



## December GCAG Newsletter

Greetings from Arts on Main.

In support of the Christmas Festival on Sunday, December 3 which includes an artisan's fair, the Christmas Parade and the Christmas Tree lighting, we welcome members to stop in and shop at the Holly Days Market. We will be open 11-6 pm. There are a variety of unique, hand-crafted items which are reasonably priced to choose from for the holidays. Our holiday hours are Wed-Sat from 11 until 6 pm.

Congratulations to the Miniature Show Winners!

1st place: Susan Walker, Shimmer.

2nd place: Debra Martin, Sacred Rite.

3rd place: Jane Newsom, The Beginning, The Middle, and The End.

Honorable Mention: Debra Martin, Golden Days.

Honorable Mention: Brenda Bostian, Garden Party

Honorable Mention: Martha Moore, Hydrant Man

**December 13** is our *Christmas Potluck Dinner* as well as our monthly meeting. Please bring a dish to share.

Our Guest Speaker will be **Gary Shockley** who is a resident artist at Arts on Main as well as being a motivational speaker, visual artist, sand artist and entertainer. As a sought after speaker and Sand Artist, Gary tells stories in a way that excites the imagination, inspire others to action and motivates people to become their own best works of art.

Gary's audiences include corporate events, churches, conferences, and retreats. He is a well traveled artist having painted *en plein air* (in the fresh air) in Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, France, China, and across the US. He loves to teach art to those who *can not draw a straight line*. Participants in his classes leave uplifted with a desire and ability to see themselves and the surrounding world with new eyes.

Gary lives near Charlotte with his wife Kim, dog Zoe, and a wonderful company of friends. He is the director of Arts on Main where he maintains his studio. You may preview some of Gary's work including a SandArtistry promotional video at [www.garyshockley.wordpress.com](http://www.garyshockley.wordpress.com)

## Events

**Inner Artist** Friday December 9 @ 7 pm. at Arts on Main.

Cost \$30 per person which includes TWO green stemmed wine/water goblets, water based enamel paint, holiday designs with step by step instructions. Participants will create wonderful artwork anyone would be proud to display in their home or give as a special gift. If interested call [704-865-4224](tel:704-865-4224) to reserve your space in the class. Make checks payable to GCAG or if paying with cash or credit, payment will be accepted on the night of the event. All proceeds benefit Arts on Main.

**Wine and Unwind Paint Party** Saturday December 10 @ Arts on Main. Two classes to choose from: 3-5 pm and 6-8 pm. Come paint *Winter Wonderland*. \$30 per person which includes all supplies to create a winter scene painting. Reserve your space by contacting instructor Deveta Glenn at [cre8art521@gmail.com](mailto:cre8art521@gmail.com) or call [704-813-7525](tel:704-813-7525).

## Art Quotes

*I dream my painting and I paint my dream.*  
Vincent Van Gogh

*Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others.*  
Johnathan Swift