

# 2017-2018 RSA Instructors

## Angelia Armstrong

**Science, Math, and Design I and II; Sewing and Fabric Arts I and II**



Angelia Armstrong studied art and technical illustration at the University of Kentucky, and worked as a technical designer for 14 years. Angelia is currently self-employed as a professional designer artist. She produces a line of fashion and home accessories sold throughout the East Coast and at her web site. Her one-of-a-kind art pieces are displayed and sold in various art galleries in the region, and she has won several awards. She homeschooled her two sons, both of whom graduated from RSA.

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## Patrick Ball

**Roblox Game Development**



Patrick Ball received his degree in English from Elizabeth City State University (North Carolina), where he was nominated for the Irene Ryan's Acting Scholarship award, and has been involved in professional acting for stage and screen for well over a decade. He most recently appeared as the lead in Old Dominion University's *Science Alliance LIVE* Kid's show. His professional teaching experience began as an instructor of youth swimming and cheerleading and, over the years, evolved into a career as a training specialist... which he joyfully abandoned to be a stay-at-home father. He believes that child-led play is the best way to facilitate learning and that the ability to imagine, abstract, and create is the cornerstone of success in life.

## Heidi Bloch

**Suzuki Piano**



Heidi Bloch has been teaching piano using the Suzuki method and philosophy for more than 30 years. She is Organist/Music Director at Christ Episcopal Church (Smithfield), using her skills to plan music for worship, to direct the adult choir, and to play the organ. She earned her Master's degree in Sacred Music from the University of Michigan and her undergraduate degree in Organ Performance from Old Dominion University. Heidi is the Artistic Advisor for "Sundays at Four," Smithfield's performance art series. She is a talented musician and teacher who provides a thorough musical experience for her students. In her spare time, Heidi swims and volunteers for several community service and arts organizations.

## Lisa Burgess

### Irish Dance I and II



Lisa holds a T.M.R.F. certification from An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha in Dublin, Ireland. She began her Irish dancing adventure with An Cor Rud (The Reel Thing) School of Irish Dance in Virginia Beach in 1997. Lisa now has the pleasure of teaching lessons with An Cor Rud in Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, and other locations in Ceili dancing, step dancing, competitive, non-competitive, and performance-driven Irish dancing. Lisa retired from solo competition at the Open Championship level after participating in the 2004 and 2005 North American Championships, as well as the World Championships in Belfast and Ennis. She has had the honor of dancing onstage with Eileen Ivers Band, Cherish the Ladies, Glen Road, and The Chieftains. Lisa holds a B.A. degree in English from the University of Virginia. Outside of the dance studio, Lisa restores oriental rugs, practices Camogie (women's hurling), and spends time with her wild and wonderful son Fynn.

## Michael Creech

### Private Guitar, Bass, Ukulele, Singing, Music, Interactive Performance; Songwriting



Michael Creech is a seasoned professional singer/songwriter and musician who currently performs at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA. He has been performing at colleges (e.g., VCU, College of the Albemarle), festivals (e.g., Old Towne Portsmouth Holiday Festival, Suffolk Peanut Festival), and well-known venues (e.g., Virginia Beach Ampitheater, The Norva) for several years on the East Coast. He has also shared the stage with several national recording artists, including Hal Ketchum and Rascal Flatts. "With faith, creativity, and knowledge, you hold the key to success."

## Sue Ellebracht

### American Sign Language I, II, and III



Susan Ellebracht is a Speech Language Pathologist with 26 years of experience working with children with a variety of disorders related to speech, language, and hearing development. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Speech Language Pathology/Audiology, and produced research investigating speech patterns of deaf children. She began learning ASL in 1982 through the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. She has worked at Rochester School for the Deaf, various outpatient clinics, and Old Dominion University. Currently, she is the owner of and a speech pathologist for Tidewater Therapy for Children, P.C. in Chesapeake, VA.

## Kim Ellis

### **The Joy of Creating (Middle School and High School Art); Private Drawing Lessons**



Kim Ellis holds a B.F.A. in Illustration from Savannah College of Art and Design. Her passion is children's books, with a focus on watercolor illustrations. She has experience in all painting media, animation, sculpture, and metal and jewelry making. She has seven children: Quincy, Joelly, Owen, Rachel, Kristen, Vanessa, and Zachary. She has been a homeschooling mom for the past seven years. This is her seventh year teaching art at RSA. Her local business, Paint Me Purple Studios, hosts paint parties for adults, birthday parties for kids, and summer art camps.

## Kathy Eykamp

### **Playful Learning (Preschool)**



Kathy is a true Hampton Roads native; she grew up in Western Branch surrounded by extended family and currently resides in Port Norfolk with her two children and three dogs. This fall she will be starting her seventh year teaching preschool at the Portsmouth YMCA. Kathy has worked with both 3 and 4 year olds to help them get ready to start school, whether they are public, private, or home school bound. Her training includes American Red Cross CPR and First Aid, SPARK PE Program, and several classes offered by the YMCA for its Youth Department staff. This is her fifth year homeschooling and the fourth year her family has been at RSA. Working with children has always been something Kathy enjoys and she looks forward to giving the preschoolers of RSA a good foundation for their education.

## Tara Farrell

### **DSLR Photography; Advanced DSLR Photography; Photography for Adults; Point-and-Shoot Photography**



Tara Farrell studied at the Hallmark Institute of Photography in Turners Falls, MA. Following graduation, she worked for Lifetouch, a national-level portrait studio, and then as the head photographer for Pro Image, Inc. of Fort Bragg, NC. Since 2004, Tara has been a freelance photographer, and in 2008 she started Tara Farrell Photography, a portrait photography business. Her portfolio consists of work in both amateur and commercial modes of production using traditional black and white film, color film, and digital processes. She is experienced in portrait and wedding photography, formal corporate and military events, and support services, such as digital imaging and editing, dark room and photo development, web-enabled arrangement and photo sharing, and small business operations and marketing. In addition to her business, Tara volunteers her photography services for the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Red Cross. Tara and her husband live in Newport News, VA and have three young children. [www.tarafarrellphotography.com](http://www.tarafarrellphotography.com)

# Bonnie Franklin

## High School Literature



Bonnie Franklin holds a bachelor's degree in English from James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA) and a master's degree in English from the University of South Dakota (Vermillion, SD). She has been teaching high school literature at RSA since 2010 and also works as an associate editor for CSRA editing peer-reviewed grant applications in the areas of science and education. Bonnie enjoys watching her children play baseball and softball, making handmade soaps, playing violin, reading, and strength training. She and her family live in Smithfield and have been involved with Renaissance School since its very first year.

# Anthony Hailey

## Steelpan Ensemble



Dr. Anthony Hailey's early musical education was in the realm of orchestral percussion; however, he shifted his attention to African and Caribbean music styles during graduate school. Dr. Hailey is a native of Charlotte, NC. He began playing the double second pan in 1990 as an undergraduate music student at East Carolina University. This experience led him to West Virginia University where he studied steel drum construction, tuning, and arranging with Trinidad's most well-known steel drum innovator, Ellie Mannette. After receiving a Master's of Music in 1994, Hailey noticed a growing interest in ethnic and world music among music educators in the U.S. This shift of interest prompted Hailey to pursue his doctorate degree in world percussion from West Virginia University, which he received in May 2005.

An active percussionist in Hampton Roads, Hailey has performed locally with many artists, including Ben Vereen, the Girls Choir of Harlem, and Dance Theater of Harlem. Internationally, Hailey has studied and performed at the University of Ghana, Legon and toured South Korea, performing at the Seoul International Drum Festival and the 2002 World Cup Opening Ceremony. Dr. Hailey competed in the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Trinidad and Tobago National Steelband Panorama Finals in Port-of-Spain, and San Fernando Trinidad, WI performing with Skiffle Bunch, Starlift and Renegades steel orchestras respectively. Since 1999, Dr. Hailey has been an active educator, performer, and lecturer throughout Hampton Roads and is currently a professor of music at Tidewater Community College.

Dr. Hailey founded Mosaic Steel Orchestra in order to share his passion for the art form and encourage youth to strive for excellence while building within them the discipline and self-confidence necessary to overcome life's challenges.

# Michael Hall

## Steelpan Ensemble

Picture and biography pending.

## Grinner Hester

**Motion Graphics/Animation; Private Lessons: Film-Making; Sound Design; Video Editing**



Grinner has worked for 30 years in the television industry, has designed courses and departments from the ground up at the college level, and has taught video production to homeschoolers ranging from 7 to 17 for the last 6 years.  
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## Angie Hillis-Baurle

**Private Piano Lessons**



“Ms. Angie” is the mother of three (ages 20, 18 and 13) and the stepmother of two (24 and 20). She and her family live in Poquoson. Originally from Suffolk, she earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology with a minor in sociology from ODU. She has extensive experience playing and teaching music, including teaching at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Preschool for seven years, at Smithfield Baptist Preschool for three years, and teaching many private students over the years. She is currently the keyboardist, substitute organist, and youth director at St. Andrew. In addition to her lifelong interest in music, Angie enjoys playing sports, including softball, volleyball, basketball, cheer, and -- most recently -- kickball. She coached youth cheerleading for five years and also has experience teaching basketball and soccer to boys and girls ages 5 to 8. Her philosophy is to make sure her students learn the basic skills of the sport, how to play safely, have fun, show good sportsmanship, and show respect for their peers and teacher. She describes her teaching style—in both piano and sports—as firm, fair, and positive.

## Shannon Johnson

**Anime & Manga; Elementary Ballet, Tap, and Jazz; Martial Arts; Preschool Ballet; Latin Tutoring; YuGiOh**



Shannon Johnson has always enjoyed learning about other cultures, languages, and various forms of artistic expression; and loves sharing what she has learned with others. She has studied ballet for over ten years, danced in numerous local performances, and offered dance instruction and choreographed dances for children and teens. Shannon studied Latin for five years, received college credit for her Latin AP score, and has taught Latin 1-3 to her older children and other homeschoolers. *Sensei* (teacher) Shannon is a Black Belt in *Chutoku Ryu* Karate and also holds the rank of *Okuden* (Entrance to Secrets, equivalent to Black Belt) in *Kobudo* (traditional Japanese weapons).

Shannon has a bachelor’s degree in Design & Environmental Analysis from Cornell University, where she was also actively involved in the Cornell Japanese Animation Society. She has taken two years of conversational Japanese, attended numerous anime conventions, and has too many manga volumes and anime dvd’s to count (although her daughter has tried). She has been playing the YuGiOh trading card game with her children



since 2001, and considers it a valuable tool for building reading, math, and logic skills. Shannon and her husband Richard have five children whom she homeschools, including two who have graduated from RSA. The Johnsons have been members of RSA since 2010.

## Hatton Jordan

### Public Speaking and Confidence



Hatton Jordan is a 25-year veteran of stand-up comedy who joins the Renaissance School of Art to teach Public Speaking. He helped organize the first annual Norfolk Comedy Fest, has performed at comedy clubs in 15 states, has acted on the Discovery Channel, and has written for *Mad* magazine. He currently works full-time in the Chesapeake Public School system. He grew up in Olde Towne Portsmouth and lives in Virginia Beach.

## Sean Kissell

### Active Games; High-Intensity Interval Training; Strength Training



Sean Kissell is a certified IFPA trainer and AAU and USA coach and has been strength-training athletes for over a decade. Sean's interest in fitness training started in the Navy; he spent five years as a hospital corpsman, where some of his duties included running PT sessions and designing fitness programs for overweight sailors. He prides himself on getting great results for his clients, and looks forward to working with the RSA family. When not at RSA, he can be found at his business, Total Fitness, which has been in operation since 1989, when it was purchased by Ed Kissell. Total Fitness is the longest-running operating gym on the Peninsula, and has had clients from pro football players to nationally ranked power lifters. Even the owner of WWE, Vince McMahon, has been by for a workout!

## Pam Kitchen

### Books and Fun; Globetrotters; Yearbook and Design



Pam Kitchen has a degree in commercial art and has worked as both graphic designer and art director for various local publishing companies throughout the past twenty years. She specializes in house portraits, and is a recurring artist contributor in the Smithfield Pen & Ink Calendar. In addition to having been a homeschooling mom and graduating a student who attended RSA for five years, she has taught a variety of art classes to many homeschoolers in the local area. Pam has instructed classes at RSA for the past 8 years.

## Donna Kuzio

**Coding and Robotics; Engineering & Technology (with Ed Parks)**



Biography pending.

## Andrew Lawrence

**Bagpipes**



Andrew Lawrence is a member of the Newport News Police Pipe Band and a former member of the Piedmont Highlanders Pipe Band, Piedmont, California. He received Piobaireachd instruction from Major Archie Cairns and Bill Caudill. Mr. Lawrence is retired from the Coast Guard and is currently working as a Coast Guard civilian employee in Portsmouth. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of South Carolina.

## Debbie Lawrence

**Small-Group Photography; Photography for Adults**



Debbie Lawrence has been a part of RSA since 2007, and is homeschooling her four children (ages 6-17), one of whom recently graduated from RSA. She earned a degree in photojournalism from the University of South Carolina and has experience as a newspaper reporter and photographer and as a newsletter editor. Debbie is the leader of RSA's Photography Team, which includes taking yearbook portraits and formal dance photos. She has a portrait photography business, D.R. Lawrence Photography ([www.drlawrencephotography.shootproof.com](http://www.drlawrencephotography.shootproof.com)), and is co-owner of Focus Art Studio ([www.focusartstudio.com](http://www.focusartstudio.com)) with Eryn Siegel, also of RSA.

## Heather Moore

**Essay Writing 101; Yoga for Adults; Yoga for Teens**



Heather received a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Mandarin Chinese from the United States Naval Academy in 1992. She furthered her language studies as a summer exchange student at the Taiwanese Naval Academy, followed by a semester of study at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. After serving as a supply officer in the Navy, Heather became an Army spouse and enjoyed living both abroad in the United Kingdom and Australia, as well as many different US states (TN, GA, NC, TX, WA, KS, and, finally, VA). Heather earned a second bachelor's degree in English (education concentration) from Fayetteville State University in 2000. Additionally, she is a registered Yoga teacher (RYT 200) and enjoys teaching yoga classes at RSA and the YMCA. Heather has two sons, one of whom attends RSA as a high school student.

## Ed Parks

**Algebra I/II; Calligraphy I/II; Dungeons and Dragons; Engineering and Technology; Geometry; Pre-Algebra/Algebra; Private Lessons (listed subjects, plus higher math, economics, physics, SAT prep)**



Charles (Ed) Parks has a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Georgia Tech, and served as a U.S. Naval Flight officer in F-14 Tomcats. After his military career, he earned a dual teaching certificate in both math and social science from ODU. He then worked in public schools for 10 years, developing interesting and creative ways to motivate inner city students to learn higher math. He also worked for Sylvan Learning Centers for many years, moving from part-time teaching to the Center Director. Since 2009, he has been focusing on private tutoring. He tutors students in math, science, social studies, economics, civics, and history. He says that "math is just as creative as poetry. Both have form and restrictions that need to be followed, but within that framework you can be creative." This may be why he is a published poet as well as an engineer! He enjoys teaching students to have fun with math, and enjoys sharing his contagious enthusiasm with RSA students.

## Cynthia Quesenberry

**Art Adventures, Art Explorations, Explorations in Fine Arts, Handbuilt Ceramics**



Cynthia Quesenberry is a credentialed K-12 Teacher specializing in elementary art education and ceramics. She taught elementary art for the Portsmouth Public Schools for eight years and currently teaches children's and adult classes in local galleries. Ms. Quesenberry graduated from Old Dominion University (Norfolk, Virginia) and received her bachelor's degree in art education and a credential to teach art K-12. She also has a master of science degree from Troy University (Troy, Alabama). She has received additional art training at the Penland School of Crafts, Mary Washington University, Thompson Enamels, John C. Campbell Folk School, and advanced glass fusing at the Kaiser Design Studio. She received certification as a Rio Grande Precious Metal Clay instructor under the instruction of nationally renowned designer Terry Kovalsik.

Ms. Quesenberry likes to expose the students to a variety of different materials and introduce them to the artwork of artists from all around the world and throughout history. Each year she looks forward to creating an exciting learning experience for her students.



## Teague Reed

Lego Robotics I/II



Teague Reed, a recent RSA graduate, continues his involvement with RSA's Lego Robotics classes again this year. Homeschooled his entire life, Teague was a member of Rainbow Garden and Spiral Tracks, and competed in First Lego League robotics and won awards at the local and state competitions. He also plays guitar and drums, and sings. Teague has held offices in the 4-H L.E.A.D. Huskies robotics club and the Tidewater Trailblazers Horse Club. Teague earned the highest award in 4-H as a 4-H All Star. Teague plans to study for an engineering degree after community college.

## Tracy Reed

Lego Robotics I/II



Tracy Reed has a BFA from East Carolina University. She homeschooled her three sons, all of whom have graduated from RSA, and has been teaching robotics since 2006. She coached competitive First Lego League Teams from 2006-2010. Teams she coached placed as Regional Champions, advancing to State Competitions, winning awards in "Robot Design," "Robot Performance," and "Research Project." Tracy has conducted workshops for the Sussex Public Schools, training teachers as well as S.T.E.M. club students in robotics and programming. She is the designer and instructor for the 4-H LEGO Robotics Camps for the Airfield 4-H Center in Wakefield, VA. Tracy taught Robotics workshops for the Franklin YMCA, and traveled to Richmond to present demonstrations at the First Robotics Competitions. She is an enthusiastic, fun, and supportive instructor, who believes in helping students explore S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects and careers.

## Rachel Robertson

Mad Science



A visual and kinesthetic learner, Rachel understands how material needs to be presented in various ways to accommodate individual learning styles. An RSA alum, she is the owner of Rachel Elizabeth's Reflections, specializing in themed children's parties and photo shoots. Rachel is a former youth leader and is currently the young adult ministry coordinator for Trinity United Methodist Church.

## Carol Robertson

**Mad Science**

Carol has been an avid student of parenthood for the past 30 years. The mother of four, she is versed in the challenges of ADHD, kinesthetic learners, and gifted children. With her children, Carol has been involved in scouting as Den Mother and Girl Scout Leader, and taught Sunday school for several years. Most recently, she chaired Youth Missions Fundraising for Trinity UMC's children's youth ministry program. As part of a mission team, Carol helped design and execute a Vacation Bible School curriculum for children on the Navajo reservation. She believes learning should be messy and fun!

## Charlotte Rockswold

**Middle School Chorus, Show Ensemble**



Charlotte Rockswold received B.A. degrees in Vocal Music Education and Speech Communication Theatre Arts Education at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. She taught vocal music in public and Montessori schools. For the last 20 years she has been raising and homeschooling her seven children. She has taught a variety of personalities and will work with each child to develop their unique musical talents.

## Theresa Romanelli

**Chemistry, Drama/Play, Middle School Literature**



Theresa Romanelli, a homeschooling mom, has studied English and theater at T.C.C. and the University of Maryland. She has a passion for theater arts and history which was ignited by living in England for 2 ½ years. Theresa has been involved in theater since she was in middle school and has been involved with RSA's theater program over the years. Along with being in productions at local churches and communities, Theresa created a theater arts group for kids in her previous church. She has also been a dedicated advocate for MOPS and had the privilege of speaking at the National MOPS Convention in 2008.

## Walter & Judy Schultz

**Ballroom Dance**



Walter and Judy Schultz are residents of Portsmouth's Churchland area. They are Ballroom, Country-Western, and Swing social dancers and part time teachers. Most weeks will find them out three to four times at local social dance events. In addition to dancing at the local night clubs and studios, they travel a few times a year to their favorite Country-Western & Swing events. Some of their favorite events are the US National Dance Championships, the Easterns Dance Challenge in the Washington DC area, and the Halloween in Harrisburg event. They are known and liked by just about every Country and Western dancer, swing dancer, and ballroom dancer in this half of the country.

Walter and Judy offer dance instruction in Ballroom, Latin, Swing & Country Western. Their instructional goals are very simple:

1. To teach students to look like natural dancers, not school-taught dancers;
2. To maximize students' learning time during lessons, and not waste their time or money;
3. To concentrate on Social Dance instruction and refer those who wish to compete to other instructors;
4. To keep up to date in their style, technique, and syllabus.

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## James Shiels III

**Acting for Film; Drama Shenanigans; Private Lessons (brass, strings, percussion, film, acting, dance, biology, astronomy, history)**



James has appeared in multiple local film, television, and community theater roles. He has held several positions with the Salvation Army, including music educator and performing arts teacher for the Salvation Army Hampton Roads. He also has experience leading THE EDGE Outdoor Education program at George Mason University, and has worked as a Special Education student aide at Henrico County Public Schools,.

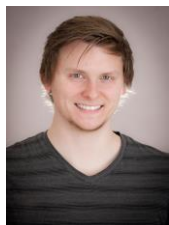
## Molly Spruiell

**Life After High School**

Molly Spruiell is a Career Coach for Opportunity Inc's Youth Career Center of Hampton Roads. Bio and picture pending!

## Nick Weber

**Guitar Group Lessons; Private Guitar, Drum**



AoRM instructor Nick Weber came to Academy of Rock Music as a student 8 years ago and currently teaches at both their Newport News and Virginia Beach locations. A multi-instrumentalist focusing mainly on guitar and drums, Weber currently offers private lessons along with instructing weekly performance-based band rehearsals. Check out his one man band cover of Mastadon's Ember City here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swZkc\\_Nac2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swZkc_Nac2s)

## Rebecca Weddle

**Private Violin Lessons; Multi-Instrument Ensemble**



Rebecca Weddle graduated from the Wheaton College Conservatory in 2014 with a Violin Pedagogy degree, which made possible internships with Wheaton's Community School of the Arts (CSA) since 2011. She had the opportunity to aid for Suzuki group performance and theory classes, coach a few chamber groups, and eventually teach a private student under the mentorship of one of their master teachers during her undergraduate training. She also earned her Suzuki Certification through Book IV (with Teacher Trainer Ann Montzka Smelser)

during that time and thoroughly enjoyed studying Music Pedagogy for Special Learners under Beethoven's Buddies founder Dr. Beth Bauer. When she graduated, the CSA hired her as a violin instructor for their main campus as well as for their after-school outreach program in the West Chicago public schools called CODA. She taught group classes, private lessons, and chamber ensembles and also served as Concert Coordinator for CSA's 3 largest performances (between 250 and 300 participants each). Between CSA, CODA and her violin and viola students at the String Academy of Chicago, she taught over 70 individual lessons and 5 group classes every week for the last 2 years. Rebecca Weddle is the owner of and instructor at Still Point Studio.

## Phyllis Wells

**Paint Your Heart Out, The Art of Poetry**



Phyllis Wells worked as a stained glass artist from 1981 to 2002. While working on commissions and speculative pieces, she taught for eight years at Goodman Hardware Stained Glass Center in Hampton and in her own studio. She played a key role in establishing the Peninsula Glass Guild, which has one of the largest and most prestigious glass shows in the country every December at the Charles Taylor Art Center in Hampton.

Phyllis' interests include painting (acrylics) and, more recently, mixed media. Her personal art philosophy is "have fun or be done!" For many years the precision required in glasswork dictated her style and work process, so painting has become a relaxing way to express ideas without regimentation. "Sharing what I have learned has become very important to me - I've been fortunate to have been able to have a long and varied career in art - I want to give back to my students what excites me."

# 2017-2018 RSA Small-Group Tutors

## Barbara Cooper-Pabis

### Jewelry-Making



Barbara Cooper-Pabis has a B.S. in biology with a minor in geology from Texas State University. At Southwest Texas State, she was a teaching assistant and taught geology labs. She also has 30 credit hours of graduate coursework in computer science at Norfolk State University. She was a research team mentor at NSU for the NASA-funded internship at the Bringing Education and Science Together (BESTLab's) internship program REESS (Research Experience in Earth Systems Science). She also worked as the lab tech and research assistant at Norfolk State University's BESTLab Center of Excellence.

Cooper (as she is known) has always enjoyed science and math, but since childhood has also been exploring the arts through dance, crafts, sewing, painting, music, photography and jewelry making/designing. She moved to Hampton Roads from Texas with her husband in 2000, and started on the home educating path with her two children in 2013.

## Ellen Howard

### Handmade Cards

Ellen grew up in Smithfield and attended Smithfield High School. She graduated from Christopher Newport University with a BA in English with concentration in Communications. She currently lives in Chesapeake, VA with her daughter, Emma and son, Benjamin. Ellen has been homeschooling for three years. Her hobbies are reading, history, various crafts, sewing, music and outdoor activities.

## Jody Luck

### Knitting, Yarning



Jody Luck has a BA in Secondary English Education, and a M. Ed. in general Education. She is also a Medical Laboratory Technician and previously held NC state license/certification as an EMT and CNA. She has taught High School Language Arts, Life Sciences, Health, and Public Speaking. Jody enjoys knitting, spinning and dyeing wool, crochet, and all manner of other creative pursuits. Jody's family of 8 enjoys coexisting with their chickens, ducks, and goats.