

PEOPLE



Students who were part of the Chesapeake Academy art field trip stand in front of the buildings they painted with their completed paintings. From left: Charlay Timms, Alise Timms, Kenneth St. Thomas, Kurtis St. Thomas (in front), Thema Jackson, Ian Marburger and Jessica Edwards.

Bringing History Alive Through Art

After relocating to Old Town Alexandria three months ago, artist Leisa Collins, noticed a lack of young people involved in the historic and restoration movement and decided to do something about it.

Recently she held the first of a series of free art workshops entitled "Bringing History Alive Through Art" where she helped a team of children to paint their first house portrait of an Old Town historic building.

Collins herself specializes in historic Old Town and has now painted 30 homes or hidden garden originals as part of her series: "The Faces and Homes of Historic Old Town Alexandria - Connecting the Past with the Present."

The seven children participating are 8 - 12-year-old students of Chesapeake Academy in Springfield and the workshop is a field trip that is part of their summer activities. The children first learned historical tidbits about buildings in the 100 block of N. Alfred Street. Then, under the supervision of Collins, they set about creating their own painting of a selected building.

"Each child not only walked away with a piece of art they are proud of," said Collins, "but they also gained a greater appreciation of the architecture of the past and got to see how it relates to the present." All completed art will now be exhibited on an online gallery for children that Collins cre-



Jessica Edwards shows her work.

Details

For more information about upcoming "Bringing History Alive Through Art" workshops for youth, contact Leisa Collins at leisa@leisacollins.com, 703-598-7360 or www.leisacollins.com.

ated to give a forum to youth to display their works.

A native of New Zealand, Collins took up her paintbrush and full-time art career eight months ago after two decades of activities that took her to the four corners of the globe. In that time she and her husband traveled a total of 25,000 road miles first across the U.S. and then all over New Zealand searching for the perfect place to live. They stumbled across Old Town after taking a wrong turn on Duke and ending up at the Potomac end of King Street and decided to make it their home.



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Off to the Aces The Gazette Packet hosted the United Way of the National Capital Area at Monday night's Alexandria Aces game as UWNCA bid farewell to Del. David Englin and welcomed Councilman Frank Fannon as Campaign Chair for the Alexandria Regional Council. Enjoying the Aces game are, from left, Brandi Lester, Elizabeth Owens, Fannon, Englin, Kimberly Tate and Jane Hughes. The Aces lost 3-0 to the Baltimore Redbirds.



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Summer Baseball

The city opened its summer camp programs as children play baseball at Ben Brennan Park on June 25.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

Claire Niemann, a rising senior at Saint Stephens Saint Agnes School in Alexandria, was one of 45 students from high schools in Virginia chosen to attend the Governor's Latin Academy sponsored by the Vir-



ginia Department of Education and Virginia Commonwealth University. The Governor's School provides an opportunity for outstanding students to continue their study in a unique environment. Students were selected for this program through a statewide exam and teacher recommendations.

The T.C. Williams classes of 1970 through 1979 are organizing an alumni reunion picnic/cookout, "Mighty Titans of the 70s." It will be held Saturday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. at Castle Park in Fort Belvoir. Respond on the link <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/event.php?eid=126497370694934>.

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