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Trish Brownlee - Artist, Photographer, Educator Breaking Rag: A Veteran, Family & Community Art Project

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Local Veteran & Artist, Trish Brownlee, is launching a veteran & community art project "Breaking Rag" and hosting free public workshops in making handmade paper from military uniforms in Fayetteville (March 12th) and Southern Pines (March 19th).

Trish Brownlee has a unique body of artwork currently on exhibit at Cape Fear Regional Theatre military-oriented play: Downrange: Voices from the Homefront, through March 20th. The work is handmade paper created from military uniforms.

Trish Brownlee will host a demonstration/workshop of the papermaking process used in the exhibited artwork on March 12th in the CFRT "glass box" from Noon-7pm. Military spouses and veterans will participate in the workshop, making paper from their own clothing/uniforms. Theatre patrons and the public are invited to try their hand at creating a sheet of handmade paper. *Downrange* will be performed at 7pm that day. This workshop is open to the public, but again, tickets to the play itself must still be purchased through cfrt.org.

This papermaking workshop is the first of many as Trish Brownlee is proud and grateful to bring *Breaking Rag: A Veteran, Family & Community Art Project* to Fort Bragg and Cumberland, Moore and surrounding communities in North Carolina.

A Kickstarter.com fundraiser to support *Breaking Rag* operations will launch March 1st – April 14th.

A second Breaking Rag demonstration of the process invites visitors for conversation and to try out papermaking Saturday, March 19, 2016, 10am-3pm at Weymouth Woods "Party for the Pine".

Weymouth Center "The Meadow" 555 E Connecticut Ave Southern Pines, NC 28387

The event is hosted by Weymouth Woods, but the "Party for the Pine" event location is in "The Meadow" behind Weymouth Center. Parking access is via Weymouth Center.

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More about "Breaking Rag Art Project":

"Breaking rag" is a term in papermaking, referring to the physical process of breaking fibers into pulp, from which the paper is made. The *Breaking Rag Art Project* offers public demos and workshops to veterans, their families, and the community. These workshops specialize in creating paper and artwork from worn military uniforms. The goal is to assist veterans and their families in creating their own artwork to communicate their military experience. Through art, we are able to break through assumptions and stereotypes and find real connection, bridging the gap between the military and civilian communities.

More about Breaking Rag can be found on Trish Brownlee's website: www.trishbrownlee.com or through a direct link at www.breakingrag.works.

A video explaining Breaking Rag is posted along with further information.