



**Gaston County Art Guild Newsletter
June 2018**

At our May Guild meeting, this slate of officers was presented and there were no nominees from the floor. Therefore, **we will vote them in at our June meeting.** Because we did not have any floor nominations, there will be no need to mail ballots. Once we have our June meeting and vote the nominees into office, their term will start on July 1, 2018. Please give our new Board as much support as possible. Our Guild should continue to thrive and grow under their leadership.



Below are the nominees and their resumes. Please read over them and familiarize yourself with what they bring to the Guild Board, effective July 1st.

Cam Tracy - President

Education: BA in Liberal Arts, Masters in Pastoral Ministries and Pastoral Education at Atrium Health. Classes at Durham Co. College for Real Estate.

Boards: Schiele Museum and Gastonia Morning Toastmasters, along with several Church boards.

Career experience: Presently teaching at Butler Studio as an oil painting instructor, teaching a class at Arts on Main for beginning oil paint students. I worked several years at the Chamber of Commerce in Gastonia and the Mount Holly Chapter. My job included membership, retention and organizing net-working events. Served as Director of Faith Formation for children and adults for St. Michaels (Gastonia) and St Ann's Catholic Church (Charlotte.)
Reiki Practitioner

Volunteer Organizations: PEO - Philanthropic Educational Organization which raises money to provide educational opportunities for women.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at my parish (Queen of the Apostles in Belmont) served as Coordinator for several years.

Volunteer Chaplain at Gaston Memorial Hospital

Gastonia Morning Toastmasters

Donate artwork for several charities



Dottie Scher - 1 Vice President

Born and raised in Gastonia, NC

Education: Gaston Day, 1974

Meredith College, 1978: BA in Psychology and Religion

Boards and Councils:

Interagency Child Abuse Council of Gaston County, President, Treasurer and various others.

Work Experience:

Worked 24 years in various positions in Child Welfare. Worked as the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Gaston, customer service, telemarketing, public relations and sales. I am now retired and available to lend my experience and knowledge to the Gaston County Art Guild.

Artistic Experience:

Physical Arts: Knitting, Crocheting. Other artistic endeavors; Needlepoint, Petitpoint, Tatting, Weaving, Hand Looms, Ceramics, Pottery (Wheel and Coil), Painting, Collages, Quilting. I joined the Crochet Guild of America in 2016 and am pursuing my Masters Certification in Advanced Stitches and Techniques and Fundamentals of Crochet.

Volunteer Work:

1984: Founded The Child Assault Prevention Project of Gaston County,

1984: Interagency Child Abuse Council, 1985: The Adolescent Parenting Council,

1986: Gaston 2000, 1999 - 2012: The Interagency Child Abuse Council of Gaston County, Inc., 2012 - 2014 Prevent Child Abuse Gaston

Jason Reynolds - 2 Vice President

Jason Attended Gaston College and Western Carolina University. He currently is an Assistant Manager for CVS/Health with retail experience for 21 years. Is also a working artist for the last 15 years specializing in graphic design and formal art. Current Curator of Arts on Main and Webmaster of the GCAG website. Jason also has a long list of theatre art experience ranging from acting, directing, set design, makeup and costuming.

Jason is a native of Lincoln County North Carolina. He currently lives in Gastonia.

Stephanie McLaughlin - Treasurer

Education: Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, Masters in Business Administrations.

Boards: Arizona State Extended Education Board, Gaston County Art Guild

Career experience: Nearly 34 years with Bank of America in various management roles. Currently serve as manager of the Bank's Global Card Contract Negotiations team. Previous management roles include Finance management, Projects, Proposal Management and Risk Management.

Volunteer Organizations: Bank of America's Lead for Women organization. Intergenerational Group and the Bank of America Volunteer Network. Serve multiple times per year with Second Harvest Food Bank and donate artwork for several charities.

Hazel Pearce - Secretary

Education: BA in Elementary Education from University of Washington.

Career experience: Elementary education teacher. Served as Director of Spouse Programs for University of Tennessee Business School Conference. I worked as a Nursing Home Administrator for 12 years in Alexandria, Va. Bookkeeper for Nursing Home in Bremerton. Administrative Assistant at YWCA for Iowa State University. Licensed Pilot and piloted private plane until 3 years ago.

Volunteer Organizations: Habitat for Humanity - accounts receivable, Under Sea Museum Store, Mentor for Gaston County School System, Catherine's House as receptionist, member of BCO (Belmont Community Org) and Gaston County Art Guild as a volunteer in the gallery and receptions.

Please give your new Officers a warm welcome.



My Swan Song

by Wanda Meekins

Seven years ago a group of ladies and I were taking private watercolor lessons from Dennis Shook, a Past President of *GCAG*. Our class was held in an old house on Second Avenue. We were enjoying ourselves; learning all types of painting techniques and color theory.

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 Jackie Dunford, Stacey Pilkington-Smith, Dennis Shook, Brenda Bostian, Nancy Valarance and Lorene Lovell. They began to create an art space that morphed into the center of the Arts District of Gastonia. Lorene asked me to join them and rent a studio too. Making the decision to come to AOM opened so many doors for me and changed my life forever.



My friends and family came to see my "new" art studio! I was so excited to be a part of such a phenomenal group of Resident Artists. Since coming to AOM I have grown as an artist. My mantra became, be Prepared, be Persistent, Pray and Paint.



I met some artists that told me about Kanuga and Springmaid Watermedia workshops. We became the Friday Painters. Nancy Shannon invited the ladies from Lake Wylie; Barbara Davis, Lynn Schilling, Susan Walker and Libby Joye. Hazel Pearce from Belmont rounded out the group.



As time went on the bond grew between us. Susan Walker became the President of GCAG and I worked in the capacity of Vice President of the Guild. Positive changes took place within the Guild and the physical look of AOM improved under Susan's leadership. Now that I have completed my term as Vice President/Interim President, I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve the Guild.

I've learned how to work as a team player and to step out on faith that I could accept the challenges we have encountered since 2011.

A new slate of officers will take up the mantle in July. Arts on Main will never be the same but I will have fond memories of the lessons learned and the friends I have made. Thank you for your support, encouraging words, laughs, lunches and most importantly, thank you for your love.

Peace out....

Artistically yours,
Wanda

Gallery

The present show in our gallery at Arts on Main is #SavetheVultures.

The artist, Molly Shores, a student of CPCC, shares her drawings and paintings of the scavenging birds of prey in conjunction with The Carolina Raptor Center. Molly has illustrated portraits and paintings of the surviving vulture species for sale. Prints will also be available for purchase with 60% of the proceeds benefiting The Carolina Raptor Center. The installation and portraits will be available until the show ends on June 8th.

If you have questions about the venue contact The Gaston County Art Guild at (704) 865-4224.

For questions about the art, please contact the artist: Molly Shores at (704) 816 9518.

Upcoming Show

The next show that will be in our gallery is "**A Moment in Time.**" This is our 4th annual photography show and will run from June 13th to July 19th.

New this year will be an under 18 category. We've worked hard to get this information out to the Gaston County Public and private High Schoolers and the county's home-schooled kids. We hope to see a good number enter their photography into this show.

We would like to take this time to thank the members who have made it possible for the under 18 category to receive monetary awards. We would also like to thank Mr. Josh Adkins and Dr. Lidia Adkins for their generous donation toward this show on behalf of the Gaston County School of the Arts. Mr. Josh Adkins is the director of the school and his wife, Dr. Lidia Adkins, is the owner of Carolinas Weight Loss Institute.

Take In: June 8th and June 9th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Reception: June 23rd, 6:30 to 8:30 with awards presented at 7:00 pm.

Take Down: July 20th and July 21st from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

For more information, please click the link below.

<http://www.gastoncountyartguild.com/home/a-moment-in-time-2018>

Update on the Community Foundation Run

We're sending A HUGE thank you to all who contributed on behalf of the GCAG for **Stephanie McLaughlin** and **Clyde Davis'** participation in the Community Foundation Fun Run on April 14th.

Clyde and Stephanie set up a booth and brought out the sidewalk chalk to give out to kids and adults to color and decorate the sidewalks. It was a huge hit!

Louise McLaughlin and **Dottie Scher** helped to man the booth and take it down after the event while Stephanie participated in the 2k fun walk on behalf of the Guild!

They met new friends and were able to bring some into the Gallery and gift shop during AOM's open hours. Because of their efforts, we have raised nearly \$1,900.

A special thanks to Bank of America Matching Funds of \$450 for Bank employees that contributed to this year's event.



Members Out and About

Congratulations to Barbara O'Neal Davis! Barbara won a Bronze level WSA Signature Member Award for her watercolor, "Proud", in the Watercolor Society of Alabama's Annual National Exhibition. This means that her work has been chosen for inclusion in this show six times. Way to go, Barbara!!

Please visit the following website to see all of the wonderful works in this juried competition.

<https://watercolorsocietyofal.org/exhibition/77th-annual-national-exhibition/>



Allison Mattox-King has several shows coming up now 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

Stephanie McLaughlin Davis donated a watercolor of Hydrangeas to the **Exceptional Foundation of Charlotte** for their annual Dinnertainment fundraiser. The painting sold for \$250 contributing to their huge success. Here is a link to their website <https://www.tefcharlotte.org/>.

Paul Shafranski has been invited to have a 'Gallery Exhibition' at the Aiken Center for the Arts, Aiken, SC. He will be showing 30-40 pieces of his original artwork. The exhibit will run from **June 19th - July 27th**, 2018. The **reception will be on Thursday, June 21st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. What a great opportunity! Congratulations, Paul! <http://aikencenterforthearts.org/>

Thank You

The Board would like to recognize and thank **Davis Goodman, Jack Kiser, Dave McGuire, Willie Meekins and Joseph Brown** for their time and effort in moving supplies and furniture in anticipation of the upcoming remodeling and closing of building D.

It has been necessary to relocate our office as well as "downsize". Habitat for Humanity made two trips to pick up items no longer being used. For the time being, we would appreciate that our members not donate any items to the Guild due to limited space.

We would also like to acknowledge and **thank Jane Newsom and Jason Reynolds** for relocating our gift shop. Jane and Jason both work and somehow made time to handle this project which was not a small task. Their experience in retail reflects in our new look! We hope that you will **stop by and check it out**.

*****IMPORTANT CHANGES*****

NEW HOURS FOR ARTS on MAIN, effective June 1, 2018.

Closed Sunday through Thursday

Open Friday and Saturday, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Call to Artists

Gallery 120, Clover, SC is currently seeking proposals for solo and group exhibits for the 2019 calendar year! Mediums and themes will be considered for exhibition. There is no fee to enter. Registration and participation are open to ALL! Submit your entries via email to gallery120@cloversc.org with the Subject Line: **Monthly Artist**

Feature Submission along with the following:

5-7 high-resolution images of your artwork, including title, medium, size & price (if applicable) Artist bio and/or statement

Artist contact info (name, email, phone number)

For more information, feel free to contact [Amy Gonzalez](mailto:Amy.Gonzalez@cloversc.org) at 803-222-9493.

Download flyer [here](#).

Arts Council of York County, is currently accepting entries for their 29th Annual Juried Competition.

Entry Deadline, June 15, 2018

The 29th Annual Juried Competition exhibit includes original work in 2D, 3D and video, created in the last two years, and not previously shown at the **Center for the Arts | Dalton Gallery, 121 E. Main St. Rock Hill, SC.**

Show runs July 20th - September 9th

Reception, August 16th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm



What's Happening?

Gaston County Summer Movie Series!



The 2018 Downtown Gastonia **Summer Concert Series**, presented by the Rotary Club of Gastonia East, runs every other Friday evening starting May 18th through Aug. 10th, 2018. The DJ starts at 6pm, and the band starts at 7pm.

Here is the remaining schedule.

June 1st: Journey Tribute Band - "Brew & Chew" ~ Local Food Trucks & Local Breweries

June 15th: Blackwater Rhythm & Blues

June 29th: Fantastic Shakers

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!

Schiele Museum, Gastonia, NC

The Schiele has lots of things going on in June. Please click the link below for their event calendar. Here is one you might enjoy.

Clash of the 'Bots

Saturday, June 16

9 AM - 5 PM

Robots invade the Schiele Museum! See teams of robot builders from across the US compete for supremacy.

Cheer for your favorite team as they play hockey and battle in the arena. Enjoy hands-on robotic crafts and activities. <http://www.schielemuseum.org/>



June Guild Meeting

Our next Guild meeting will be held at Arts on Main in the Common Area on June 12th at 6:00 pm. We will be technically voting our new officers into their new positions, effective July 1st.

This will be our last meeting until September. Instead of a presentation after a short business meeting, we will be having a pot luck in lieu of our June picnic. Please set aside the date, come join us and bring something to share. We hope to see you then!



Classes



Scher Studio presents Crochet Trim Baby Receiving Blanket Crochet Class

Trimming a piece of soft flannel to make a receiving blanket for a special someone on the way is as versatile as there are stitches. Learn how to trim the flannel then how to finish it. I promise, your finished blanket will be a treasure for years to come. Must know basic crochet stitches, Easy to Intermediate Level

Materials Provided:
 #10 Crochet Cotton thread for pattern
 Soft, Cotton Flannel measuring 42" x 42" (perfect for swaddling) - Your choice of color
 #4 Crochet Hook
 Tapestry Needle

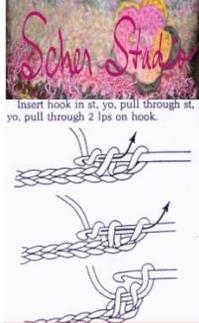
Materials are provided. \$35.00/person. Includes 4 classes working with Crochet Artist, Dottie Scher. Size limited to 6 persons. Registration deadline: May 25, 2018. Register by paying fee at www.PayPal.Me/scherstudio. Indicate the class for which you are registering in the Note to Seller.

Cabled Scarf and Hat Class Dates & Times

Located at Arts on Main
 212 W. Main Ave Studio 101
 Gastonia, NC 28052

Dates	Times
Thurs, 6/7/18	11:00am - 6:30pm
Thurs, 6/14/18	11:00am - 6:30pm
Thurs, 6/21/18	11:00am - 6:30pm
Thurs, 6/28/18	11:00am - 6:30pm

Phone: 704/689-2247
 PayPal.me/scherstudio \$35



Scher Studio presents Simple Stitch Crochet Class

Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook.

You're learning to crochet—what size hook do you use, what sizes are the yarns, what do those numbers mean, how do you hold the hook, which fingers control the tension of your yarn, what hole do you put your hook in to make a stitch. This class is a basic beginner's class. We will concentrate on learning the basics of crochet.

No prior crochet knowledge needed or brush up on your technique. Easy Level

Materials Needed:
 Size K Crochet Hook (I prefer Susan Bates brand)
 1 Skein of Worsted Weight Yarn

Materials are not provided. Free—No Charge. Includes 4 classes working with Crochet Artist, Dottie Scher. Class Size limited to 10 persons. Registration deadline: May 25, 2018. Register by emailing Dottie Scher at dscher.nana@gmail.com. Indicate which classes for which you are registering.

I will send you a confirmation email once the registration is received.

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Phone: 704/689-2247
 This Class is Free

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For more information on Dottie's classes, please go to the link below.
<http://www.gastoncountyartguild.com/>



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following members who renewed or new members who joined GCAG. Judy Browne, Sandy Collier, Toni Castorino, Lynn Schilling and Molly Shores. We couldn't do it without you!