

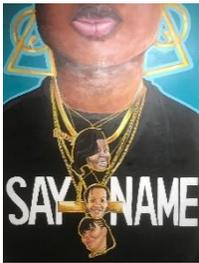
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## Community-wide visual art exhibit features artwork by our community, for our community

[Fayetteville, North Carolina] – The anticipated, community-wide visual art exhibit returns for its 17<sup>th</sup> year to highlight artwork produced by our community, for our community. The Arts Council of Fayetteville|Cumberland County (Arts Council) presents the “PWC Public Works” exhibition powered annually by the Fayetteville Public Works Commission (PWC) on display June 17 through August 20, 2022, at The Arts Center, 301 Hay Street in Historic Downtown Fayetteville. The exhibit is free and open for public viewing.



1<sup>st</sup> Place - 2021 People's Choice  
“Walk For Her” by Roxanne Rothenberger  
Acrylic on canvas



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 2021 People's Choice  
“Say Her Name” by Tiffany Ragin  
Acrylic on canvas



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 2021 People's Choice  
“Love, Bee” by Cassie Griffin  
Multimedia

Curated by The Ellington-White Community Development Corporation, the “PWC Public Works” exhibition extends the opportunity for artists residing in Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, Sampson, and Scotland Counties, Fort Bragg, and Pope Army Airfield to display their original, culturally enriched art pieces in a professional gallery setting.

Whether classified as an emerging or accomplished visual artist or simply an artsy doodler, participants of all ages and backgrounds deliver an exhilarating compilation of innovative visual creatives of varying technique levels and range of subjects that include 2D and 3D paintings, drawings, print-making, macramé, photography, sculpture, ceramics, and more.

“PWC is excited to continue celebrating and supporting this community event that feels more like a tradition,” says Lamont Hinson, Communications & Community Relations Associate of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission. “Having the opening night for the “Public Works” art exhibition return in-person connects our community together to savor the arts and engage with our vibrant downtown areas in a fun and impactful way. We are looking forward to seeing all the creativity displayed from our local neighbors.”

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE HONOR

By popular consensus, a People's Choice Honor recognition will be given to the artists of select artworks that receive the most ballots from gallery visitors. Voting begins Friday, June 17 through Monday, July 25 through in-gallery voting and QR code.

Selected winners will receive a gift basket full of unique items from downtown businesses, highlighted on the Arts Council’s sitepage and social posts, an interview opportunity with a local publication, as well as special recognition from a representative from PWC.

“This exhibit provides all people throughout our community an equal opportunity to publicly express themselves through their artwork,” said Bob Pinson, Interim President of the Arts Council. “Doesn’t matter if they are 3 or 93 years of age, their background, or if they are highly trained or self-taught, there is a hidden artist in all of us. Art, and the messages the artists reflect through their work, is universal and can help start conversations. Through those conversations, we can further build our community.”

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### **MEDIA DAY: OPENING RECEPTION**

Featured artists of the exhibition and representatives from the Fayetteville Public Works Commission will be on-site and available for interviews during the **Opening Reception on June 17 from 6p-9p at The Arts Center. ALL MEDIA ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND. To RSVP, [CLICK HERE](#).**

**Additional Information:** <https://www.wearethearts.com/publicworks>

**Download Promotional Materials:** [Google Drive](#)

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