far and wide to bring joy to others.

Evan Face ~ Musical Entertainment

Evan Face is a high school freshman and member of the Prince George Marching Royals drumline. Throughout his concert band classes and marching band, he has played trumpet, baritone, bass drums, tenors, and snare. In his free time, Evan enjoys playing guitar, riding roller coasters, spending time outdoors, and hanging out with his rescue dog, Nora.

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The Wakefield Foundation, Inc.



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