

## Trio of new art exhibits will showcase works from photography to ceramics

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Three new arts shows featuring a wide variety of work will open in February in downtown Portsmouth galleries located on three corners of High and Court streets.

- "Content in Form:Poetics in Ceramic Art," a show of works by eight Virginia artists, will open Feb 1 at the Courthouse Galleries.
- "Realism Redefined: Mimi Verhulst Lanese, Mark Rhodes, James E. Chalkley" will open Feb. 4 at the Visual Arts Center of Tidewater Community College.
- "From Girl to Grace - A Journey," a multi-media exhibition by Lisa Parker Langston of Virginia Beach, will open Feb. 17 at Art Atrium II Arts Center.

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Paintings by Mimi Verhulst Lanese of Virginia Beach are done in the tradition of surrealism with a sense of melancholy and stillness permeating her still life compositions. Playful objects - a fly, a bird, a toy - suggest a fleeting moment. Originally from Brussels, Lanese is honorary consul of Belgium for Virginia and West Virginia.



The 1995 oil painting, "Green" is the work of Mimi Verhulst Lanese of Virginia Beach.