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THE ART OF THE COMEBACK



Grand re-opening of Eno Arts Mill is a masterpiece of community resilience

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About a week and a half before the grand reopening of the renovated Eno Arts Mill, Katie Murray is stressed to the hilt. But it's not construction delays, unexpected challenges or exhibit complications that have Murray on edge. It's the frequent "ding" from her phone, announcing updates on the ideal conditions for a tornado in Orange County.

"Last night with those storms, I mean, I've I lived at the coast three times. I've been through hurricanes, and I've never had the post-traumatic stress that situation gave me a year ago."

"That situation" is what Murray, who is Executive Director of the Orange County Arts Commission, was the gut-wrenching damage to the arts mill and its contents done last July, by knee-deep flood waters from Tropical Storm Chantal.

"Every time I get one of those alerts, I worry about my house, but my thoughts always go to the mill and what we saw last year," she said.

The downpour that fell over the course of the night on July 7, 2025, led to the overflow of several rivers in Orange County. One of them broke records when the Eno reached a high of 25.6 feet, surpassing the earlier record of 23.6 feet that was recorded in 1996, after Hurricane Fran.

The consequences of the major flooding event were felt in volumes by the Eno River Mill, which is home to the Eno Arts Mill — a space where creative collaboration has been nurtured and supported for more than six years. The Arts Mill is divided into two sections: one consists of artist studios where professionals rented workspaces, and the other is more public-facing and includes a gallery, the OCAC offices and a classroom for the myriad of youth and adult arts

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Above, finishing touches are made in the main gallery at the Eno Arts Mill ahead of its grand reopening event this weekend. A year ago, the mill was severely damaged by the devastating floods from Tropical Storm Chantal.

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Nonprofit marks 5 years of helping folks needing a second chance

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For years, Doug Peterson and dozens of others regularly participated in the Yokefellow Prison Ministry, a program at the Orange Correctional Center where men and women from the outside, who have been trained and certified by the correctional system, meet



Bobby Harrington

with inmates who would gather with them at small tables to have open discussions about whatever may be on the minds of the men.



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The Reentry House Plus in Hillsborough

The many hours of visits with these men cemented a fundamental fact that underneath it all, they were people with goals to become pro-

ductive citizens in society. And that realization led to discussions about the fact there was no reentry house in northern Orange County, and

none at all with integral programs to help to train and guide the men to a successful "reentry" into society.

Soon, Peterson, a retired business manager, and David Stanford, a retired Episcopal priest, began having conversations that led to the formation of a group of interested supporters, mostly made up of Yokefellow volunteers, to open a home for men.

Reentry House Plus was incorporated in October of 2019 and it received 501(c)(3) nonprofit designation in December 2019.

Shortly thereafter, the founders met with Will Elmore and Tommy Green, founders of SWIT (Success While in Transition). These two previously incarcerated men developed a program of lessons and steps that help men find their own

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