



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

September 2008

PO BOX 452 Gastonia, NC 28053

September 2008 Meeting:

September 9th 2008 7:00 p.m. at: Unity Place

FYI: Meetings usually are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Guild Meeting Room on the 1st floor of Unity Place located at 201 W. Franklin Blvd in Downtown Gastonia.

Gastonia Art Guild ARTS UPDATE

Welcome Back

Greetings from the Gaston art guild, were glad to welcome everyone back and hope that your Summer was relaxing and productive. Our first meeting of the year will be in the Art Council Board room on the first floor of Unity Place. Juliette Shelley, the director of the Gaston Arts Council would like to encourage everyone for any new ideas or concerns on the county arts scene. We would like to try some new ideas for the meetings, the first meeting this year we'd like to try a meet and greet, to get acquainted and more comfortable with each other. Please bring some of your work or a work in progress so we can have a look and talk about art.

Up and Coming Events.....

2008 Visual Harvest October 16th, 2008

The Visual Harvest at the Rauch is coming soon, Drop off days are Friday October 3rd, from 10AM until 5PM and Saturday October 4th, from 10AM until 4PM. Declined work can be picked up on Monday October 6th from 10AM until 5PM. The opening reception is Thursday October 16th from 6-8PM. Jim Connell the sculpture instructor from Winthrop college will juror this years show. Three entries are allowed per person all original work, no copies. Renee Matthews is chairing the show this year please contact her at 704-867-6528, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the show.

Gastonia History Show November 13, 2008

The Gastonia Downtown Development Corporation will host a themed show Nov. 13th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Entries will be accepted on Nov. 6th from 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM, and pickup will be on Jan. 5th 2009 from 12:00 PM- 4:30 PM. This show will be part of a downtown gallery crawl. Please call Ty Hobson at 912-507-0464 with any questions.

Guild Member News and Events :

Free Plein Air Paint Out

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 6th, Scott Boyle is planning another paint out. The last Plein Air Paint out in Cramerton was amazing, you should check it out on Scott's website www.scottboyleart.com for details or call Scott at 704-860-3803.

Visit our Website at www.gastoncountyartguild.com for more guild information and a gallery of fellow guild member's work

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## Guild Member News and Events : (Cont)

### Frame Library

Cama Tadlock is generously donating a variety of very nice frames to the guild. We need some input on how to maintain them, this is a topic we can discuss at our first meeting, so please come and share your thoughts. Don't forget we also have a matt cutter in the art guild office, you may need a matt or two or three in preparation for the big show coming up or something else we also have a lot of matt scraps you can use, they are not acid free, if you want acid free matt you will have to bring your own. For more information call Lori or Kim.



### Guild Artist of the Month:

This month we are featuring Natalie Pantuso as artist of the month, if we are lucky she may honor us with her presence at the meeting, she and her art work are fabulous.

Spotlight on Natalie Pantuso:

Natalie just graduated from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC with a BFA in Painting and Drawing. Her medium of choice is oil as she enjoys working into the paint, using neutral colors. Natalie is more interested in the perceptual, in describing what she sees rather than in technique or craft- she doesn't like to follow rules but rather be free with expressing what she sees. I think this is really evident in her paintings - they are vivacious, energetic and expressive. Of all the subjects in the arts she learned at Western, painting and drawing are Natalie's favorite. She enjoys working from life, especially from landscapes as "it is always there" and you don't have to set it up. While at Western, many of her drawings and paintings were of the natural landscape - fields, cows, bridges. However, she showed us a few stunning portraits she'd painted. Her favorite artists are Cezanne and Jacque Amedi.

In the future, Natalie would like to get a Masters' in Painting and teach at the University level, but she hasn't decided where to go yet. She'd also like to travel abroad, looking at a possible trip to Italy. For now, she lives in Gastonia, works part-time at the airport and paints as much as she can in the morning and evening hours. Currently she paints while listening to a band called Beirut. This band combines elements of Eastern European and folk sounds. Natalie believes that one can put away a painting and pick it back up again while listening to the same music to inspire the rest of the painting.

She is a new member of the guild, joining while entering the Schiele show in the spring. She won two awards. She would like to connect with other artists in the area, have critiques and learn from other artists.

Thanks Natalie for having the Spotlight on you and sharing your art and thoughts with the rest of us. I hope all of you will get to meet Natalie at an upcoming guild meeting or show.

This is our first "Spotlight" on one of our art guild members. We hope to continue the "Spotlight" feature as part of the newsletter every month. If you would like to spotlight an artist or have the spotlight shone on you, please let Lori know!

Kim Wallis  
Treasurer

## A call for Volunteers!

Anyone wanting to volunteer for one or more of up and coming shows or fund raisers are ask to contact Lori Lytle at 704-460-0014 or email her at [lllytle@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lllytle@carolina.rr.com)