



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

April 2009

PO BOX 452 Gastonia, NC 28053

2009- 2010 Officers

April Meeting:

April 14, 2009 7:00 p.m. at:

Unity Place 201 W. Franklin Blvd. Gastonia

FYI: Meetings usually are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Guild Meeting Room on the 3rd floor of Unity Place located at 201 W. Franklin Blvd in Downtown Gas-

From the computer desk of D. Shook (TV tray... LOL)

I have just come from my backyard where I have been painting a peach tree in secret. Last Saturday I was one of about 15 artists who squatted on the banks of Sugar Creek in Charlotte. For six hours I smeared paint on a canvas. One can only be humiliated so many times before desperate measures are called for. It's called practice. I have often said that successful creation of art is as much perspiration as inspiration. I am just stubborn enough to show up again next month. John Ruskin, a British art critic, social thinker, poet, and author was so convinced that direct observation of nature was essential to "truthful" art that he rebuked "Old Masters" Gaspard Dughat, Claude Lorrain, Salvator Rosa and MICHELANGELO as a corrupting influence on art because they created landscapes in their studios rather than going to nature. Ouch!!!! He also said that you can not serve two masters....If your work is first with you and your fee second, work is your master. If your fee is first and your work is second then fee is your master. I think he must have coined the phrase "starving artist" because most of us choose to paint things such as peach trees.

April will be a very busy month for the guild. That is a subtle way of saying...help!!!

See the list of events you have the opportunity to volunteer for beginning this month under the "Call for Volunteers" section of the newsletter.

The last thing that I can think of is the nomination of officers for the May 2009 elections. Please e-mail any of the Art Guild officers if you feel compelled to serve or have a friend who needs an opportunity to excel.

See you at the next meeting and I think we should begin to talk about an end of the year picnic. - Dennis

Congratulations to A Natural View, Best of Show winner, Cama Tadlock

"Early One Morning"



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Up And Coming Events....

The Charlotte Art League is hosting their Spring Art Exhibit in April.

“Spring into Art 2009” : Regional Juried Exhibit presented by Charlotte Art League Gallery

Charlotte Art League (CAL) Gallery, 1517 Camden Road, Charlotte, NC, 704-376-2787

April 3 – April 24, 2009

For more details visit their website: www.charlotteartleague.org

The 24th Annual **ArtFest** in Matthews NC, a fine art and master craft show featuring juried work will be held

Sept 26, 27. Booth spaces available for artists. Cash prizes for winners.

www.matthewschamber.com/ChamberEvents/ArtFest

- **If you have any upcoming events that you would like to share with the Guild, please e-mail the details to Gastoncountyart@gmail.com**

Guild News

Please send any art related news or events to the webmaster Scott Boyle at info@scottboyleart.com

Studio Space: The Frame Gallery on 2nd Ave. in Gastonia has several great Studio Spaces available for rent at fair prices. Please call Nancy Albright at 704-865-8856

Member directory: The new secretary, Marni Peters, is updating the member directory. If any of your contact information has changed please send your updated information to her. Please include an e-mail address in addition to your name, address, and phone number. Send to : GastonCountyArt@gmail.com or call 443-416-9613

E-mail addresses: In an effort to save money, resources, and time, we are still collecting e-mail addresses to distribute our newsletter and other important information. We will not inundate your mailbox so please send your e-mail to

GastonCountyArt@gmail.com

Call for Volunteers.....

April 18th is run for the money. We need runners. The more runners, the more money we get. Dennis just wrote to the President of the Fort Mill Guild who says that they may be closing shop because of lack of funding. Lets make sure we never have to make that choice.

Student Art Shows

April 13th through 18 - Elementary (**need one juror and one volunteer to take up art**).

April 19th through 25th - Middle School (**need one volunteer**).

April 26th through May 2nd - High School (**need one volunteer**).

In June we are committed to a Summer activity at the **Gaston County Library**. There are two dates:

- **June 16th from 10:30 until noon**
- **July 23rd from 4:00 until 5:30.** For this opportunity we will receive a \$200 honorarium. We need 4 instructors and two assistants for this activity.

Scott Boyle will be overseeing an outreach project at the Dept of Social Services Adult Day Care Center in Belmont. Please contact Scott if you would like to assist with this program.

Visit our Website and our blog for more guild information and a gallery of fellow guild member's work.

www.gastoncountyartguild.com and www.gastoncountyart.blogspot.com

First Annual Downtown Gastonia Green Art Crawl

Friday April 24, 2009 From 5-9pm

The Gastonia Downtown Development Corporation in partnership with the Downtown Merchants, and Gaston County Art Guild are hosting the first annual Gastonia Green Art Crawl in celebration of Earth Day.

Come enjoy an evening of Downtown discovery and enlightenment including events for the whole family. Events will include:

ART CRAWL

LIVE MUSIC

TREASURE HUNT

WINE TASTINGS

FOOD SAMPLINGS

SILENT AUCTION

RAFFLE

This year's focus is protecting, promoting, and raising consciousness of our global water condition. Spearheading this year's focus is Bangz Salon & Spa, and Aveda. We are joining forces and helping to raise money for this very timely cause. Therefore, all proceeds from the silent auction and raffles will be donated to organizations working for clean water.

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

- * GASTONIA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GDDC)
- * BANGZ SALON & SPA
- * BEHIND THE ARTS
- * BODY MIND SYNERGY
- * BITS & PIECES
- * CANTLUPES
- * CLOSE KNIT KNITTERY & PRESS
- * FREEMAN'S PUB
- * FORD'S
- * GASPUMP COFFEE
- * KATY-DID ANTIQUES & GIFTS
- * L'ORANGERIE
- * ORGANIC MARKET-PLACE
- * ROY LINDSEY STUDIO
- * SUSAN C. ANTHONY
- * TEQUILLA'S
- * THE FRAME GALLERY



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Gaston County Museum & Gallery Hopping

Have you visited our local Art Galleries and Museums lately?

Here are some ideas to get you started on an adventure in artifacts, art, and history.

Gaston County Museum: www.gastoncountymuseum.org/calendar

Schiele Museum: www.schielemuseum.org

The Frame Gallery: www.carolinaframegallery.com

Jeanne Rauch Gallery: www.gaston.edu/programs/transferprog/artmus/rauchsched

The Stillwater Gallery: www.stillwateronmain.com

Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens: www.dsbg.org

C. Grier Beam Truck Museum: <http://www.beamtruckmuseum.com/>

* Do you know of a great gallery or museum you would like to share with your fellow members? Please send the name and website to Gastoncountyart@gmail.com