

The Village Gallery welcomes Pappy Khouri, impressionist oil painter, as its guest artist for the month of December. A reception open to the public will be held Saturday, December 9th from 2:00 until 5:00 PM during the Oriental's Spirit of Christmas celebration. The Gallery is located at 300 Hodges Street in Oriental. The artist will be in attendance at the reception.

Pappy credits his interest in painting to a lifelong appreciation of art. Early on he spent time with photography, but only recently became interested in painting. Challenged five years ago by Gosia Tojza an artist at The Village Gallery to try painting he seldom goes a week without a brush in his hand. "It's a hobby that has blossomed into a passion. It's between golfing and painting and most days I defer to painting." While Gosia still mentors him, workshops with Dan Beck, a nationally recognized artist have given him an appreciation for painting the figure and developing a loose impressionist style.

His December show "Pamlico Horizons" features scenes from around the county (both on and off the water) and a few surprises.

The Village Gallery is a cooperative fine art gallery of more than 30 member and consigned artists, primarily from coastal North Carolina. The Gallery is open from 10:00AM until 5:00PM Wednesdays through Sundays. For more information, please visit the Gallery website at villagegallerync.com or call Judy Wayland at 252 249

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