

**For immediate release
Arts on the Ridge
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The 12th Annual Arts on the Ridge Art Show & Sale will be held on May 4th and 5th in downtown Ridgeway, SC. This year's theme "Opening Doors to the Arts and Beauty of Small Town Life" has inspired yarnbombing of 15 downtown objects, a Literary Festival with a gallery of 12 published authors, a juried photography, juried plein air painting and open art show & sale featuring cash prizes.

The St Stephen's Art and Fiber Guild will be covering trees, lampposts, benches, road signs, rocking chairs and more with colorful yarn craft in an effort to make a statement regarding how important arts and crafts are to the community.

Friday evening, May 4th from 6 to 8 p.m., visitors are invited to preview the art exhibition and sale at the Century House, 170 S Dogwood Ave, and vote for the People's Choice award. Saturday's events will kick off at 10:00 a.m. with performances by students from Geiger Elementary School. At 10:20 visitors can enjoy a presentation by Doug and Louise Ruff, members of the Go Forth Ridgeway Chapter of the Institute for Cultural Communication.

The Literary Festival will kick off at 10 a.m. on Saturday with authors scheduled to be on hand from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Century House. The Authors Gallery includes published authors Johnny Bloodworth, Tim Conroy, Lisa Anne Cullen, Joan Y. Edwards, Mike Long III, James D. McCallister, Beaty Miller, Betty Parker, Tom Poland, Raegan Teller, Marv Ward and Millie West

The authors will also be public speakers for our “Meet Me On The Porch” feature at these scheduled times: Ward 10:30, Edwards 10:45, Conroy 11:00, Teller 11:15, Bloodworth 11:30, Parker 11:45, Long 12:00, Cullen 12:15, West 12:30, McCallister 12:45, Miller 1:00 and Poland 1:15.

A juried photography show and sale and a juried plein air painting show and sale are on exhibit along with the open art categories both Friday evening and all day on Saturday at the Century House. Vendors featuring hand crafted items will be located on the Century House grounds.

Free parking is available in the Cotton Yard and Ridgeway merchants will be offering show specials throughout the town.

Information on the 2018 event is available online at RidgewaySC.org or on Facebook at Arts On The Ridge - Ridgeway SC or by emailing Phyllis Gutierrez at phan38@AOL.com.

