

Tomorrow, Feb. 12: Mini Art Market at the Pike Road Arts Center



Whether you're looking for one-of-a-kind jewelry, original art, or other handmade goods this Valentine's Day, the Pike Road Arts Council is excited to invite you to explore it all at their first Mini Art Market on Feb. 12! This event will feature goodies from Chicken & Sweets, folk artist William Jenkins, jewelry maker Joanne Stanley, Karen's Craft Corner, and a variety of items available in the Arts Center's gift gallery - perfect for the loved ones on your Valentine's Day gift list.

Visit the Mini Art Market at the Pike Road Arts Center from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12!

The Pike Road Arts Center is located at 944 Wallahatchie Rd, under the water tower. It is home to the Water House Gallery, studio space, and a variety of events presented by the Pike Road Arts Council, an ENHANCE initiative committee. For more information, please contact Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne by emailing patty@pikeroad.us.

Last Chance - *Thresholds: Passing Through* Art Show ENDS this Sunday, Feb. 13!



Explore the *Thresholds* Art Show this weekend, and you may just find the perfect painting to take home or gift for Valentine's Day! The Pike Road Arts Council's first art show of the year, *Thresholds: Passing Through*, wraps up this Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 12 & 13, at the Arts Center.

The dozens of pieces in this show features doors, gates, paths, and everything that they signify. Whether these paths represent a homecoming, a new beginning, a reminder to open our eyes and enjoy all we experience every day, you're sure to take home a fresh perspective from this local art show! The show is open to the public at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd) during weekend hours, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 - 4 p.m. on Sundays through Feb. 13.

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Pictured: Bartlett Farm Front Gate by Bruce Brannen

Simplifying Faces Portrait Painting Workshop with Julia Wallace: Mar. 2 - 4 at the Pike Road Arts Center

Join artist Julia Wallace to simplify your portrait paintings and overcome your fears of making "mistakes," March 2 - 4 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily) at the Pike Road Arts Center.

SIMPLIFYING FACES

with a Limited Palette



MARCH 2 - 4
9 AM - 4 PM

WITH JULIA WALLACE

AT THE PIKE ROAD ARTS CENTER



Contact the artist at julia@juliawallacefineart.com to learn more or register!
Pike Road Arts Center // 944 Wallahatchie Rd // www.pikeroad.us

Julia will share the starting method that will take your paintings to new heights, help you create energetic faces, and develop your individual style. Learn how to simplify references and create a daring design with strong attention to only 3-4 values and a limited palette, one of the keys to success in portrait painting. You will also learn exercises to help build confidence and take your paintings to a new level.

Contact the artist by emailing julia@juliawallacefineart.com, or email Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne at patty@pikeroad.us to learn more or register today!

Local Artists Learn to "Be Creative" With Craig Reynolds



Pictured: Creativity in action this week at the Pike Road Arts Center - Award-winning artist Craig Reynolds is visiting to teach "Be Creative & Let the Painting Develop!" You may find yourself wondering why all the paintings are currently brown. Did you know that artists frequently create a single-color "underpainting" before adding the brighter colors you will see in the finished piece?

From mixing colors "like grandma's recipe - just a pinch of this and a dash of that" to the right type of white paint you need, this workshop covers everything while encouraging creativity!

Top tip from Craig: When you want brighter, vivid colors, mix your oil paints with zinc white. For paler colors, mix oil paints with titanium white, which is less opaque than titanium!

[Click here to learn more about the PRAC and all they offer.](#)

In Our Schools: Students Lead, Compete & Excel



Great things are happening in our community's schools! Winter sports are in season, with students succeeding across the board. Recently, the [Lady Patriots varsity basketball team](#) won the Area Championship! Now, they will continue on to compete in the State Championship. The [Lady Patriots tennis team](#) is also performing, bringing home a big win this week against Booker T. Washington Magnet High. Today, the [Patriots wrestling team](#) is competing in the Super Sectionals, and, this evening, the Pike Road Patriots [Cheerleaders](#) will compete in the National Championship in Florida! Congratulations to these and all of our athletes who are working hard and making waves each day.

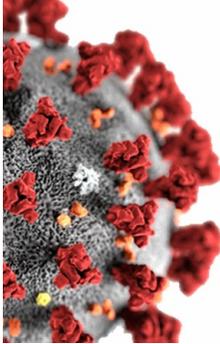
Pictured, State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey invited several Pike Road Intermediate School learners to [share with the state board of education](#) why Gifted Education programs

are so important to them. Also at the Intermediate School, members of the PRIS SGA announced this week that they will hold a [golf tournament fundraiser](#) on April 18th to support their proposed outdoor classroom and inclusive playground project! PRIS learners on the [Robotics Team](#) have had great success already this year, competing and placing in the top 10 in a tournament hosted by Wallace State in January.

We are excited to share that the [Pike Road Schools FFA](#) will host a swine show at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 19!

There is so much to be excited about at PRS that it can be hard to keep up [Click here to visit Pike Road Schools on Facebook, and give them a "like" to see local school updates in your newsfeed.](#)

COVID-19 Updates and Reminders



COVID-19 INFORMATION AND UPDATES

As we begin the new year, COVID-19 continues to significantly affect our community and our state. Data from the Alabama Department of Public Health shows high community transmission of the COVID-19 virus in Montgomery County and all of Alabama, indicating that the virus is actively spreading statewide. With this in mind, we encourage you to be thoughtful and make smart, safe decisions that help protect your health and the

health of those around you. ADPH has released updated guidance for what to do if you test positive for COVID-19 or if you are exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive. [Click here for a quarantine & isolation flowchart.](#) [Click here for more detailed information and timelines.](#)

One of the most effective tools to combat COVID-19 is vaccination. Initial vaccines and additional booster doses are free and readily available at multiple locations within our community. Individuals ages 5+ are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. In addition, the Alabama Department of Public Health recommends that immunocompromised individuals receive a booster vaccine after they are fully vaccinated. Adults 18 and older are eligible to receive a booster dose six months after receiving their first Moderna or Pfizer shot, or two months after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. [Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and boosters and where you can receive yours.](#)

Thank You, Pike Road - Over 500 Valentines for Veterans & Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



Pictured: Dropping off Valentines for Veterans made by the [Pike Road Pediatric Dentistry & Family Orthodontics team](#). Thank you for your participation and for sharing this sweet photo with us using #mypikeroad!

Through our community's outpouring of love and kindness, our team will deliver OVER 500 Valentines to our local veterans today through our partnership with the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System.

It is always a blessing when we have the opportunity to give thanks and show our appreciation to our nation's veterans, who have sacrificed so much on our behalf. We know that your numerous cards will bring smiles to just as many faces as see them this Valentine's Day!

Share YOUR activities by using #mypikeroad and tagging [@townofpikeroad](#) on social media to be featured on our billboard, in our e-newsletter, and on our social media!
*Reminder: Posts must be set to "public" for our team to see them.

Save the Date!

Take advantage of digital activities during the ongoing season of social distancing! [Click here to view several upcoming activities on our website.](#)

- Feb. 11: [Charcuterie & Floral Design Workshop](#), 6 p.m., Local & Bloom*
- Feb. 12: [Mini Art Market](#), 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Pike Road Arts Center
- Feb. 12: [Valentines Market](#), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Local & Bloom*
- Feb. 14: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- Feb. 14: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- Feb. 19: [Pike Road FFA Swine Show](#), Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Center*
- Feb. 20 - 26: Alabama Arbor Week - Stay tuned for details on our annual seedling giveaway!
- Feb. 21: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day*
- Feb. 23: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- Feb. 26: [Montgomery County Cleanup Day](#), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the County Lot Office on Meriwether Road, across from The Feed Lot*
- Feb. 28: Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show, LIVE on the MAX Round Table, 107.5 FM / 1210 AM, 12 - 1 p.m.
- Mar. 2 & 3: [Painting Portraits Workshop with Julia Wallace](#), 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily, Pike Road Arts Center
- Mar. 4 & 5: [Woodland UMC Annual Indoor Yard Sale](#), 4428 Wallahatchie Rd*

**Please note: All items provided above are submitted to the town and approved for inclusion according to the Town of Pike Road's Communications Policy.*

For more events and details, please call 334-272-9883 or email info@pikeroad.us. You can also access our online calendar at www.pikeroad.us. Please [click here for the Pike Road Schools calendar.](#)

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