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Professional art thrives in former Virginia prison workhouse

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The problem with visiting the [Workhouse Arts Center](#) in Lorton, Virginia, is trying not to get so enthralled with one painter, glass blower or wood worker that there is little time left in the day to see all the other fine artists.

The Arts Center is not merely one building but encompasses a 10-building complex on a correctional campus south of Washington D.C. that was phased out by 2001. The Center opened the fall of 2008.

Art aficionados who enjoy visiting studios and galleries could easily spend half a day browsing the seven buildings that have been transformed from dormitories into studio and exhibit space for more than 100 artists. Another building worth visiting contains performing arts. Two others have museums and events. However, no matter where visitors go they will find exceptional artists and exhibits.



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Maybe the spirit of suffragettes imprisoned here during their crusade for women's voting rights inspires current occupants. National Women's Party co-founder Lucy Burns and several of her group's members were sent to the facility's Women's Division. Arguably, the high quality of art seen here also relates to how artists obtain what has become highly sought-after studio and exhibit space – they are juried in.

"Did you hear about the suffragettes?" asked Lynn Goldstein, an award winning artist whose vibrant pastels seem to glow.

After watching the campus change from prison to arts center in 2008, Goldstein who lives 4 miles from the new facility was going to teach art but not relocate her studio.

"I was so impressed by the energy I felt here, I had to rethink that decision. I called – I was already juried in, and took one of the last two spaces left." Visitors can see Goldstein's work in building #9 and on her [website](#).

Walk into building # 10 to see the woodturning of [John Noffsinger](#), the [old-world style](#) oil paintings and screens of [Suzanne Clifford-Clark](#) and the watercolors of [Catherine Hillis](#). These are just a sample of the treasures to be seen at the Workhouse Arts Center. No charge to look. Hours are: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Closed Monday-Tuesday.

For more info: [Workhouse Arts Center](#) 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 703-495-0001 is south of the D.C. I-495 beltway off I-95 near Historic Occoquan.

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