

Spring 2020

RockmART News

Cultural Arts Center & Theatre

Dear Friends of the Arts,

January through mid-March was very busy at the Arts Center and Theatre *and then* all public buildings were shut down due to the Covid19 Coronavirus pandemic. The health and safety of our community is our highest priority.

Our April/May Plein Air/Landscape exhibit was moved to a virtual exhibit on Facebook instead of in the gallery for this time. We have a Quarantine Art album on Facebook too. Email Peggy artwork you are creating during this time and she will post online. We are learning how to navigate through this new world.

So far, we have cancelled 13 art classes/workshops, 1 Art Reception, 8 High School performances (musical, chorus, fine arts showcase), 2 Spring Concerts by the Rockmart Community Chorus, 1 church film rental, and Bill Brooks' Country showcase. Everyone had been rehearsing and working so hard to bring these programs to the community. This has been a hard time for so many. Please take time to contact friends and family and give each other comfort.

I pray you are safe, healthy and finding creative ways to cope with social distancing during this time. I hope the Visual, Performing and Literary Arts are helping bring calm, focus, and cheer in your life. Keep being creative and stay positive. All will work out and we will be together again with a renewed appreciation for one another.

I am still working part time and our committees are still planning upcoming classes, camps, exhibits and performances for the future. Feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, art submissions, etc.

Once the government deems all safe in Georgia, we will all come together to celebrate the Arts again.

Please join or renew your RCAC Membership and help fund the ARTS in our community. We need YOU now more than ever.
Thank you!

Best wishes, *Peggy Cline*



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June/July 2020

JURIED Art Exhibit

Email up to 3 .jpg entries in any medium to rcac@rockmart-ga.gov by May 16th

Also be working on entries for the November/December 2020

Angels Among Us

Art Exhibit

More information on our website



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Facebook: The-Rockmart-Theatre

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Our Public Works Crew
hard at work

Sheetrock
Trim &
Painting
in Jan/Feb

James Hill



RCAC Art Studios

Many thanks to the City of Rockmart, four new Art Studios have been built. They are located on the top floor of the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center. Framing began in December 2019 by our talented Public Works crew and artists moved into their new studios in March 2020 with the Opening of their studios on March 14th.

Once we open again, visitors can watch artists at work in their studios and buy their amazing artwork.

The following artists have studios at RCAC:

- **James Hill** teaches drawing and painting, and does framing and art restoration in his studio.
- **Mike Strickland** is a retired engineer and now is a painter, and enjoys portraits and landscapes.
- **Merari Morales** teaches paint parties through Craftsy House and enjoys painting.
- **Lee Simpkins** is a wood carver and creates custom sculptures, signs and more.



Mike Strickland

Many Thanks to the City of Rockmart for all their hard work and support of the Arts in RockmART!



Lee Simpkins and family



Merari Morales with Mayor Sherman & Debbie Ross



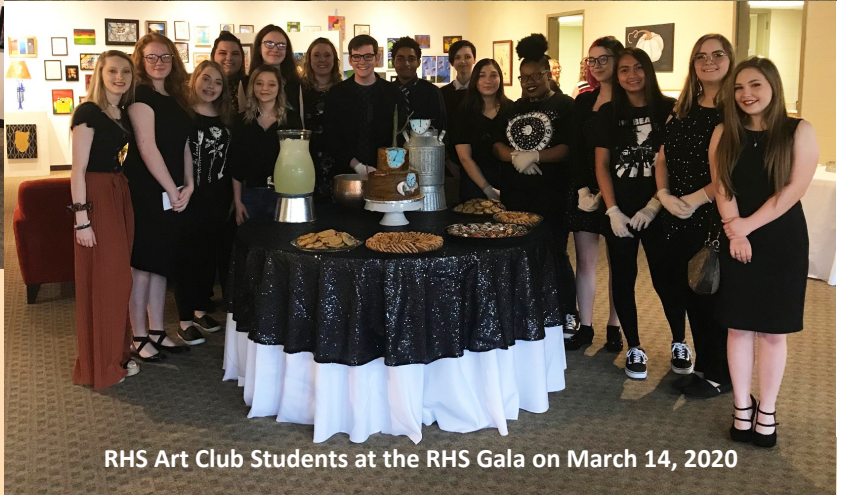
RHS Art Teacher, Kristain Branham with her mother and husband



Art Club Students after hanging their exhibit



RHS Band Students performing at the RHS Gala



RHS Art Club Students at the RHS Gala on March 14, 2020

RHS Gala 2020

The RHS Gala was held at the Arts Center on March 14th. Many Thanks to all the students, parents, teachers and volunteers who helped make this a successful event. We had delicious food, wonderful music, and beautiful artwork that the students created during the school year. Many artworks were sold to raise money for the RHS Arts Department. There are still many artworks for sale and you can help buy art supplies for them with a donation.

We are so proud of all these amazing students and alumni for displaying their artwork for the community to admire.

The Kiwanis Club awarded the following prizes to the RHS students at the Gala: 1st place Justin Myers \$100; 2nd place Emily McTaggart \$50; 3rd place Lana Hill \$25. These artworks will go to State Kiwanis Judging soon.



First Justin Myers





Shane McDonald Reception

We celebrated the solo art exhibit of Atlanta area Artist, Shane McDonald at the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center on February 22, 2020. His artwork was on display at our gallery in January and February. Many visitors from Marietta, Atlanta, Acworth, Cartersville and even Florida came to see his exhibit, reception and our Arts Center. We sold 6 of his paintings. Many RCAC members contributed funds to buy Shane's large painting, "Old Rockmart Store". It will be put on display in our Rockmart Municipal building. MANY Thanks to all who made this possible.





Intro to Plein Air Workshop *with Susan Waters*

We enjoyed a fun Introduction to Plein Air at the Arts Center on February 29 with Susan Waters with help from Laura Robinson and Pat Gore. Students learned about the supplies needed and what to expect when painting outside. They followed along with Susan's painting of hay bales and got to take home their own paintings at the end of the workshop.



Plein Air Workshop *with Shane McDonald*

Artists painted outside on March 7 with Shane McDonald and completed two paintings by the end of the day. The morning was cold, but afternoon was gorgeous. Some of these paintings are in our Virtual Plein Air/Landscape exhibit on Facebook.



Hightower Falls Plein Air Paint Out

Many Thanks to Carol Crook and Elizabeth Walls, with Hightower Falls, for letting RCAC artists and friends paint all day at their beautiful property on March 12. This is a wedding and event venue now, however it has a wonderful rich history that spans hundreds of years. You can learn more on their website: www.hightowerfalls.com/about-us



Artists painted, sketched, and took photos during the day and many of the finished artworks are in our virtual Plein Air/Landscape exhibit on Facebook.



Congratulations to RCAC 2020 Scholarship Winners!

The Rockmart Cultural Arts Center recognizes the RHS student who truly shows, through their involvement in the arts community volunteer work, an outstanding work ethic and a strong interest in pursuing a higher education.

This year, we have two recipients of the RCAC Scholarship who have been active in Theatre and Community service work. We hope this money will help them as they pursue college. They are each a true advocate for the Arts and a special member of the RCAC family and community. We wish them success in their future endeavors.



KADENCE STONECYPHER: “Thank you to everyone who has supported me over the past 4 years. Also thank you to the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center for this scholarship.” (Future Reinhardt University student)

BRANSON LEWIS: “I am honored to receive this scholarship from the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center! My involvement in the fine arts in Rockmart has molded me into the person I am, and prepared me for the world ahead!” (Future Kennesaw State University student)

Margie Monde

Hall Art Exhibit

Shorter Art Professor, Margie Monde, has her artwork on display and for sale in our RCAC Hall Art Gallery and Gift Shop. Check it out soon and on Facebook too.



RCAC Artwork at Hospital

Jane Biggars has her 3-dimensional clay bowls, platters and sculptures on display and Faith Tatum has her large scale paintings and pen and ink artwork on display at Polk Floyd Hospital. One sees them by the Gift Shop and on the way to the lunch room. Both are very colorful and lift spirits for all who work at the hospital now.



Summer Camps 2020



Pottery Camp

(Ages 7- 12) - \$ 95

June 8 - 12, 2020 - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Minimum 8, Maximum 14 students

Snack provided, Includes a T-shirt

Have fun in the clay in this 5 day camp!

Instructor - Paul Craighead

Magic of Art Camp

(Ages 7 - 12) - \$ 100

July 13 - 17, 2020 - 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

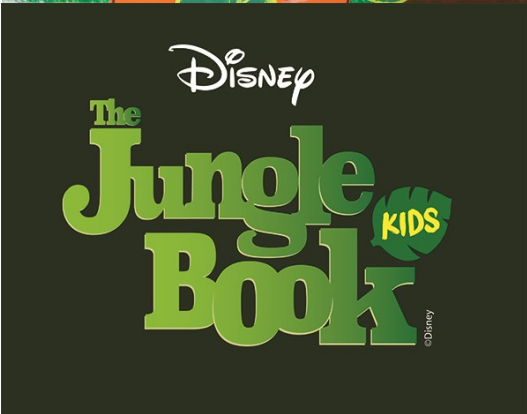
Minimum 8, Maximum 18

Bring a sack lunch, snack provided, Includes a T-shirt

Fun with painting, drawing, sculptures, and more!

Instructors - Margaret Bearden and Peggy Cline

ART Show - July 17, 2020 - 12 - 1 pm



Theatre Camp I - The Jungle Book, Kids

(Ages 6-12, completed grades K-5th)

May 27 - June 5, 2020, 10 am - 3pm weekdays (8 days)

Shows: June 5 at 2pm and 6pm

\$125 if paid *before* April 15, \$135 if paid *after* April 15.

Includes a T-shirt, Bring a sack lunch each day

Director - Margaret Jacobs

Theatre Camp II - The Wizard of Oz

(Ages 12-18, completed grades 6-12)

June 15 - 27, 2020, 10 am - 3pm weekdays (10 days)

Shows: June 26 at 6:30pm and June 27 at 6:30pm

\$125 if paid *before* April 15, \$135 if paid *after* April 15.

Includes a T-shirt, Bring a sack lunch each day

Director - Margaret Jacobs

**ALL Pending
Approval ~
IF camps are
postponed or cancelled
due to the shutdown,
you will receive
a full refund.
Watch Facebook and
Email for notifications**

Rockmart Cultural Arts Center - 2020 Art Workshops & Classes

Children's Art Classes

Mixed Media Art classes integrating Social Studies with a variety of projects. Includes all supplies.

Drawing, Painting & More: Age 7-12 - **Mondays** 5-6:30 pm

Home School Art: Age 7-12 - **Wednesdays** 9:30 – 11:00 am

Little Hands, Big Art!: Age 3-6 – First **Saturday** each month with a new theme each time.

\$60 for 6 classes or \$15 per class, To sign up, contact **Margaret Bearden** at **770-500-4207**.

Rockmart Community Chorus – Chorus rehearses on **Tuesday** nights at 7pm in the Rehearsal room in the upper level of the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center. They perform two concerts each year for the community at The Rockmart Theatre. If you would like to join Chorus, contact Director, **Debbie Miller**, at **404-219-9572** or debbiemiller@aol.com Chorus will start back in Fall.

Piano Lessons – Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for age 6 – adult - 12-6 pm

Ages 6 to adult, all skill levels. Price varies on length of lesson. Will start back soon.

Classes include music theory, technique, and music education, with a broad repertoire.

Contact **Madelyn Stringer** at **678-988-4133** or madelynaudrey2000@gmail.com

Yoga - Thursdays 6-7 pm - \$12 per session, No previous experience necessary. Arrive *before* 6:00 to sign in.

Reduce stress, build core strength, and enhance longevity. Contact **Ramona Camp** to sign up at **706-621-2306**.

Materials needed: Yoga mat, sturdy pillow, water bottle, and comfortable clothing.

To sign up, contact **Ramona Camp** at **706-621-2306** or ramonacamp7@gmail.com Will start back in Fall.

Pottery Classes – \$15 - 1 ½ hr. morning class; \$18 - 2 hr. evening class; includes all clay, glaze and firing

Tuesday: 6:30 - 8:30 pm * **Wednesday:** 10 - 11:30 am *and* 6:30 - 8:30 pm * **Thursday:** 10 - 11:30 am

Age 16 and up, (10 and up ok, if with parent or grandparent) Open Studio classes held year round.

Call **Paul Craighead** to sign up at **770-843-5302** or rivoletti@netzero.net

Raku and more Saturday Clay Workshops: **TBA** Classes will start back soon.

Drawing and Painting – Wednesday 2-3:30 and 5-6:30 pm, **Thursday** 10-11:30, or **Friday** 2– 3:30

\$15 per 1 ½ hr. class, includes supplies, Call **James Hill** to sign up at **770-355-1535**.

Beginning Drawing and Painting (oils or acrylics)

Learn the basics of drawing such as shading, perspective, and more. Will start back soon.

Whittling - Tuesday nights 6-8 pm , \$45 for 3 classes, 3 class session, Age 10 – Adult

Includes all supplies, except you need to bring your own locking blade pocket knife.

Safety instructions will be covered on the first class. Will start back in Fall.

To sign up, contact **Alvin Mallicoat** at **770-401-6362** or msjay2009@hotmail.com

Paint Parties - 2 hour parties with your choice of many projects. \$20 per person

Children or Adults (7 and under need adult supervision) Minimum 8; Maximum 24 students

Includes all art supplies and step by step instruction (11x14 canvas, acrylic paint, etc.)

Call or text **Merari Morales** to sign up at **706-591-9028**. Will start back soon.

Polymer Clay Workshops - \$45 per Saturday workshop (10am - 4pm), includes all supplies.

Call **Anita Kennerley** to sign up at **678-372-2755**. Will start back in Fall.

Fused Glass Workshops - 4 Fall workshops planned: **June 27, July 18, Sept. 19, & Nov. 7**

No glass experience is required. \$40, Saturdays 10 - 12:12:30, All materials, tools and firing included.

Call **Elizabeth Mobley** at **770-851-4431** to sign up.

Needle Felting Workshops - *Bird & Nest and More to come* - \$35, Saturdays, 10 - 12:30 Will start back soon.

Make a needle felted bird and nest with wool. All supplies included in price.

Contact **Hillari Knight** at **770-862-2248** or KnightCreativeArt@gmail.com to sign up.

Mixed Media Workshop - *Mini Magnet Mania Workshop* - \$12 – Saturdays, 10-12

Make an 8x10 mixed media artwork *or* 3 mixed media magnets. All supplies included.

Contact **Elaine Southerland** at **678-425-4595** to sign up. Will start back soon.

*More
classes and
Workshops
planned
for Fall:*

Sewing

Papermaking

**Alcohol Ink
painting**

and more



Support Local Artists and Businesses

There is no more critical time than now to shop small businesses. Please help keep our LOCAL businesses and artists thriving during this time. The arts are not just a hobby for some, but their livelihood. Many are not able to teach now, festivals and events have been cancelled and their income stream has been halted.

You can commission one of our local artists to create something special for you, shop online or on the phone from our gift shop or one of our local businesses. Maintain your memberships and help businesses with positive reviews on social media. You can like an artist's post on Facebook or Instagram, share a video, image, card or book. There are many ways to support

and encourage people in our community. We want to keep local businesses and artists alive in these trying times and all contributions help, no matter how small.

Many of our local artists' products can be seen on our Facebook page. Contact Peggy Cline for more information at **770-684-2707**, rcac@rockmart-ga.gov or on her cell at **770-231-9094**. She can get you in contact with an artist or arrange a curbside pick up from our gift shop.



Teddy Yarbrough's Birdhouse

**Margie Monde prints,
Judith Frasure notecards,
and Natalie Goodwin Pottery**

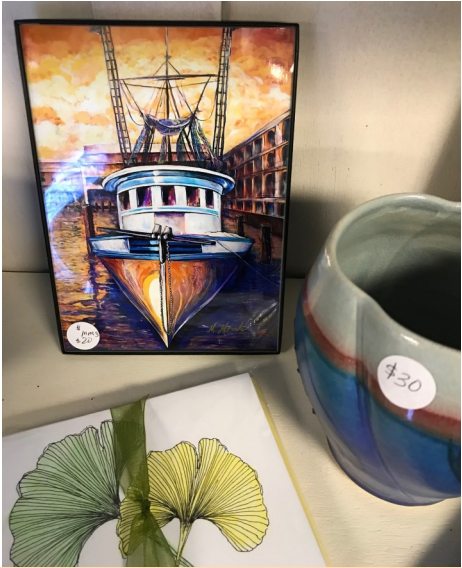


**Manami's
Giclee Prints**

**For more updates on Classes, Workshops, Demos,
Exhibits, Performances, Camps, etc.**

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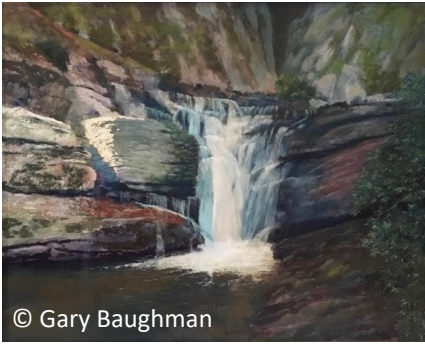
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RockmART!**

MANY Thanks to everyone on our Board and to all our Members, Volunteers and Friends!



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Rockmart Cultural Art Center 2020

Upcoming Art Exhibits Calendar

April – May 2020

“Plein Air/Landscape Exhibit” - VIRTUAL exhibit on Facebook now

Variety of mediums and artists. People’s Choice winners will be announced at next reception. Vote on Facebook now by liking your favorite artwork.

June 4 – August 6, 2020

“Juried Art Exhibit”

Reception and Award Ceremony:

Saturday, June 13, 2020 – 4-7 pm

No theme – Artists Choice, All mediums accepted

Artists email up to 3 .jpg image submissions

by **May 16, 2020 to** rcac@rockmart-ga.gov

Notification of acceptance of artwork: May 23

Artwork Delivery Date(s):

May 27, 28 or May 30, 2020 - 10-4

Pick up Artwork: August 8, 2020

Awards given: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners in each category;

Best of Show and People’s Choice



© Susan Gore Gardner

August 13 – October 15, 2020

**“Susan Gore Gardner
Retrospective Solo Exhibit”**

Reception:

Saturday, August 29, 2020

4-7 pm

October 22 – December 24, 2020

“Angels Among Us Art Exhibit”

Reception: Saturday, November 14, 2020 – 4-7 pm

Variety of mediums and artists – Open to all

(Artwork of angels or angels in our community)

Artists email up to 3 .jpg image submissions

by **October 3, 2020 to** rcac@rockmart-ga.gov

Notification of accepted artwork(s): October 10, 2020

Artwork Delivery Date(s):

October 14,15 or 17, 2020 - 10-4

Pick up Artwork: January 5, 2021

Upcoming 2020 Performances at The Rockmart Theatre

June 5 - *Theatre Camp I*

The Jungle Book, Kids - 2 pm and 6 pm

June 26 & 27 - *Theatre Camp II*

The Wizard of Oz - 6:30 pm

August 8, 2020 - *Gospel Benefit* - 7pm - \$10 tickets

August 15, 2020 - *Bill Brooks and Company* - 7pm

“ELVIS Lives ON” - \$10 tickets

October - *RHS Musical* - TBA

December 5 & 6 - *Rockmart Community Chorus*

Christmas Concert - \$6 tickets

December - *RHS Christmas Concert* - TBA

Check Facebook and Marquee for updates



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Tuesday 1-7pm, Wednesday 10-4, Thursday 10-4, Saturday 10-4
(closed Sunday, Monday and Friday)



Salute to our 2019 Volunteers

I added up the total volunteer hours from 2019 and am so proud of all of our volunteers at the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center and The Rockmart Theatre. 38 volunteers turned in their hours with a total of **1,080.25** hours volunteered last year! The top 10 are listed below. It is definitely a team effort to bring all the wonderful classes, exhibits, receptions, Galas, camps, performances and more to you every year. **We LOVE you and NEED you!**

CONGRATULATIONS to the TOP 10 Volunteers of 2019

1. **Cathy Matthews - 188.25 hours - WOW!**
2. Peggy Cline - 167 hours
3. Rex Garner - 91 hours
4. James Hill - 82.5 hours
5. Margaret Jacobs - 78.5 hours
6. Paul Craighead - 57 hours
7. Jeanna Suppes - 40 hours
8. Sydney Streetman - 40 hours
9. Conner Teams - 34 hours
10. Margaret Bearden - 26 hours

Volunteers & Donations

The following time and talents were donated during the past quarter (January/February/March) for Arts Programming as well as donations to the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center and The Rockmart Theatre.

Paint samples donated to RCAC by the Golden Paint Company.

Art Books donated to the Gallery by Ken and Bobbie Fuller,
Linda Fordham, and Mike Strickland.

Photographs donated to the Gallery by Linda Fordham.

Stool donated to theatre by Peggy Cline.

Bottle tops donated by Jane Biggars.

Bike with Yarn bombing made by Margaret Bearden.

Easter Egg decorations made by Margaret Bearden and Donna Duff.

Art Paper donated to the Gallery by Paul Craighead.

Food and flowers for Receptions donated by Peggy Cline, Susan Waters, and RHS students and parents.

Help setting up and cleaning at Receptions by Cathy Matthews, Margaret Bearden, Elizabeth Mobley,
Merari Morales, James Hill and RHS students, parents and teachers.

Watching Gallery, patching and painting walls, vacuuming, and cleaning construction debris by James Hill.

Watching Gallery and help with Grant paperwork by Cathy Matthews.

Help with folding brochures and calling artists by Tricia Anderson.

Cleaning and organizing donations and art samples in bags for artists by Stephanie Day.

New Art Exhibits were hung at gallery by James Hill, Paul Craighead, Gary Shindelbower, Patty and Steve Ward,
Kristain Branham and RHS students.

Technical/Sound time at Theatre donated by: Margaret Jacobs and Rex Garner.

Theatre Camp Reveal volunteer time by Margaret Jacobs, Cathy Matthews, Margaret Bearden, and RHS students.



Thank you for your support!

THANK You to our RockmArt Patrons



**We need YOU more than ever
to continue the ARTS
in RockmART!**



January - March 2020

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Merari Morales Laura Robinson
Patty Ward George Anna Watson

Please mail or drop off your membership
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RCAC Membership 2020

Your Membership helps fund our Programs, Events, Theatre,
Gallery, Receptions, Chorus, Classes, Camps and Scholarship. *Thank you!*
Help keep the ARTS Alive in RockmART!

Patron	Angel	Corporate
\$25 - Senior/Student	\$100 - \$249	\$250 - \$499 - Friend
\$30 - Individual		\$500 - \$999 - Leader
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**We appreciate
your continued support
of the ARTS
in RockmART!**

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