



The Gaston County Art Guild serves the area's working artist, Art students, hobbyists, and art patrons

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Gaston County Art Guild
ARTS UPDATE

From Missy Turney

It has been a pleasure to serve as the President of the Gaston County Art Guild for the past several years. I would like to thank Dennis Shook for stepping in as Interim President until our elections take place in May, 2009. I would also like to thank Pam Underwood for her years of service to the Guild. She will also be stepping down from the VP of the Guild with Scott Boyle stepping in as Interim Vice President. The Gastonia Downtown Development Corporation would like to continue our partnership with the Art Guild in hosting art shows and crawls in downtown Gastonia. Please be reminded of the pick up for the Images of Gaston Show on Monday, January 5th from 12noon-4:30pm. Please plan to drop off, on the same day, your artwork for the Hearts and Flowers exhibit which will hang through March 16th. Pick up for Hearts and Flowers will be on March 16th 12noon-4:30pm. Opening date for Hearts and Flowers will be Thursday, January 15th at 5pm-7pm. Reception will take place at the Gastonia Downtown Development Corporation 162 S. South St. in Downtown Gastonia. For information call Missy Turney at 704-865-5044 or email at mtorney@bellsouth.net. The Guild will provide refreshments at pick up.

From Dennis Shook

Thanks to Missy and Pam for their hard work and devotion to keeping the Gaston County Art Guild alive and vibrant. In that so much work and time is required to attend to the requirements of the position of President and Vice President, it is necessary for those with abilities to step forward and help carry the load. I am in a position at this moment where I can devote time to the interim office of President, if the membership so desires. Missy deserves and needs a break. With the help of veteran members and the exciting addition of talented new members, I believe that we can keep our direction and build on our past successes. For those who do not know me, I look forward to meeting you and to those who do know me, your patience and help is requested. We have an excellent core of members with special skills and I ask that we each energize our selves to use those skills for the benefit of the Guild and the community at large. We have so many young, and old, who love the arts and we have the ability to make it available. What better gift can we give than to share beauty and accomplishment. There is no ceiling.

May all of you be blessed with the joys of the holidays. May you enjoy good health and foster loving, lasting relationships.

Thank you. Dennis Shook

From Scott Boyle

New Members and the Gallery Crawl

I wanted to express my excitement about new members joining the GCAC, especially younger people; for they will take us into the future. An example is Ty Hobson, Ty is a 28 year old working artist who came to our meeting in September and suggested that we start a Gallery Crawl in Gastonia. Now at first I have to admit, I thought Ty may be ahead of his time here in Gastonia. But was I pleasantly surprised on Thursday evening November 13th the night of Gastonia's first Gallery Crawl. The turn out was impressive with art patrons, community leaders as well as artists. The center of the Crawl was the Images of Gaston County Show, held at the Gastonia Downtown Development Corporation on South Street, which focused on the history of Gaston County with a wide range of artwork and media. Several artists did demonstrations of their work and a few galleries offered free aperitifs. All in all, the Crawl was a wonderful experience for all who came out. My hat's off to Hobson and everyone who rolled up their sleeves to make it a great success. I'm sure Gastonia will see this event continue in the future which will benefit artists as well as the whole community.

Scott Boyle

Up and Coming Events.....

Christmas Party

Don't miss this years Art Guild Christmas party at Nancy Albright's Second Street Gallery and Frame shop. We thought it would be fun to try a theme, something similar to a Chinese Christmas, you bring a hand made something, we draw a gift and swap if you would like. Bring friends and relatives, the more the merrier. We need to bring our own refreshments and the guild will supply the beverages. Nancy's Gallery is located on second street in Gastonia in a Beautiful brick mansion, you need to go just too see the space if you have never been.

The Frame Gallery of Gastonia is Located at 211 West 2nd avenue near downtown Gastonia. The phone number there is 704 865 8856. The time will be 6 to 8 pm Thursday, December 11th.

Special Thanks

We would like to take a moment to thank Fay Burch for her expertise and years of service as webmaster. Fay designed and started the Gaston county Art Guild web site . Thanks for every thing Fay, hope to see you and Eddie at the Christmas Party

Reminder

Pick up for The Visual Harvest Show is Friday December 12th from 10am to 5pm.

Behind The Arts would appreciate volunteers help with their clients, Barbra Dover is the Director , the space is located in the old ART 1 address.

A call for Volunteers

RUN FOR THE MONEY

We need a chair for Run for the Money, Our annual Spring fund raiser the financial support from this fund raiser is vital for the guilds survival. If your interested call Lori Lytle at 704 908 4416.

Guild Member News and Events :

Check out the web site at www.gastoncountypartguild.com . Scott Boyle our new web master is always adding new events and images.

The city of Mt. Holly's annual Mt Hollidays : Friday, December 5th from 1-9pm and Saturday, December 6th from 10am-4pm and Friday, December 12th from 1-9pm and Saturday, December 13th from 10am-2pm. Local artist and craftsmen will be showing in the former Kimbrell's building, along with other events. There will be lots of food , Carriage rides and home tours.

A Call for News and Events...

Got any Art News or know of any Events that you would like to pass on to all of the Art Guild Members. Please send the news to our Web Master Scott Boyle for publication on the Art Guild Web Page. You can contact Scott at sboyle1@carolina.rr.com or call Scott at 704-860-3803 or Email announcements to Lori Lytle @ llytle@carolina.rr.com.