



**Gaston County Art Guild Newsletter
August 2018**

Letter from the Gaston County Art Guild President

Dear Guild Members

On behalf of our new Board, I hope you are having a relaxing and fabulous summer. We are excited about the upcoming Guild meetings, which will begin again in September. In our last newsletter, we told our members about our new program manager, Brenda Beard-Bostian, who is planning informative Guild meetings.

We continue to work on the expansion into Mount Holly and our new space in the Penegar buildings next June. On behalf of the Guild, I look forward to growing our membership this year, partnering with our greater Gaston communities and providing opportunities for exciting programs, art crawls and workshops.

We invite your participation and seek your talents to enrich our Guild!

Cam Tracy

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Letter from Brenda Beard-Bostian

I am eager to serve as your program chair for 2018-2019 because I believe that a Guild with strong and interesting programs is a valuable service to its members

We have scheduled exciting programs to help you grow as an artist and to help our community to continue to grow through the arts.

Our next newsletter will showcase future guest artists and speakers. **Please reserve the second Tuesday in each month for our meetings.**

I promise we will not disappoint. I welcome suggestions and requests for programs that you are interested in. I would also appreciate a volunteer to assist with programs and to train as program chair for 2019-20.

Please contact me at brendabostian@earthlink.net or 704-616-1865.

Our program for September 11, 2018 will be entitled "Legacy & Vision."

"Legacy"

We invite you to come meet and honor the living founding members of Gaston County's Art Guild. Sue Neerincx will lead a legacy presentation including pictures and introducing the people who contributed to our Guild's rich history. I know they will have interesting stories to share about the challenges they faced founding our Guild.

"Vision"

We welcome Phil Boggan, Economic Development Specialist for the City of Gastonia, who will lead the "Vision" portion of our program.

He and Lucy Penegar will discuss and present the city's plans for continued development of the Arts and Antiques Uptown growth which includes a new home and gallery for our Gaston County Art Guild.

"Transitions"

Cam Tracy, President, will introduce her vision for our Guild which includes ways to advocate and promote our artists as we collaborate and build connections. She will lead a discussion about exciting visual arts growth opportunities in both Gastonia and Mt. Holly that have been approved by our Board.

There will be a brief opportunity for questions and you are encouraged to put additional questions, comments and suggestions into writing. Paper and email addresses will be provided.

The visual arts are stronger in Gaston County thanks to the vision and leadership of our Guild, past and present. Join us to be informed. We trust that you will become an active part of the Gaston County Art Guild and embrace our exciting future.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting.

Brenda



Gaston County Art Guild at Mt. Holly

Arts on the Greenway, our new satellite location in Mt. Holly, will continue an AOM studio culture and expand into new areas of visual arts while supporting all the traditions of the Gaston County Art Guild. There are many ideas for additional expansion in Gastonia and in Mt. Holly but the Gastonia expansion will be in the Penegar Buildings, Franklin Blvd., in June 2019. A five year plan will be fashioned to help navigate the growth and provide opportunity for all members to volunteer. Details on new rental agreements and fees, move in dates and other updates will be forthcoming in e-blasts, posts to our web page and Facebook.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Please consider volunteering a little of your time each month. We are in need of volunteers for many areas but we have a couple of pressing jobs that we will need people to help with. We are looking for **someone who is willing to create the newsletter each month**, starting with the September newsletter. If someone is not found, we will no longer have any sort of publication. We also need **someone who can keep up with our social media presence**. Our new program manager, Brenda, needs a **volunteer to assist her with programs**.



Visual Harvest

Our annual juried Visual Harvest show will open September 7th. This is an opportunity for artists of varying mediums to show their work. We encourage not only painters but sculptors, potters, fiber artists, photographers, hot works, silversmiths and others to participate. It is with all of these mediums that true "Visual Harvest" is created. So....let's get busy and create something spectacular for this show. Carolyn Jacobs will jury and judge A Visual Harvest show. Carolyn teaches drawing, painting and Art Appreciation. She is the 2014 recipient of the CPCC Instructor of the year. Carolyn holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Drawing from the University of Tennessee and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Painting from Eastern Kentucky University. Her work is exhibited regionally and is in numerous private and public collections including Alice Lloyd College and the Governor of North Carolina. She is also a previous Visual Harvest winner. Please click on the following link for the prospectus.

http://www.gastoncountyartguild.com/uploads/8/8/2/3/8823068/visual_harvest_2018_002.pdf

Gaston County Art Guild Officers

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Artist's Opportunities

Gaston Arts Council, Regional Artist Project Grant 2019

<http://gastonarts.org/grants/for-artists/regional-artist-project-grant/>

The Art and Craft Fest

You are invited to apply for participation in a Fine Art and Craft Fest sponsored by the Catawba River Artisans. This event will be held on the grounds of the Lakewood Professional Park at 5803 Wilkinson Blvd., in Belmont, NC. This is a juried, outdoor show. All art must be original and the creation of the exhibitor. No kits, items from kits, imports, or arts and crafts supplies may be shown or sold. The festival will be held rain or shine, no refunds will be given due to inclement weather. Please contact Renee Clemmer at r.clayhouse@gmail.com for more information and for an application.



What's Happening?

The 2018 Downtown Gastonia **Summer Concert Series**, presented by the Rotary Club of Gastonia East, runs every other Friday evening through Aug. 10th, 2018. The DJ starts at 6pm, and the band starts at 7pm.

Here is the remaining schedule.

July 27th: The Entertainers - Cruise-In Give Away (\$1000.00)

August 10th: Eagles Tribute Band ~ Fireworks at 9pm

This should be a lot of fun so come out and spend the evening listening to some great music!



Members Out and About

Congratulations to **C.M. 'Kit' Kakassy** for her first place win in the SASI art competition "A Fresh Look."



Congratulations to the following **GCAG** members for their awards for SASI's "Trail" competition.

First Place: Ellen Devenney

Second Place: Lynne Parker

Third Place: Alex Pietersen

Workshops

Marlynn Rutenberg will be giving a workshop on Exploring and Creating Abstract and Non Objective Art on August 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2018 at Arts on Main, 212 Main Ave., Gastonia, NC. Please follow this link for more information. Join Marlynn for some messy FUN!!!
<http://www.gastoncountyartguild.com/>



Thank You!

Thank you to all of our new members and our many renewals. We appreciate you all. We could never do this without you. Please try to set aside a couple of hours a month and volunteer so that we can expand our Guild and offer more programs to our community. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Wanda Campbell at wwjc501@gmail.com.

