



Portsmouth Museums Unveils New Name and New Website Courthouse Galleries becomes Portsmouth Art and Cultural Center

The City of Portsmouth's Department of Museums announced that the Courthouse Galleries has changed its name to the Portsmouth Art and Cultural Center (PACC). Nancy Perry, museum director for Portsmouth Museums commented: "We changed the name to more closely reflect its mission, exhibits and programs. We also felt it was important to identify that it was in Portsmouth", Perry added. The Portsmouth Museum and Fine Arts Commission has worked over the past three years to bring this to fruition.

The Portsmouth Art and Cultural Center (former Courthouse Galleries) will remain housed in the 1846 Courthouse, and continue to fulfill its mission – devoted to offering quality educational, cultural and aesthetic experiences in the arts and humanities, through rotating visual art exhibits, lectures, classes and performances.

Located directly across the street from TCC's Visual Art Center, the Portsmouth Art and Cultural Center is within walking distance from several other art galleries. Its central location in downtown Portsmouth makes it an ideal spot for art enthusiasts to begin -their visit.

With its new distinction, from gallery to art and cultural center, the new art center brings - a new logo, signage and website – www.portsmouthartcenter.com, which will be unveiled on January 1st.

Here's a look at some of the 2012 exhibitions to be displayed at **The Portsmouth Art and Cultural Center:**

January 28 – April 8, 2012

THE CHILD: TAA Artists Celebrate Children and the Arts

- March 2 – October 14, 2012, Courtyard
2012 OUTDOOR SCULPTURE
- February 25 – May 28, 2012, Main Gallery
VISIONS IN CLAY: CDA Artists
- April 21 – July 1, 2012 Entrance Galleries
ANECDOTES AND PARABLES
- June 23 – October 14, 2012 Main Gallery
THE BEAT GOES ON: Self-taught Artists and their Visionary Art
- July 14 – October 7, 2012, Entrance Galleries
ENCOUNTERS: Photographic Portraits by Glenn McClure
- November 23, 2012 – December 31, 2012
WINTER WONDERLAND: The Coleman Collection

Opening Weekend: November 23 – 25, 2012
For information on future exhibits and Concerts in the Courtyard visit
www.portsmouthartcenter.com