

FEARRINGTON VILLAGE, N.C. — After a merry holiday season, Fearington is sharing a few wonderful community events to keep an eye on in early 2018. A delightful kids book festival featuring more than fifteen picture book creators and children's authors hosted by McIntyre's Bookstore, the Chatham County Arts Council's "Art Means Everything" art show in The Fearington Barn, Fearington's 16th Annual Folk Art Show and Chatham Young Authors County Competition.

The Whirlikids Book Festival will debut on Saturday, February 3rd from 10am-4pm. The event will feature children's book authors Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, Angela Dominguez, Tameka Fryer Brown, NYT Bestsellers Stuart Gibbs, Alan Gratz and many more. The free event will feature author readings, panels and book signings, plus other activities. Guests are also encouraged to enjoy lunch at Fearington's on-site restaurants, The Goat and The Granary, and visit the farm animals in the Belted Barnyard. For more details, including a full author list, visit www.fearington.com/whirlikids.

Bring the little ones to McIntyre's Books on Saturday, February 10th at 2pm for a special storytime with Ladybug Girl! Meet the beloved book character, Ladybug Girl, and share stories of love and friendship. The *Ladybug Girl* series showcases the themes of imagination, empowerment, compromise and courage – not to mention a love of the outdoors. Enjoy fun crafts and treats in celebration of Valentine's Day. Everyone is encouraged to dress up!

On February 15th, the Chatham Arts Council will host their annual "Art Means Everything" student art show in The Fearington Barn. The event features artwork from the 600 students at North Chatham Elementary School, musical performances and two silent auctions. Some of the students' artwork will be on sale to the public, with all proceeds benefiting the North Chatham Elementary arts program.

Fearington hosts its 16th Annual Folk Art Show in The Barn on Saturday, February 24th and Sunday, February 25th from 10am-5pm. The Folk Art Show features paintings, pottery, metal sculpture, jewelry and more from self-taught artists who are influenced by folk art, naïve art, primitivism and outsider art. For those who'd like to get a first peek at the artwork, the Fearington Collector's preview on Friday, February 23rd from 7-9pm allows guests to visit with the artists and purchase their artwork. To purchase a ticket to the preview, visit <http://bit.ly/fvfolkart>. Tickets to the weekend show are \$5 at the door. All sales benefit the artists directly. Fearington takes no commission from the artists, and doesn't charge a booth fee to artists selected for the show.

The 28th Chatham Young Authors Competition showcases excellent creative writing talent from Chatham County Public School students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. All students are encouraged to write a book and submit it at their school. The winners will get their books reproduced and bound in a hard cover, and then the books are judged at a county level. Five Grand Prize winners from each school go on to the County Competition in April, and an awards ceremony is held at Fearington Village in The Barn.

About McIntyre's Books:

McIntyre's Books, now celebrating its twenty eighth year, is one of the Southeast's most noted independent bookstores. The store carries over 30 reading categories, with particularly extensive sections in cooking, regional gardening, fiction and mystery. McIntyre's is located eight miles south of Chapel Hill on U.S. 15-501 in Fearington Village. Contact the bookstore by phone at 919.542.3030 or via email at books@fearington.com. Visit www.mcintyresbooks.com to learn more, or follow the store on Facebook or Twitter.

About Fearington Village:

Located just down the road from the college town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Fearington Village encompasses a real estate community and thriving Village Center. Set on a former dairy farm, the boutique shops, restaurants, inn, spa and special events venues are open to the public. Neighborhoods are nestled in the woods surrounding the Village Center, home to nearly 2,000 residents. Learn more about Fearington Village at www.fearington.com.

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