



## For Immediate Release

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Join us for First Fridays as we celebrate the art of eight artists whose work will be on display at CitySpace on the downtown mall. This event is free and open to the public. Art Show is from 5:30 – 7:30 pm on Nov 1 at 100 5th St NE, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

Hosting our first art show ever, we decided to title the evening "Soliphilia," an exhibition of eight local artists featuring a variety of media to show their love of interconnected wild places in Virginia. The Montessori Mountaintop school will also be joining us to showcase a group of students' work! Proceeds from any sales will benefit Wild Virginia and the important work we do that conserves our state's natural areas.

Susan Sexton has been painting since she was a kid and absolutely loves getting lost in a painting. She paints on a diversity of mediums, ranging from rocks to wood to canvas, and wild animals are her favorite muse. She specializes in acrylic painted small square canvases.

Linda Carson Goodling has been creating art in various forms since she was a child. Her career has involved art-related jobs ranging from making wooden toys and doll houses to hand coloring porcelain jewelry and etchings of landscapes, hunt prints and universities. When walking in the woods, she often brings back artistic implements. Although sculpture is her true love, most of her recent work is collage / mixed media.

Katie Keller is a crafter / artist that loves hiking, and draws inspiration from items that can be upcycled into various art forms. Her makings include acrylic paintings, mixed media, wood photo transfers and interactive art installations, focused on important environmental messages.

Other artists include Lisa Kimball, Ryan Arnold, Leah Claire Larsen, Eliza Rogan, and Karen Eide.

Glenn Albrecht calls Soliphilia the "love of the interrelated whole". Soliphilia is associated with positivity, interconnectedness and personal empowerment.

So, come grab a snack provided by the Tea Bazaar, enjoy refreshing Kombucha from Blue Ridge Bucha, see great artwork on display, and meet the artists! CitySpace will also be hosting a Plein Air exhibit in the main gallery.

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Wild Virginia is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that is protecting and connecting your favorite wild places. We educate citizens, landowners, and other stakeholders about threats to our forests through hikes, outings and events. We advocate for the connectivity and integrity of Virginia's forests and waters. We influence decision makers by mobilizing citizens. Our three main campaigns are outings & education, water & energy, and habitat & connectivity. Become a member today! By joining Wild Virginia, you add your voice to hundreds of other Virginians speaking out to protect our wild places, and memberships are the backbone of our grassroots funding. We also say thank you by inviting you on special outings and to members-only events, or giving you 10 percent off at many local businesses.