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**See attached headshot of Artist Lee Hood**  
**See attached image of his Art**

**SOLO Art Exhibit by Local Artist Lee Hood**  
**Hosted by The African American Heritage & Cultural Center of New Bern**

*New Bern, North Carolina (September 27 2019)* - New Bern Artist Lee Hood is featured in a solo art exhibit hosted by the African American Heritage & Cultural Center of New Bern through the end of October at the New Bern Arts & Wellness Center Gallery, 919 Broad Street. The exhibit is free to the public and open Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm. At the September 14 Opening Reception in the Gallery, Lee Hood spoke with guests about his technique and presented over 24 original pieces for this solo exhibit.

“We are honored to partner with Lee Hood, a remarkable local artist. He is the first featured artist for AAHCC’s monthly COMMUNITY FORUMS” said Vice President Ann Herndon.

“These events will feature artists, writers, performers and musicians on the second Saturday of each month, 3:30 to 5:30pm. Our COMMUNITY FORUMS demonstrate AAHCC’s commitment to present Eastern North Carolina African American heritage and culture.”

The AAHCC is partnering with the New Bern Arts & Wellness Center at 919 Broad Street in the presentation of AAHCC’s monthly COMMUNITY FORUMS. “The Five Points Neighborhood is a geographic link for the neighborhoods of New Bern” said Kathy Adolph, one of AAHCC’s founding Board Members and its elected Secretary. “Ann Herndon, AAHCC’s Board Vice President and I are coordinating the AAHCC’s monthly COMMUNITY FORUMS. These events are free to the community and registration is required due to space constraints.”

AAHCC welcomes school art classes with their teachers, families and children, and art collectors and sponsors to The Gallery at 919 Broad Street. For large groups and guided discussion opportunities, please contact the AAHCC for a tour guide at [TheCenterofNewBern@gmail.com](mailto:TheCenterofNewBern@gmail.com).

Details and registration for the monthly events on the second Saturday are on EventBrite.com. Search EventBrite’s events in New Bern NC and The African American Heritage & Cultural Center of New Bern for all event registrations.

## **ABOUT LEE HOOD**

Lee Hood is a well-known New Bern artist who often participates in New Bern art events such as ARTcrawl, Mumfest, ArtWalk, and Bohemian Artists of New Bern. Hood has exhibited with Greater Good Gallery, Bank of the Arts, Next Chapter Bookstore, MJ's Raw Bar and the New Bern Library. He grew up in Eastern North Carolina off the Pamlico Sound. In several series, Hood focuses his painting within spiritual, military, portraits and urban themes. Lee Hood serves on the Craven Arts Council Board of Directors and is the Curator of art exhibits for the AAHCC COMMUNITY FORUMS.

## **ABOUT AAHCC**

A strategic group of community leaders, elected officials and nonprofit organization leaders gathered early in 2018 to discuss the continuing need to increase the visibility of the heritage of eastern North Carolina's African American community. Beyond the recorded history of the region that is included in traditional educational environments exists an important legacy of remarkable and determined individuals who contributed to the development of this region. AAHCC is a 501C3 nonprofit organization registered in the State of North Carolina. The founding Board of Directors and Officers are Rick Fisher – President, Ann Herndon – Vice-President, Kathy Adolph – Secretary, Jim Copland – Treasurer, and Board Directors are Carol Bonner Becton, Maria Cho, Tahira Coble Copland, Eric Smith and Mike Williams. AAHCC is staffed by Executive Director Carrie Gallagher.

Future AAHCC programs will include developing an oral history library with universal access, and presenting creative performances, seminars and lectures, exhibitions of artwork including murals, artifacts and personal collections, along with music, food and live art events.

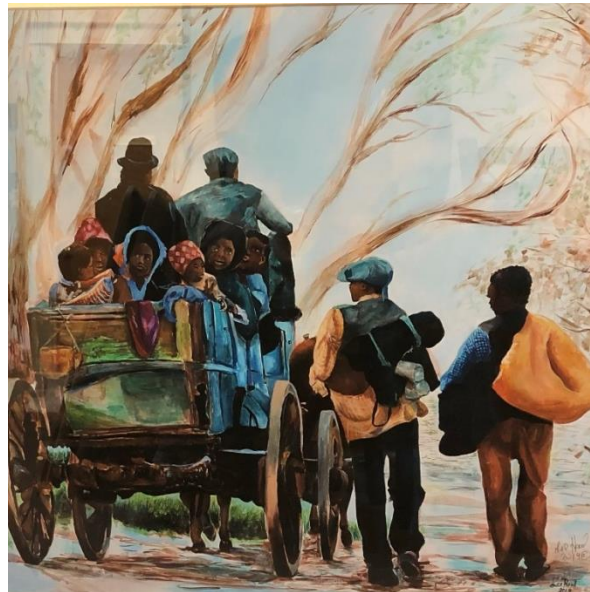
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**Images of Artist Lee Hood**



**“Independence Day” by Lee Hood**