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Virginia Commission for the Arts Presents Statewide Application Assistance Workshops

JANUARY 3, 2013--The Virginia Commission for the Arts will present a series of statewide application assistance workshops to be held in January and February, 2013. Workshop locations include: Fredericksburg, Clifton Forge, Abingdon, Martinsville, Richmond, McLean and Newport News.

VCA Program Coordinator Cathy Welborn and Arts in Education Coordinator Tiffany Glass Ferreira will provide an overview of grant programs, updates to the *Guidelines for Funding*, application and review procedures, as well as general tips on preparing competitive proposals in preparation for the March 1, 2013, and April 1, 2013, application deadlines.

Workshops are free and open to the public; pre-registration is not required. Attendance is not required in order to apply for Commission funding; however, workshops can be helpful for first-time applicants preparing requests for General Operating Support Grants for Arts Organizations; Project Grants; Local Government Challenge Grants; Artists In Education Grants; Technical Assistance Grants; Touring Assistance for Presenters and applications for inclusion in the Performing Arts Tour Directory and the Artist Roster.

Participants are encouraged to download the *2013-2014 Online Guidelines for Funding* as well as appropriate applications to bring to the workshop at www.arts.virginia.gov. Persons requiring the services of an interpreter for the hearing impaired should contact the Commission office at least one week in advance of the workshop.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is the state agency that supports the arts through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Commission distributes grants to arts and other not-for-profit arts organizations, educational institutions, educators, artists, and local governments.

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Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant Assistance Workshops will be held in the following locations: *(Note: for specific directions or details for parking for the workshop you wish to attend, please contact the host sites directly in advance of the meeting day.)*

(Fredericksburg (Falmouth), Area 4B
January 11, 2013, 10am-Noon
Gari Melchers Home & Studio at Belmont
224 Washington Street
Falmouth, VA 22405
garimelchers.umw.edu/visit/directions/
(540) 654-1015

Clifton Forge, Area 3
January 16, 2013, 1pm-3pm
Alleghany Highlands Arts & Crafts Center
439 East Ridgeway Street
Clifton Forge, VA 24422
www.highlandsartsandcraft.org
(540) 862-4447

Abingdon, Area 1
January 17, 2013, 10am-Noon
Heartwood
1 Heartwood Circle
Abingdon, VA 24210
www.heartwoodvirginia.org
(276) 492-2400

Martinsville, Area 2
January 23, 2013, 10am-Noon
Piedmont Arts Association
215 Starling Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia 24112
www.piedmontarts.org
(276) 632-3221

Richmond, Area 5
January 25, 2013, 10am-Noon
Crossroads Art Center
Classroom 1
2016 Staples Mill Road
Richmond, VA 23230
www.crossroadsartcenter.com
(804) 278-8950

McLean, Area 4A
February 6, 2013, 10am-Noon
McLean Community Center
Community Hall C
1234 Ingleside Ave.
McLean, VA 22101
www.mcleancenter.org
(703) 790-0123

Newport News, Area 6
February 8, 2013, 10am-Noon
Mariner's Museum
Anna Room
100 Museum Drive
Newport News, VA 23601
www.marinersmuseum.org
(757) 596-2222

For 2013-2014 applications and more information about the Virginia Commission for the Arts, visit www.arts.virginia.gov or call (804) 225-3132

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