

Quaker Hill Historic Preservation Foundation would like to THANK all of those who have helped to make this event possible

In addition to those listed on the previous-page, there are many people who are helping us to put on what we hope will be a memorable event and a fitting kickoff for the Wilmington Downtown Creative District

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What is the Creative District all about?

A project of the Wilmington Renaissance Corporation and a steering committee of community leaders and experts, the goal of Wilmington's Creative District is to transform the area bounded by 4th, 9th, Market and Washington streets into the city's Creative Center focused on both Creative Production and Consumption, where local creative entrepreneurs (artists, musicians, designers, makers, manufacturers) and residents thrive and locally-designed goods and original works are made and sold.

Over the last three years, WRC has been working with partners (City of Wilmington, Interfaith Community Housing of Delaware, Christina Cultural Arts Center, Wilmington Housing Partnership, Quaker Hill Neighborhood Association, United Way of Delaware and others) to develop a Creative District in the Downtown/Quaker Hill/West Center City neighborhood.

The vision is a community of artist-owned properties with living spaces above galleries, studios and performance spaces. It will include beautification and artistic projects to engage the current residents and community members.

Modeled after Paducah, KY's renowned artist relocation program, Wilmington's Creative District will have a major impact on the whole city. Building on vacant lots and land, the Creative District will create homeownership opportunities for artists in an area with greater than 80% rental rates, thereby helping to stabilize a highly transient neighborhood. The program will target artists (& their families) who qualify as low- or moderate-income, providing ownership and entrepreneurial opportunities that might otherwise not exist for them.

Additional artists in the Art Loop Exhibit/ Auction who were not confirmed at the time our flyer was finalized include:

Paul Andreas
Ken Carley
Jason Rice
Geraldo

Additional children's activities that were not confirmed at the time our flyer was finalized include:

Wilmington Police Dept.'s Book 'Em books for kids
Henna Tattoos by NWAA

Eclectic music in a variety of styles, with acts including **Raye Avery, Dennis Fortune & Gerald Chavis (jazz)** and **Sgt Walter Ferris** (bagpipes), plus folk duo **Fishcastle** (below left), who combine guitar & vocals with trumpet, recorder & more and singer/songwriter-guitarist/harpist **Kristin Rebecca** (right).

