



Monthly Newsletter of the Gaston County Art Guild

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President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

As we welcome Spring, something inside of us awakens, as all of nature. A time for re-birth and new creativity for all artisans. Our Guild calendar is full of opportunities this season, which are outlined in the newsletter.

As seasons change, so do organizations. On behalf of the Guild officers, I would like to announce the Guild is looking at an awesome space at the United Way building on Franklin Blvd. This affords us the opportunity to have a presence in downtown Gastonia.

In addition, the Guild's future with Arts On The Greenway is transforming. We will be transferring the Guild's lease with Mount Holly to the Mount Holly Development Foundation. Once accomplished (hopefully in April) the residents at AOTG will fall under the Foundation. This change includes expansion of our Board of Directors, who will serve as interim Board members until July 1st.

On behalf of our Board, I wish you a Spring full of creativity!

Artfully yours,

Cam Tracy
President GCAG

Have You Set Your Volunteer Schedule Yet?

The Gaston County Art Guild Needs You! Please consider ways you can help with our many opportunities including serving as a member of the Board of Directors, teaching a class or workshop or helping with shows and events, we will find an area that is suitable to you! For more information, please contact Cam Tracy, Camilla.k.tracy@gmail.com.

A NATURAL VIEW



Juried Art Exhibit April 5-29th

Presented by: **Bliss Gallery / Gaston County Art Guild**

Take in at **BLISS GALLERY: April 2nd 2-6pm**

Pick up **April 29th 2-6pm**

**Reception date: Friday, April 5th 6:30 to 8:30pm at Bliss Gallery
(25 N Main St. Belmont, NC)**

Theme: “*A Natural View*” will feature art that focuses on nature and may include original works of plants, animals or natural landscapes. The emphasis of the exhibit is NATURE. Please restrict work to these guidelines.

Eligibility: All artists eighteen years and older living in Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Mecklenburg and York Counties may submit up to two entries upon payment of a non-refundable entry fee.

Juried Judge: Larry Elder from Charlotte will be the judge. Larry is an art consultant and former founder/owner of Elder Gallery.

Specifications: Due to limited gallery space, only two works from each artist will be submitted. These may be two or three dimensional works and must have been completed within the last two years. Art must be in the original media, no copies, duplicates, prints, or computer-generated art will be accepted. Watercolors, pastels, drawings, and printmaking must be protected by glass or plexiglass, neutral mats and be framed and wired for hanging; paintings on canvas must have no side staples and be appropriately wired for hanging. Absolutely no paintings will be hung with string or saw-tooth hangers. Due to limited space, canvas and/ or **paper must not exceed 16 by 20 inches, and if framed, may not exceed 22 by 26 inches.** Maximum weight for sculpture is 100 pounds. All entries must be ready for display and available for purchase and must stand for the duration of the show. GCAG reserves the right to refuse any work that does not meet their standards & specifications.

Required for entries:

Entry fee of \$40 for GCAG members or \$50 for non-members

Identification label affixed to the hanger on back of work.

Identification label and inventory card typed or printed clearly.

Liability: Entries will be treated with care, but each artist retains liability for their work.

**Awards: Awards will be presented by the GCAG
April 5th at the Reception.**

**Commission: 40% to Bliss Gallery/Holy Angels,
50% to artists and 10% to guild.**

A Natural View Prospectus (Cont.)

Inventory card:

Artist: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Title 1. _____ Medium _____

Price _____ Dimensions _____

Title 2. _____ Medium _____

Price _____ Dimensions _____

To be filled out by Guild:

Payment type: _____

Receipt: _____ Amt. _____

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Please complete the info. below, cut out and affix to each entry:

First Entry

Artist _____ Phone _____

Title _____ Dimensions _____

Medium _____ Price _____

Second Entry

Artist _____ Phone _____

Title _____ Dimensions _____

Medium _____ Price _____

GCAG April Meeting

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Gaston County Police
Department
Community Room
420 W. Franklin Blvd.
Gastonia, NC**



**Meet & Greet 6-6:30 pm
Program begins at 6:30 pm**

Award-winning artist, Anne Cowie will be demonstrating “Creating with Indigo Dye.” Her 2-D work currently focuses on original marks made with traditional and non-traditional tools. These unique marks are combined with creative surfaces which she has handmade, assembled, designed and/or embellished. Anne will challenge you to explore Indigo Dye as a creative medium and she will encourage you to mix traditional materials with new ways of expression.

You do NOT want to miss this program!

It's not too late to become a member!

The Gaston County Art Guild is a membership driven organization dedicated to empowering and educating area artists. Although our fiscal year runs from July through June, we accept members throughout the year. In the past, memberships coincided with our fiscal year. But we recently implemented a new system where your membership will be valid from the month you joined until 12 months from then. To clarify, if you joined in April, your membership would be valid until the following March. We are in the process now of converting our system and will be in touch with each of you when your membership is due for renewal. If your membership has lapsed, we hope you will consider rejoining the Guild as we look ahead to a creative and artistic future for the Gaston County Art Guild.

For more information, please contact Linda Pellerin,
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**2019 Community Foundation Run
Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am
Rotary Pavilion,
Downtown Gastonia**

By designating the Gaston County Art Guild on your donation form, you will help our organization to continue to provide opportunities for artists in Gaston and surrounding counties.

Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

My gift to the Matching Fund, which supports ALL participating non-profit organizations _____.

My gift to participating non-profit organizations:

Gaston County Art Guild \$ _____

Total Gifts for 2019 Run:

(Match Fund & Non-Profits) _____

Completed Donor Form: Please mail to:

PO Box 123, Gastonia, NC 28053 or deliver to 1201 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28054 to the Gaston Community Foundation.

Or visit www.cfgaston.org/donate

All gifts must be made before 5:00 pm, Monday, April 22, 2019.



Artists Books—A Handmade Journey Now Thru March 29 Southern Arts Society, Inc. Kings Mountain, NC

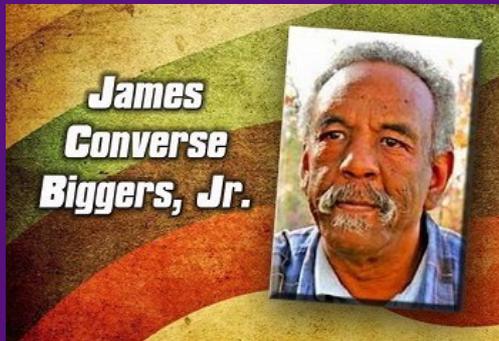


Featuring works by book artists:

Karen Bean, Amber Blackwood, Anne Cowie, Susan Doggett, Laura Gardner, Janet Kaufman, Bill Mason, Sandy Mason, Pam Perkins, Jewel Reavis, Deborah Rogers, Jean Silver, Lore Spivey, and the late Bonnie H. Price.

You don't want to miss this exhibit!

Gaston County Art Guild Remembers Jim Biggers



The Gaston County Art Guild lost a long-time member and friend when James (Jim) Biggers passed away. Jim was the nephew of John Biggers who was an internationally recognized art educator who was also from Gastonia. Jim and John worked as a team to create individual murals in government buildings both in Charlotte and Raleigh. In later years, Jim worked with computer graphics creating work based on sacred geometric designs. Jim worked closely with civic leaders in Gaston County to showcase a mural created by John Biggers which hangs on the exterior wall of the Schiele Museum. Jim was one of the founding members of the Gaston County Art Guild. He worked tirelessly as a Gaston County art teacher and he served as a Gaston County Arts Supervisor. He also taught at Gaston College and was a very active leader in the NCAEA. He was an amazing person, artist and leader and his wisdom and vision for Gaston County will be missed.

If you have an item for the ARTworks monthly newsletter, or the Weekly Update, please contact

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Deadlines:

ARTworks Newsletter—20th of each month

Weekly Updates—12 noon each Saturday



A Moment in Time

Fifth Annual Photographic Show & Exhibit

Presented by:

The Gaston County Art Guild and Gallery 132

May 3rd – May 24th, 2019

Entries accepted at Gallery 132

132 North Main St. Belmont NC, 28012

April 26th and April 27th (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Reception at Gallery 132:

Friday May 3rd (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Awards presented at 7:30 p.m.

Show ends: (May 24th)

Pick up work: (Saturday May 25th) 10:00am – 3:00pm

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Theme: Capturing that 'Moment in Time' that speaks to your creative soul.

