



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

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Tu-Thu 11:30-5:30 Fri-Sat 11:00-7:00 Also open during Downtown Events Free parking Behind the building

September Meeting:

Tues. Sept. 13th 7:00 pm at: Arts On Main 212 W. Main Ave.

* Tenant Meeting will be held at 6:30

Gaston County Art Guild News

Arts on Main is OPEN!

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My fellow artists,

If you missed Saturday August 27th at Arts On Main, you missed all the fun! We had a tremendous turnout with almost \$1600 in sales and a \$500 layaway. The public support has been super. Tammy Cantrell facebooked us all day and had over 100 friends "like" us. You can see her hard work and photos on the Arts On Main facebook page. Cheryl Rhoades volunteered all day as well, manning the Gift Shop and running the cash register. Many artists were in their studios and visitors enjoyed milling around and checking them out. I can't express how proud I am of our new home and the friends who have helped out. Thanks to all of you! Now read the great article in the Gazette, link posted.

http://www.gastongazette.com/articles/main-60345-arts-art.html

Your proud President! Jackie



A couple heads to the vault to view the Ivan Horvat Exhibit at Arts On Main photo by Tammy Cantrell

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Arts On Main Studio Directory

- 101 Dennis Shook
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- 103 James Norman
- 104 Kathy Cheshire
- 105 Arianne Lynch
- 106 Pam Underwood
- 107 Randy Herring
- 108 Merryman Cleveland
- 109 Gary Freeman
Brenda Bostian
Denise Bost
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Katherine Currence
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- 113 Penny Tindall
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- 115 Chris Isenberg
- 116 Amy Kiser
- 117 Mike Clark
- 118 Jackie Dunford
Stacey Smith
- 119 Nancy Kennedy

Get ready for **A Visual Harvest at the Rauch Gallery /Gaston College Take-up Oct. 14th 10-4 and Oct. 15th 1-4. Opening Reception Oct. 27th. Prospectus available soon.**

Did you know that all members are invited to enter work for sale in the Gift Shop at Arts On Main for a one-time \$15 fee? That money will help cover the cost of the bags, labels, tissue paper, etc. We want to make sure that **ALL** members get involved in this exciting new chapter in the life of the GCAG, which has grown tremendously since its infancy in 1964. Whether you're 18 or 100 years old, working full-time, going to school, or whatever, **PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS SERIOUS EFFORT** to bring everyone interested in the visual arts in this community together!!!

Countless hours have been devoted to making Arts On Main a reality, particularly through the efforts of Jackie Dunford, Renee Matthews, Stacey Pilkington-Smith and a handful of others. We are not disillusioned by the fact that this is Gastonia, NC, and this city has not traditionally been associated with art and culture in the public eye. However, those of us in the arts community here recognize this part of the country as having a history rich in textiles, pottery, music and art, and realize the potential we have for reinventing our city through our talents.

Santa Fe, New Mexico, the #2 ranked Art City in the US has roughly the same population as Gastonia. Which is not to say that we could ever compare ourselves to Santa Fe! Before becoming the art mecca it is now, Santa Fe was just a spot in the desert, though. It could take generations to turn Gastonia into a place where artists are taken seriously and respected. Let's **ALL** get started!



A very happy customer at the new Arts On Main Gift Shop
Photo by Tammy Cantrell



Tues-Thurs 9a-7pm Fri-Sat 10am-10pm
Reception Sponsored by The Bottle Shoppe

Come walk Downtown Gastonia and visit:
Arts On Main/ The Bottle Shoppe/ Spindle City Café/ Freeman's Pub
Gas Pump Coffee/ Tequila's Mexican Grill/ Image Studio/ Sweet Slices
Poor Richard's Book Shoppe/ Nick's Steak and Taphouse

Susan Nuttall

Presents the

"Negative Space-Positive Color" Exhibition

Showcasing 45 of her original paintings

September 3rd thru 25th, 2011

Plus work from potter

Andrew Linton

Opening Reception

Saturday September 3rd at 2:00pm


THE ART STATION

170 South Street in Downtown Gastonia

704.824.1511

www.theartstation.biz

**"THE ART STATION"
Art Gallery**



October 1, 2011
212 West Main Avenue & Rotary Pavilion

Registration: 9-10 Competition: 10-1

Sponsored by Artspace Gastonia & Arts on Main
Gather with other artists, families, and creative souls
to compete in the street, eat, and be a part of downtown's thriving arts community!

Take the Artspace Survey!
www.artspacegastonia.org

Theme:
"Art Through The Ages"

Artist Registration \$15
includes a parking spot on Main Avenue & a 20 piece set of chalk
Prizes awarded for Elementary, Middle, and High School age categories
and Adults (18 & Above)
Teams welcome • additional sets of chalk \$3
(artists may bring their own chalk)

Pre - Register at Arts on Main in the Gift Shop
call 704.865.4224
email artsonmain@fb.net

Call for Artists.....

Southern Arts Society presents "Gateways to the South" Oct. 2nd-Nov. 11th. Judged exhibit of artwork relating to the South. Cash awards totaling \$575. \$20/members, \$25 non-members for 2 entries, Add. Entries \$5/members, \$10/non-members. Take-up Sat. Sept. 25th 11am-4pm and Sun. 26th 1-5pm. Reception Sun. Oct. 2nd 2-4pm. 30% Commission /members, 40% Commission/non-members. SASI is located in the Depot at: 301 N. Piedmont Ave. Kings Mtn., NC. For more info: www.southernartssociety.org. or 704-839-5585.

Charlotte Art League's "Art Beyond Sight" Oct. 7th-29th. Artists both sighted and visually impaired are invited to exhibit original tactile and multi-sensory works of art so that visually impaired people can actively explore them. \$25 for 2 entries/members, \$35 /non-members. (Membership cost is \$50). 25% Comm./members, 30%/non-members. Take-up Fri. Sept. 30th 5-8pm, Sat. Oct. 1st 11am-3pm and Sun. Oct. 2nd 1-5pm. Reception Fri. Oct. 7th 6-9. Located at 1517 Camden Rd. in Charlotte. For more info: www.charlotteartleague.org. or 704-376-2787.

Foothills Arts Council, Elkin's 22nd Annual "Clifford Morrison Art Competition" Sept. 16-Oct. 9th. Open to professional and amateur artists over 18. Cash awards. No photography. \$10/entry, 20% Commission on sales. Artwork must be delivered by Sept. 14th to 129 Church St. in Elkin. Reception and Awards Ceremony Sept. 16th 7-9pm. For more info call (336) 835-2025 or : www.foothillsartscouncil.org/gallery/morrison-art-show.

The GCAG receives support from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of NC, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Gaston Arts Council.

At the August Emergency meeting...

A special meeting was called at the Arts On Main building to talk about rules and procedures for our new Gallery and Gift Shop. Everything pertaining to AOM was discussed, from hours of operation, volunteer shifts, gallery shows, jurors for the gift shop and shows, upcoming Downtown special events, our involvement with the new Convention Center, AOM security.....we even discussed our meetings at the meeting! There were many decisions to be made and voted on, as we are now essentially in the process of starting a new business. Kudos to President Jackie Dunford for keeping everyone focused, as the meeting went on rather late.

At the September 13th meeting...

We still have much work to do in preparation for our official **GRAND OPENING on October 1st**. The AOM is now open for business, but we just had our "soft opening" this past weekend. We now have to take everything we've learned so far and adapt it to everyday business. The focus of our meeting this month will be training our members/volunteers how to run the Gift Shop. Fortunately, we were able to get a lot of the details worked out, so now we can go on to teaching others the procedures. Don't worry! It's not complicated, and this will be a fun session for everyone.

There will be a board meeting at 6:00, a tenant meeting at 6:30, and our general meeting will be at 7:00. Please come out and find out how to get involved at the ground floor level of Arts On Main!

Welcome to our New and Returning Members!

Rachel Bagley, Linda Bray, Anne Colavita, Renee Collins, Ann Cowie, John Davis, JoAnn Ford, Vicki Gill, Nancy Carroll Kennedy, Richard Lee, Barry Lockman, Sarah Monteleone, Suzanne Nash, Elaine Patterson, Susan & Jerry Roche, Nancy Shannon, and Tim Stiles.

Our condolences to former GCAG President **Jean Goebel** on the loss of her husband, **Bill Goebel** over the summer, and to member **Dunja Earley** on the loss of her father, longtime GCAG member and artist **Ivan Horvat**. His art is currently on display in one of the vaults at Arts On Main. The Guild has gratefully accepted donations on behalf of both men. We will be installing a memorial at the Arts On Main facility in honor of Ivan Horvat. His friends and business associated donated nearly \$1,000.00 to the Guild!

Grand Reception & Gallery Crawl



6-9 pm
September 29, 2011

212 West Main Ave
Gastonia, NC 28054

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More Artist Opportunities.....

Visual Art Exchange, Raleigh's "Southern Menagerie" Juried Show Nov. 3rd-6th, part of the Junior League's Shopping Spree. More than \$1,000 in cash prizes. \$20/fee for 2 entries, check or m.o. only. No photography. Deadline: Sept. 26th. Digital submissions only. For more info: <http://carolinacolor.wordpress.com>.

Artists Guild Gallery of Greenville, SC hosts a Juried Small Works exhibition Nov. 1st-Dec. 31st. Over \$2,000 cash awards. Entry fee \$35/2 entries, 30% commission on sales. Entries must be on a cd/dvd and mailed, postmarked by Sept. 28th. For more info go to: <http://artistsguildgalleryofgreenville.com/home.html>.

Fine Arts League of Cary, NC's Juried Painting and Sculpture Exhibitions Nov. 16th-Jan. 9th, 2012 (Sculpture) and Dec. 3rd-Jan. 10th, 2012 (Painting). No photography. Awards and Purchase Awards total over \$4,000. \$30/2 entries. Mail-in registration by Oct. 7th, 2011. Email Allen Clapp at: annualshowchair@fineartsleagueofcary.org or call him at (877) 491-1500 for more information.

North Carolina Seafood Festival, Morehead City seeks artists wishing to have their work considered for the official 2012 festival commemorative poster. All NC artists are eligible. Entries must be submitted between Oct. 17th and 20th. For more info: (252) 726-6273 or: <http://www.ncseafoodfestival.org/2011/06/24/2012-poster-artist-contest-3/>.

Artisphere Fine Art and Craft Festival in the West End Historic District of Greenville, SC May 11th-13, 2012. Booth fee applies, \$30 application fee. \$10,000 total prize money. Contact Kerry Murphy at 864.271.9398 or email: kerry@greenvillearts.com.

6th Annual Art on Main Fine Art and Master Craft Festival in Fort Mill, SC November 12, 2011 10am-5pm. Booth fee \$65, \$10 jury fee. Deadline is Sept. 26th. For more info call (803) 547-1002 or go to: <http://www.movefortmillforward.com/FortMillArtOnMain.asp>.

Yadkin Valley Wine Festival October 15, 2011 11am-5pm. Entry fee \$100, if received before Sept. 15th, no booth fee if you provide your own 10 X 10 tent. \$75 for a tent, table and 2 chairs. Late registration fee is \$125. Wine tasting tickets are \$15 preordered, \$20 on festival day. For info: (336) 679-2200 or: <http://yvaf.com/>.

Smoky Mtn. Arts & Crafts Fest Oct. 21-22nd. Booth fee applies. Deadline is Sept. 14th. Email: lkeneipp@earthlink.net or call (828) 524-6630.

Arts and Crafts at Sapphire Valley Oct. 15th-16th 10am-4pm. Booth fee \$100. Deadline is Sept. 29th. For info: [http://www.sapphirevalleyresort.com/recreation%20center.htm#Arts & Crafts at Sapphire Valley Resort!](http://www.sapphirevalleyresort.com/recreation%20center.htm#Arts%20&%20Crafts%20at%20Sapphire%20Valley%20Resort) Or call (828) 743-1163.

Feedback Needed...

I need to know if this Artist Opps section is of interest to our members or not. If so, are you interested in opportunities outside our region? I started this in an effort to expand our members' scope beyond Gaston County lines. Now I'm really interested in knowing if members look at this section for shows they themselves would actually participate in, or if this space would be better used for something else. It takes many hours of research to compile all this information, and I will happily continue with it if the interest is there. However, if our members aren't using this info, I'd like to know! Please give me your feedback about this. You can (preferably) email me at: brnorman@bellsouth.net or call 704.827.7092. Thanks!



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: brnorman@bellsouth.net.



September 10, 2011
2-6pm
162 South St. in Gastonia
\$15 for Tasting Ticket Books

Food, fun, Raffle tickets,
kids' activities, followed
by a Free
Bo Bice Concert

Contact Misty Moore
(704) 864-4554

