



Sawnee Artists *association*

NEXT SAA MONTHLY MEETING
FOURTH MONDAY, February 25, 2008
6:45pm - Meeting, 7:30pm - Program
CENTRAL PARK RECREATION CENTER
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JANUARY MEETING

Central Park is having a special artist presentation on Feb 25 at 7:30 and they have asked us to have our meeting there.

We will try to start our meeting at 6:45 and finish before the 7:30 presentation. It will be in their meeting room.

The program will be a slide presentation and lecture by Kathleen Sheard, a nationally recognized wildlife artist who creates realistic wildlife paintings and sculpture in glass.

[Here is a link to a map for the meeting.](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the January meeting we had "Show and Tell" where a lot of interesting projects were displayed - paintings, photographs and sculpture. We even had artwork from one of our new high school members. Our February meeting will be at Central Park in the Meeting room. Our program will be a display by Kathleen Sheard of wild life in glass. Hope everyone will come. **Don't forget your membership fees were due in January. If you haven't already paid you can give the treasurer a check on the night of the meeting.**

Hope to see you there, Feb 25th at 6:30pm,
Sincerely,

Evelyn Valk, President

Info about the Cumming Forsyth Arts Council:

Our beginnings...

Members from the arts community came together in May 2007 to discuss the arts in Forsyth County. From focus group discussions held by the Forsyth County Arts Alliance, starting an arts council was identified as the number one need for moving the arts forward.

Out of a passion for the arts a steering committee was formed that grew to include leaders from the existing nonprofit arts organizations in the community – music, dance, drama, visual arts and literary arts. Thanks to their dedication and hard work the Cumming-Forsyth Arts Council officially incorporated in December.

The arts council was also propelled forward by the Envision 2030 report as well as strong support from the Forsyth County Arts Alliance.

Today, there is great excitement in the arts community!

The Cumming-Forsyth Arts Council exists to enrich the lives of the citizens of the Cumming-Forsyth County area by bringing the arts and people together. The council will serve as the leadership organization for the arts in the Forsyth County area by supporting our member organizations in promoting artistic opportunities; by providing support, and fostering coordinated cultural planning; by offering programs to educate and develop future audiences; by providing forums of expression for local artists; and by advocating for the arts. In so doing, the Council can assist Forsyth County in making our community a more desirable place to live, thrive and retire.

Looking to the future CFAC will bring large arts events to the community including an annual arts festival, outdoor concerts, speaker series, literary events, and much more.

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Individuals can take part in the arts by getting involved with a committee: visual arts, performing arts or literary arts. You can also take part in the arts by becoming a much needed volunteer. The reward is in knowing that you are giving back to your community and making new friendships...and all the while supporting THE ARTS!

Bringing people and culture together.

Sherri Douglass

Executive Director

SAWNEE ARTISTS GALLERY NEWS

Congratulations to SAA member, Phil Thomas, on the sale of his painting, "Clearing at Two Mile Creek." This is the largest single sale the gallery has had so far.

Entries for the upcoming-juried exhibit will be due on March 8, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. Paintings now hanging in the gallery should be picked up from the gallery then. Please mark your calendar for this date.

Members should keep in mind that this is a gallery and "make-do" framing will not be accepted. Framing should compliment your artwork not detract from it. If you are unsure of how to frame your artwork, go to the SAA website, www.sawneeart.org, where Phil has comprehensive instructions. We also have a framer as one of our members, Arlene Kosack. Two stores, Hobby Lobby and Michael's, do framing. In other words, there is no reason for any member to expect to have their work hung in our gallery unless it is properly framed.

Edith Hill Smith, Chairman

MEMBER NEWS

Hugh Williams had three photographs accepted into the Southeastern Flower Show: His photograph, "Traveler's Aid Station," won a Third Place award in the for the Travel division. Two other photographs, "A Bug's View," placed in the Flowers category, and "A Summer Place," placed in the Landscape division. Congratulations, Hugh!

Phyllis Ellis has eleven paintings showing at the Dahlonega Arts Council Winter Show at the Olde Cannery in Dahlonega. She has already sold 2 pieces at this show!

Marsha McCreary is moving back to Chicago and their house is on the market. There is a finished pottery studio in the basement fully equipped with a variety of pottery (bisque ware, glaze, clay, tools, etc.) She is thinking of selling some items before moving, too. Call her for more info at 770-713-1444. Here is a link to the virtual tour:

<http://www.reginagulich.com/Listing/VirtualTour.aspx?ListingID=1512974>

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Jill Morris will be holding beginning and continuing for life **watercolor classes** at Hobby Lobby in Cumming on the **second Friday** of every month...separate classes for beginners and continuing for life students...the cost is \$35.00 for either class...first time students includes supplies...Beginning class is 1:15-3:15, and Continuing for life (CFL) is 10-1....the next class is Friday, March 14.... For more information, please call Jill Morris at 770-656-7246 or email at jillsmor@aol.com.

Pat Martin's drawing classes at Hobby Lobby have been changed to Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. There will be a series of six classes for \$100. This series will start Monday, Feb 17 and end March 24. I will start another beginners class if there is enough interest this month.

The **Roswell Photographic Society** has an up-coming annual "Expressions of Light" juried members exhibition. Here's a link to the HTML announcement: www.webdesignpartners.com/rps/rps_spring_show.html

The World of Art, juried art exhibit, **April 21-May 27. Application Deadline: March 4th**. Juror: Ernest E. VarnerII; Send entry package to: The World of Art, attn. Sheila Giddens, 5239 Floyd Road, Mableton, GA 30126. Entry Fee: \$25.00 non-refundable fee; 6% sales tax collected at time of sale, 25% commission donated to SCAA. Cash awards. Contact Sheila Giddens 770-424-4922 for further information.

Bill Davidson's 2008 plein air workshops: Spring Workshop at Buisson's estate on Lake Lanier - May 7 - 10, 2008, cost: \$425.00. Please send Bill a deposit of \$100.00 to reserve your place now.

Fall Workshop at Glen Ella Inn, North Georgia - October 12 - 17, 2008, cost: \$525.00. www.glenella.com. Please send Bill a deposit of \$100.00 to reserve your place now.

Please send me an email that you want to attend one or both of the workshops, with your name, address, phone number. Also, if you have a friend who might like to attend Bill's workshops, please send me their email and I will send them the information. Thank you so much and hope to see you at one or both of Bill's workshops, and please call me if you have any questions. Anne Brodie Hill, ANNEBHILL@aol.com, 770-886-6126, 770-718-7586 (cell), www.billdavidson.biz

North Forsyth High School PTSO: Is having an arts & crafts festival (emphasis on arts) on the Saturday of April 26. It is in an island theme, Raiders Island Festival, and we are having commercial booths, sales booths, and game booths to make up the festival. The game booths will be created by the clubs and organizations at the school to fundraise for their groups. We would love to have any of your artists who are interested in selling some of their works to consider having a booth at our festival. They are 10x10 booths under a large tented area. Several artists may be interested in sharing a booth, as well.

Another opportunity would be if an artist was interested in offering up a work for sale in our silent auction. We would be willing to work out a consignment situation in which the artist would get the minimum bid and we would keep anything above that. Or we could simply split the proceeds. Anyway, we really want to have the local art community represented, if possible.

Gay Wolff, 770-826-8325

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