



Gaston County Art Guild Newsletter
May 2018

The new bylaws were voted on and unanimously passed at our Guild meeting on April 10th. They will take effect on **July 1, 2018**.

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates to serve on the 2018-2019 *GCAAG* Board.

President - Cam Tracy

First Vice President - Dottie Scher

Second Vice President - Jason Reynolds

Treasurer - Stephanie McLaughlin

Secretary - Hazel Pearce

If anyone else is interested in serving, we will be accepting nominations from the floor at our **Tuesday Guild meeting on May 8th**. Ballots will be mailed to members on May 30th. Background information on all candidates will be sent via a blast prior to the vote. Winners will be announced at our annual June meeting.

Sale of Bank Building

In case you have missed our earlier communications, our building has been purchased by two local businessmen operating as CNB1920. If you have been reading the *Gaston Gazette* you are aware that they will be doing extensive renovations on the building over the next three years. The first phase will be the complete renovation of both floors in what is referred to as Building D. Please bear with us as we go through these changes.

The Gallery at AOM....Save the Dates!

Our present show in the gallery at Arts on Main is a Resident Artist's show. This show will end May 9th. If you haven't been by to see the wonderful works of our artists, please take the time to visit before the show ends.

The following show is a one person show by artist Molly Pocket Shears entitled #SaveTheVultures. This show will run from May 10th until June 8th. Come by and see her artwork.

A Moment in Time, our fourth annual photographic exhibit, will open on June 13th and will run through July 19th. This year, we have an under 18 category which we are very excited about! For the prospectus, please click on the following link.

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

May Guild Meeting

The May Guild meeting will be held on May 8th at 6:00 pm in the commons area at Arts on Main. Don't forget that we will be accepting nominations from attendees, as stated earlier in this newsletter. Please take the time to be at this meeting. After the business portion of our meeting is completed, Dottie Scher will give a presentation on "How to Start an Etsy Business." This should be a fun evening. Hope to see you there!

Meeting

Volunteer Corner

We are still in need of volunteers with skill sets who can work on publicity, social media and the GCAG website. For the Guild to continue to grow and prosper we need to do a better job in advertising and communicating. We are still looking for someone to take over memberships and Grant researcher and writer. If you have the skill sets we are looking for.....please consider donating some of your time to help.

Thank you to our members who have renewed or who are joining us for the first time; LC Lahti, Timothy McDougold, William Sedlacek and Marian Watts.

Around Town

"Through an Artist's Eyes" is presently showing at The Gaston County Art Museum until May 24th. This show includes elementary, middle and high school artworks of Gaston County students. The Guild has supported this show for many years and for the past three years, members of the Guild have judged it.

Thank you to the Guild members who helped judge this year's show; Wanda Meekins, Alex Pietersen, Barbara O'Neal Davis, Lorene Lovell and Lynn Schilling.

Please make time to visit the museum and show your appreciation to these up and coming talented artists.

Our Members are AWESOME!

Congratulations to **Lynn Schilling** whose painting, 'Distracted', was selected for inclusion in **Splash 20: Creative Compositions**.

The tentative publication date is July 25, 2019.

It is quite an honor to be included. Some of the best watercolor painters in the world are on this list. Click on the link below to access.

<https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions/splash-20-winners-announced/>

Barbara O'Neal Davis, signature member of the WATERCOLOR ART SOCIETY of Houston, had a watercolor entitled 'Pensive' on **display in Texas until recently**. Congratulations, Barbara!

Barbara was accepted into the Watercolor Art Society of Alabama's 77th Annual National Exhibition with her painting of 'Proud'. Click the link below to browse the accepted artists.

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

Barbara's painting of 'Slightly North of Broad' was accepted into the ArtCenter Manatee's 41st Southern Watercolor Society Annual Juried Exhibition, Bradenton, FL. Please click the link below for more information.

<http://www.southernwatercolorssociety.org/exhibitions>



Gaston Art Council and their Art Auction and Fund Raiser

To contribute to this worthy cause, please click on the link below.

<https://mailchi.mp/e1d470eacfb8/donating-artwork-can-help-gaston-county-veterans-heres-how>



Congratulations to our members who won awards at the 'I AM WOMAN' Art Exhibition and Competition at the Southern Arts Society, King's Mountain, NC. Merit Award recipients were

Wanda Meekins

'The Party's Not Over', watercolor

Alex Pietersen

'Heightened Emotions', photography

Lynn Schilling

'A Blue Afternoon', watercolor

Please take the time to visit SASI to see the great art in this show and then stop in their gift shop for some one of a kind gifts.



What's Happening

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.

May 18th: Chairmen of the Board - Cruise-In Give Away (\$1000.00)

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!



Classes

Dottie Scher is gearing up for May and will be offering Crochet Cabling Classes. Please click on the following link to get more information on Scher Studios classes.

<http://www.gastoncountyardguild.com/>

