



Manassas Connection

May 2016

Sculpture Unveiled in the City of Manassas

In October 2015, the City of Manassas arts group began working with Northern Virginia Community College's Assistant Professor of Studio Art, Zac Jackson. The project was to work with NOVA sculpture students to produce outdoor sculptures to be displayed in the Historic Downtown area of the City of Manassas.

Jackson and his students worked to create a website where art group members could view and comment on sculpture submissions. As the projects progressed, so did the website with more commentary and photos to capture the growing sculptures. The arts committee worked with City of Manassas staff to locate sculpture pad sites for the projects and in April, the students visited the Historic Downtown to select their sites.

On May 6, 2016 during the Manassas First Friday Gallery Walk, these ten pieces were officially unveiled around the downtown. Maps of the sculpture locations are available online at www.manassascity.org/art. The sculptures will be on display in downtown for a year. After that they will be replaced by the next year's art students' projects.

The 2016 artists include Alex Dorney, Paige Fischer, Audrey D'agastinio, Hunter Knight, Frank Albert, Harry Mayer, Micheal Flatequal, Harold Martin, Jessica Morales, Sarah Fischer, Christian Gallik, and Andrea Rivera. Some of the pieces were created specifically for the Historic Downtown, like Belle, a Civil War era lady or Danville, a train made of geometric shapes that represent the many trains that pass through the city. Others capture the artist's imagination, like Distracted, a representation of a person staring at their cellphone.

The Sculpture project is part of an ongoing initiative by the City of Manassas to encourage art and artistic expression. Other art projects in the city include the Banner Art Competition, the Little Bits project and other competitions held throughout the year. To find out more, visit www.manassascity.org/art.



*Above: Distracted by Andrea Rivera
Upper Right: Belle, by Audrey D'agastinio
Lower Right: Untitled, by Alex Dorney
and Paige Fischer*



A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
William Patrick Pate

I hope that many of you already know that May is Business Appreciation Month in the City of Manassas. We are fortunate to have many successful long-term and new businesses that call Manassas home. The City understands that most businesses have a choice of where they locate and grow and as a community we need to support our local businesses.

A key theme for the City is providing a “Sense of Opportunity” which is born out of the entrepreneurial spirit of independence identified in the economic development and marketing survey. City Council continues to emphasize Economic Development with the priority of being a City that supports and encourages business growth and entrepreneurial activity that brings opportunities to the community.

There are many benefits of striving to be a business friendly City that attracts and keeps business in the community. Local businesses provide many of the jobs that support our families, friends and neighbors. They provide needed revenues to support community services and programs and reduce the overall burden for residential property taxes. Businesses are also major contributors to the social fabric of the community providing support for many non-profit organizations and fund raisers, supporting our schools and our students with job training, internships and ultimately employment.

Visitors are also an important part of supporting our local businesses. When visitors come into our City to shop and eat they support our economy and pay sales tax, meals tax, gas tax and lodging tax, all of which help to support local services. It is also important for us to not only individually support our local businesses, but to also talk them up to friends and colleagues so they will also come to support our local economy.

As an example, when you purchase gas in the City you are not only supporting a local business but you are also helping to support the VRE commuter trains, the PRTC bus service and maintenance of our roads.

So, when deciding where to purchase gas for your vehicle, if you support a City business with gas purchases you are also supporting efforts to reduce transportation congestion in the area and to improve our local roads.

We are proud of our businesses and we want to help them grow and succeed. The City Economic Development Department annually holds a Business Appreciation Breakfast to recognize our businesses for their accomplishments throughout the year. Many of our businesses have celebrated milestones this year, like Didlake that celebrated its 50th Anniversary, and Creative Brush that just celebrated 25 years, and Scatter Seeds that just celebrated one year in business in the City.

As we celebrate Business Appreciation Month, I hope that you will think local when deciding to do your neighborhood shopping and dining, and that you will not only choose a City of Manassas business to support, but you will also thank them for being a vital part of the fabric of our community, providing job opportunities and a unique sense of place.

Thank you Manassas Businesses for choosing Manassas as your home!



It's Pool Time!

May 28 begins weekend pool time at Stonewall Park Pool. Suit up and enjoy fun at the pool. Stonewall Park Pool offers swim lessons to beginners on up. The following are some dates to remember for this summer:

- June 10, 4-7 p.m. - Season Pass Holder Night Swim
- June 16, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Pool opens daily for the season
- July 8, 7-9 p.m. - Season Pass Holder Night Swim
- Aug. 20, 9-11 a.m. - Season Pass Holder Swim
- Aug. 29 - Sept. 2 - Pool closed
- Sept. 3-5 - Last official open weekend
- Sept. 11, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Dog-a-pool-ooza

www.manassascity.org/pool

Quest for Light and Liberty: Post-Civil War Virginia

New Exhibit: May 6 - Aug. 28; free

Guest Curator John Hennessy's exhibit looks at post-war Virginia from Reconstruction through the early 1900s. For African-Americans, the tumultuous decades after the Civil War offered both tantalizing hints of racial progress and the heartbreaking realities of political exclusion. In Prince William County and across America, African-Americans struggled for rights, dignity, education, and a voice in the political process—for "light and liberty." The exhibit includes artifacts never before displayed and an interactive activity for young people.



1911 Shoemaking class at the Manassas Industrial School.
Credit: Manassas Museum System.



1908 graduating class at the Manassas Industrial School.
Credit: Manassas Museum System.

Recycling News

Ashley Rosales wins Earth Day Poster Contest

The City of Manassas Citizen's Advisory Committee on Solid Waste collaborated with City of Manassas Public schools and celebrated Earth Day 2016 with a poster contest for students in grades one through six. All of the beautiful and colorful posters were reviewed by the Committee and the poster with the best Earth Day education message was selected as the winner.

Congratulations to Ashley Rosales of Ms. Forgrave's class at Jennie Dean Elementary School! The Citizen's Advisory Committee on Solid Waste picked Ashley's poster out of over 250 contest entries. Victoria Manalang of Mayfield Intermediate School and Zoe Moser of Jennie Dean Elementary School were also selected as runners up.

Ashley's poster was professionally printed and sent to all elementary and intermediate schools within the City of Manassas. All winners received a seed starter kit courtesy of Home



Depot and a gift certificate for Nathan's ice cream.

The Committee would like to thank all participants for their beautiful work. It was a pleasure to see so many students interested in promoting Earth Day and recycling. Well done and congratulations to everyone!

Spring RecycleFest Success!

On April 2, over 400 City residents attended the City's 2nd Annual Spring RecycleFest. Over 23 tons of shredded paper, electronics and household hazardous waste were collected in just 4 hours!



Many thanks to the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Solid Waste for volunteering at the event and to all who attended. It was an excellent way to celebrate Earth Day and a positively awesome day for recycling in the City of Manassas.

The City of Manassas Happenings

Here's what's happening in the City of Manassas during May and June.

Thru October - Thursdays and Fridays at noon - **Historic Downtown Walking Tours**
www.manassasmuseum.org

Thru October - Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Museum at the Market** - find out what fun learning experience is in store every week at the Farmers Market
www.visitmanassas.org

Thru November - **Manassas Farmer's Market** - Thursday & Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
www.visitmanassas.org

May 4 - June 16 - New exhibit - Andrew Morgan **Forgotten Farms** at the Center for the Arts
www.center-for-the-arts.org

May 6, 6-9 p.m. - **Spring Gallery Walk** in Historic Downtown Manassas
www.visitmanassas.org

May 6 - Aug. 28 - Free New Exhibit at the Manassas Museum: **Quest for Light and Liberty: Post-Civil War Virginia**
www.manassasmuseum.org

May 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Manassas Airshow 2016** - Performances, activities and displays
<http://manassasairshow.com>

May 7, 9 - 11 a.m. - **Museum Bike Tour** around the City
www.manassasmuseum.org

May 7, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous Waste and eWaste recycling Day**
www.manassascity.org/trash

May 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **East Coast Roundup M6A Regional Car Show** - a free event on the Museum Lawn
www.visitmanassas.org

May 7 & 8 - **Mary Poppins** performed by Pied Piper Theatre at the Hylton Performing Arts Center.
www.visitmanassas.org

May 15 at 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Lafayette: Lessons in Leadership from the Idealist General** at the Manassas Museum
www.visitmanassas.org

May 15, 1 - 6 p.m. - Manassas Lioness Vendor Fair at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

May 20-22 - Manassas Ballet Theatre's **Cinderella** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center
www.visitmanassas.org

May 22, 1:30 p.m. - **Panel Discussion on John Mosby**, "The Grey Ghost" at the Manassas Museum.
www.visitmanassas.org

May 28 - **Stonewall Park Pool opens** for weekends - 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
www.manassascity.org/pool

May 29 - Sept. 4 - Sundays at noon - **Free Liberia Plantation Tours**
www.manassasmuseum.org

June 3, 6-9 p.m. - **First Friday in Historic Downtown**
www.visitmanassas.org

June 3 - Aug. 28 - New Exhibit at the Manassas Museum - **John Singleton Mosby: Lawyer, Soldier, Statesman**
www.manassasmuseum.org

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June 4, 10am-3pm - **Heritage Railway Festival** - Enjoy the rich railroad history of Manassas with train excursions, models, and a surprise appearance from the 611 Steam Engine
www.visitmanassas.org



June 11, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - **Neighborhood Conference** at Jennie Dean Elementary School.
www.manassascity.org/neighbor

June 11 & June 18, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Museum Van Tours** - learn about the rich history of the area
www.manassasmuseum.org

June 12 at 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **George Washington's Mulatto Man - Who was Billy Lee?** with Author James C. Thompson
www.manassasmuseum.org

June 19, 12-7pm - **12th Annual Manassas Wine & Jazz Festival** on the Manassas Museum Lawn
www.visitmanassas.org

June 25, 6:30 to 8 p.m. - Center for the Arts Summer Sounds **Free Concert**
www.visitmanassas.org

June 26, 1:30p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Storm Over Fauquier** with author Eileen Kern Goodman at the Manassas Museum
www.visitmanassas.org

June 28 - July 1, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; ages 9-13 - **Civil War Camp** - four days immersion in Civil War life. Call 703-368-1873
www.manassasmuseum.org

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