



Monthly Newsletter of the Gaston County Art Guild & Arts on the Greenway

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President's Message

Dear Art Guild Members,

As I write this, we are nearing the winter solstice and longer days. Ancient people were aware of nature's seasons and survived because of their creativity. Today, artists create because they are inspired by the beauty of nature and want to share it. Passion to create art is a way of surviving - it stirs souls. And sometimes we make money!



Musing over the last few months, I have realized the best thing about the Guild is our community of talented artists who inspire us with their works of art. We learn and grow from each other within this community of talented artisans passionate about art.

On behalf of the Guild, I wish you a wonderful and prosperous 2019! I look forward to seeing you at our Guild programs and shows. Thank you for all you do to enhance our greater community with your gifts of creativity and time.

Artfully yours,
Cam Tracy
President GCAG & AOTG

There will be NO January Monthly Meeting!

The Gaston County Art Guild & Arts on the Greenway are on hiatus in January and will have no monthly meeting or program. Please see page 2 for the February and March meetings and programs.



GCAG Needs You!

As we enter 2019, please consider ways you can help the Gaston County Art Guild, we have many opportunities for you. Whether its serving as a member of the Board of Directors to teaching a class or workshop or helping with shows or events, we will find an area that is suitable to you! For more information, please contact Cam Tracy, Camilla.k.tracy@gmail.com.

GCAG February Program

**Tuesday, February 12, 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**



PROGRAM

Guest artist, oil painter Robin Wellner, will present a program on using the Zorn Palette. Come check out a new approach and the powerful use of limited color.



GCAG March Program



**Tuesday, March 12, 2019
Cherubs & Bliss Gallery
25 N. Main St.
Belmont, NC
Meet & Greet 6-6:30 pm**

Holy Angels is hosting our March meeting and the Guild, in turn, will donate art supplies for the resident artists at Holy Angels to use as they create artworks for Bliss Gallery. This is the rescheduled December, 2018 meeting.

We are excited about this opportunity to change our community through the arts while supporting such a worthwhile organization.

For more info: Brenda Bostian, Brendabostian@earthlink.net.

Please note: If you bought art supplies for Holy Angels for the December meeting and did not get a chance to drop them off at Holy Angels, you may do so at anytime during the day or save them for the March meeting.

Intuitive Painting Workshop



Featuring Liz McKay

Mean Muse Studios

January 11, 2019!

10:00 am—12:00 pm

Arts on the Greenway

500 E. Central Ave.

Mount Holly, NC

Designed to release your artistic curiosity and sense of play with the ultimate objective of awakening your deep creative spirit. Working with blocks of color and line, we will begin by creating several quick, five minute paintings before moving on to creating one or two larger works. All of the paintings will utilize a variety of mediums on watercolor paper and can be cropped to suit for either mounting on panel or matted for framing.

Employing multiple mediums requires a lot of stuff, but don't let that dissuade you. Below is a list of the most commonly used materials. Please don't feel that you have to go out and buy all of this at once, just bring what you have on hand.

Cheap drawing paper or copier paper (20 sheets)	Water soluble graphite pencils
140 lb. Watercolor Paper	NuPastel or Woodless Color
Assorted acrylic paints	Spray bottle for water
Assorted paint brushes	Jar for water (brush cleaning)
Charcoal & conte	Paper towels
Drawing pencils	Matte Gel Medium
Ball point pens	Glue & glue sticks
Assorted markers (Sharpies, Microns, Pitt)	Knitting needle, box cutter blades or scraper blades
Colored pencils	Scissors
Watercolor pencils	Blue painters tape
Watercolor crayons	

Cost: \$35 GCAG Members

\$40 for Non-Members

All Skill Levels Welcome

TO REGISTER VISIT

gastoncountyartguild.com or nc-kennedyart.weebly.com

or email nkennedyart@gmail.com subject line

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AOTG Update

Happy Holidays to everyone in the Guild from the resident artists at Arts on the Greenway.

Thank you to everyone who set up tables and brought artwork to sell during the Holly Days Marketplace in November and December. Our resident artists were on hand to provide tours of the facility, with over 250 people in attendance during the month-long event.

This month we are hoping to paint a garden wall mural on the side and front walls of the kitchen area and set up our new library. We also hope to paint and decorate the bathroom off the kitchen. Work will begin the first Saturday in January and continue through the month until our goals are met. Volunteers are needed and welcome.

Looking ahead to February, we hope to set up the new Gift Shop at the front entrance facing Central Avenue. We also hope to hang large gray curtains in the gallery area in the warehouse.

We need member support to accomplish our goals to make Arts on the Greenway all it can be. We appreciate any and all help, no matter how small. If you can offer any assistance with any of these projects, please contact Dottie Scher, 704.689.2247 or dscherws@yahoo.com.

Annual Senior Show

The GCAG & AOTG will be partnering with Gaston College for the Annual High School Senior show in February.

Exhibit runs from Monday, February 11 to
Friday, March 22, 2019

Entries Accepted Monday, February 4
Jean Rauch Gallery
Gaston College

Reception and Awards
Thursday, February 21
5:30-7:30 pm

Public, private, and home schools have been invited to participate.

This project is supported by the NC Arts Council, a division of Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.





Happy New Year!



As artists, we draw upon inspiration from life, personal experiences, love of family, friends and communion with nature and God. May 2019 bring you the experiences you seek to further your artistic ability for your benefit and the benefit of all.

Happy New Year from the Board of Directors of the Gaston County Art Guild and Arts on the Greenway!



If you have an item for the ARTworks monthly newsletter, or the Weekly Update, please contact Linda Pellerin, publicity@gastoncountyartguild.com.

**Deadlines: ARTworks Newsletter—20th of each month
Weekly Updates—12 noon each Saturday**