

# Limelight

## STROKE OF GENIUS

Public enlisted to paint community murals

By Ann Efimetz

**R**eady, set, paint. Next month, the Williamsburg Rotary Club and the Foundation for Hospital Art are partnering to present a three-day "Paintfest."

The event runs Sept. 24-26. It will involve area businesses, community members and government officials who will join in creating murals that will be displayed at area hospitals, attractions and civic buildings.

The focus is to get as many people as possible involved in creating art that can be displayed at community locations.

Paintfest events will be held at various area locations, including Williamsburg Landing, Eastern State Hospital, Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center, the Williamsburg Lodge and the College of William & Mary.

Those organizing the event don't want the word "art" to discourage anyone from participating. No artistic experience is necessary to pick up a brush. The goal is to bring patients, community members and leaders together for a fun project.

"Art isn't the focus," said Bob Tubbs, Williamsburg Rotary Club member. "It is the process and the experience. The artwork is the vehicle to get people together."

Paintfest murals will be created on paint-by-color pieces of canvas that will be placed together to form murals. The completed works can be displayed on walls, ceilings or rooms. One mural takes 12 people about two hours to complete.

"Each mural is 6-8 pieces," Tubbs explained. "The reason for that is that if we are in a hospital environment, even if a patient is lying in bed, they could still work on it."

The Rotary Club will hold a Paintfest event prior to its monthly meeting at the Williamsburg Lodge on Thursday, Sept. 25. The goal is to have enough people participating to make 5 or 6 murals.

Rotary members, community leaders and school kids are expected to join in creating murals that will feature iconic imagery such as the American bald eagle, Jamestown's ships, Yorktown cannons and colonial flags. The finished products will be donated to selected community organizations.

Paintfest is a project of the Foundation for Hospital Art, which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to comforting people in hospitals and nursing homes.

More than 30,000 paintings in over 1,500 hospitals have been created.

The foundation's ultimate goal is to donate at least one painting to every hospital in the world.

Paintfest begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Williamsburg Landing.

School-age children will join Landing residents in creating the artwork, Tubbs said. Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center will host a Paintfest at 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 26, and Eastern State Hospital will hold the event at 1 p.m. Patients, staff, administration and volunteers will be encouraged to participate.

Tubbs said that if the Paintfest is successful, it may become a tradition.

"If it is popular enough, we may do it every year," he said. □

**More** — Those interested in volunteering or sponsoring the events, visit [www.williamsburgrotary.org](http://www.williamsburgrotary.org), or call Bob Tubbs at 784-3322.

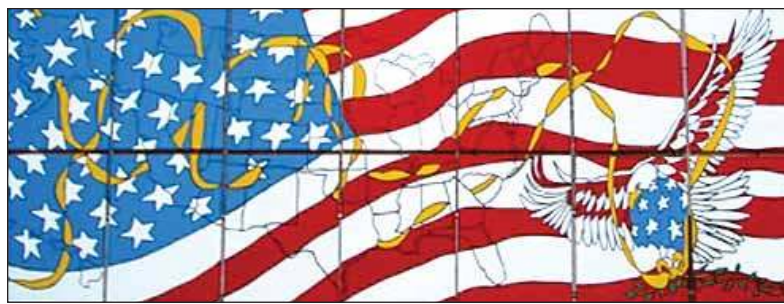
### PAINTFEST EVENTS

**Williamsburg Landing** — 10 a.m., Sept. 24. Three or four murals to be completed.

**Williamsburg Lodge** — 3 p.m., Sept. 25. Five or six murals to be completed.

**Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center** — 9:30 a.m., Sept. 26. Two or three murals to be completed.

**Eastern State Hospital** — 1 p.m., Sept. 26. Four murals to be completed. Other projects will include locations at the College of William & Mary.



An example of a completed mural from a Paintfest in Louisiana.

## WEEKEND

**10 Williamsburg Farmers Market**—8 a.m.-noon Saturday at Merchants Square. Summer produce and products. ByGeorge Catering will present cooking demonstrations at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Poisoned Dwarf performs 9-11 a.m. Parking is free until noon.

**9 Land of the Dinosaurs**—Presented by Virginia Living Museum, 11 a.m. Thursday at the James City Library.

**8 Riverbank Rhythms**—Free concert series concludes Friday at 6 p.m. at Chickahominy Riverfront Park, featuring Runaway String Band playing bluegrass, old-time and swing. 1350 John Tyler Hwy.

**7 Yorktown Market Days**—At the River held 8 a.m.-noon Saturday at Riverwalk Landing. Local produce, fresh meat and seafood, baked goods, live entertainment and art. Free.

**6 Oldies Show**—Anthony Lee Wood and Friends present hits from the 1950s, '60s and '70s at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Kimball Theatre. All seats \$20. 565-8588.

**5 Matoaka summer concert**—6:30-10 p.m. Friday at the Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre at W&M, featuring Slapwater. Tickets \$6 for ages 13 and up, free for ages 12 and under. Benefits Inclusion.

**4 Merchants Square concert**—Air Force Heritage of America Dixie Players jazz combo plays New Orleans and Chicago traditional jazz, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Free. Take lawn chairs.

**3 Exhibit opens**—"Town & Country: Recent Paintings by Sharon Pettitt" opens Friday at Gallery on the York. Runs through Sept. 21. 7907 George Washington Hwy. 898-3076.

**2 Sock Hop Night**—Chubby Checker, the "King of Twist," performs at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Royal Palace Theatre in Busch Gardens. Visit [www.buschgardens.com/va](http://www.buschgardens.com/va) or call 800 343-7946.

**1 Car show**—7th annual Classics at Lee Hall, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Lee Hall Mansion. Registration is \$20 per vehicle and begins at 9 a.m. Benefits the continued restoration of Lee Hall Mansion. 247-8523.

Full calendars, 2-5C

### FAST LANE

Here are 23 opportunities for young adults in greater Williamsburg to meet this week:

#### Wednesday, Aug. 20

**Backfin**—Lee McClaine entertains at 6 p.m. Strawberry Plains Road.

**Bourbon Street Bar & Grill**—DOG Street Rhythm Kings return. 351 York St.

**J.M. Randalls**—Ladies Night with Rich Whiskey Audition. Olde Towne Square, 259-0406.

#### Thursday, Aug. 21

**Corner Pocket**—Round Midnight Jazz Quintet plays 7-9 p.m. 4805 Courthouse St. 220-0808.

**J.M. Randalls**—Live music by the Pawn Shop Lifters at 9:30 p.m. Olde Towne Square, 259-0406.

**The Spot**—Hookah bar with DJ, 8 p.m.-midnight. 113 Palace Lane off Bypass Road.

#### Friday, Aug. 22

**Berret's Taphouse Grill**—The Delvers perform 7:30-10:30 p.m. 199 S. Boundary St. 253-1849.

**Holiday Inn Patriot**—NightLife plays dance music at 9 p.m. 3032 Richmond Rd. 565-2600.

**J.M. Randalls**—Fine Swiss Cheese performs at 9:30 p.m. Olde Towne Square, 259-0406.

**Library Tavern**—DJ-dancing 10:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Richmond Road. 229-1012.

**The Spot**—Hookah bar with DJ and live dancing. 113 Palace Lane off Bypass Road.

**The Trellis**—Hosts Bill Gurley 7-10 p.m. Duke of Gloucester Street. 229-8610.

#### Saturday, Aug. 23

**Buon Amici**—Anna James performs classics and contemporary easy listening. 7-11 p.m. New Town.

**Holiday Inn Patriot**—NightLife with dance music at 9 p.m. 3032 Richmond Rd. 565-2600.

**J.M. Randalls**—Live music by Shakedown at 9:30 p.m. Olde Towne Square, 259-0406.

**Library Tavern**—DJ-dancing 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m. 1330 Richmond Rd.

**The Spot**—Hookah bar with DJ and live dancing. 113 Palace Lane off Bypass Road.

**The Trellis**—Hosts Stephen Bennett, 7-10 p.m. Duke of Gloucester Street. 229-8610.

#### Sunday, Aug. 24

**Berret's Taphouse Grill**—One Love Caribbean Steel Drum Band plays 6-9. 199 S. Boundary St. 253-1849.

**J.M. Randalls**—Service Industry Night with karaoke at 9:30 p.m. 259-0406.

**Music on the Patio series**—Lywanda Carroll and Tony Mata perform 7-9 p.m. at the Corner Pocket, New Town.

**Sal's by Victor**—Tim Beasley performs a "From Dino with Love" Dean Martin show at 6:30 p.m.

**The Trellis**—Hosts entertainment by Kathryn Key, noon-3 p.m. Duke of Gloucester Street. 229-8610.



# Dancing with the arts

Symphonia concert ushers in 40th Occasion

By Ann Efimetz

WILLIAMSBURG

**T**he 40th anniversary of An Occasion for the Arts will feature a pre-event musical celebration with the Williamsburg Symphonia to herald the annual arts festival.

"Dancing Under the Stars" will feature an evening of music ranging from jazz to pop. It is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 4, in Merchants Square.

The success of last year's Williamsburg Choral Guild pre-Occasion concert paved the way for this year's event.

The concert is also an opportune time to celebrate An Occasion and the Symphonia. In addition to An Occasion's 40th, it's the Symphonia's silver anniversary season.

"We all want to be part of the arts in Williamsburg, and it seemed like a really good partnership," said Jane Medlin-Burton, one of the event's organizers.

The concert also fits nicely with the Symphonia's goal of growing a Pops Concert Series.

"We do the Holiday Pops concert at Grand Illumination," Medlin-Burton said. "This is the beginning of a series, and hopefully we will be able to plan on another in the spring."

It's also a goal to attract a younger audience to the event, she said.

The Williamsburg Symphonia will perform the concert of live dance music incorporating music from the 1940s

swing era to the Beach Boys. The repertoire will also include rock, funk and soul.

The Jae Sinnett Trio will open the musical event at 6 p.m. during a box dinner, which will be catered by Berret's Restaurant. Tickets will be available for dinner and seating, but everyone is welcome to attend the concert, she said. □

**More** — Tickets are \$45 per person, or \$425 for a table of 10. Tickets include a box dinner catered by Berret's Restaurant, and table seating with access to the dance floor. A cash bar with wine will be available to ticket-holders. Tickets are available by calling 229-9857 or visiting [www.williamsburgsymphonia.org](http://www.williamsburgsymphonia.org).