



## Gaston County Art Guild Newsletter November 2017.

### ~Attention GCAG Members~

We would like to Congratulate and offer a warm welcome to our **new President, Michelle Hult.**

A special **thank you to Susan Walker, our resigning President,** for her service and building a foundation for our Guild to expound on. Susan has agreed to stay on in an advisory role and has taken the position of Secretary. This will be the first time a resigning President will stay on to maintain a smooth transition and we couldn't be more grateful.

The Board would like to thank **Emory Grohregin** for the time and energy he put in to the Treasurer's position. **Thank you, Emory!**

### **New Treasurer:**

We would like to welcome our new Treasurer, **Stephanie McLaughlin.** Stephanie has a degree in accounting, an MBA and 33 years with Bank of America with 30 of those years in Management. **Welcome, Stephanie!**

### **New GCAG BOARD:**

President - Michelle Hult

Vice President - Wanda Meekins

Treasurer - Stephanie McLaughlin

Secretary - Susan Walker

### ~Classes at AOM~

#### ~Acrylic Pouring Class~

by Melissa Lynch at Arts on Main.

#### ~Colored Pencil Class~

by Ron Shepard at Arts on Main.

Please visit:

[www.gastoncountyartguild.com](http://www.gastoncountyartguild.com)

to get the details of these super fun classes.

**Are you interested** in sharing your talents with others? There are **many opportunities to teach a class** at Arts on Main. Please contact Cathy Caron at [sunnycjcaron610@gmail.com](mailto:sunnycjcaron610@gmail.com) or Susan Walker at [sandycove@comporium.net](mailto:sandycove@comporium.net).

### ~Important News~

Gaston County Art Guild By-Laws:

GCAG is currently operating under a **set of by-laws from the late 1990's**. A lot has changed for the Guild in this time. We have acquired studio and gallery spaces, a website, a gift shop, larger membership and more. This means that our operating guidelines are out of touch with what the Guild is today.

As the current Board addresses this issue, we would like input and participation from our Guild members. **If you are interested in helping guide the future of the Guild**, and willing to work on the by-laws with us, please contact the Board at our email address:

[artsonmain@att.net](mailto:artsonmain@att.net).

### ~More Important News~

We will be making a small change to our **monthly meetings**. The first fifteen minutes of the Guild meeting will be Guild business with Q&A **AFTER** the speaker or you can email your questions or concerns to [artsonmain@att.net](mailto:artsonmain@att.net).

### ~Member News~

**Congratulations** to Guild member and Resident Artist, **Wanda Meekins**, for having two pieces of artwork, "First Cousins" and "Happy Hour", accepted in to Portfolio Gallery's "All Colors" Invitational and Juried Exhibition. The show takes place January 13th through February 28th, 2018, at the St. Louis Artist Guild. Check out her website at <https://westinesart.weebly.com/> and take a look at her work!

**Congratulations** to Guild member, **Lynn Schilling**, for Best of Show in the SC Watermedia Society National Digital Show, Charleston International Airport, Charleston, SC, Oct. 7th - Nov. 25th. Please check out this youtube video, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhyNabGp8Fs&t=3s>, of the pieces that were selected.

**Congratulations** to our Guild members who placed at "The Gateways of the South" Gallery Show at SASI.

**2nd place: Alex Pietersen**

**3rd place: Rosie Little**

**Merit Award: Martha Moore**

### ~IMPORTANT~

We will be sending out a **survey** to all of our members to get feedback on the things that they feel should be the most important to the Guild. Please make sure you participate in this survey. This is the best way to have your opinions heard.

### ~Call to Artists~

#### ~Christmas in the City Festival~

The city of Gastonia is now accepting applications for this year's Christmas in the City Festival. This event is held in downtown Gastonia on Dec 3rd from 2pm - 7pm in conjunction with the annual Christmas

Parade and tree lighting. For more information, please visit <https://www.gastoniafestivals.com/christmas-village>.

### ~Show News~

If you have not seen our present show, **A Visual Harvest**, please come by the gallery at Arts on Main. The show will run through November 2nd. Please remember that **pick up is November 3rd and 4th from 11am-4pm.**

The **Veteran's Day Art & Music Fest**, put on by the Catawba River Artisans, in partnership with Gaston County Art Guild, will be **held at Arts on Main**. A reception will be held on November 10th from 6pm - 9pm. For more information, please visit [www.gastoncountyartguild.com](http://www.gastoncountyartguild.com) and/or Catawba River Artisans' website.

The **Miniature Show** take in will be at the Public Library on Garrison Blvd. on **November 1st from 2pm -6pm.**

Plan to attend our **November Guild meeting and reception** for the annual Miniature Show on **November 7th from 6pm - 8pm**. Visit the show and meet in the Library Conference Room.

Violet Auth of the Cleveland County Arts Council is the judge and **awards will be presented at 7pm**. Our **guest speaker** for the evening is resident artist, **Clyde Davis**, whose topic that evening is "**Networking the Art Community.**"

For more information, please go to our website at <http://www.gastoncountyartguild.com/>

The take in for **Holly Days Market Place** begins Wednesday, November 15th and runs through Saturday, November 18th, from 11am - 4pm. The show will run from **October 22nd until December 22nd**. Please visit our website at [www.gasoncountyartguild.com](http://www.gasoncountyartguild.com) for the prospectus.

### ~Welcome~

We would like to **welcome our new members and thank our members who have renewed** for their continued support. We appreciate you all.

### Attention Members:

We have over 1,000 hits per week on our website. The Member's page is a great source for free advertising. All it takes is a **JPEG of you, one of your work and a small bio**. Send to Angela at [shafranski@gmail.com](mailto:shafranski@gmail.com) and she will forward it to the correct person.

### ~Other News~

The Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC, has an exhibition running through November 5th of the wonderful art of **John Biggers**. Please visit the Museum if you have a chance or visit their website at

<http://www.mintmuseum.org/art/exhibitions/detail/john-biggers-wheels-in-wheels/>.

If you have **ideas** on how we can make our Guild work more efficiently, please email Wanda Meekins and she'll share them with the board.

[westine1017@carolina.rr.com](mailto:westine1017@carolina.rr.com)



Gaston Arts Council has several **opportunities** for artists of all ages. Please check it out at <http://gastonarts.org>

### ~Putting Your News on Our Website~

Any information you would like to see on our website or in our newsletter, please send to Angela Shafranski at

[shafranski@gmail.com](mailto:shafranski@gmail.com)

