

# ART FIRST GALLERY

*Fredericksburg's oldest Artist Co-op Gallery*

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a solo show by

**Gary Close**



*Opening Reception:*  
First Friday Oct. 3rd  
6-9 pm

*Exhibit on View:*  
Oct 2-Nov 2  
Thurs-Sun. 11am-5pm

**Art First Gallery**

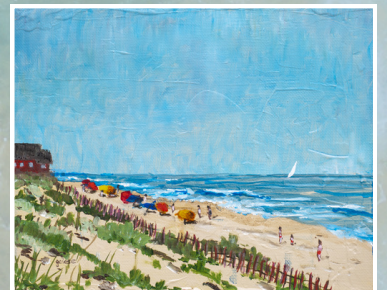
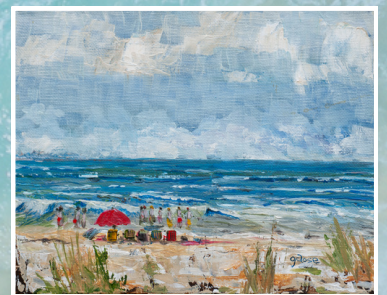
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# “La Mer”

by Gary Close

Local artist Gary Close debuts his new collection of original oil paintings and prints at the Art First Gallery this October. In this stunning and nostalgic collection, “La Mer”, he explores the many facets of life in the Outer Banks of North Carolina: from the iconic lighthouses, to sailing, surf-fishing and of course, that ever-evocative seascape. This is a show any beach goer won’t want to miss. *“The ocean, and the Outer Banks in particular, has always called to me—even as a child. I’ve poured my heart into this collection and hope that is apparent in my work.”*



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Coming Soon:  
*Annual  
Holiday Showcase*

AN ALL-MEMBER  
COLLECTION

*Opening Reception:*  
Nov 7th, 6-9pm



*It's almost that most wonderful time of year! Our artists are coming together to curate a holiday collection sure to fill your home with comfort and joy! Put it on your calendars!*

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

*LISA MITCHELL*

We are thrilled to announce Lisa Mitchell will be showing her unique paper quilling at our gallery starting this October. Originally from Ohio, she is a graduate of the University of Mary Washington and has been a Fredericksburg resident for 25 years. After retiring from a career in Human Resources, she discovered quilling – a unique and delicate art form that immediately captivated her heart and imagination. Self-taught, her pieces are inspired by the sense of joy and playfulness she finds in her everyday life, especially in her encounters while “birding” and gardening as well as her love for cats.





ARE YOU A LOCAL ARTIST?

# BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

1- Apply online:

Answer a brief questionnaire & email your portfolio of  
10 original works to [creative@artfirstgallery.com](mailto:creative@artfirstgallery.com)

2- Meet with a panel of current members to review your  
portfolio in person and see if you are a good fit for our gallery

[WWW.ARTFIRSTGALLERY.COM/MEMBERSHIP](http://WWW.ARTFIRSTGALLERY.COM/MEMBERSHIP)

## 2025 Show Calendar

Jan- *Red Tag Sale*

Jul- *Classic Americana*

Feb- *Ed King Tribute*

Aug- *Nicole Myers*

Mar- *Maggie Lawrence*

Sept- *Linda Warshaw &  
Judy Green*

Apr- *All-Member*

Oct- *Gary Close*

May- *Wayne Russell*

Nov- *Holiday Showcase*

Jun- *William Mann*

Dec- *All-Member Holiday*