

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

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DA's Office partners with local artists to display art in Historic Courthouse

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office has partnered with the Charlotte Art League for the first professional art exhibit in the Historic Courthouse, which is home to the DA's Office.

The exhibit features about 35 pieces – paintings, mixed media and photography – from local artists. The pieces were created by members of the Charlotte Art League, a nonprofit that assists local artists grow and sell their work while enhancing the visual arts experience in the metro area.

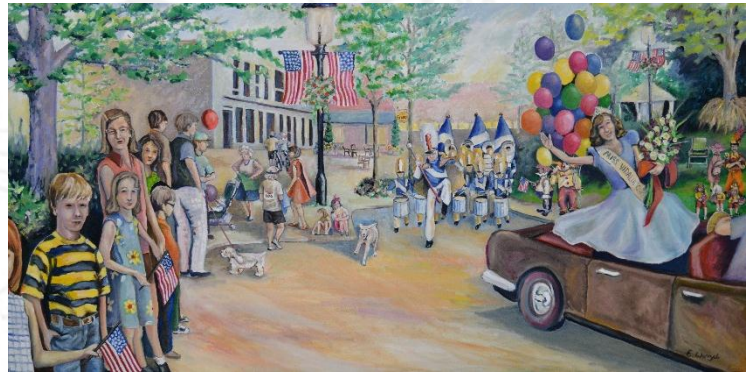
District Attorney Andrew Murray first invited community artwork into the building last year when Northwest School of the Arts students created artistic interpretations of the Bill of Rights to display during Mecklenburg County's Sestercentennial Celebration, which was held at the Historic Courthouse. Mr. Murray was so impressed with their work and its contribution to the office environment that the DA's Office began looking for opportunities to use the public building to display art on a regular basis.

"It's amazing to see how the color and creativity transforms our blank walls into a welcoming space for visitors and my staff," says Mr. Murray. "I'm thrilled to partner with the Charlotte Art League and the local arts community to showcase the work of talented artists."

The art is located along the Historic Courthouse's main level corridor, which is lined with the 1920s-era building's original pink Tennessee marble. This area is open to the public 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The Charlotte Art League exhibit will be on display until March.

The DA's Office continues to look for student and professional artwork to display in the Historic Courthouse. For information, please contact Meghan Cooke at meghan.a.cooke@nccourts.org.

For more information about the Charlotte Art League, visit www.charlotteartleague.org.



Elizabeth Wenzel's "Welcome Home Stranger" is among the artwork displayed as part of the Charlotte Art League exhibit in the Historic Courthouse.

Note: For more information about the District Attorney's Office, visit www.charmeckda.com. For updates and other information, "like" the DA's Office on Facebook at www.facebook.com/charmeckda and follow us on Twitter: @CharMeckDA.

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