



**Gaston County Art Guild Newsletter
July 2018**

Message from the President, Cam Tracy

I look forward to serving on the Board for the Gaston County Art Guild. Firstly, to be an advocate to promote our artists and secondly, to continue the mission of giving vitality to the arts in Gaston County.

Serving on the Board will be an opportunity to be that advocate and voice to make connections and create good will in our greater Gaston community. The arts bring people together and give them a shared sense of community, while enriching all who participate.

My strong points are a willingness to collaborate with others to build valuable networks and relationships. I am willing to learn all I can about the Guild and hope to channel my creative energy and passion towards increasing our membership and finding creative ways to market the Guild.

Cam Tracy



Please welcome the new Gaston County Art Guild Officers

President: Cam Tracy, president@gastoncountyartguild.com

1st Vice President: Dottie Scher, vice.president1@gastoncountyartguild.com

2nd Vice President: Jason Reynolds, vice.president2@gastoncountyartguild.com

Treasurer: Stephanie McLaughlin, treasurer@gastoncountyartguild.com

Secretary: Hazel Pearce, secretary@gastoncountyartguild.com

If you need to contact the Guild's officers, please do NOT use their personal e-mails. Instead, use the e-mails above. Thank you.



Great News for the Gaston County Art Guild!

In May, we e-blasted information to our members explaining that the city of Mt. Holly had offered us space in their Massey building. Their agreement is very similar to the one we had with the city of Gastonia which provided studio rentals at under market rates. The agreement with Mt. Holly is a great opportunity for GCAG to expand the arts in Gaston County. We will also continue to have a large presence in Gastonia, where the Guild has existed for 54 years.

On June 26th, the Board was presented with an offer to occupy space in what is known as the Penegar buildings located at 164, 170, and 176 Franklin Blvd. The developer will renovate the Guild's area to meet its needs. Renovations will start in the fall with completion scheduled for June, 2019.

In the meantime, we will operate from Arts on Main and Mt. Holly once we obtain occupancy of the Massey building which is expected to be in August or September.

We believe that both locations will provide more opportunities for artists. The Mt. Holly facility has space which can accommodate "hot arts." To our knowledge, there are few, if any, spaces in Gaston County where this is available.

With its close proximity to Charlotte, we believe we can increase our membership, as well as offer studios at a much lower cost than the going rate in Charlotte. We know definitively that the rental rates for the new building at Charlotte Art League have prompted some artists to look elsewhere.

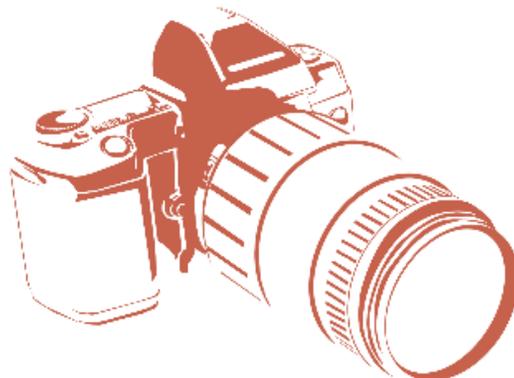
There is much work to be done and we will need your support. We believe we can provide more artist studios, and increase our involvement in Gaston County. The opportunities are endless. We will keep you informed as work progresses.

The Gallery at Arts on Main

Our 4th annual 'Moment in Time' Photography show is now in our gallery at Arts on Main and will be available for the public to see until July 19, 2018. If you haven't seen all of the great work, please take a few minutes and visit us at 212 Main Ave., Friday and Saturday from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Our reception was held on June 23rd and we had a great turn out! This year, we invited the under 18 crowd to join the show. We had some fantastic entries from this group so we hope to continue to expand it each year.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make sure this show took place and was a success. A big thanks to our judge, Randy McNeilly of McNeilly Photography, Shelby, NC.



Congratulations to all of the winners!

The winners from the 18 and older group are as follows:

Black and White

First Place: Stacey Rubenstein, "Perspective"

Second Place: Patricia Pietersen, "Splash"

Third Place: Lynne Parker, "Weather Balloon"

Color

First Place: Ellen Devenny, "Return to Spring"

Second Place: Stacey Rubenstein, "Growing Pains"

Third Place: Jane Newsom, "The Journey Starts"

Open Category

First Place: Angela Shafranski, "In Mourning"

Second Place: Ellen Devenny, "Wise One"

Third Place: Tom Pacheco, "The Gatherings"

The winners from the under 18 group are as follows:

Black and White

First Place: Madellaine King, "A New Era"

Second Place: Lauren Messer, "Noir et Blanc"

Third Place: Kayla Mason, "The Dock"

Color

First Place: Madellaine King, "Age of Steam"

Second Place: Lauren Messer, "Sorella"

Third Place: Kayla Mason, "Key to Hope"

Open

First Place: Lauren Messar, "Spit"

Second Place: Madellaine King, "Reminiscing"

Third Place: Lysie Weathers, "Mystic River"



Correction Corner:

In this month's newsletter we have a couple of corrections to make from June's newsletter.

Corrections to Wanda Meekins' 'Swan Song' article are as follows.

Renee Matthews and other artist friends of Dennis' found another place to work. Those core artists made a deal with the city of Gastonia to open Arts on Main. Those dedicated artists were, **Dennis Shook, James Norman, Brenda Bostian** and **Lorene Lovell**.

Nancy Shannon invited the ladies from Lake Wylie; Barbara Davis, Lynn Schilling, **Nancy Valrance** and Susan Walker to come and paint at AOM.

Community Run Correction

When we updated our members on the **Community Run**, we left out **Suzi Nash** in our thanks. Suzi has **managed our participation in this program for the last several years and is the reason that the Guild has been involved**. Thank you, Suzi, for all of your time and effort with this. We appreciate you!

Members Out and About

Allison Mattox-King has several shows coming up through July. If you are in the area, please drop by and see her.

June 28th-July 1, **Fanboy Comic Con**, Knoxville, TN

July 21, **Be a Hero Comic Con**, Lincolnton, NC

July 28-29, **Asheville Anime Con**, Asheville, NC

Paul Shafranski has a 'Gallery Exhibition' at the Aiken Center for the Arts, Aiken, SC, until July 27th. If you get a chance, please stop in and see his work.

Congratulations, Paul!

<http://aikencenterforthearts.org/>



What's Happening?

Gaston Arts Council is seeking teaching artists to present one hour Interactive Art Sessions in the following disciplines: Painting, Drawing, Ceramics, Sculpture, Printmaking, Book Arts, Jewelry, Mosaic, Photography, Animation, Cartooning and Other. Activity needs to be hands on - you'll work with participants to create something artistic for them to take home. **The timeframe is Sept 2018 to June 2019 with various dates.**

Please provide a detailed description of what your teaching session would be - as well as anticipated art material/supply cost.

Once the details are worked out, you'll receive an artist agreement indicating the amount you'll be compensated for the one hour session as well as the amount of the art supply reimbursement. For more information, please contact the Arts Council at <http://gastonarts.org/contact-us/>

Two great opportunities in Mt. Holly

Mt. Holly will host the next Art Crawl on Friday, September 14, 2018. *GCAG* will be featured among the arts and be centrally located downtown as a new participant in this annual fall street festival which includes live bands and food trucks. Stay tuned for more information!

Grand Hall, Mt. Holly, NC

Each year, The Merry Market is hosted in the Grand Hall, Mt. Holly, across the street from what will soon be one of *GCAG's* new locations. They typically limit entrants due to a limited number of booth spaces. If any artist's application is declined for the Grand Hall, that will create an overflow of artists wanting booth space. The Massey building is a great location to attract that overflow. This will be an excellent opportunity for artists to be featured in the new Massey Building location across the street.

Registration for the Grand Hall ends July, 31, 2018.
Overflow information will soon follow.

More Happenings

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 13th: Jim Quick & Coastline

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!

Guild Meetings

Our next Guild meeting will not be held until September, as we take the summer off. Stay cool and enjoy your summer!

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!!

A BIG THANK YOU to Brenda Beard-Bostian who has stepped up to be the Guild's director of programs for Guild meetings for 2018-19.

Volunteer Corner

The Gaston County Art Guild has so many great ideas for expansion; more and better shows, making more of an impact in the Gaston County community, etc. Many of these great ideas have been placed on the back burner for a few years now and other great ideas are new. We cannot put them all into effect without the help of our members. If it is important to you that the Gaston county community has an involved Art Guild, artistically supporting the adults but also the children who enjoy the arts, please give some of your time. We need you. Your community needs you. Whatever you enjoy doing, let us know. We may be able to use your talent to help build the Guild. Please help us by sharing what you like to do. Here are a few ideas you can choose from. (**"Remote" signifies volunteering from home/off-site**) Membership (Remote), Fundraising/Grants (Remote), Social Media (Remote), Graphic Design (Remote), Event Facilitation, Other. We THANK YOU!!

We hope everyone has a great summer!!

