Smithfield is proud to present its newest attraction: the “Porcine Parade” - eight life-size statues of market hogs, painted by local artists to reflect an aspect of the town’s rich history, culture & recreation.

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A special word of thanks to the eight artists who generously donated their time, talent and materials to this project.

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The Porcine Parade is a project of Smithfield 2020, a non-profit organization sponsored by Historic Smithfield, Inc. and established to impact the economic and cultural vitality of the Downtown Smithfield Historic District

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This public/private partnership uses the best known symbol of the “Ham Capital of the World” to celebrate the agricultural roots and cultural history of the Town of Smithfield. Donated by generous sponsors and selected by a jury of the Isle of Wight Arts League, these unique statues became permanent residents in June 2012. We invite you to stroll through our lovely town to savor each work of art.
Begin your parade at the Visitor/Arts Center @ 319 Main Street.

1 Cultural Pig
Artist: Jennifer Lycke
This hog celebrates the arts. On one side, an artistic pig sporting a beret and smock works at its easel on a flying pig creation while the other side shows the Smithfield courthouse with two pilloried pigs.

Located at the corner of Route 10 Bypass & Main Street (Rt. 258)

2 A Walk Through the Pork
Artist: Abigail Ketcham
This porcine design reveals the enjoyment of Windsor Castle Park through its bright, cheery colors, its emphasis on gardening and agriculture and the fluidity of the landscape. Locals and visitors enjoy many activities here such as biking, picnicking, walking and kite flying.

Located in front of the Isle of Wight County Museum

3 Sweet Swine of Avon
Artist: Brenda Joyner
In 1905, the Shakespeare Class of Smithfield first met in Hayden Hall to celebrate William Shakespeare. The group continues to meet to this day to study the works of the “Sweet Swan of Avon.” This Shakespeare pig dons period costume adorned with the family crest, the Globe Theater and imagery from the Bard’s plays.

Located at Hayden’s Lane in the 200 block of Main Street

4 Magnolia
Artist: Lois Chapman Tokarz
Like her namesake tree known for its beautiful flowers, Magnolia shows her beauty through photographs from the Isle of Wight County Museum’s collection to detail the community’s rich history. Dressed as a porcine scrapbook, Magnolia offers the viewer a chance to see the elements which make this area unique.

Located in front of the Isle of Wight County Museum

5 Birth of Ham
Artist: Mallory Jarrell
This version of Botticelli’s “Birth of Venus” pays homage to Smithfield’s hams. Flanked by porcine angels, Venus has been replaced by the famous pork product while the landscape and seascape reflect that of Smithfield and the Pagan River.

Located on the hill overlooking Smithfield Foods Headquarters

6 Steamboat Swillie
Artist: Catherine Minga
Donning a turn-of-the-century captain’s uniform, Steamboat Swilly represents the memory of Captain O.G. Delk, one of Smithfield’s first steamboat captains during the era when the town was a major shipping port, providing transportation as well as commerce. Delk is the great-great grandfather of the artist, who chose him to honor Smithfield’s seaport heritage.

Located on the water at Smithfield Foods Headquarters

7 Swine & Roses
Artist: Sheila Gwaltney
A true epicure is a gourmet knowledgeable in the art of fine food and drink while a true epigcure knows that this area’s agricultural abundance and natural resources provide plenty for the practice of the culinary arts. Adorning this pig are images of ham biscuits, vineyards, row crops and flowers.

Located at Smithfield Station - 415 South Church Street

8 Windsor Castle Pork
Artist: Cil Barbour
This pig offers visitors a glimpse of the many activities and elements featured at Windsor Castle Park. Fishing, kayaking, canoeing, scenic woodland trails, open spaces, a natural amphitheater and the historic home enhance this 209-acre riverside park.