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ARTSFAIRFAX and Fairfax County Present More Than 60 Arts Activities for the 2019 Creative Aging Festival

Fairfax County, VA- [ARTSFAIRFAX](#) and the Fairfax County Government will celebrate Older Americans Month in May with the [2019 Creative Aging Festival](#). Events throughout the month celebrate older adults' participation in the arts across Fairfax County through visual, music, theatre, dance, literary, and culinary arts activities.

Over 60 free, interactive events are planned at 28 senior centers, community centers, and public libraries and locations throughout the County to engage residents and visitors in the arts, showcase the achievements of senior artists, and highlight the positive benefits of the arts as we age. Offerings include:

- **Hot Hula!** gets participants up and swinging arms and hips in a Hawaiian dance at Mott Community Center.
- **Elena Nuez Flower Dish** clay class engages participants in creating useful and expressive ceramic art at Herndon-Fortnightly Library.
- **Spring Paint and Sip** program leads participants in a step-by-step led painting activity while sampling a variety of teas at South County Senior Center.
- **Glass Etching Class** teaches techniques and tools needed to etch glass through hands on practice at the Gum Springs Community Center.
- **Doodle Your Way** through creative lines and color at the Sully Senior Center.
- **Your Inner Artist** encourages participants to spend the day explore their creativity and releasing their inner artist at Providence Community Center.
- **Ink Art** class leads participants in creating beautiful coasters and jewelry at Little River Glen Senior Center.
- **Lunchtime with the Arts At Mason** presents the Mason Cabaret and their production of the Best of Broadway at Reston Town Center Square Park.
- **African Drumming Funfare!** Joins participants with Kofi Dennis in making steady-beat and rhythmic patterns with the African djembe drums and shekeres.

"ARTSFAIRFAX thanks Fairfax County for their support of arts programs for all ages. Art programs are vital for older adults to sustain well-being and quality of life through social engagement, physical and mental health, and aesthetic fulfilment," said Linda S. Sullivan, ARTSFAIRFAX President and CEO.

The Creative Aging Festival supports Fairfax County's 50+ Community Action Plan's Arts Initiative to promote arts programming for and by older adults. Core objectives include encouraging older adult participation in the community's many public and private arts program; promoting public understanding of the benefits of older adult participation in the arts; and providing awareness to the broader community about the existing arts services for older adults in Fairfax County as well as the benefits these programs can have for diverse audiences. This year's Creative Aging Festival is presented by Fairfax county Neighborhood and Community Services in collaboration with **ARTSFAIRFAX**.

To find an event at a senior center, community center or library near you, visit the Creative Aging Festival site at <http://bit.ly/FairfaxCreativeAgingFestival>.

ARTSFAIRFAX retains its legal name of the ARTS Council of Fairfax County, but all community and business engagement will fall under the new brand name. **ARTSFAIRFAX** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, incorporated in 1964, as Fairfax County's designated local arts agency. **ARTSFAIRFAX** is funded in part by Fairfax County, corporations, foundations, individuals, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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