The last session of a series of art workshops is set to take place at the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History on Saturday. Museum executive director Matt Edwards said the museum's fifth and final spring art workshop will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The session is expected to be complete at 4 p.m.

Edwards said local artist Candice Martin will lead a painting workshop. She will walk participants through the entire process of painting an acrylic farm scene, from sketch to completion. Each person who takes part in the workshop will walk away with her own 11 inch by 14 inch canvas. Edwards said Saturday's program will end a months-long program funded by a Surry Arts Council sub-grant. In January and February, five local artists displayed their work at the museum. Each of the artists chose a piece from the museum's collection as their inspiration, explained Edwards. The art was then displayed next to the piece. Many chose pieces which aren't normally on display at the museum, which allowed Edwards and his staff the opportunity to show off portions of the collection which might otherwise have remained in storage.

For the opportunity to display their work, artists agreed to lead a workshop in their field, with proceeds from that workshop going to help fund the operations at the museum. The series kicked off in March with a blacksmith workshop. Edwards said the program was a success in its pilot year, and he hopes to expand upon the art program in years to come.

Though advance registration for Saturday's class is not required, Edwards said he would encourage those interested to reserve a slot, as seats in the workshop are limited. The cost to participate in the program is $25 for museum members and $30 for non-members. Interested persons may call the museum at 786-4478 for more information or to register for the event.