Inaugural ArtShare 2013 Show and Sell Coming to Viking Hall

Bristol’s ArtShare 2013 is scheduled for Saturday, 10AM to 6PM and from Noon to 6PM on Sunday, October 12 and 13 at Viking Hall Civic Center. The ArtShare 2013 “Celebrating the Spirit of Artists” is an inaugural event at Viking Hall in Bristol. The show will feature many regional artists as well as the 6th Annual Twin City Photo Club Contest and its 200-plus entries. “This event is for everyone, whether it is just dropping in to delight in the artistic creations of some of the regions finest artisan, or looking for just the right piece to complete a room or office. It is all here to enjoy,” said Darlene Cole, Venues Manager for the city. “Bristol is taking on a new role, not only do we already feature the finest musicians from the area but we are beginning to develop an upscale arts community that is welcoming to all.”

One of the featured artists is Stuart Engel from ZaPow! Gallery in Asheville, NC. Engel has been painting and drawing all of his life. He grew up in the Washington, D.C. area and moved to Boulder, Colorado in the late 1970s where he began his career as a professional artist. “I am inspired by music, color, and the search to capture the movement and feeling of the moment,” Engle said. “I mostly paint in oils, but use other mediums when the mood strikes.”

Another featured artist will be pottery artist Eloise Collier, featured at Woolworth Walk in Asheville, NC. “What drives me is being totally present in the here and now,” said Collier, who has studied sculpture, ceramics, painting and photography. “When I am working on a piece of art, everything else fades and I exist only in the moment of creation.” At the moment, she is
concentrating on three-dimensional tiles, painting up to 20 layers of latex rubber onto the model of durable stone compound. She layers paint, glaze, metal leaf, stain and even wax to bring out each piece’s own distinct personality.

Another unique artist will be Lisa Shell of Kingsport, TN who uses only reclaimed materials in her creations she calls “New Life Art.” Some of the other talented artists include multi-media Pat Jessee of Abingdon, VA; woodworker Kenneth Jones of Kingsport, TN; Rob Beverly of Star Trails Downtown Art Gallery, Kingsport, TN and more. Vendor space is still available for this inaugural event. Check out some of the artists’ work at Facebook ArtShare 2013.

For more information contact Darlene Cole, Venues Manager at 423-764-4171 or email dcole@bristoltn.org.