

NANSEMOND- SUFFOLK ACADEMY

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NSA Celebrates its 22nd Annual Art Show and Sale

Suffolk, VA January 8, 2008- Nansemond-Suffolk Academy's Annual Art Show & Sale will open on Saturday, January 26, 2008 and continue through Sunday, February 3, 2008. This will mark the 22nd anniversary of the Art Show & Sale benefiting the Fine Arts and Endowment Program. Each year the show draws crowds from throughout Hampton Roads and is a showcase for new and established artists. NSA boasts a wonderful diversity of mediums from over 160 artists. Prices will range from \$25 to \$7,000. While the works of art adorn the school hallways and make the school look beautiful, teachers will also use the Art Show & Sale as an opportunity to incorporate the art and artists' displays into their curriculum.

This year's featured artist is Suffolk's own, Mrs. Nancy Anderson Dempsey. An oil painter, Mrs. Dempsey's embarkation of painting came late in life. "I recall a conversation with my first instructor, Charles Kello, as we were both about to turn 60. He had been painting for 40 years while I had just brought my first brush. He assured me that, if I lived long enough, I could catch up and that is my intention," she recently remarked.

Since her launch, she has taken several workshops in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia with nationally recognized artists-Ann Templeton, Jeanne MacKenzie, Dawn Whitelaw and Loryn Brazier. Her studio library is filled with "how to" books as well as works of famous and not so famous artists. Her work can be found hanging in numerous homes throughout Virginia and beyond.

Preparing for the 2008 Nansemond-Suffolk Academy Art Show and Sale has allowed Dempsey to create her work with more alacrity. Her resolution has been to continue to spend more time in the studio and to paint *en plein aire*, when weather permits, as she commented recently, "This is truly the only way to improve the quality of one's work."

The Art Show & Sale will be located at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy in the Lower School building, 3373 Pruden Boulevard, Suffolk, VA and is open to the public. Admission and parking are free. Attendees can visit with the artists and enjoy refreshments and entertainment during the Opening Reception on Saturday, January 26,

2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The show will continue through Sunday, February 3rd with the following operating hours:

Sunday, January 27th, 1:00- 4:00 p.m.

Monday- Friday, January 28th - February 1st, 8:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Grandparents' Reception

Saturday, February 2nd, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 3rd, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

For more information on the show or for information on sponsorship opportunities, please call Melissa H. Hlinovsky '02, NSA Special Events Coordinator, at (757) 539-8789 ext. 3333 or email her at mhlinovs@nasacademy.org.

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