



Inside the Arts: Williamsburg folks, groups nominated for ALLI Awards

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Three Williamsburg residents and two Williamsburg support organizations are among the list of nominees for the 2009 ALLI Awards.

Sponsored by the Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads, the annual awards recognize professionals, volunteers, businesses and media representatives for their contributions to the region's arts and culture. Award winners will be announced at a program and reception at 4 p.m. Nov. 1 at the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum in Williamsburg. WHRO-FM Program Director Dwight Davis will moderate, and The Colonial Balladeers will perform.

Sally and Darrell Craig of Williamsburg have been nominated for creating and sustaining The Williamsburg Consort, an annual adult band camp that presents concerts each September. Louis Vosteen, a third Williamsburg resident, was selected for his years of work researching and directing programs of English country dance. The Williamsburg Garden Club has been nominated for its long history of volunteer projects in support of education, restoration, and the environment. And the Williamsburg Symphonia League has been recognized with a nomination for its fundraising support of the Williamsburg orchestra.

The list of arts professionals nominated includes Diana Davenport, an artist and community arts supporter; John Dixon, director of the Academy of Music in Norfolk; arts educator Donna Drozda, who works with Tidewater Arts Outreach; arts educator Patty Edwards; Vincent Epps, who works with the Southeastern Virginia Arts Association (SEVAA) Summer Arts Workshop; Martha Frances Fortson for her work on behalf of the Portsmouth Museum Foundation; William J. Hennessey, director and president of the Chrysler Museum of Art; Edwin Jacob, director of theater arts at [Tidewater Community College](#); The Hermitage Foundation Museum Director Melanie Leigh Mathewes; associate artistic director Patrick Mullins for his educational outreach programs at Virginia Stage Company; Richard A. Singletary, owner of the Singletary Gallery and African Art Museums; and Mal Vincent, movie and theater writer and critic for The Virginian- Pilot.

Individual nominees are Robert G. "Buddy" Bagley of Chesapeake for supporting community arts and culture; Constance Fahey of Portsmouth for her volunteer directorship of the Artist Gallery Cooperative; Louis Vosteen for directing and researching programs in English Country Dance; Kenneth Woolard for his service to Portsmouth Community Concerts; and George Ware of the Hampton Arts League and organizer of its offshoot, Tuesday Morning Painter, which brings arts and painting to the retirement community.

Two special awards, the Vianne B. Webb Award for Lifetime Achievement and the Bettie Minette Cooper Arts Educator Award, also will be presented.

The event will begin with tours of the DeWitt Wallace museum. The awards ceremony and reception is open to the public. Tickets are \$50, and reservations can be obtained by calling 889-9479 or online at www.culturalli.org.

Concert for the wounded

Several artists and arts organizations will combine their talents in a concert for the Wounded Warrior Project at 4 p.m. Nov. 1 at Stone House Presbyterian Church, 9401 Fieldstone Parkway, Toano. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

The program will include Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer" cantata with soprano Kaitlyn Gallagher, plus psalms and anthems presented by performers from across Hampton Roads. There'll be additional performances by In His Steps Liturgical Dance Team, Virginia Regional Ballet dancers, Williamsburg Field Musick and Old Dominion Line Quartet.

The concert will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, which works with wounded veterans, including victims of severe brain trauma, amputation and burns. More information is available online at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.