



Gaston County Art Guild Newsletter

April 2018

**We thank EVERYONE who was involved with making the
A Natural View Show and Reception a success.**

Diane Henderson, and her husband Jim, deserve kudos for setting up the reception for A Natural View. The atmosphere was festive with its St. Patrick themed decorations. There was plenty delicious food and drink.

Jason Reynolds hung the show and the lighting was perfectly adjusted to highlight the entries; two glass entries on pedestals, abstracts, oils, watercolors and photographs on the wall set this show off beautifully. Jackie Dunford's incredible origami birds filled the center of the room with color and movement.

The word must have gotten out because we had all types of visitors that night. Gastonia's mayor, Walker Reed, came by and spent time visiting the studios and chatting with lots of people. New visitors just dropped in because the door was open to all the St. Patrick's Day celebrators and folks out for an evening stroll downtown. City councilman, Robert Kellogg, mixed and mingled, local shop owners of Java House brought friends. Even the new owners of 212 W. Main were there early in the evening.

As the evening progressed, people were anxiously awaiting the announcement of the winners. Folks were all over AOM looking at the art displayed in the commons area and throughout the gallery checking out the studios and gift shop. At 7:30 Jane Newsom and Wanda Meekins worked together to identify the winners who were chosen by our judge Carlos Cotera. The A Natural View winners can be seen at <http://www.gastoncountyartguild.com/>

Save the Date

Monthly Meeting

Our April meeting will be held on **April 10th at 6:00 pm**. We will be voting on the new Guild by-laws. It is very important that the members are involved with this vote, so please save the date and make every effort to be at the monthly meeting. After we have a short business meeting and vote for the by-laws, Jackie Laine, an AOM Resident Artist, will be our presenter.

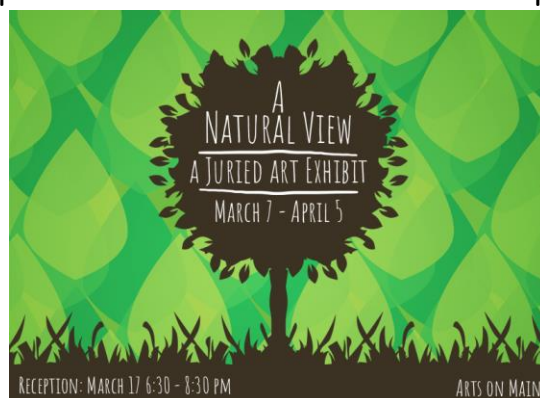
Jackie Laine, also known as Jacqueline Ramey, is an artist whose work reflects an inward personal journey through mythological archetype and symbols. Originally from Ohio and currently residing in Gastonia, she earned a BFA degree from UNC with a concentration in painting. She was awarded an Emerging Regional Artist's Grant as well as an Arts in Education Grant. She has been featured in the newspaper for her artwork which included a church mural project as well as a public art installation, *Chairs on Parade*, initiated by the McColl Center of Charlotte. She is currently employed by Gaston County Schools as an art teacher. Ms. Laine has recently been exploring adding sculptural components to her paintings which include mask forms as well as painting on silk fabric.

How to Look at Art in New Ways

What makes each of us connect with a piece of art either in an intellectual or emotional way? Is it the color, mood or subject matter? What we like tells as much about each of us as well as the art we find distasteful does. Come and learn how to see art with a new perspective and appreciation as we explore the concept of Synesthesia within this interactive presentation.

Take Down, A Natural View

April 6th and 7th from 11:00 am -4:00 pm.



Next Open Show

The Guild's **next open show** will be the **A Moment in Time Photography Show**. This show will run from June 13, 2018 - July 19, 2018. The prospectus will be available by mid to late April.

Artspace, Gastonia:

"**FRESH**" is an exhibition of new works by North Carolina artists. The concept of the show is to demystify the process about what goes into the making of an exhibition while giving local artists an opportunity to show their work here at Artspace. All of the submitted work will be displayed for a limited time in Gallery One and Gallery Two from May 18 - 26. The juried selection will then be on display in Gallery One from June 1 - 29. Exhibition proceeds will go directly to support the Artspace Inspiration Fund.

<http://artspacenc.org/artists/opportunities/call-for-exhibitions/fresh/>

Artist's Submission:

Open to artists ages 18+ working in NC. All media. Must be new work, less than two years old, limited in size to a maximum of 36" wide and 72" high and available for purchase. Artists may submit one piece.

DEADLINE: Applications and all artwork due **May 8-12, 2018** (drop off hours: 11am-5pm)

Submission fees: \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members

Contact [Annah Lee](#), Director of Artistic Programs, with questions.



Artist Corner



Congratulations to our very own Greta Marie Carlos! Her artwork is being shown at the Gaston County Building, 128 West Main Street, Gastonia, NC from Monday-Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please go by and take a look at her work!

Letter of Appreciation, High School Senior Show

Dear Jane,

The reception and the ceremony was so special. Our students and parents that attended were honored by the event and tribute to the seniors of Gaston County. There is so much talent in our county. As an art teacher it is very exciting to see. The lion made of repurposed materials was one of my favorites. I also was pulled to the fish with color and ink. It was well done, clean, neat, planned out. I found the pin head interesting. It was another favorite. All the work was impressive. I know the materials we all have are limited, funds are tight, art teachers are overworked and under paid and the arts are always used as a bargaining tool for schools. Cut the arts if we don't get this or that.

To have the Guild highlight the senior artists in our county is huge.

Thank you and your committee for all the hard work that went into the planning of the event. It was greatly appreciated. The food, certificates, ribbons, photos, program and display was over the top!

Letter of Appreciation, A Natural View

Well done! Turn out for the reception was more than respectable. Food, wine was good and well presented. The show was well hung and the program and judge's remarks were thoughtful.

Letter from a Member

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Community Run.....It's almost here!

The Guild is participating in the Community Run again this year. AOM residents, Stephanie Mc Laughlin and Clyde Davis, have volunteered to represent us. The money we raise will be matched by her employer and the Community Fund. Let's all make an effort to donate a minimum of \$5. You can also run or walk for the cause and get your own sponsors for AOM/GCAG. The monies will go toward student scholarships as well as free classes for students in the community. We need our members to help with this fund raiser. Also we can win an additional \$500 for the best decorated table.

It's easy to donate!

Go to: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/2018cfrun>

Choose an amount listed or go to the empty amount button and type in the amount you want to donate. Once you put in your donation amount, make sure to type in your gift designation, Gaston County Art Guild. Then follow the remainder of the instructions on how to pay.

It's that easy!!!!

Please help **support the Community Run and the Gaston County Art Guild** so we can continue to support our community with the arts.

We thank you!

Looking for....

We have several positions that **MUST** be filled by the end of May 2018.

Memberships and Newsletter: If interested, please contact Angela Shafranski at shafranski@gmail.com

Grants Researcher and Writer: If interested, please contact Allison Maddox-King at comaki.designs@gmail.com

The AOM Gift Shop is looking for more 3D art. Please contact Jason Reynolds or Jane Newsome for more information.



Members,

We need your help.....

Is your art work being shown anywhere around Charlotte?

Have you been juried into a show anywhere in the country?

Do you know of a great show that we would enjoy seeing?

Do you know where we could go on an interesting fieldtrip?

Have you any ideas for a workshop or a contact person who would be a fabulous presenter?

Please let us know. Contact Angela Shafranski at shafranski@gmail.com or Jason Reynolds at j.reynoldsart@gmail.com

Spring is HERE! Let's get outside and get inspired to create!



Memberships

We would like to remind the **members who renew** their memberships via AOM and the **Resident Artists** who process the membership dues, that it is imperative that an application be filled out and is legible. This is the only documentation that we have to keep the memberships organized. Please take the extra minute to make other's job's easier and less time consuming.

We would like to thank our members that renewed and the ones who became new members in March, 2018.

Andrea Engelhardt, Susan Maxon, Robert Weeks and Marlynn Rutenburg

We couldn't do it without you!