

Sawnee Artists Association

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NEXT SAA MEETING: JANUARY 26, 2009

(Meetings are the fourth Monday of each month)

6:30 – 7:00 pm Refreshments 7:00 – 7:30 Business Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 Program

We will meet at McDonald's Funeral Home at 150 Sawnee Dr. near the intersection of Highway 9 and Sawnee Dr.

Please park and enter at the end of the building nearest Highway 9. Use the door where the rocking chairs are.

We will meet in the Hospitality Room – it is not part of the funeral home. Lauren McDonald is not charging us for using this room.

Our guest speaker will be CHERYL HARDIN.

Cheryl is an excellent, award winning artist who paints in oil.

She was recently named President of the Georgia Art League at the Quinlan in Gainesville.

For more information on Cheryl check out these links:

www.cherylhardin.com and www.georgiaartleague.com

SURVEY

Please complete the survey that was sent to you and email, snail mail it to pattirussell@gmail.com, or bring it to the meeting on January 26th (the deadline). Your input is needed as we plan for our organization's future. Here is the survey in two forms if you didn't receive it:



SAA 2009
Survey.pdf



SAA 2009
Survey.doc

A BIG THANK YOU

Sue Scaggs of North Georgia Party Rentals loaned us linens and rentals for our Bellezza Show. The addition of these items put the finishing touches on the show. If you should have a need for rentals for a party or event, please remember North Georgia Party Rentals and their generosity. 770-886-1506

DUES

It is time to pay our annual dues. They are due no later than March 1st. The meeting on January 26 would be an ideal time to get that chore out of the way. Members who join between October 31st and the end of the year are paid up through the following year.

ONE DOOR CLOSES--ANOTHER ONE OPENS

It all started when Paul Cossman, owner of Humpus Bumpus Bookstore, read a newspaper article about the plight of the Sawnee Artists Association's loss of a space "to call home." He contacted Ellen Anderson about a space he thought we might be able to use for meetings and a gallery--and the rest, as the saying goes, is history. Although the space proved to be too small for meetings, it presented some very strong possibilities for an art gallery. So the members of SAA got to work.

First, heavy screens were put up to act both as walls and spaces to hang paintings. Then the screens and existing walls were painted a uniform color. Next, rails were put up around the tops of the screens and walls where clear hangers were placed to hold the various sizes of artwork. A modern metal and glass bookcase was brought in to hold 3-D artwork and all the furniture that had been in the room was removed except for four comfortable chairs where customers could relax and view the artwork. Thus, with a little know-how and a lot of hard work on the part of the SAA members, the Sawnee Artists Gallery was born!

The gallery had a grand opening for what proved to be the first of many exhibits in the next two years. As gallery director, I will say it has not always been easy but it has always brought a great deal of pride when I've watched the members of our association bond together in a common goal--that of presenting the best possible artwork to the citizens of Forsyth County and beyond. We have all grown in our appreciation of excellent art, made new friends in the community and gained a lot of new members. I believe it has been a very satisfactory experience, not just for me and all those who have assisted me, but for all our members and for Paul Cossman and his staff, as well.

So, although this door is closing, another one has already been opened by our new director, Patti Russell. She does not, as she said, "dawdle." She has already set us up with a new place to show our artwork and it is certain that she will find another permanent place where we can once again show the artwork of the members of the Sawnee Artists Association to the public.

Thank you for allowing me to be such a large part of this wonderful experience.

Edith Hill Smith

NEWS ARTICLE

Charlotte, Logan Thomas, the editor for Forsyth Herald, told me the story would be out on or about January 21 so people should have copies to bring to the meeting on January 26. It should be a nice article and photos of the removal of the gallery.

Since I am now the scrapbook chairman, I need any newspaper articles, any photos, any thank you notes sent to any of our members for any reason, SAA newsletters and minutes--in short, a record of what is and has been happening with the Sawnee Artists Association--and I need to make the scrapbook both informative and interesting for present and future members. So look through what you might have and bring it to me to the next meeting on the 26th.

Thank you for any help you can give me.
Edith Hill Smith, Scrapbook Chairman

President's Farewell Message

2008 has been an interesting and, I think, productive year for SAA.

Our gallery, under the capable direction of Edith Hill Smith continued to showcase and sell artwork. As the year ended our association with *Humpus Bumpus* has also ended but we are grateful for the time we had. Thanks to all the members who helped us disassemble it and thanks to Charlotte Gardner for arranging a larger storage area for us to store our screens and other items.

In March we collaborated with *Forsyth County Parks and Rec* to put on a Spring Festival. We allowed the new Arts Council to apply for a grant through SAA to help with the children's art section. Kathy Wert was in charge of the Art Gallery at the festival.

In May, the scholarship committee, chaired by Jill Morris, presented a \$500 scholarship to Ben Castro as the outstanding senior art student of a local high school.

In July we had our pot-luck party at the home of Robert Thompson & Evelyn Valk. I think everyone had a good time.

In August we presented Jim DeSana with a check for \$1,235 to include in his educational scholarship fund. All of this money was raised by generous donations from SAA member at the suggestion of Hugh Williams.

In September we volunteered our services as face painters for *Play At The Park*. Connie Thomas, with the help of a number of volunteers, made it all possible.

In October we were able to have our *Bellezza at Cumming Station* thanks to Charlotte Gardner who asked the developers if we could use their empty space. Kathryn Muse was in charge and everyone who took part felt it was successful.

In November, we put on *Christmas in Central Park* with the Forsyth Co. Parks and Rec. Again, thanks to the SAA volunteers and the capable Parks staff for making it so enjoyable. Since this is our main moneymaker we are grateful to all the members who donated their time and effort.

Our Christmas party was held at the Chamber and again, thanks go to Charlotte Gardner for planning and managing the affair.

In December we were saddened by the passing of one of our oldest members, Jim DeSana. We will all miss him very much.

During the year we amended the bylaws to make the officers' terms run from January through December. We also decided that anyone who joined after October 31 would not have to pay again in January the following year. Also we decided that all renewals must be paid by March 1st.

Kathy Wert, Charlotte Gardner and I wrote two grant applications in October. We were approved for \$2,000 from the Grassroots to be used for our Spring festival this year. We also applied to the Arts Alliance but they decided, because of the economy, not to give grants this year.

I want to thank the membership for the privilege of serving as your president and I am looking forward to the new year with our new president, Connie Shriver and her staff.

Sincerely, Evelyn Valk

"When One Door Closes Another One Opens . . ."

There is a new show in town. The Sawnee Artists Association now has an art show on display at Hangry's Restaurant in Cumming. Hangry's is across from The Avenue, behind Starbucks. This opportunity came about because of the article in the Forsyth County News (January 9, 2009) about our losing our display space inside Humpus Bumpus. Owner Adrian Terei (pronounced Terry) invited us to use his restaurant as a gallery space, thinking this would increase the "traffic" in his restaurant and increase our art exposure in the community. He said that one of his regular customers brought in the article in the paper the day it ran and said to him, "the Lord sent me here with this story. You can help these artists who have lost their home and they can help you."

Who is in Show 1 at Hangry's? Connie Shriver (new president), Sam Brasher (new vice president) and Patti Russell (new gallery director) met with Adrian the morning of January 10th and by the evening of January 14th we (SAA) had our show in place. Many details and negotiations had to be agreed upon and a contract between SAA and Hangry's was created that reflected these details. Twenty-seven artists responded to the "urgent call for art" and we now have 75 pieces of art (38 paintings and 37 3-D pieces) on display. The members participating in show #1 are: Kathy Scales Adkins, Kimberley Anderson, Pat Brasher, Sam Brasher, Margaret Cameron, H. Joanne Earley, Phyllis Ellis, Norma Hulsey, Geraldine Johnson, S. D. Kennedy, Jane Magee, Fran Magnusson, Arlaine Morrison, Kathryn Muse, Helen Pavlinet, Patti Russell, Melody Scott, Audry Sheets, Connie Shriver, Edith Hill Smith, Connie Thomas, Phil Thomas, Robert Thompson, Fred Warshofsky, Kathy Wert, Ann Williams, and Evelyn Valk.

Show schedule. The current art show will remain up until March 1st. Those members who would like to participate in the second show should plan to have two pieces of work (for 2-dimensional artists) and as many as 8 pieces (for 3-dimensional works) ready for submission. (See schedule below.) Until we have a more permanent space (like a gallery) to house art, your submissions will have to be delivered to gallery director Patti Russell's home, 2505 Kings Court, Cumming, 30040

Here is the schedule for the next two shows:

Show #2:

Deliver art Thursday Feb 26 from 10 a.m.-2p.m.

or on Friday Feb 27 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Show will be hung on Sunday, March 1.

Note: Art not sold from Show #1 may be picked up Mon., March 2 from 10 a.m. - 6p.m. at Patti's house

Show #3:

Deliver art Thurs. April 2 from 10 a.m.-2p.m.

or Friday, April 3 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Show will be hung on Sunday, April 5.

Note: Art not sold from Show #2 may be picked up Mon., April 6th from 10 a.m.-6p.m. at Patti's house

STOP and get your calendar. You are encouraged to stop reading this newsletter right now, go and get your calendar, and write down these delivery and pick-up dates **now**. Artwork delivered late will not be accepted. (*Now you may resume reading.*)

Other policies you need to know. Future show change data will be announced at a later date.

There is no guarantee that all works will be displayed when the show is hung. These decisions will be made by the display committee as the hanging is taking place. Each artist WILL have at least one piece of 2-D art displayed, the second one will be hung if possible.

Receiving this artwork is a very time-consuming process for the gallery director, so she will follow this published schedule for mutual convenience. Since you have more time to plan ahead than for show #1, drop-off hours at Patti's house are reduced to 2 four hour time slots for each show.

In the future, if SAA establishes a "gallery" space that would allow for drop-off and storage of art, a different system for delivery and pick-up of art may be implemented.

Thanks to a great team. A great big "thank you" goes to the gallery display committee, Sam Brasher, Margaret Cameron, Kathryn Muse, Connie Shriver, and Connie and Phil Thomas, who made the presentation of this show possible.

Other thoughts from your gallery director. Hanging our artwork at Hangry's is NOT the only art venue that we hope to utilize this year. Many possibilities are available to us, we just have to see them, want them and go after making them happen. For instance we have already had two other entities contact us about possible spaces, and we expect others to follow.

Along with membership chair, Kimberley Anderson, your gallery director has created a survey asking for input from **every** member of SAA. We want to know what the majority of our membership is interested in and willing to do before other long range plans are pursued. PLEASE take some time to complete this survey. The data **will** be tabulated and analyzed and the Board will discuss your thoughts and opinions.

Then, at the February meeting, we will talk about a summary of what these survey data show. Everyone who attends will get to have input and get their questions answered. Then the Board can help chart our future course based on the group's interest and enthusiasm.

This can be an exciting year in the life of Sawnee Artists Association and I look forward to helping give you multiple opportunities to show your art!

-Patti Russell, Gallery Director

OPPORTUNITIES

Please notice that when you point to a link you are instructed to hit the control button then click on the link.

- 1. Plein Air Festival – April 4 and 5, 2009, Blue Ridge, Georgia:** Contact : marshasavageart@yahoo.com or Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association in Blue Ridge (706-632-2144) or Marsha Savage (770-926-3623).
- 2. The second annual Festival of the Arts** will be held at **Cumming First United Methodist Church** the week of **April 18 – 26, 2009**. Entry deadline for professional artists will be Monday, February 23rd, 2009. For questions email: jhutchinson@cfumcga.com or check the church website: cfumcga.com.
- 3. The Sawnee Arts Festival is March 28, 2009.** Jury and setup will be on the 27th. I will have applications to hand out at the next meeting for the Sawnee Arts Festival Gallery and will distribute the guidelines at that time. The fee to enter up to 3 pieces will be \$15.00 and there will be no commission taken on sales. If anyone wants to sign up at the meeting they can give their money and form to me that night. It's almost the same set up as last time.
- 4. The Artist Magazine 26th Annual Competition:** www.artistsnetwork.com
- 5. The Blue Ridge Mountains Art Association 2009 National Juried Art Exhibit** is October 17. Deadline for entry is July 31. For more information please contact: Sarah Verner, Executive Director, Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association: 706-632-2144 Office, 706-632-7785 Fax, or sarahverner@tds.net, or <http://blueridgearts.net>
- 6. Building Creative Communities Conference:** Learn to turn stories into theatre, paint murals, and write grants. www.buildingcreativecommunities.com
- 7. SAA member Susan Kennedy** invites everyone to attend her **2-hour oil painting workshops** at the Cumming Hobby Lobby. Classes focus on Florals (Mondays 10-12), Color Mixing and Brushwork (Mondays 12:30-2:30), Landscapes (Wednesdays 1-3) and Still Life (Fridays 1:30-3:30). www.susankennedy.com or call Susan at 770-617-6004 or email her at susan@susankennedy.com
- 8. Upcoming Workshops – Anita Elder:** Amanda Carder's oil painting workshop January 30, 31, February 1. <http://www.amandacarder.com>. Chery Cratty's textured plant based paint workshop February 20-21. <http://www.cherycratty.com>. For workshop information contact Anita Elder at: <http://www.artloft.net/>
- 9. Gregory Johnson sculpture show at the Quinlan in Gainesville:** The show runs through Valentines day, February 14. There is also a beautiful plein air show hanging at this time.
- 10. Carol and Chuck Baumrucker** were juried into the Atlanta Artists Center December show. Carol for her pastel Landscape and Chuck for photography of an Iris.

I received quite a number of articles about shows, classes and workshops this month. If I left anything out, please be patient with me. I am attempting to create a method of gathering, organizing and recording this information for your use. I can only hope that I improve this method as time goes by to provide you as many opportunities as possible. I intend to work on the newsletter all month and it will really help me if you send information to me as you receive it. Norma

