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## A Whimsical Horse Does Its Part to Enliven the Local Winter Scene

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While rushing around frantically finishing up Christmas shopping, you may have noticed a horse standing in the courtyard at 2 West Washington Street.

But this is not just any old horse – it's the whimsical creation of artist Sara Gayle Strickland, and its name is "Old Home," an appropriate name, indeed, because it stands in the courtyard of historic Beveridge House, now home to the Marshall National Bank.

It was sponsored by BOWA Builders,

who specialize in restoring and remodeling old homes!

Part of the Outdoor Arts Project fostered by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, this purple-and-orange equine (I told you it was whimsical) is one of 25 *verrrry* colorful, fiberglass horses placed around Loudoun County. All will be auctioned off in March at the Oatlands Plantation Gala.

So, tarry a moment on Washington Street and salute a symbol, not just of the heart of the Virginia Hunt Country, but of the ever-emerging art colony around Middleburg.