

## **The East Carolina ArtSpace**

### **Read by Scott Laumann**

Hi, I am Scott Laumann, a local artist and designer in the East Carolina ArtSpace in downtown Farmville.

The East Carolina ArtSpace is a creative professional space centered around a wonderful local art gallery. The space was developed in 2017 by Dr. Craig Steffee and Todd Edwards with the vision of making it a center of creative activity for Farmville.

The building was totally renovated, as the 1910 Structure was showing its age. The renovations added many artful twists while honoring the history of the building. It was originally a Five-and-Dime store on the first floor, and a medical clinic on the second floor. The building was built by Dr. Sheppard, who practiced medicine with his son and Dr. Morrill.

The ArtSpace houses artwork by more than 40 eastern North Carolina artists covering a variety of mediums, including glass work, ceramics, paintings, photography, metal work and much more. I am confident that you will find the quality of the work outstanding.

In addition to artwork, visitors to the ArtSpace will find professional spaces, including the Farmville Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, an interior design firm, a marketing firm, and professional artist studios. The character of the building and natural light in my own studio makes this a great place to work. Please drop in and check it out - you won't be disappointed.