



I'm happy to present the first edition of the Davie County Arts Council News Letter: Arts Alive. We will be sending out a new edition each month. This month's issue is a little longer as we try to keep you all updated on what's happening at and through the Davie County Arts Council.
Steve Franke
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ART'S ALIVE

Greetings, Friends and Fellow Arts-Lovers of Davie County and Beyond!
Welcome to this first edition of ***Art's Alive***, the new monthly newsletter to keep you up-to-date on what's happening at the Davie County Arts Council (DCAC) in Mocksville, NC. Under the leadership of Steve Franke, our new Executive Director (he's the guy you'll usually find around town wearing his John Deere cap), DCAC is REFRESHED, RENEWED, and "READY TO ROCK AT THE BROCK" (the Brock Performing Arts Center in Mocksville) and at other spots in Davie County! The Board has adopted a new 3-year plan to grow and promote local talent of all ages, from beginner to advanced, in new and exciting ways, while continuing to bring in established talent of outside professionals to enhance the flavor of the arts in Davie County. DCAC is dreaming and planning some energizing new things for the days and months ahead, and we invite you to dream and grow with us.

Wine and a Show!

One new thing we've added, thanks to our local friends at **Rayson Winery & Vineyards**, is the ability to purchase a glass of wine in the backstage hallway (at the top of the back stairs) to enjoy with friends before the show or at intermission. Doors to the Brock will open at 6 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. shows, so come early to socialize. Remember, no food or drink is permitted in the carpeted lobby or the theater at the Brock.

Get Your Digital Tickets Online Now at <https://daviearts.org/concerts-at-the-brock/>

Another new thing we've added is the ability to go online to purchase digital tickets for performances at DCAC's Brock Performing Arts Center (the "Brock"). Just select the show and available seats you want, make your payment, then immediately have your digital tickets sent to your email box. Physical tickets may still be purchased at the Box Office if you prefer, by stopping in or calling (336) 751-3000.

We are also reducing the cost of tickets for DCAC shows. Starting in the fall, our standard ticket price for performances will be \$40 per seat instead of \$45. Stay tuned for pricing updates.

Upcoming Concerts!

Mark your calendars and get your tickets now for these exciting shows:

June 28th at 7:30 p.m.: **The Swicegood Group, Inc., in partnership with DCAC presents “Off the Rails,”** an electrifying, award-winning American Bluegrass band from Nashville, TN, live on stage at the Brock.

September 13th at 7:30 p.m.: DCAC is proud to present **“The Dryes”** live on-stage at the Brock. A true local success story, Derek and Kaitlin Drye, who grew up in the Piedmont, are bringing their nationally-touring show from Nashville to their home fans at the Brock. The extraordinary chemistry of this homegrown husband/wife country-music duo swept the nation on “The Voice” in 2022 and continues to “wow” audiences nationwide.

More Shows Will Be Coming!

We are currently in the process of booking a variety of probably 4 or 5 additional professional performances for the 2025-2026 season. Watch for news about these shows in future **Art’s Alive** newsletters.

Stay Tuned for Other Exciting Events!

Also in future **Art’s Alive** newsletters, we will provide details of other fun things being planned by the DCAC Board that you won’t want to miss, like:

- A community theater presentation of an award-winning musical comedy by a local playwright. There will be many ways for you to get involved in this delightful theatrical opportunity.
- Art exhibits with fun kick-off events to highlight artwork of local artists at the Brock Gallery and at participating local businesses.
- Educational workshops for all ages. In addition to DCAC’s **ArtWorks Photo Club**, which meets the second Monday of each month, DCAC is planning to offer workshops for youth and adults in an assortment of arts-related topics. Do you have an interest in trying or honing your skills in brush-painting (maybe a “Sip and Paint”), woodworking, pottery-making, cake-decorating, line-dancing, sculpting, paper-cutting, flower-arranging, etc., etc.? The options are limitless. Just let us know what art genre you’re interested in trying, honing, or even instructing, and we’ll work to schedule workshops on our calendar.

In December, DCAC will begin a year-long celebration of its 50-year anniversary of serving Davie County as an IRS-recognized non-profit organization. DCAC’s past successes have been illustrious, and the infinite opportunities of the future are bright! If you need further information or have ideas, questions, or concerns about this newsletter or any of the programs we offer, please contact Executive Director Steve Franke at (336) 751-3112. Help us dream and grow together to **“Bring the Arts Alive in Davie County.”**

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