



The Gaston County Art Guild serves the area's working artists, art students, hobbyists, and ART PATRONS

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**NOVEMBER 2011**



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Tu-Thu 11:30-5:30  
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Also open during  
Downtown Events  
Free parking  
Behind the building

**NOVEMBER MEETING:**  
AT THE GASTON COUNTY LIBRARY ON GARRISON BLVD. AT 6 PM ALONG WITH THE MINI SHOW RECEPTION TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

**Gaston County Art Guild News**

Hello Members,

Thanks to all who made it out to the Celebrate Gaston events and our reception despite the menacing parking and chilly weather! It was a great turnout and everyone had a ton of fun and got their bellies full of yummy barbecues from the best in the world! If you weren't here, you also missed our special guests, Hugh White II, 97, Hugh White III, and Ken Bebe with their exhibit of original architectural drawings by Hugh E. White on linen of downtown buildings. What an honor it was to meet someone who walked the infant streets of downtown Gastonia. The gallery vault will display prints of original drawings (all of which can be ordered from their website: [www.vintagearchitecturalart.com](http://www.vintagearchitecturalart.com)) of buildings and homes in Gaston and surrounding counties.

The current exhibit is just amazing and we constantly hear comments of how wowed everyone is with what was an old, cold, empty building is now so full of life! We will continue to strengthen this impression by keeping a steady agenda of activities going on at Arts on Main for our members and the public as well. Just a handful of people including myself, Renee, Stacey, and Lorene are currently carrying the load and it's getting a little heavy for us! Some chair positions that need filled include Workshops, Publicity (can't have too many working on this one), Scheduling, and Event Planner to name some. The city is ready to build 3 new studio spaces in the commons area so we'll need help with finishing the sheet-rock and painting soon.

The 'Drawing the Line' Silent Art Auction kick-off party is November 19th at 6:30 with entertainment by Chasing Parked Cars Improv Group. A \$5.00 ticket at the door, with proceeds benefiting the guild, will get you a hot bowl of homemade chili with condiments, a raffle ticket for items donated by local businesses and the awesome entertainment of Chasing Parked Cars! Where else can you get a bargain like that!?

Our spaces for the Holiday Sale scheduled for Dec. 3 from 11-7 are half-way full now so if you want a space, you need to register now and pay through the gift shop. We're having a fund raiser bake sale at the same time so we'll need everyone who can to donate yummy goodies!

Thanks for being a member!

Jacqueline Dunford  
President, GCAG

News Flash.....

Guild member Jennifer Clifton has volunteered to serve as Visual Merchandiser at AOM, and Rachel Cotton-Smith will be the Guild's Workshop Chair. Both are new members, so thank you both for getting involved in making our organization even more professional and active!

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## At the October Meeting...

**President Jackie Dunford announced a Silent Auction Fundraiser at AOM.** All members are asked to donate a piece of art (valued at under \$500) to be sold. **Art and fine craft donations will be accepted on October 29th, November 7th and 9th.** Any work currently displayed on the free-standing panels in the common area will need to be picked up by November 14th.

**The Fundraiser Kick-off will be Saturday November 19th from 6-8:30pm** with live entertainment by Improv comedy group **"Chasing Parked Cars". A \$5 donation** will be charged at the door. **The Silent Auction items** will be on display in the common area at AOM and bidding will be open from **Nov. 19th-Dec. 17th. Won items can be picked up at AOM's Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 17th from 6-9pm,** or another day. Stacey Pilkington Smith will be handling the Kick-off event. If you want to help her, email: **ssmith28092@gmail.com.** The Guild will furnish the wine and beverages at both the Silent Auction Kick-off and the Holiday Celebration/Silent Auction wrap-up. Anyone who can bring food to either/both events will be greatly appreciated!

**Also planned at the meeting** were an **Arts & Crafts Bazaar and Bake Sale Fundraiser,** which will both take place at **AOM on Saturday December 3rd. The Arts & Crafts Bazaar will be from 11am-7pm.** Set-up will begin at 8am in the Common area. Members and non-members will be able to reserve a 10' X 10' space for \$20. There is expected to be no commission charged, but participants must bring their own table.

**The Bake Sale will start at 11 am.** We can't be sure what time it will be over. **All members are asked to bake up some tasty treats and bring them in to sell!** When we're out of treats, we're done! Jackie Dunford will chair both the Arts & Crafts Bazaar and the Bake Sale. Please contact her at (704) 829-1001 or: **jdunford@carolina.rr.com** if you can help.

**On December 3rd at 6:00 pm, Jack Kiser's church Bell Choir will be playing music in the gallery. We've got quite a day planned, so please try to attend, and tell everyone you know! The Gift Shop will be open all day as well. Holiday shopping time!**

## ARE WE THERE YET? AN AESTHETIC JOURNEY



Feather Dance by Lynn Dermott



Convolutions by C M Kakassy



Mistress Mary Potter  
By Brenda Bostian



Hidden Treasures #2 Melting Out  
by Ginny H Boyd

AN ART EXHIBIT SPONSORED BY THE ARTS COUNCIL OF LINCOLN COUNTY

With Works by Lynn Dermott, C M Kakassy, Brenda Bostian  
and Ginny H Boyd

November 1-December 25, 2011  
Lincoln Cultural Center Art Galleries  
403 E Main Street, Lincolnton, NC

**Reception: November 11, 2011  
6:00-8:00 PM**

With Appreciation to Lake Norman Flowers and Gifts  
For Their Support

**Be sure to come by AOM and see Amy Totzke's lovely portrait of Jeanne Rauch.** We used the funds which were donated in honor of Jeanne to commission a pastel portrait of her to permanently hang in Arts On Main. She would be so proud of the new home for Visual Arts in Gastonia, and now we will be able to share it with her! Jeanne's beauty and spirit are truly captured in this tribute to her. Thanks to Amy for doing such an incredible job!

**Our November 8th meeting will be held at the main branch of the Gaston County Public Library at:**

**1555 East Garrison Blvd. Gastonia, NC 28054**

**This is the Opening for the Miniature Show at the Library, so there will be no meeting. The reception will be from 6-8pm. Gennene Cordle is chairing, and she still needs volunteers at take-up on Nov. 1st and to bring hors d'oeuvres on Nov. 8th. Call her if you can help at (704) 867-6086.**

## Visual Harvest 2011 Award Winners:

**Best of Show: James L. Norman for "Line of Service II"**

### Merit Awards:

Randy Herring for "Long Shadows"  
Barbara O. Davis for "Chow Time"  
Jan Craft for "Rustic Landscape"  
Raul Daviid for "Nicole Rodriguez"

### Honorable Mentions:

Scott Boyle for "Laguna Color"  
Tim Stiles for "Worth"  
Amy Totzke for "Childhood Revisited"  
Jan Craft for "24K Scap e"



Best of Show: James Norman's "Line of Service II"

### Congratulations to all award winners!

Thanks to Juror Jamie Franki, who remarked that "Gaston County is blessed with much talent!"

A Special Thanks to our Purchase Awarders:

Dr. & Mrs. Steven Yates  
Torrence Stationery  
Bob Blanton  
Standard Distributors

Exhibition runs through December 16th. This is a FABULOUS show, so try to see it; At The Jeanne Rauch Gallery of Gaston College. M-F 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-2pm. Or by appointment. Call Amy McHenry at (704) 860-9224.

## ANNOUNCING BLACK FRIDAY ART CLASSES FOR KIDS 4-12 YEARS OF AGE!

In order for you to get out there and grab the bargains, there will be 3 classes: 9-11am, 11:15am-1:15pm, and 2-4pm. The cost is \$20. Each child will get 3 choices of gifts to decorate, personalize, gift-wrap and take home. Snacks will be provided, and each child may take up to 2 classes. If taking both morning classes, your child will need to bring lunch. There are only 30 seats available, so hurry! For more info call Stacey at 704-349-3972 or come by AOM to register.



## Roy Lindsay and Ryan Karpinsky

Present the

*"Roy Don't Give A Damn Lindsay and Friends "*

*Exhibition*

*plus unique sculptures by Nat Cole*

**October 1st through November 26th, 2011**

Featuring 80 new works by Roy Lindsay,  
Ryan Karpinsky and Nat Cole

170 South Street in Gastonia  
704-824-1511

[www.artstation.biz](http://www.artstation.biz)

Tues-Thurs 9am-9pm Fri-Sat 9am-11pm  
Reception Sponsored by The Bottle Shoppe  
and Nick's Steak and Taphouse

**"THE ART STATION"**  
**Art Gallery**

**There's still time to take the Artspace survey!!!** Artists of all disciplines in Gastonia and the surrounding region are asked for input so that the Artspace team can determine our space needs. Please remind all of your artist friends throughout the region to go to:

[www.artspacegastonia.org](http://www.artspacegastonia.org) and take the survey!



**Gastonia Conference Center  
Dedication & Public Opening  
Sunday, Nov.13, 2011 from 2:00-5:00pm**

Many of our artists have work displayed in this brand new facility, so come out and enjoy the view, a guided tour and light refreshments.

145 South Marietta Street  
Gastonia, NC 28053

**Member News.....**

**Our VP, Renee Calhoun Matthews** and her sister, **Shirley Calhoun Williams** always hoped to exhibit together at the Gaston County Art & History Museum in Dallas. Now, two years after Shirley's untimely death, "Spinning Yarns" opens at the museum, featuring work by both talented artists. The show will run from Nov. 15th-Jan. 15th, 2012, with the Opening Reception Nov. 19th from 1:00-3:00pm. Please come out and support Renee and honor her beloved sister, Shirley by attending. **131 W. Main St. Dallas, NC 704-922-7681.**

**Our sincere condolences go out to long-time member Betty Klimek on the death of her husband Joe last week.** A memorial service is being planned sometime in the near future at Lutheran Chapel Church in Gastonia. We will email with details as they come in.

**Congratulations to Kit Kakassy for winning Second Place this year at the Arts Council of Lincoln County's fall competition.** "Are We There Yet? An Aesthetic Journey" will be on display through Dec. 25th. See the flyer on page 2 for more information.

**Welcome to our new and returning members:** Nico Amortegui, Donna Biddix, Jenny Carrington, Elsa Coronel, Rachel Cotton, Alice Davis, Hilda Deprez, Lynn Dermott, Deveta Glenn, Hunter Glenn, Cherry Howe, Jackie Laine, Julie Lineberry, Raj & Sonali Mirchandani, Katie Needell, Carol Pighin, Nancy Reynolds, Beverly Shuford, Amy Totzke, and Pam Warlick.

**Artist Opportunities.....**

**SASI in Kings Mountain will be taking in Gift Show items for "Art for Christmas" on Nov. 12th & 13th.** This is separate from the gift shop. Members only, 30% commission. Opens Nov. 20th. For more info call Bernice Chappell: 704-629-4538.

**Charlotte Art League's "Small Works for the Holidays" take-in will be Sat. Nov. 25, Sun. Nov. 26, & Tues. Nov. 29.** Cash & carry. Members only, entry fee \$25(?) (Unable to verify the amount yet). Membership is \$50/yr. Opens Dec. 2nd. Call 704-376-2787 for info or: [www.charlotteartleague.org](http://www.charlotteartleague.org).

**Catawba River Artisans Art 2 Heart Art Show at City Café in Mount Holly Sat. Nov. 19th, 9am-3pm.** \$25/CRA members, \$50/non-members. Call 704-718-2256 for more info.

**32nd Annual College & High School Photography Contest co-sponsored by Photographer's Forum Mag. & Nikon.** Total \$8,000 in prizes. Deadline Nov. 21st. \$5.95/photo. <http://pfmagazine.com/>.

**"2012 Handcrafted" Juried Exhibition of Ceramics, Fiber, Glass, Metal & Wood Jan. 28-May 20, 2012.** Deadline for entries is Nov. 18th. \$1600 in award money. Entry fee \$25/ up to 4 works. There are very specific requirements for entering, so for more info call 252-972-1163 or: [www.imperialcentre.org/arts](http://www.imperialcentre.org/arts).

**Checks have been written for artists who had sales at the Gift Shop at AOM during the month of Oct. They will be available for pick-up on Tuesday.**

**Watch for the new and improved Gaston County Art Guild website! Currently it's under reconstruction by Cecil Smith, but will be launched soon. It will be slick, colorful, and AWESOME!**



**Call for News and Events...**

Got any Art News or know of Events you'd like to share with Guild Members? Email news or announcements to Belinda Norman at: [bnorman@bellsouth.net](mailto:bnorman@bellsouth.net).

