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HISTORIC BEAUFORT'S Christmas Candlelight Tour

Like many of our events this year, our beloved Christmas Candlelight Tour will see change. However, while we are unable to tour our friends' beautiful private historic homes, we have planned something that we are confident will still truly bring the Christmas spirit to our sweet seaport village.

On Saturday, December 12 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. the grounds and buildings of the Beaufort Historic Site will come to life and transport you back in time to an 18th century Christmas. For $20, you will be able to tour the Victorian Josiah Bell House c.1825, primitive Leffers Cottage c.1778, and the federal John C. Manson House c.1825. You will also have the chance to tour the Old Burying Ground and learn about Beaufort's historic past.

As an added bonus, the English Double-Decker bus will be decked out in Christmas lights and will travel the streets of Beaufort for all to delight in holiday décor at historic private homes, inns, and more. So if you live in Beaufort, be sure to decorate early this year. Maybe we could even make it a competition!

The bus will stop at a variety of inns, churches, and businesses. Some of the establishments will even be offering extra holiday cheer with fire pits, s'mores kits, music, and magically lit gardens that are perfect for a photo-op.

Don't forget to stop in at the Old Beaufort Shop to grab holiday gifts. The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery will also be open and featuring the work of Jimmy Craig Womble, Lisa Tuchek, and Mandy Johnson.

We will be following all Covid-19 protocol. Masks and social distancing will be required, and we will have hand sanitizer handy, so all we need is you.

For more information about the tour or to purchase your ticket, visit beauforthistoricsite.org, call 252-728-5225, or stop in at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street. We cannot wait to celebrate the holiday season with you!



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Mattie King Davis art gallery ART OPENING

The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery is excited to welcome artists Lisa Tuchek, Mandy Johnson and Jimmy Craig Womble for an art show on Friday, December 4 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at 130 Turner Street, Beaufort, NC. The event is free and will follow federal, state, and local guidance regarding Covid-19 during the time of the show.

Lisa Tuchek is a North Carolina native and founder of the Beaufort Holiday Art Walk. Her artwork is well-known in Beaufort as well as throughout NC. In 2011, Tuchek started the Beaufort Holiday Art Walk, which is typically held every December, and is a way for local artists to join together and display their work in various shops and dining locations throughout town. Unfortunately, there will not be an Art Walk, but this show will be a great way to honor these talented artists.

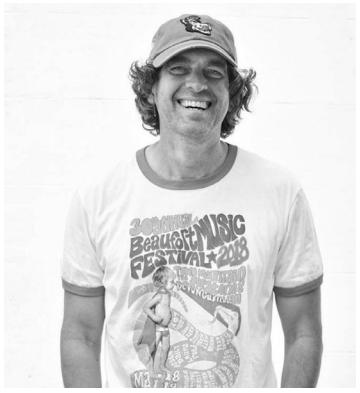
Before Tuchek found her home in Beaufort, she spent 12 years in Nashville, Tennessee. Though she never received a formal degree in art, she spent her time in Nashville studying with various artists in order to grow her artistic abilities and excel in the artist community. For some time, she also owned her own art gallery where she taught art to budding artists. Tuchek describes her work as, "fun, colorful and a unique style" as well as demonstrating it through her use of shapes, strokes, and choice of vivid acrylic paint.

Mandy Johnson is no stranger to the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery. She, as well as Lisa Tuchek and Jimmy Craig Womble, have had work in the gallery. In 2012, Mandy's show nearly sold out on the opening night. Johnson is well-known for her use of negative space, a strong sense of design and figure ground relationships.

Johnson's love of art started from a young age. As a child she was enthralled with creating pieces featuring colorful peaches.



LISA TUCHEK



JIMMY CRAIG WOMBLE



MANDY JOHNSON

Mandy also featured animals that resided on her family farm in Scotland Neck, NC. Her passion for art continued to follow her to college at Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Florida. After time, she took a 20 year break from creating to focus on higher education, teaching middle school art and raising her daughter. In 1998 she returned to the easel and has been creating ever since.

Jimmy Craig Womble will be joining his friends, Tuchek and Johnson. While this event will be Womble's first official opening with the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, his work has been featured in the gallery and he has held shows with both artists for the Beaufort Art Walk in the past.

Womble is an oil painter who resides on the beautiful Crystal Coast. Many of his pieces feature what he says are often overlooked by many as "without value, old and/or run down." You can find rusty cars and boats as well as abandoned farms, homes and coastal scenes as the focus of his pieces.

He says the reason for choosing these subjects is because "they tell a story of the South that I could never put into words. The rust and decay are physical reminders of the passage of time and speaks of those who have struggled to make a life in this part of the country."

All are invited to welcome these artists this December at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery. Their work will be featured during the months of December and January.

For more information, call 252-728-5225, visit beauforthistoricsite.org, or stop by the gallery at 130 Turner Street. Masks are required for entry and an allotted amount of people will be allowed in the gallery at a time. ■

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