



**The Winchester Star**  
Winchester's Online News Source

Winchester, Virginia  
Order your favorite Winchester Star Photographs. Click Here

HOME | SUBSCRIBE | CLASSIFIEDS | LINKS | COMMUNITY | CONTACT US | PAST ISSUES

Welcome to The Winchester Star 109th Year

- Today's Weather -

Winchester, VA  
41 °F / 5 °C  
Mostly Cloudy  
at 11:40 PM

[Click for Forecast](#)

**SITE FEATURES**

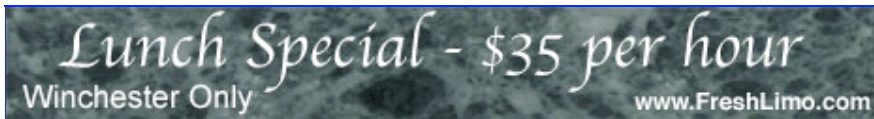
- Homes Guide
- Auto Guide
- Auctions
- Help Wanted
- Lap By Lap **NASCAR**
- Place Classifieds
- Advertising Rates**
- Stocks
- Dear Abby
- Movie Listings
- TV Listings
- Online Games
- Other Newspapers

**BYRD NEWSPAPERS**

- The Winchester Star
- Daily News-Record
- The Warren Sentinel
- Shen. Valley-Herald
- Page News & Courier
- The Valley Banner



Virginia's Travel Information Service



Lunch Special - \$35 per hour  
Winchester Only  
www.FreshLimo.com

Friday, April 2, 2004

[Back To Home Page](#)

# 'Blossoms and Brushstrokes' Explores the Apple

## Apple Blossom Art Exhibit Opens Today

By Karl B. Hille  
*The Winchester Star*

The Shenandoah Arts Council hopes to make the fine arts a lasting part of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival this year with the first "Blossoms and Brushstrokes" exhibit.

The juried art show will feature works from local artists examining the apple blossom, the apple, and related themes of springtime, renewal, and exuberance.

"With this Apple Blossom Festival, it really is a celebration of spring and beauty and blossoms and landscapes," said exhibit coordinator Geraldine Kiefer. "It's the beauty of nature and the whole tradition of the festival. ... I just thought it was a natural theme for art."

Credit for "Blossoms and Brushstrokes" exhibit idea goes to Kiefer, said SAC President Nicki de Medici.



"We wanted to do a spring show and tie it in to the Apple Blossom Festival," de Medici said. "Gerry was the genius behind it."

Entrants to the exhibit were selected by Kiefer and SAC board member Brooke

**Login Here**

User Name

Password

Sign up [CLICK HERE](#)



**Associated Press Top Headlines**

**National News**

- [International Team to Review Iraq Results](#)
- [AP: U.S. Teen Runs Off to Iraq by Himself](#)
- [More Grass Fires Flare in Windy Oklahoma](#)
- [Winter Storm Shuts Down Roads in Colorado](#)
- [Pace: U.S. to Launch Phased Iraq Pullout](#)

**Virginia News**

- [Thursday's drawing](#)
- [McNeese St. 85, Liberty 72](#)
- [No. 5 North Carolina 88, Old Dominion 80, OT](#)
- [No. 25 Virginia Tech 76, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 64](#)
- [Independence Air parent warns workers it may shut down](#)

**Sports Headlines**

- [Dungy Rejoins Colts Following Son's Death](#)
- [Bengals Giver Palmer Six-Year Extension](#)
- [Utah Rolls Up 550 Yards, Routs Ga. Tech](#)
- [Tejada Upset With Orioles' Lack of Action](#)
- [Column: for 5 Teams, Bush Bowl Is On](#)

**In Your Opinion**

Do you send Christmas cards?

- I used to but don't have time anymore
- I never send them
- I try to send them out every year



Artist Gerry Kiefer hangs a painting for the exhibit, "Brushstrokes and Blossoms," at the Shenandoah Arts Council building, 811 S. Loudoun St., Winchester. Kiefer coordinated the show opening at 6 p.m. today. This painting (below) of Victoria Knauss is part of the exhibit. The juried art show will feature works from local artists examining the apple blossom, the apple, and related themes of springtime, renewal, and exuberance.

(Photos by Scott Mason)



Fillmore on the basis of their skill and relation to the apple theme.

Media include drawing, painting, printmaking, graphics, photography, and collage.

The exhibit opens at 6 p.m. today with a reception and dance choreographed and performed by Shenandoah University graduate student Shayna Schwartz.

The dance, titled "Let the River Run," celebrates the yearning for peace and freedom held by the nation of Israel. Schwartz choreographed it during the first Gulf War to express her feelings about peace in the Middle East.

The dance will be performed at 7 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.

On May 2, festival-goers will be invited to participate in an afternoon still-life class featuring the apple.

"Looking at apples in art, they were actually the source of cubism and impressionism," said Kiefer, who teaches art history at SU. "It was through studying an apple and sculpting it in plaster that (Pablo) Picasso actually became a cubist."

The opening, the exhibit, and the drawing class are free and open to the public, and are sponsored by the Wilkins family.

Concurrently with the blossoms show, the SAC gallery's Kalbian-Harris Room will present Art Unlimited. This exhibit will feature the work of professional artists from this area who have disabilities.

An opening reception will be held at 4 p.m. April 22.

Artists in both exhibits include Don Black, Petie Bogen-Garrett, Ellen Burgoyne, Jane Caspar, Pat Cassidy, Fay Dutton, Nina K. Ellis, Jeffrey Harris, Kathy Holliday, Victoria Knaus, Elayne Leopold, John P. Lewis, Gloria Pace, Rosemary Swope, Cheryl A. Voytek, Wilson Webb, Smaranda Branescu, and Dennis Wise.

While Kiefer did not submit any of her own work, she compiled several panels of historic postcards from past Apple Blossom Festivals, and photos from the early festivals copied from

[View Stats](#)



originals archived at the University of Virginia Library.

She also put together a hand-made book of each of the artists' biographies and statements about their art.

Fillmore has one work in the show, a pen-and-ink drawing of a pineapple that was also used in the invitations SAC mailed out.

"I chose the pineapple because it's the welcome symbol and also it's a spoof on the apple," she said.

Kiefer said she hopes the exhibit becomes an integral part of the Apple Blossom Festival.

"It would be great if the Apple Blossom Festival could incorporate fine art into the program," she said.

The Shenandoah Arts Council Gallery is located at 811 S. Loudoun St., Winchester. The exhibit is open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. For information, call 667-5166.



[Back to Home Page](#)

[Email this article to a friend](#)

---

Click here to review past issues of [www.winchesterstar.com](http://www.winchesterstar.com)  
[Today](#) | [Dec. 28](#) | [Dec. 27](#) | [Dec. 24](#) | [Dec. 23](#) | [Dec. 22](#) | [Dec. 21](#)

[ARCHIVES](#)

Copyright © 2002-2003 by The Winchester Star - All Rights Reserved.

[PRIVACY POLICY](#)

This site was designed by Iveka

[iveka.com](http://iveka.com)