



GASTON COUNTY ART GUILD
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Gaston Arts Council

Join Us For The Unveiling of Our
30th Anniversary Mural

Mural Update

Then at



Sunday, October 11th, 4PM - 7PM
10% of your food & beverage purchase
will be donated to [The Gaston Arts Council](#)
For complete details visit www.gastonarts.org



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

**October
2009**

2009- 2010 Officers

PO BOX 452 Gastonia, NC 28053

October

Meeting:

**When: Tuesday
October 13,
2009 7:00 p.m.**

**Where:
Unity Place**

**201 W. Franklin
Blvd. Gastonia**

**Directions:
1st Floor, 1st
right through
glass door, 2nd
conference room
on the right.**

Gaston County Art Guild

From the desk of the President, Dennis:

I am hurriedly writing this before I go to my studio to paint. I am anxious to start a new painting. I recently returned from Blue Spiral Gallery in Asheville and that is always inspiring. I would really like for us to take a field trip this year because it really gets the juices flowing. I have also enjoyed being part of the studios at the Frame Gallery because I get to see other people work and contemplate different styles. That brings me to what is on my mind. I constantly struggle with "I paint what I like, not what sells" but then I see other people using innovative techniques such as throwing or gluing texture into the gesso on the canvas. One person actually glued gravel onto the canvas, using plaster on the canvas, vivid colors or subdued colors, and I long to try something different. I believe my answer came when I read a paragraph in the latest Artist's Magazine. Quote by Jeffrey Larson:

Larson is mindful not to let himself fall back on what has worked in the past or what he's already done. "If I do continue to create paintings with a similar theme, it is only because I haven't finished exploring aspects that fascinate or challenge me. There are subjects that I've worked until I felt I couldn't do it any better and now I have no interest in painting similar objects, despite people's requests. So it's the search for bigger challenges and then striking out in new directions that are important".

On another note, I have been part of a board that is involved in selecting an artist to construct a sculpture at the new center that is being developed in Gastonia. There were eleven applicants and one has been selected. I hope to be able to bring photos and details of this project to our next meeting.

One last thought before I go. If you drive your car at the speed of light, do your headlights work.

October 13, 2009 Regular 2nd Tuesday Meeting at Unity Place in Gastonia - Our speaker for the meeting will be Ron Mechling, Wood Turner from Shelby, NC. He will show us slides of his most recent works of wood turnings and share thoughts on getting outside the box and comfort zone. Ron's work is represented by the Main Street Gallery, Blowing Rock, N.C.; Hands Gallery, Boone, N.C.; Wooden Stone Gallery, Davidson, N.C.; Redsky Gallery, Charlotte, N.C.; Buffalo Creek Gallery, Shelby, N.C. You can find out more about Ron Mechling on the web at www.ronmechlingwoodturner.com

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Up And Coming Events....

Gaston County Art Guild Hosts A Visual Harvest

Where: Gaston College Rauch Gallery

When: Take up– Friday October 16th - 12noon-5pm

Saturday October 17th - 10am-3pm

Reception-Open House: Thursday October 29th –6pm-8pm

If you have not received your prospectus in the mail please download it from the art guild website.

Gaston County Art Guild and the Gaston Library Host the 2009 Miniature Show

Take up: Monday November 2, 2009, 2pm-6pm, Main Library

Pick up: Monday November 30, 2009, during Library hours

Members Reception: Tuesday November 10, 2009, 7pm

This annual show challenges Gaston County Art Guild members to work in a miniature format. The paintings cannot be larger than 5" X 7" or 35 square inches. Sculpture must fit inside an 8" cube.

Representational work must be 1/6 or less the actual size of the subject. For non-representational work (abstraction) the 1/6 does not apply, but such works should be in the spirit of miniaturism. Very small objects not lending themselves to portrayal in the 1/6 size are accepted if the work embodies the spirit of miniaturism.

Come, take a walk through our miniature world.

Look closely and

enjoy what we have observed and felt.

This project received support from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of North Carolina and the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Arts Fund of Gaston County. The Gaston County Art Guild is a funded affiliate of the United Arts Council of Gaston County.

If you wish to purchase a piece of art please contact Kim Wallis, Treasurer, 704-674-4400

Plein Air Paint Outs: Scott Boyle has started a Ning site for his monthly Plein Air Paint Outs. To find out more what's happening on the Plein Air Painting Scene go to <http://charlottepleinairpainters.ning.com> There will be a big plein air painting event on Saturday October 24th in Marshville, NC more info will be posted on this site.

Guild News

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

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**

Treasurer: We are looking for a new treasurer. If you would like to learn a new skill, or use one you already have, to help the Guild stay financially organized and up to date, please advise one of the officers. The duties of the Treasurer are included on the insert.

Open

Gastonia's fall art crawl

The following artists will be displaying their work during the fall art crawl, come out and support your fellow artists...

Bangz Salon & Spa: Lori Lytle - painting

Curt Butler Studios

Gas Pump Coffee—Ty Hobson, Marni Peters, and various other artists

Image Gallery – Kit Kakassy – painting

Panache – Don Ellis – Photography

Creations by Roy Lindsey

The Frame Gallery – Kim Wallis, Dennis

Shook, Lori Lytle, and various other artists

Open

"Open"- (Inclusive, without restrictions) Invitation to artists to create and display their best work.

G-town's fall Art Crawl
Hosted by Gastonia Downtown Development Corporation

Participating Businesses

- Bangz Salon & Spa
- Behind the Arts
- Bella La Fleur
- Bits & Pieces
- Close Knit Knittery & Press
- Creations by Roy Lindsey
- Curt Butler Studios
- Freeman's Pub
- Gas Pump Coffee
- Image Gallery
- Katy Oki's
- Panache
- Scarabellis
- Surge Marketing
- Susan C. Anthony
- Tequila's
- The Bottle Shoppe
- The Frame Gallery

Where:
Downtown Gastonia
* Begin your "crawl" from any of the participating businesses

When:
Thursday
12 November 09
5pm-8pm

What:
Art Crawl

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