

Sawnee Artists Association

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NEXT SAA MEETING MARCH 23, 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 meet in the Hospitality Room—it is not part of the funeral home. Lauren McDonald does charge us for using this room.

PROGRAM

Phil Thomas will present "Starting Your Art Business".
He will outline the forms of business, setting up with the government, starting bookkeeping and record keeping.

***** MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE PAST DUE *****

Individual membership is \$25, couples are \$30. They were due on or before March 1st.

You may mail you check with [Membership](#) in the memo area too: PO Box 1605, Cumming, GA 30028

or

Give Charlotte Gardener your dues at the February 23rd meeting.

HOSPITALITY

Connie Thomas and Hans Meier provided wonderful refreshments at our February meeting. Thank you!
Please see Jane Magee and sign up to bring refreshments at future meetings.

SAWNEE ART ASSOCIATION PURPOSE

The Sawnee Art Association is an organization whose purpose is to bring together artists and advocates of the arts to promote the appreciation of visual arts in the region.

HANGRY'S HAPPENINGS

Thanks to all who participated in our second Hangry show and a special thanks goes to the display team. We currently have 51 pieces of artwork on display and the restaurant looks great.

As promised, Hangry's has now converted to seated dining with servers. Several of us were invited to their private preview party - they have a great expanded menu and friendly, courteous servers. Please go by and frequent the restaurant whenever you can. Also we learned that not many of the FREE coffee cards have been turned in - if you took some to distribute - please hand them out to others as this is one way we can advertise that we have an on-going 7-day-a-week location for showing our artwork.

I am adding another element to the 3rd show for those who may paint (or photograph) small. We will accept 1-2 small 2-D pieces from each person that can sit on small easels if YOU provide the easel. Be sure the easel is marked with your name and NFS. The artwork should be wired and ready to hang. The framed art must be small enough to sit on your easel without tipping over. I am imagining 5X7, 6X8 or so . . . but size is not limited to that, it depends on the size of the easel. These small pieces are in addition to your regular 1-2 pieces per person. We will display as many of these as we have room for.

3-D artists are allowed to bring as many as 10 pieces each. If easels are needed for these you must provide them as well.

Entries for the third Hangry show will be received at my house (2505 Kings Court, Cumming) on Friday, April 26 from 2-6 p.m. only. Pickup of work not sold in show #2 will be back at my house for your pickup on Monday, April 27 from 10-2 ONLY. If you can't make it at these times please coordinate with a friend to pick up or deliver for you. If you have any questions please give me a call - 770-888-9439 or cell 770-595-2259.

Thanks,
Patti

MEMBER NEWS

Phil Thomas and Patti Russell each had a piece of art juried into the Atlanta Artists Center March show. "Transcendence."

Patti Russell has been awarded an "honorable mention" ribbon by the Georgia Art League for her painting "Blue Tapestry". This show will be on display downstairs at the Quinlan in Gainesville until April.

SAWNEE ARTS FESTIVAL

(DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS MONDAY, MARCH 23)

Contact Kathy Wert for entry information: 404-229-0530/770-889-3649

Contact Paula Chambers for other Festival information: 678-455-8540 or pwchambers@forsythco.com

I'm sure there will be an opportunity for you to volunteer to work at the Festival at our meeting on Monday.
Please help out if you can.

UPDATE ON SAA SCRAPBOOKS

I have now updated SAA scrapbooks from 2004 to March, 2009. I am missing newsletters and minutes for 2007 and 2008. If you have any of these items, I would like to include them in the scrapbooks. I would also like to have any photos you can spare for any period for any event. Anything you may have that will make these books as interesting as possible will certainly be appreciated.

I hope to be able to bring some if not all of these scrapbooks to the March meeting so members can look through them. You can give me anything you have at that time.

Thanks.
Edith Hill Smith, Scrapbook Chairman

FYI

Stimulus Money for the Arts

Latest News From the NEA

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, special one-time grants will be offered to preserve jobs in the arts that are threatened by the current economic conditions. Sixty percent of the \$50 million allocated to the National Endowment for the Arts will be distributed to eligible nonprofit organizations through the NEA's competitive grants program. The remaining 40 percent will be distributed through state arts agencies and regional arts organizations including the Southern Arts Federation.

We are currently busily working behind the scenes to prepare for the portion of the funds we hope to distribute to our nine-state area. Although we cannot provide details at the moment, SAF grant applications could be available in early April. Details will be posted on our [Web site home page](#) as they become available.

▶ [See the NEA Competitive Grants information](#)

TIPS FOR ARTISTS

(A new feature)

Submit similar items and they will be used in the newsletter as space permits

FRAMERS POINTERS

Repainting a room? Hanging a show? Doing an art festival? Don't damage expensive framing by stacking or leaning works against each other or against a wall.

- Stack them front-to-front and back-to-back. This prevents the hardware from scratching the finish.
- If necessary to move several pieces in your car, place them in a box, separate by sheets of cardboard, and stuff bubble wrap in the gaps.

Other tips:

- Hardware should be attached to the frame, not the stretcher bar.
- If the rabbet is too shallow, and you are not going to add a rabbet extension, use screw eyes with a long shank, so the wire does not abrade the canvas edges.
- Framed art should always have a solid dust cover; it keeps out insects, dust, and prevents damage to the back of the canvas.

Arlene of Arlene's Art of Framing, Cumming

CITY ART SHOW

Plans are being finalized for the **Art Show and Exhibit at the Brannon-Heard House**, Pilgrim Mill Road, Cumming, Georgia. We are talking with City now as to how to stage this event. Art will be received on **Thursday, April 30th**, and the show will be **Friday night, May 1st, Saturday, May 2nd (10:00 am-6:00 pm), and Sunday, May 3rd (1:00 pm-6:00 pm)**. There may be a reception on Friday night from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm – that has not been finalized as of now. You will receive an email or letter with information on entry fees and number of entries. This will not be a juried show. Art will be displayed on tables and our panels.....we will not be able to hang art on the walls. You will continue to receive information as the planning progresses. Be painting and creating your art projects so we will have a good showing. Charlotte Gardner, Evelyn Valk, and Kathy Wert

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. The fee to enter up to 3 pieces will be \$15.00 and there will be no commission taken on sales.
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. **Susan Kennedy, SAA Member**, 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
7. **Spring Fling at the Bowen Center**: May 2 & 3. The name has been changed from “The Garden Show.” There are many new events for you to enjoy this year: Rotary Bike Ride, Kiwanis 5k and 10k runs, Classic Car Show, Quilt Show, Entertainment, Hospitality and Food Booths in addition to The Art and Flowers. www.DawsonArts.org/festival
8. **National Watercolor Society Juried Exhibition**: May 17-June 27. The deadline is March 28. Contact: Loa Sprung, 310-832-0593 (Pacific Time Zone) loa13@cox.net
9. **Jon Houglums Landscape Oil Painting Workshop** for beginner and intermediate painters at the Quinlan Visual Arts Center. Friday & Saturday, 2 day workshop, 9-5. **Session I: April 3—4, Session II: May 8—9** Members \$140 - Non-Members \$150 - Senior/Teacher/Student \$135. Contact: Paula Lindner, Assistant to the Director: **Quinlan Visual Arts Center, 514 Green Street N.E., Gainesville, GA 30501** phone: 770-536-2575, fax: 770-536-8561, www.quinlanartscenter.org
10. **North Forsyth High School Second Annual “Caribbean Arts & Crafts Festival”**: April 25 – 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event is the primary fundraiser for the school’s PTO. Local artisans will display their arts and crafts for purchase. A silent auction will feature spa visits, an overnight getaway and themed gift baskets. Chick-fil-A of Dawsonville is sponsoring a special event for children in the late afternoon. Talent showcase, food for sale and games for children and more will be featured. Interested artists and crafts vendors can register at www.raiderislandfestival.com or via e-mail at raiderislandfestival@comcast.net.
11. **219:The Show** If you love animals and hate to see them euthanized then you may want to participate in and attend the **219:The Show**. go to www.finegallery.net for info.



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12. **THE GREAT CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER PAINT OUT**: August 12-15 – Professional and amateur artists gather for 3 days (Aug 12-14) in the beautiful Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area at Island Ford and select sites along the Chattahoochee River in **Roswell**. After 3 days of on-site painting, artists will submit their work for exhibit and awards at a special reception on August 15. Go to Great Chattahoochee Paint Out for more information. [Registration Form download.](#)