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## What's Happening in Suffolk This Week...

**TUESDAY, February 22, 2012**

- *Unique Tees: Silkscreen Workshop*



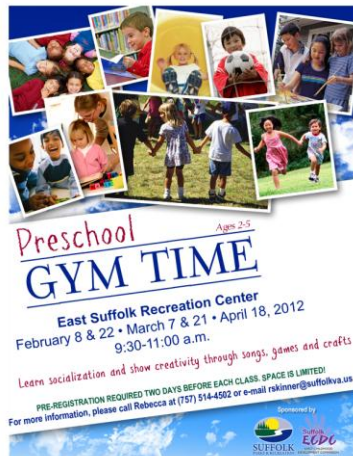
The Suffolk Art League will sponsor a Virginia Museum of Fine Arts visiting artist workshop titled "Unique Tees: Silkscreen" on February 22 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The workshop will be held at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy with students from NSA as well as Lakeland, King's Fork and Nansemond River High Schools attending.

Artist Fenella Belle, Instructor of Art at Piedmont Virginia Community College, will teach the workshop. From idea to finished object, participants print their own professional-looking and unique t-shirts. Starting by discussing what makes a good design, participants will create their own designs, cut stencils and print onto shirts using the silkscreen printing technique. Along the way, the concept of positive and negative shapes is introduced as they relate to stencil design. The

workshop will be a fun and fast paced day that involves both individual creativity and team work! This workshop has been organized by the VMFA Office of Statewide Partnerships and is funded, in part, by the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund. For more information about this and other programs offered by the Suffolk Art League, call 757-925-0448 or visit [www.suffolkartleague.org](http://www.suffolkartleague.org).

## WEDNESDAY, February 23, 2012

- *Pre-School Gym Time*



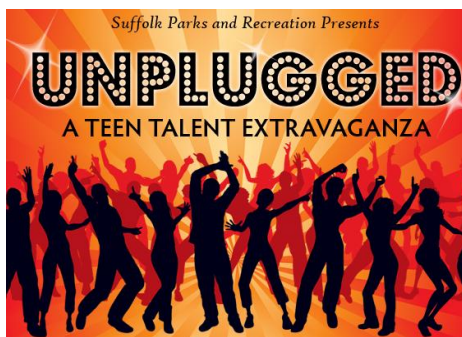
Everyone knows that toddlers have excess energy to burn...get them active at Pre-School Gym Time, hosted by the East Suffolk Recreation Center.

Sessions are set for February 22, March 7, March 21, and April 18, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Children will enjoy a special time with other toddlers learning songs, games, and crafts. Pre-School Gym Time will allow toddlers the opportunity to learn socialization and show their creativity through play, with each class session offering

something new. For more information, contact Rebecca Skinner at (757) 514-4500. The East Suffolk Recreation Center is located at 138 South 6th Street.

## **FRIDAY, February 24, 2012**

- *Unplugged: Teen Talent Show*



Suffolk Parks and Recreation is proud to announce a new type of teen event, UNPLUGGED: Teen Talent, scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2012, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Anyone between the ages of 13 and 17— who can dance, sing, recite or freestyle form in the genres of poetry, hip hop, rap, or neosoul — is invited to come to Unplugged. This event is free and open to the public, both to perform and to be part of the listening audience. Raffle prizes will be given throughout the night. Now is your time to shine! Space is limited so plan to arrive early. For more information, contact Rebecca Skinner at (757) 514-4500. The East Suffolk Recreation Center is located at 138 South 6th Street.

## **SATURDAY, February 25, 2012**

- *Romance Writers of America- North Suffolk Library*



Join us on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. as we welcome four local romance writers. These four authors are members of “Chesapeake Romance Writers”, the local chapter of “Romance Writers of America”, and represent a wide range of romance writing including contemporary romance, historical

romance and paranormal romance. Authors will discuss how they got started, and what drew them to write romance. Discover what it is about romance novels that make them a favorite of readers and writers alike. Reservations are not required, and the event is free and open to the public. The North Suffolk Library is located at 2000 Bennett's Creek Park Road, Suffolk, VA 23435. For more information, call 514-7150.

## **SATURDAY and SUNDAY, February 25-26, 2012**

- *Annual Antique Show and Sale*



The Suffolk Art League, in cooperation with Suffolk Parks and Recreation, will hold the 29th Annual Antiques Show and Sale at Kings Fork Middle School, 350 Kings Fork Rd., on February 25 & 26, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Join us for the Annual Antique Show and Sale! Over 40 antiques and collectibles dealers from the mid-Atlantic region will be displaying their treasures for show and sale. It's a fun, two-day event that showcases silver, vintage pottery, collectibles, coins, dolls, antique furniture and artwork. Crystal and porcelain repair is also offered. Bring the family, wear comfortable shoes, and get ready to shop 'til you drop! Delicious food – including Brunswick Stew, barbecue, hot dogs and homemade desserts – will be offered. \$5 per ticket. This is the Gallery's only major fundraising event, and benefits the education programs.

**SATURDAY, February 11, 2012 – March 2, 2012**

- *Exhibit of Excellence: Suffolk Student Art 2012 – Suffolk Art Gallery*



The Exhibit of Excellence: Suffolk Student Art 2012 is on display at the Suffolk Art Gallery, 118 Bosley Avenue, now through March 2, 2012. This exhibit features over 130 pieces of artwork from 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders from Suffolk who had their work judged for display. Suffolk Art Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

until 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Suffolk Art Gallery at 757-514-7284 or the Suffolk Art League at 757-925-0448.

**SATURDAY, February 11, 2012- April 28, 2012**

- *Land of Our Fathers Exhibit – Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts*

*Land of our Fathers*



The “Land of Our Fathers” exhibit features art from the Norfolk State University African Art Gallery, the Doctors L.T. & Margaret Reid Collection from the Suffolk Art Gallery, and is

accompanied by the photographs of Brenda C. Wright. Eight African Countries are represented in a variety of mediums including: wood, metal, clay, and fiber.

This exhibit is on display Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., now through April 28, 2012 at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, 110 W. Finney Avenue. For more information, call 757-923-0003 or visit [www.SuffolkCenter.org](http://www.SuffolkCenter.org).

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