



**Gaston County Art Guild Newsletter  
March 2018**

The HS Senior Show was a success! We thank everyone who was involved in putting on the show and reception. There are too many of you to list but know it meant a lot to the Guild and to the students and their teachers. The reception was well attended. The Superintendent, a School Board member and a City Council member also stopped by.

**We awarded over \$3,000 in scholarship money!!**



### Latest Information about the Sale of Our Building

The sale of GCAG's home at 212 W Main Ave has taken place. Currently, Wanda Meekins is waiting to meet with the new owners, Jim Marasso and Tom Cox, to see how we are to proceed and manage the day to day workings of Arts on Main. The contract they signed stated we have a home here for three years. As Wanda receives information from the owners, she will communicate to the Guild members. Please be patient through any transition we find ourselves going through.



### Gallery Show

Our next show is our annual juried exhibit, **A Natural View**. Carlos Alvarez Cotera will be our judge. He has a wealth of experience as he is knowledgeable in acrylic, oil, pencil drawings, clay sculptures, watercolor, mosaic and portraits. You can visit his website at [www.artcotera.com](http://www.artcotera.com) to see his fantastic work.



The prospectus is on our website at [www.gastoncountyartguild.com](http://www.gastoncountyartguild.com) and forms are at the front desk at AOM. **Take-in for this show is March 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm.** The show will open on March 7<sup>th</sup> and the reception will be March 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Please plan to submit your natural art pieces and celebrate the exhibit at the reception.

### March Guild Meeting

Our March meeting will be held at 6:00 pm at Arts on Main on **March 13<sup>th</sup>**. As you know, we normally have an artistic presenter. Instead, we're changing it up a little. We are sponsoring a **Technology Workshop** to help those of you who are technologically challenged. You'll learn how to navigate Social Media and other useful tips to take away the fear of technology. Bring your smart phones, IPADS and laptops; we will help you master them.

**SAVE THE DATE: March 13<sup>th</sup>. See you there!!**



### Special Request

Kristie Hewlett is an art teacher for the 8th grade advanced art class at Stanley Middle School. She is interested in having some of our member artists volunteer to demonstrate their art specialty to her group.

**Class time is 1:00pm - 2:00pm.**

**Kristie can be reached at 704-678-9930.**

## Community Run

The Guild is participating in the Community Run again this year. AOM residents, **Stephanie Mc Laughlin and Clyde Davis**, have volunteered to represent us. The money we raise will be matched by her employer and the Community Fund. Let's all make an effort to donate a minimum of \$5. You can also run or walk for the cause and get your own sponsors for AOM/GCAG. The monies will go toward student scholarships as well as free classes for students in the community. We need our members to help with this fund raiser. Also we can win an additional \$500 for the best decorated table. Get your imagination going to help us win that prize!



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## What's Happening?

Scher Studios presents.....Learn to crochet advanced crochet stitches with Dottie Scher. Please click on the following link, <http://www.gastoncountyartguild.com/>, to learn the dates and times of Dottie's classes.

### Art & Orchids

Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens until March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Tapestries woven at the Wissa Wassef Art Centre Giza, Egypt

### Bechtler Museum of Modern Art

French artist ALFRED MANESSIER,  
<http://bechtler.org/Collection/Alfred-manessier>

**In Focus/Enfoque**, Mexican Photography highlighting diverse topics- design, gender, activism and more.

<http://www.bechtler.org/Collection/In-focusenfoque>

## Other Happenings

### Catawba River Artisans present their Spring into Art and Music Festival

The Catawba River Artisans will hold their "Spring into Art and Music" Festival, Saturday, April 21st from 10am to 4pm in downtown Cramerton "on the green" in Centennial Park. This is a juried show of outstanding local artisans whose work is unique and handcrafted. The show will include a variety of pottery, jewelry, photography, paintings, textiles, stained glass, mosaics, wood sculpture, art demonstrations and more. Examples of the work to be displayed and a list of participating artists and bands can be viewed at [www.catawbariverartisans.com](http://www.catawbariverartisans.com).

If you are interested in being a vendor at this show you can find an application at

<http://www.catawbariverartisans.com/files/126646116.pdf>.



### Carolina Folkfest at the Hickory Convention Center



## Thank You!!!

We would like to **thank Dottie Scher** for agreeing to be GCAG's representative at the monthly meeting of the **Downtown Merchants Association**.

## WE NEED YOU!!!!

We are looking for someone who is **proficient in social media** who can keep our Facebook page and Instagram and Twitter accounts up to date and relevant. Please contact Wanda Meekins if you are interested.

We will have a booth at the **Community Run**. The Guild is teeming with wonderful artists. We need you guys to come out and **help decorate our booth**. We also need a couple of our members to **volunteer to man our booth from 9:00am-12:00pm**.



## Membership

As you know, we are trying to get all of our members on the same renewal month of July. We will be pro-rating from now until June 30, 2018 and then adding the yearly membership fee to the prorated amount 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 @ [shafranski@gmail.com](mailto:shafranski@gmail.com).**

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

Davis Goodman, Amanda Green, Rose Hawley, Barry Lockman, Gary Shelley, and Quintas Tate and Susan Walker.

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