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School budget talks continue

BY RUTHANN CARR CORRESPONDENT

Things got a bit tense between two School Board members during budget talks at Wednesday's (Feb. 3) meeting.

As Superintendent Chuck Winkler laid out the different scenarios of raises, salary scale adjustments and step increases, Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) asked what Winkler recommend-

Winkler said he preferred giving staff a 2 percent raise with a minimum of \$500 and no adjustments to salary scale. Which means if 2 percent of a person's salary is less than \$500, that person would get a \$500 raise.

The total cost of that proposal is \$765,400.

Rittenhouse noted that was about \$1 million.

Winkler said the other option - the same 2 percent raise with a \$500 minimum including salary scale increases - actually did come out to \$1,040,900.

"Well, \$765,400 is close enough to a million to me when you're paying taxes," Rittenhouse said.

James Kelley (Palmyra) said, "Can I have the change?"

The discussion continued about proposed changes to the salary scales.

Chair Perrie Johnson (Fork Union) has long lobbied for paying teachers more at the beginning of their career.

Right now, the biggest adjustments are at the end of a teacher's career because retirement benefits are based on the last five years of a person's career.

"For every dollar you increase in a person's salary in the last five years, it's a difference of 50 cents more in their retirement check," Winkler said.

By day, Kelley is a data analyst and as is his custom, he began doing comparative analysis using different variables.

At each turn of the discussion, Kelley began calculating what that adjustment might mean for the budget in the future and to lifetime earnings.

"All things are mathematically solvable or at least comparable," he said.

They talked about how Fluvanna salaries compare to neighboring districts.

Kelley said he'd like to make FCPS more competitive and one way to do that is to increase salaries early in a person's career.

Kelley said Net Present Value shows how the value of a dollar decreases over the years due to inflation.

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"NPV shows that one dollar today is worth about 50 cents 35 years from now," Kelley said.

Rittenhouse took umbrage.

"How could you possibly know that, James? There is no way in the world you could possibly know that," Rittenhouse

"That I could know the math behind it?"

"No, that you could know the future. You said 35 years from now? You don't know if we'll even be here tomorrow," Rittenhouse said.

Kelley said "we could make reasonable assumptions about what inflation will be the future based on what's happened in recent decades."

Rittenhouse suggested they move on. Kelley said he wanted to understand Rittenhouse's objection.

"You just talk and talk and many of the things don't have anything to do with what we're doing - the cost of a dollar, the value of a dollar," Rittenhouse said.

Kelley suggested if Rittenhouse didn't know how it related to what they're doing, he didn't understand.

"So be it," Rittenhouse said.

The board is still considering saving a potential \$600,000 in health care costs by excluding spouses who have other access to health care from being on FCPS' plan.

Winkler said with CARES act money, the district will make \$1.3 million in improvements and only need \$500,000 more from the county than last year's budget.

FY21 budget was \$18,064,800.

The FY22 proposed budget is \$18,564,800.

Andrew Pullen (Columbia) asked about summer school plans.

Winkler said he proposes it will be the last two weeks of June and the first two weeks of July for four hours, five days per week.

"It will be calculated and targeted for students most in need," he said.

Winkler suggested the bottom 10 percent of students will go to summer school.

Pullen asked about students who aren't in that category but still have needs.

Winkler said having enough staff to meet the needs is the problem.

He wants there to be a one to five teacher-student ratio and there isn't enough staff to bring in more students.

Winkler said every school district across the nation will face the same

"It will be a multi-year process closing those gaps," he said.

The next meeting is Feb. 10.



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County administrator proposes \$85 million budget

BY HEATHER CORRESPONDENT

County Administrator Eric Dahl shared his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday (Feb. 3).

Dahl proposed a total county budget of \$85,277,429, an increase of 6.9 percent over FY21. He recommended a threecent increase in the current equalized tax rate of 86.5 cents to 89.5 cents. The tax rate on personal property, business, and tools and machinery would remain unchanged.

Overall, Dahl's budget proposal signaled a tentative return to normal after a year constrained by COVID-19. The pandemic struck towards the very end of last year's budget-planning season, with the uncertainty causing the supervisors to scrap much of their earlier work and instead adopt an austere \$79.8 million budget. Tax rates were frozen and almost all capital improvement plans (CIP) were set aside.

CIP is the largest segment of the proposed budget, making up \$3 million of the \$5.5 million increase over the previous fiscal year. Schools may see around a \$1.4 million increase, and public safety around \$600,000.

Some of the pressures on the budget include the rising costs of goods and services, debt service from previous years, the need to replace aging vehicles and equipment and to repair and upgrade some of the county's nearly three dozen

At the same time, the county needs to continue to invest in infrastructure programs to promote growth and provide competitive county salaries and benefits

Using Dahl's proposal as a starting point, supervisors will spend the next several weeks shaping the budget before voting on a finalized version and setting the FY22 tax rate in late April.

In other business

The budget presentation was the main event of the relatively brief open meeting, but supervisors did vote on several other issues, unanimously approving:

- The carryover of a \$375,000 grant to Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC) for the ongoing Firefly broadband project.
- Adoption of the county's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). There have been no substantive changes to the plan, but by law it must be re-approved every few years.
- Approval of around \$7,400 in CARES Act funds for the purchase of two Stryker chair-stairs for the Fluvanna Rescue Squad. This equipment helps carry patients down flights of stairs and will replace two units that have been in service for around 20 years.



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Truex talks about ghostwriting

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



Why would any writer consider ghostwriting? Indulging in the painstaking work of writing a novel, book, blog, or story for someone else to put their name on it and reap the benefits and the glory?

"Ghostwriting is a form of freelance writing, so it's something anyone who wants to get paid to write might consider. In my case, I ghostwrite fiction, so many ask why I'd do that instead of writing the stories for myself. I do write some fiction under my pen name, but making money as a fiction writer doesn't pay me as fast or often as my ghostwriting work," said local author and freelance writer, Leslie Truex.

"Most well-known form of ghostwriting is famous people who have a story to tell or something to say in a book but don't have the skills to write it. Some ghostwriters create other forms of content such as blog posts or articles. And then there are people like me who are hired to write fiction." Currently, Truex has one client that she writes approximately one book a month for and has hired another person to plot the work. Truex takes the plots, reviews them, offering feedback if needed, and then writes. She says she averages about 2,500 to 4,000 words a day.

"Sometimes I have to plot too, which I find difficult as I'm a panster by nature." For those unfamiliar with the term, pansters are writers who "fly by the seat of their pants" when writing and do very little if any planning such as outlines.

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"Even in self-publishing, how much you earn depends on how well the book is marketed," she said. "I also have a steady client who values my work. Sometimes I have two clients at one time, which is hard, but nice on payday."

When she's not ghostwriting, she works on her books, either a romance or a mystery. She recently started working on two projects; one of which is an online community along with courses and content on writing romance fiction, her specialty.

Though It can pay well there are drawbacks.

"In my case, I'm not paid as much as I think I'm worth," she laughs. "Based on how fast I write, I make around \$25 to \$30 per hour. The forms of ghostwriting that pay well are competitive and often require having a connection to the publisher or the well-known person that needs the writer. Also, sometimes I'm not thrilled about what I'm asked to write, although my client gives me some leeway to make tweaks that make the writing more fun."

In 2020, after 18 months and nearly 2 million words, she developed repetitive strain injury in her fingers. Now she records her writing digitally and has software that transcribes the recording. The only typing she does is the revision.

"Although the change was weird, I actually doubled my output so maybe it's an advantage."

Truex admits that one of her biggest challenges and one most often expected by writers regarding ghostwriting is when her clients get rave reviews.

"I love that the books are well-received but it's hard to have someone else get the credit. Part of my contract is that I'm not allowed to say who I write for."

Though Truex's passion is fiction, non-fiction writing is also part of her freelance work other than teaching and editing. She knows the ins and outs of working online and getting those jobs that support a steady stream of income. She found her work on ProBlogger's job

board. She submitted samples and had to go through a process to learn their systems and expectations.

"Freelance writing websites can be a good source for writing work, as can places like Upwork, although the pay will be low to average," she said. "A person can establish their own freelance service business offering ghostwriting, which can allow them to demand higher pay, but they have to find someone to hire them. Marketing is a big challenge for many freelancers and home business owners."

She says there many ways to make money writing, especially online. Before she ghostwrote fiction, she was the home business expert at The Balance Small Business, where she wrote articles related to home business, marketing, working from home, and also pitched articles on writing or home business that she sold to online markets.

"Other forms of freelance writing other than ghostwriting, include copy writing. Anyone who wants to make money with words can probably find a way to do that, especially with online venues that are in need of quality content on a regular basis. The challenge is getting hired by businesses that value the work writers do enough to pay them well."





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Fluvanna students learn job skills at equine sanctuary

BY MADELINE OTTEN CORRESPONDENT

In what is still a bizarre year, some special needs Fluvanna County High School (FCHS) students are making the most of their time and spending it at Serenity Farm Equine Sanctuary (SFES). The non-profit was established in May 2016 and declared its mission was to prevent equine neglect, abuse, and abandonment, and to find loving forever homes for them. Most of the horses that come in are either seized by authorities or surrendered by a family who knows they can no longer care for their horse.

"Most of our Fluvanna individuals with disabilities come to us with counselors or job coaches," said Executive Director Rhondavena LaPorte. "Most are about to graduate, or around the 18 to 24 age group of special education students."

LaPorte is a former special educator who supported and worked with individuals with autism, cognitive impairments, and those who were medically fragile. The students and LaPorte talk so she can assess where their skills and experiences lie in order to place them in an appropriate environment. Some students have had the opportunity to groom and lead horses, while others choose to paint posts and buildings or learn to build and use power tools with supervision.

"Most don't believe that they have any capabilities when they come, but I can generally find something that they learn to love," said LaPorte. "The students also give input regarding what they'd like to do and like to learn. I remember one young man who wanted to learn to drive the golf cart, and while that was scary, he learned!"

For the students who are preparing for supported work, SFES keeps a database that monitors what experiences the students have had or the skills they have mastered during their time at the sanctuary. Not only can students learn new skills, but also earn a recommendation letter from SFES for those who need it for future employ-

"Some of our former volunteers are now living in their own apartments with support and work every day," said LaPorte.

While SFES works with volunteers with disabilities, all volunteers are welcomed. The sanctuary provides horsemanship instructions for their volunteers who then have the capabilities to help as a farm assistant,

groomer, side walker, rider, or trainer. There are also non-horse volunteer opportunities available for those looking for experience in public relations, grant writing, marketing, or fundraising. Volunteers can locate the handbook and liability form on the sanctuary's website.

"Many of our volunteers have become very adept in working with those with disabilities and some are even retired educators with direct experience, like Lisa Lucas."

Lucas worked for the Fluvanna County Public Schools for over 30 years and retired in the summer of 2019. Lucas is on the Board of Trustees for SFES and has been a volunteer since 2018. As a board member, Lucas and the other members guide SFES and help it succeed.

"Each member convenes as a comprehensive board to ensure the success of the sanctuary by a differentiated support network," said Lucas. "For example, some board members are actively involved in volunteering with daily farm chores and hands on caring of horses, donkeys, and goats, while other individuals bring a different skill set to the sanctuary's governing unit with expertise in horsemanship, public relations, conservation, environmental sustainability, and education resources."

Board members are also there offer advice for upcoming projects and help find resources for feed, hay, supplies, equipment, venues for monetary donations, and more.

"We come together as an interworking network whose mission is to provide a better life for abused, neglected, and unwanted equine," said Lucas.

SFES has also had the opportunity to work with other Fluvanna groups such as Fluvanna County 4-H and a couple of different horse clubs. Groups generally take on a project, which the sanctuary always has several in the works. By working with groups and more volunteers each day, SFES educates the public on the beauty and importance of rescued horses and giving purpose to the lives of neglected or abused equines through human interaction. For the past four and a half years, SFES found that the people not only help the sanctuary by helping the horses, but that the horses also help the people.



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Fluco boys bombard Monticello in regular season finale

BY DUNCAN NIXON **CORRESPONDENT**



Flucos on defense. Photo by Duncan Nixon.

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In the last regularly scheduled game of a shortened basketball season, the Fluco boys' basketball team led throughout behind a bombardment of three point shots. The Mustangs from Monticello high could not keep up and they fell to the Flucos 73-58 on Feb. 5. It was senior night for the

The Flucos were led by junior shooting guard Maurice D'Alessandra who scored a game high 31 points, including six three-point baskets. Forward John Rittenhouse had three three pointers and sophomore point guard Lance Bruce contributed one. Bruce filled in very competently for starting point guard Kobe Edmonds who sat out with a hamstring injury.

The Flucos took the lead early as D'Alessandra had two threes in the first quarter and Rittenhouse and Bruce each hit one from downtown. The Fluco led 20-16 at the end of the opening period. In the second quarter, the Flucos upped their lead to 12. It was 38-26 at halftime. D'Alessandra and Rittenhouse both hit three pointers and Jalen Ferguson had three inside lay-up baskets, one on a nifty pass from Bruce.

The third quarter was pretty evenly

matched as the Mustangs outscored the Flucos 14-12. So, going into the final quarter the Flucos were up 50-40. In the third quarter, D'Alessandra had two bombs from long range and two-point baskets were scored by Xavier Copeland, Daniel Campbell and Margues Franklin. The fourth guarter was the highest scoring of the game, mainly because the Flucos made their free throws down the stretch. D'Alessandro was five for five on free throws in the quarter and nine for nine in the game. The Flucos made 11 from the line in the fourth quarter. D'Alessandra and Rittenhouse both had three pointers in the quarter. The Flucos won going away 73-58.

In addition to D'Alessandra's 31, Rittenhouse had 12 points and Bruce contributed 11. The Flucos ended their regular season with a 10-4 record. After the game, Coach Heath Bralley noted that he thought his team showed resilience and played well in Edmonds' absence. He noted he is proud that the team put up 10 wins in a 14 game regular season. The play-offs started on Monday, with the Flucos traveling to Fort Defiance High School.

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Flucos turn in top performances at Polar Bear track meets

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT

Track and field teams from Albemarle high and Western Albemarle high came to Fluvanna County on Jan. 27 for the third Polar Bear meet to be hosted by the Flucos. The fourth Polar Bear meet was held on Feb. 3., with Louisa High and Orange County high competing.

Tre Smith Jr. for the boys, and Shea Hart for the girls, were the standout performers for the Flucos in Polar Bear 3. Smith finished first in the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.18 seconds, which was 0.16 seconds better than the second place finisher. Smith also won the long jump, as he soared 18.1 feet. Ryan Hicks was also a winner for the Fluco boys' team. He won the 500 meter run with time of 1:15.14. It was a very close race, as Hicks won by only nine tenths of a second. Two other winners for the boys' team were Kristian Thomas in the high jump and Addison Patchett in the triple jump. Thomas and Patchett are both sophomores. Ayden Bland was the only second place finisher for the Fluco boys, finishing just behind Patchett in the triple jump. The Fluco boys also won the 4X200 and the 4X800 relays.

For the Fluco girls, Hart proved to be a very versatile athlete as she won the high jump clearing 4 feet eight inches and was second in both the 55 meter hurdles and the 300 meter run. Kaitlin Bower was first for the Fluco girls in the long jump, winning by half an inch. Hannah Feith won the triple jump for the Fluco girls. The girls got second place finishes from R'tia Payne in the high jump, Kaitlin Bower in the triple jump and from Elle Dudzik in the shot put.

In Polar meet 4, the Fluco boys also performed well. This time, Jaden Ferguson led the way. Only a sophomore, Ferguson won the 55 meter dash and the high jump. Smith was also strong again as he won the long jump and finished second in the 55 meter dash. Aidan Girard won the 300 meter run for the Flucos. Troy Stephens was first in the 1000 meter. Patchett won the triple jump again, with Ayden Bland in second again. Fluco Trace Harris was second to Ferguson in the high jump, and Rocco Calderone took second in the 500 meter. The Fluco boys also won the 4X200 meter relay again.

For the girls, Hart was a double winner again, as she captured the 300 meter and the 55 meter hurdles again. Summer Craig and Sylar Solga were first and second for the Fluco girls in the 100 meter dash. Sophie Farley, a freshman, was second in the 1600 meter run. Tallon Solga took second for the Flucos in the 1600 meter as did Emily Smeds in the 3200 meter. Elle Dudzik was second in the shot

put and Laura Hernandez was second in pole vault. The Fluco girls won the 4X400 relay.

Fluco football schedule

Date	V. Football	Place	Time
27-Feb	CHS	Away	1:00
5-Mar	WAHS	Away	6:30
12-Mar	AHS	Home	6:30
19-Mar	LCHS	Home	6:30
26-Mar	OCHS	Home	6:30
2-Apr	MHS	Away	6:30
9-Apr	t.b.d.		
Date	JV Football	Place	Time
Date 24-Feb	JV Football CHS	Place Home	Time 6:30
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24-Feb 3-Mar	CHS WAHS	Home	6:30 6:30
24-Feb 3-Mar 10-Mar	CHS WAHS AHS	Home Home Away	6:30 6:30 6:30
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Fluvanna schools launch COVID-19 dashboard

PRESS RELEASE

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The information reported includes only staff and students who are actively working or learning in person. COVID-19 data is confirmed by a positive test result and in consultation with the Blue Ridge Health District (BRHD).

We encourage our community to continue with the mitigation procedures (masks, 6 foot social distancing, and 15 minute time frame) along with monitoring for symptoms based on the VDH Evaluating Symptoms or Exposure protocols.

In addition to this dashboard, Fluvanna County Public Schools is also working in conjunction with the BRHD to offer vaccinations to our staff.

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Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm

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ZMP 20:03 Joseph F. & Vonda Sue Crane – Request to Rezone, from I-1, Industrial, Limited to A-1, Agricultural, General of 8.9 +/- acres and known as Tax Map 12 Section 18 Parcel 4 and located along the west line of Deerfield Road, and 0.2 miles south of Bybee Road. The subject property is located in the Rural Residential Planning Area and the Columbia Election District.

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held virtually due to the Public Health Emergency and physical, in-person access to these meetings has been suspended. Instructions for public participation during the meeting will be made available on the Fluvanna County website: comments prior to the scheduled meeting to dmiles@fluvannacounty.org and any questions may be directed to Douglas Miles, Community Development Director at 434-591-1910, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, M-F.



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Due to the continuing Public Health Emergency, Board of Equalization Meetings will meet with modifications. Meetings of the Board to hear objections will be held remotely via Zoom and conference call, or in person at the Morris Room in the Fluvanna County Administration Building, 132 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963.

(Dates and times will be scheduled if necessary and advertised)

By order of the Fluvanna County Board of Equalization

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

BEVERLY PAYNE

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SHELBY PAYNE,

Plaintiffs

Case No. 19CL000683-00

HEIRS OF PLEASANT MARTIN AND RICHARD MARTIN,

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MARTIN and RAB PERFORMANCE RECOVERIES,

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Plaintiffs Beverly Payne and Shelby Payne have filed a Complaint that seeks to quiet title, and then to partition, a 10-acre parcel of land identified as Tax Map 18-A, parcel 50, located at the intersection of Route 600 (South Boston Road) and Route 709 (Martin Lane), purchased by Pleasant Martin and Richard Martin in 1925. There is a home on the property where Plaintiffs live, and where their families have lived since 1925. Plaintiffs believe that they have identified all known heirs of Pleasant Martin and Richard Martin, except for the heirs of Mildred Martin, who had been the second wife of Colonel P. Martin. Colonel P. Martin died on December 3. 1996, and our information is that Mildred Martin survived him. Plaintiffs do not know who the heirs of Mildred Martin might be. RAB Performance Recoveries appears to be a foreign corporation that has a judgment against one of the potential heirs.

There will be a hearing on March 19, 2021, at 1:15 PM, in the Circuit Court for the County of Fluvanna, Palmyra, Virginia 22963 at which time Counsel for Plaintiffs will ask the Court to set a trial date and to make various other decisions in an effort to determine who the proper parties are.

Notice is hereby given to the heirs of Pleasant Martin and Richard Martin, and to the Individuals specifically named above, that you should appear at that time to protect your interests.

Accordingly, the Court ORDERS that this Order be published in the Fluvanna Review, a newspaper of general circulation in Fluvanna County, once each week for four successive weeks, and that it be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court.

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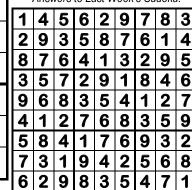
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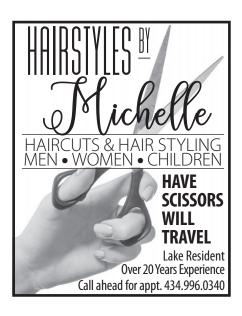
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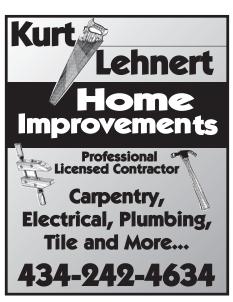


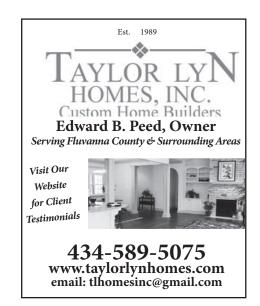




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Beach 4. Painting by Kathy Scott.

When viewing Kathy Scott's landscape paintings, the onlooker is struck by its warmth and tranquility. Her work is a remedy for stress, drawing the viewer into a place of solitude and reflection. It is Scott's skillful handling of light that enhances her work and gives it that serene feeling.

Her work is easy and impression-

istic, giving it that overall calmness. Her strength lies in her color harmony and light, not in tight details which allows the eyes to rest. Her choice of landscapes as her subject features the soul of nature at its best and without painstaking details, the viewer sees what is familiar in the environment and unwinds.

"Landscapes are my favorite subjects to paint and I have found unlimited inspiration in portraying the natural world. Central and Southwest Virginia are among my favorite places to paint or take photos for later reference. Whenever I travel I take loads of photos to refer to later when I get the itch to paint," she said. "Creating art challenges me and there is always something to try, and try again, until I am satisfied with it. I hope that people who see my art can find something in it that speaks to them."

Scott brings up a common misconception about art that once something is complete it is finished. For many artists, dissatisfaction plays a central role in the completion of a painting. An artist may end up with two or three variations of the same painting in different forms before the final. A certain angle, lighting, or color can throw off the balance of a subject and the artist is aware that changes need to be made.

Art has been a part of Scott's life since childhood and credits her parents and teachers for their encouragement. She studied art in college and since then has participated in workshops along with self-study.

"I try to do something every day to connect with art in some way."

She works primarily with oils and pastels, though in her early days she worked in colored pencil so she didn't have to worry about her children getting into the paint. Oils and pastels work well with her sweeping brush strokes and a smattering of bright color in certain areas for focus. This has become Scott's signature style.

These days, artists lament they are uninspired with COVID-19.

"I must admit that the challenges of COVID we are all facing these days makes it hard to be inspired to pick up a brush sometimes," said Scott. As a member of the Tuesday Afternoon Painting Ladies at the Lake, she misses the camaraderie and sharing.

"We keep in touch and encourage each other to find distraction in creating art. It is a blessing to know them and I can't wait until we can get together for a painting session again."

Her work has been shown in galleries and venues in northern Virginia, and most recently at Gallery 27 in Scottsville. She will be one of many featured artists in the upcoming Fluvanna Art Association exhibit at the Purcell Gallery at the Louisa Arts Center.



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