July 26 Soiree at the Thomas Day House







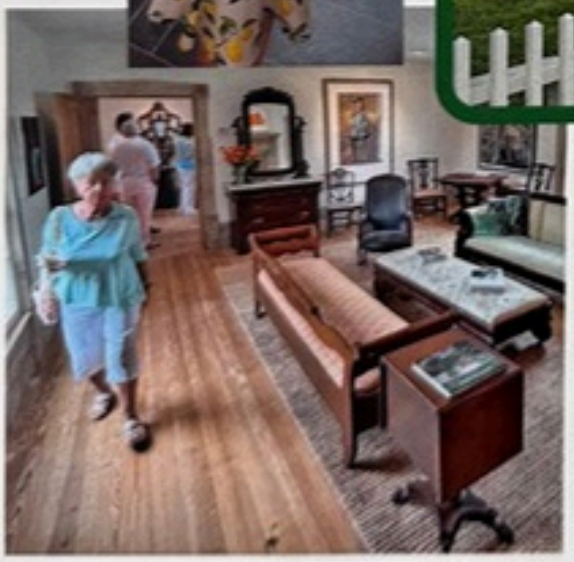






















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Henry Kidd
Historic Art Gallery now at Farmers Bank!



Renowned local artist Henry Kidd is bringing his studio and Side Street Art Gallery into the apartment side of our Farmers Bank. After many years in Colonial Heights, he began moving in early August with hopes to have the space open for Friday For The Arts on October 9.

Henry is a lifelong resident of the area and a proud graduate of Virginia State. Born with a talent for illustration and artistry, he worked for many years in industrial design at both Seward Luggage and Philip Morris. His passion has always been depicting the bravery and service of our armed forces and first responders. Making himself an expert through study, travel and reenactments, much of his work centers around the Civil War but includes other military endeavors. In a recent project, he used stretchers as canvases for these. One depicts his father as a young sailor in World War 2. Many of these stretchers will be on display in the foyer of the bank.



Henry was profoundly affected by the events of September 11, 2001 (we marked the 25th anniversary this year!). Moved by the bravery and sacrifice of the police and firefighters who rushed into danger to assist those in need, Henry created a painting titled American Heroes depicting a firefighter, a policemen the twin towers, Pentagon, The Statue of Liberty and many others symbols of freedom. In the years since, Henry has donated and personally presented a print of that painting to every firehouse and police precinct in New York to commemorate their service and honor their sacrifice. A print signed by hundreds of those individuals will be displayed at the Bank.

Once arranged and organized, the Gallery will be open to the public on a regular basis. The entrance foyer will serve as display space and Henry himself will use a portion of the space for his ongoing creative work between welcoming visitors. The large second floor space will house the galleries, with each room themed to highlight an aspect of his lifetime of painting. Beyond his military art, Henry also enjoys painting Italian scenes of course, scenic and historic sites around Petersburg. (He has even promised us a painting featuring Farmers Bank as it likely appeared in its 19th century heyday!) In the large back room, Kidd will host display space for other local artists.

We are beyond thrilled to have the Kidd Historic Gallery complement our museum. Watch for exciting news about another artist soon to occupy the third floor, turning our Bank into a cultural hub for Olde Town Petersburg!

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