



**Gaston County Art Guild Newsletter  
February 2018**

**Letter from the President**

Dear *GCAG* Members,

We are off to a great start with much excitement for the coming year of 2018. We will be spring boarding off the incredible work of our past president Susan Walker, our dedicated board members/committees and talented members. It is with this talent in mind that *GCAG* will continue to develop and stay focused on our mission.

*GCAG's* calendar remains strong with seven shows along with our senior student flagship fundraiser. The workshop calendar is taking shape with an emphasis on promotion and community outreach. The gift shop will take on new light with Gastonia's downtown promise of urban redevelopment and new restaurants. Our resident artists continue to add presence to our community and many have embarked on community art festivals and shows.

As many of you know, this year will be our most pivotal with the sale of the Arts on Main building. As we prepare to move forward, it will be even more important to stay mindful of this organization being an all-volunteer organization. A volunteer organization whose members are inspiring stewards of cultivating art in and around our community. That is something all of us can be proud of.

Happy New Year to us, one and all!!

Michelle Hult



### Gallery Show

The new show in the Arts on Main gallery is the High School Senior Show. This show will run through February 22<sup>nd</sup>, with awards being presented at the **reception on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00pm.**

The judges were Deveta Glen and Brenda Beard-Bostian.

Please come by and see the student's amazing artwork Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Join us for the reception and show your support to Gaston County's talented young artists.

### February Guild Meeting

Our February meeting will be held at 6:00 pm at Arts on Main on **February 13<sup>th</sup>.**

After a brief business meeting, colored pencil artist **Ron Shepard** will show us the difference between the pencils he uses and demonstrate how to get the best results from each type of pencil. Ron will also have several types of paper that can be used with the colored pencils. He'll work with us on blending colors and show how to use substances like Turpenoid when blending. For inspirational purposes, he will set up a display of his paintings that will show us there are different ways of creating art with colored pencils.

Please save the date and join us for a fun filled night.

**See you there!**



## What's Happening?

Featured artist, at the **Charlotte Fine Art Gallery for Jan/Feb 2018**, is native Charlottean, **Romare Bearden (1911-1988)**.

All works will be on display and available for purchase.

If you missed the exhibit last year, this is your opportunity to enjoy a wonderful collection. The remaining 35 signed and numbered/limited edition prints are available for acquisition.

A percentage (25%) of the proceeds will benefit Brain Cancer Research with the recipients being Levine Cancer Center in Charlotte and Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University Hospital.



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## Egyptian Tapestries

Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Centre, Egypt  
February 2 to March 11, 2018

Open everyday, 9-5

### Artists Weaving in Wool

Mahrous Abdou, Reda Ahmed,  
Nadra Aziem, Soad Aziem,  
Nagla Farouk, Nagah Ibrahim,  
Taheya Ibrahim, Basima Mohamed,  
Sabra Saoud

### Artists Weaving in Cotton

Nadra Abdallah, Hanem Abd el Hay,  
Reda Abd el Hay, Saiid Chaaban,  
Abd el Chafy Chaaban, Adel Chahat,  
Halawa Mohamed, Gyhan Rizk

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Soad Aziem weaving at the Art Centre in Giza, Egypt



### First exhibition in the Carolinas

Learn the 65 Year History: [wissawassef.com](http://wissawassef.com)

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Reda Ahmed / Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Centre

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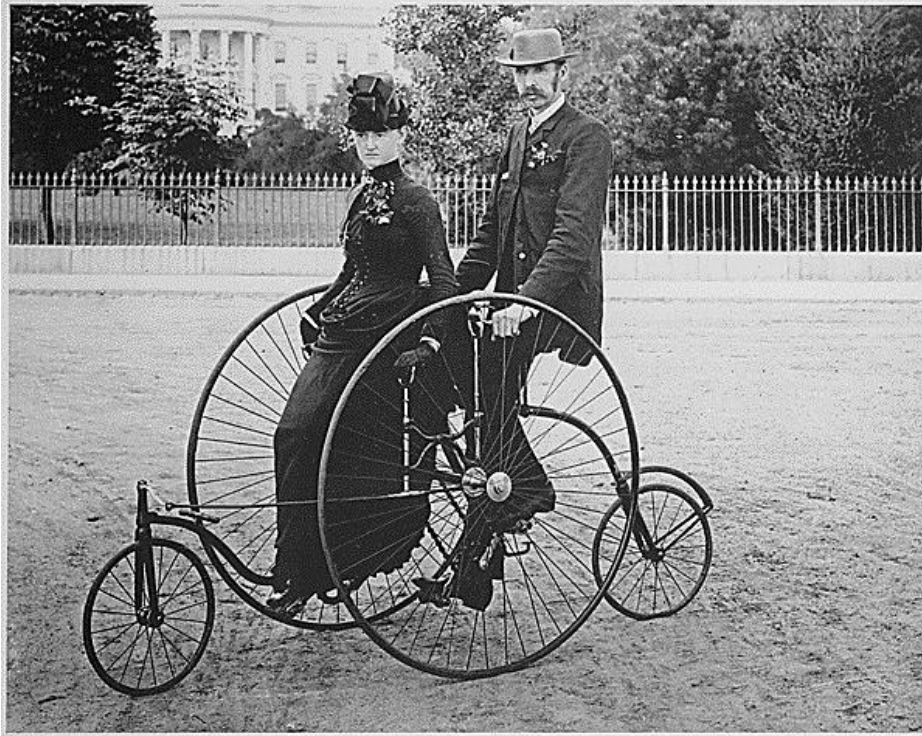


Ramses Wissa Wassef  
Tapestries  
Giza, Egypt [wissawassef.com](http://wissawassef.com)

## Design Fashion Show

April 2018 Earth Day

For more information, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8TRM2YN>



## Membership

As you know, we are trying to get all of our members on the same renewal month, July. Starting in 2018, we will be pro-rating the months left until July 2018 and then adding the yearly membership fee to that which will take everyone to July 2019. This will be explained in the letter that is emailed to each person who renews. We thank you for your understanding.

**If you have legitimate questions, please contact Angela Shafranski @ [shafranskip@gmail.com](mailto:shafranskip@gmail.com).**

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

Darlene Brown, Betty and Wayne Fulford, Vicki Gill, Deborah Hamer, David McGuire, Maureen McHenry, Cass Roberts and Rachel Schaffer

**We couldn't do it without you!**

