



friendship force

CENTRAL
NORTH CAROLINA

Our mission is to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people.

April 2020



Springtime in the Triad

For 2020 it mean social distancing, staying at home, avoiding others, washing your hands, and canceling non-essential activities.

2020 Upcoming Events

2020 May 7-13, International Inbound from Sydney, Australia
2020 June 23-20 Outbound to Lethbridge, Canada

2020 October 15 to 22 Domestic Inbound from Oklahoma City.
This Journey is still on the schedule.

A report on our Club Activates prior to the State and County stay-at-home Orders.

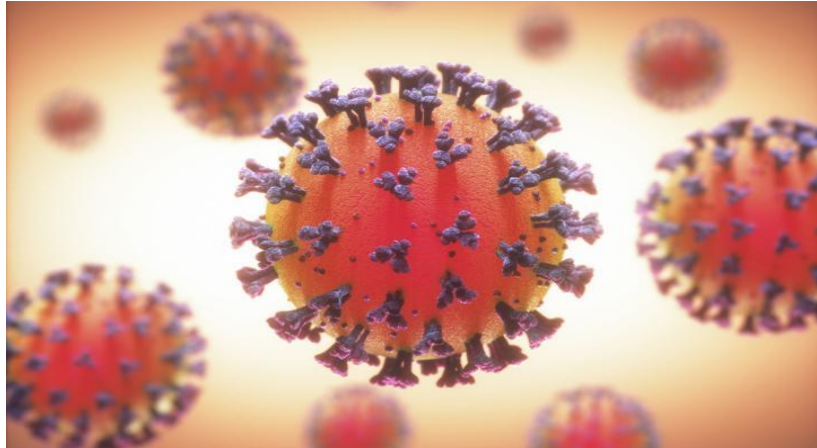
On Saturday March 7, 2020 a group of about 20 members met at the Art Studio and Workshop of Judy Meyler at the Revolution Mill Avenue site in Greensboro, North Carolina. Judy is an impressionistic painter who works exclusively in oils. Her brushwork is vibrant and flowing with color and texture.

Judy gave us hands-on demonstration of how colors blend and how to mix colors to get the perfect tone you want on your canvas. It was an elementary course for us, but a real eye opener for many not familiar with color matching and creating.

Revolution Mill, one of the Cone Mills, was part of the world's largest manufacturing facility for denim used in the making of jeans and work clothing for agriculture and factory workers for decades. Later Jeans were produced and ultimately became a casual wear fashion item. The buildings have been restored and are now home to many small businesses, especially art and photography studios.



After Judy's demonstration we walked to Cugino Forno, where we enjoyed Pizza made in the Italian tradition of brick and masonry ovens. Sitting at picnic type tables the pizza is served within about 10 minutes and is delicious.



Covid-19 a Corona Virus

This is a photo that you have already seen a thousand times. It is a virus that is a killer that does not discriminate. Young people, senior citizens, the healthy and the infirm, all can succumb to this viral infection. It has been especially harmful for older folks that have existing health issues.

As I write this, there are nearly 6,000 cases of Covid-19 in North Carolina. 27% of NC Corona Virus cases have been reported in people age 65 or older, but seniors account for 84% of NC Covid-19 related deaths.

We have been obligated for health and safety reasons to cancel the inbound journey of Ambassadors from Sydney, Australia. Originally scheduled for May 7 thru 13, 2020. It most likely will not be rescheduled until 2022 due to the already scheduled Journeys for 2021. Special thanks to Ann Barefield and Woody Clinard, our Journey Coordinators for all their hard work in making preparations for this visit by the Australians. We hope that their work will bear fruit in 2022.

We have also cancelled our outbound Journey to Lethbridge, Canada that was on the books for June 23 thru 30, 2020. Significant work done by Judy Greene and Brenda Humphrey as coordinators including an added week of Canadian Adventure to Banff and Lake Louise was forced to be cancelled as well. Let's hope for a future 2022 date for this Journey.

On March 31, an announcement was sent out to Members from Jeremi Snook, the President of Friendship Force International. He advised us of the financial hardship that the Corona Virus Pandemic has caused to our organization. They have had to furlough staff, reduce working hours, suspend projects and cancel many, many journeys worldwide.

He has asked all of us to help the organization by making a donation to help support the ongoing efforts of Friendship Force International.

Our club at the April 13th board meeting voted unanimously to send \$3,000 of our Winston-Salem Foundation reserves to FFI to help with this situation.

No doubt many of you have also received this request from Jeremi asking for your support, and we are certain that many have already responded. For this we are grateful.

If you have not yet responded, please take a few moments today to send a check for any amount that you can afford to Friendship Force International, their mailing address is:

Friendship Force International
400 West Peachtree Street, NW
Suite #4 - 980
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Someone asked about our 2020 Board Members.

The Leadership Council of 2020 and their roles for our Club.

Ann Barefield, Chair; Woody Clinard, Secretary; Mary Davis, Membership;
Laura Graham, Treasurer; Charles John, Journeys Coordinator;
Ray Kiszely, Communications; Karla Shanahan, Events; Laura Coker, At Large.

Below is a photo of our happy group as taken in December



left clockwise from bottom: Woody Clinard, Ann Barefield, Ray Kiszely, Karla Shanahan, Charles John, Patti Gilmour, Barbara North, Mary Davis, Laura Graham, Don Sylvester. Not pictured is Laura Coker.

Important News for All Members.

Thanks to Barbara North and Mary Davis we have had Susan Tague update our club website.

When you visit www.ffcnc.org you can access our membership directory which includes contact information. Click Membership Directory under Resources. You will be asked for a password.

The password for member access is: wearefriends