



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

March  
2009

PO BOX 452 Gastonia, NC 28053

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Meeting:

March 10,  
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-  
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Gaston County Art Guild

From the Desk of the President

Thank you for the positive response that I have been receiving via e-mail so far. Thanks also to all of you that are supporting us by attending our monthly meetings. Keep up the good work. We need you.

The big news for this month is the jurying of probably over 200 works of art for the Schiele Museum Show. This has always been my favorite show. I remember when we used to accept 75 to 80 pieces but I suspect it will be considerably less this year. One of my favorite parts is seeing the work that comes in before it has been trimmed down. I try to pick out what my merit award winners would be and try to pick "Best of Show". I wouldn't make much of a juror because I am always wrong. How many times have you had someone say to you that you have natural talent? I don't know about you but preparation to present your best is hard work. Nothing natural about it. Just plain hard work and determination.

Changing topics, I have been chairing the **Run For The Money** so far but I can use any help I can get. I have volunteered for the 5 hours of community service but we still need help in setting up and manning a booth. It is not as hard as it used to be but it is important that we have a presence at this event. We also need to get the donor applications passed out and the runners signed up as soon as we can. Please e-mail me if you have loose, let me rephrase this, "not taughtley bound" relatives who are willing to take the scenic tour around G-Town.

On a sad note, Andrew Wyeth passed away this month. It will be interesting to see how his work is critiqued now. He has been a controversial American artist for many years.

In conclusion, I was moved by the story of the farmer Clyde and his mule Bessie. Clyde was in an auto accident and he was in court petitioning for damages. The attorney for the trucking company said, "didn't you say at the scene that you were fine"? Clyde said, "well, I had just gotten Bessie loaded and I was.....", .....you're honor, would you please direct the witness just to answer the question. Didn't you tell the Highway Patrol at the scene that you were just fine? Well, as I said, I was driving down the road with Bessie and a semi hit us in the side of the truck.....you're honor!!!!!!...no let the man talk. Well, Bessie was thrown into one ditch and I was in another. I heard her moaning and I knew she was in bad shape. The highway patrolman took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. He came over and asked me how I was doing. What do you think I told him?

Dennis Shook

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## Up And Coming Events....

The Reception for Artists and Friends of the **Natural View Exhibit** will be held on **Thursday evening March 5th from 6 – 8PM** at the **Schiele Museum** in Gastonia. Refreshments and live music will be provided. Awards will be presented at 7PM. The show will hang until Friday April 3rd.

Free monthly **Plein Air Paint Outs** have begun! This month Scott Boyle will paint at **Freedom Park in Charlotte on Saturday March 21st from 1 – 4 PM**. Join him at the Stone bridge at Duck Pond off of Princeton Ave. For more details go to [http://www.scottboyleart.com/paint\\_outs.htm](http://www.scottboyleart.com/paint_outs.htm)

**Arts Business Boot Camp:** Addressing the fundamentals of marketing for artists, all the seminars will be presented by artists and gallery owners cognizant of 2009's economic uncertainties and of strategies for coping with them. In addition to these seminars which are essential to any artist's business, one-on-one mentoring sessions are available as are ample opportunities to ask questions and network with the ABI faculty, staff and other artists. For more information visit the Arts Business Boot Camp website: <http://artsbusinessinstitute.org> There is a cost for the boot camp.

**When:** March 7-8, 2009

**Where:** Haywood Community College

185 Freedlander Dr.

Student Center/Auditorium, Building #1500

Clyde, NC 28721 (20 minutes from Asheville NC)

## Guild News .....

Please send any art related news or events to the webmaster Scott Boyle at [info@scottboyleart.com](mailto:info@scottboyleart.com)

**Membership:** If you have not already paid for your 2009 GCAG membership please make sure you do so by the end March 2009. We will be updating the membership directory and would like to include all current members.

**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**

**New Blog:** Check out the new blog we have created for the GCAG. We hope it will increase communication, make it easier to share ideas, and get your opinions. Make sure you vote in the poll and look for a new poll each month. You can access the blog at <http://gastoncountyart.blogspot.com/> , and soon you will be able to access it from our website. Post your thoughts! Get involved! Inspire others!

**E-mail addresses:** We are still collecting e-mail addresses. Please send your e-mail to **GastonCountyArt@gmail.com**

## Volunteers.....

We are always looking for volunteers. We know everyone is busy, but also know we cannot exist as an productive art guild without your help. As opportunities to volunteer present themselves, please make yourself available... you won't regret it.

Visit our Website at **[www.gastoncountyartguild.com](http://www.gastoncountyartguild.com)** for more guild information and a gallery of fellow guild member's work