

*Appalachian Spirit*  
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 Downtown Marion Second Fridays

July 2009

Appalachian Spirit Gallery, 144 W. Main Street in Marion, Virginia will boot up the July 10<sup>th</sup> Second Friday Art Walk at 5pm with an opening and artist reception for Kyle Buckland, plein air landscape painter from Abingdon. *Pickin' on the Porch* starts at 6 pm with regional favorite bluegrass band *Fescue*. Seating is limited, so please bring lawn chairs.



Prior to the July 10<sup>th</sup> opening, Kyle Buckland plans to explore Marion's downtown by setting up his easel, stirring his

paints, and talking to folks as he captures the town's historic landmarks in his own unique style of contemporary impressionism. The small color studies of these excursions will be on view at the July gallery show with the larger more finished versions exhibited during the month of August.



Buckland, a self-taught painter, stretches and primes his own canvases, gathers his oils, and hauls his gear into town streets, meadows, and woods to grab hold of the moment with his brushes. Now age 25, he continues to explore the outdoors in search of opportunity or what ever catches his eye to capture it on canvas as he has done for the past nine years.



Fescue band endures like the grass of its name with over 26 years of playing experience of their own style of bluegrass music enjoyed by fans in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, and West Virginia. Their wide range of style runs from slow ballads to hard driving energetic bluegrass tunes, the kind that keeps your toes tapping.



Appalachian Spirit Gallery's exhibit of local member talent includes: Ned Johnson, CiCi Brown Vesce, Duane Cregger,

William Fields, Avery Cornett, Sylvia Richardson, Tracy Thompson, David Fields, Marilyn Peacock, and Suzan Suple. Paintings range from traditional to impressionist, landscapes to landmarks, oils, acrylics, digital giclée and mixed media. Other works include fabric art, jewelry design, crocheted “plarn” handbags, and other “green” creations.

Appalachian Spirit Artists Association is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization composed of artisans who share jobs to fulfill the group’s mission to celebrate the arts, traditions, lore, and spirit of the Appalachian Mountains and to showcase the work of local and regional talent.

The Gallery is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 5pm and other times by appointment or whim. For more information go to [www.appalachianspiritgallery.com](http://www.appalachianspiritgallery.com) or call 276.759.3890.



[The Art Walk](#) begins at Appalachian Spirit Gallery to meander through throughout downtown businesses and end at the [Black Rooster Gallery](#) in the [General Francis Marion Hotel](#).

Events include: [The Black Rooster Gallery](#) art opening of exciting new work by regional artists. [Handsome Molly's Bistro](#) hosts Jack Taylor (JARATA) for a solo art show entitled

"*JARATA's 15 minutes*" on July 9, 10 and 11 with Jack being available during the Friday Artwalk to talk about his work. The walls of the Bistro will be covered exclusively with his art for all 3 days including his newest works. Also for the Friday Night Art Walk, in addition to their regular menu, Handsome Molly's **highlights** one of the **Marion Farmer's Market sellers with a special dinner of locally grown and raised food by Laughing Water Farms** (the Goodrich Family) here in Marion.

Dinner will consist of local grass-fed lamb, new potatoes, a veggie (depends upon what decides to come in strong the next few days) and homemade ice cream with a local berry fruit topping. Seating is limited **so don't forget to call ahead for reservations**. [Kim's Klassy Klost](#), 122 East Main Street, will feature Bead For Life Jewelry and A Local Emory & Henry College Art Student, Jessica Burke and her work. [The Lucky Dog Irish Pub at R & R Stations](#) features an open mike night with Larry Paluzzi as it will for the next four Fridays. Stroll downtown to check out other events at Handsome Molly's, [Trajan Studio](#), A Simple Life, Emma's, and Je Grace.

The new 2009 Art Walk Brochures are available at Appalachian Spirit Gallery and other downtown businesses or online at [www.appalachianspiritgallery.com/artwalk](http://www.appalachianspiritgallery.com/artwalk).

Don't forget the Marion Farmers Market on Saturday. Mark your calendars for second Fridays throughout the year, a good time to invite out of town friends for downtown fun, frolic, and all around good time. Next month music features blues by the Terraplane Drifters.



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