

RockmART News

Cultural Arts Center & Theatre

FALL 2026

Dear Art Lovers,

We've had a wonderful summer! The arts center facilitated seven different art camps for kids and teens. The instructors packed camp days with creative projects and everyone made fantastic art using a wide variety of materials. Fun learning was had by all!

Pictures from summer art camps are posted on the RCAC and Art Rockman Facebook pages.



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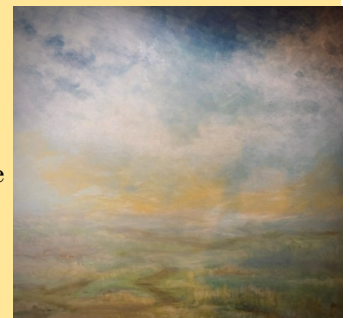
Classes and workshops resume in August. Contact the instructors to sign up soon– the workshops fill up fast! We have some new workshops on offer, too. Read about them in this newsletter. Many opportunities to learn something new at RCAC...

Our patriotic gallery show “Happy Birthday, America!” is a celebration in red, white, and blue. Luther’s Mountain Bluegrass Band played melodies during the reception. This exhibit is on display through August 27th.

The “Down on the Farm” exhibit opens on September 3rd. Member artists display art in the gallery with a reception on September 19th from 4-6pm. The N-Laws will perform live music and we will enjoy refreshments and good company, as always.

The holiday festival and gallery exhibit is around the corner! “Feasts and Festivities” is the theme, and this show is open to all artists in all mediums. Please email your .jpg submissions by October 5th!

Artists– be working on your entries for the Juried Art Competition for 2027. We will give cash prizes in 5 categories again. The theme is “Artists Choice,” and we are hoping to see your BEST work from the last three years. Submissions are due by December 7th.



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I hope your eyes find something beautiful as the seasons change this year. Happy Fall,
Megan Olmstead, Rockmart Cultural Arts Director

The
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Facebook: [rcac.ga](https://www.facebook.com/rcac.ga), Art Rockman

Gallery, Office & Gift Shop Hours (Regular)

Monday and Tuesday 1-7 pm, Wednesday 1-4 pm, Thursday 10 am – 1 pm

Saturday 10 am - 4 pm (Closed Sunday and Friday)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August - Classes and workshops resume. Contact instructors to sign up!

August 1 - Gospel Concert with Rev. Zachary Washington at The Rockmart Theatre

August 3 - Deadline for srt submissions “Down on the Farm.” Email your .jpg to rcac@rockmart-ga.gov

September 3 - “Down on the Farm” exhibit opens

September 19 - Reception “Down on the Farm.” Refreshments and live music in the gallery.

October 3 - Homespun Festival in downtown Rockmart. RCAC has a crafts booth at the festival.

October 5 - Deadline for art submissions “Feasts and Festivities.”

Email your .jpg to rcac@rockmart-ga.gov

November 5 - “Feasts and Festivities” holiday exhibit opens

November 14 - HOLIDAY FESTIVAL! With Gallery reception and open house. 12-5pm

December 5 at 7:00 & December 6 at 2:00- Rockmart Community Chorus Christmas concert at the Rockmart Theatre

December 7 - Deadline for art submissions Rockmart Juried Show & Competition 2027.

Email your .jpgs to rcac@rockmart-ga.gov



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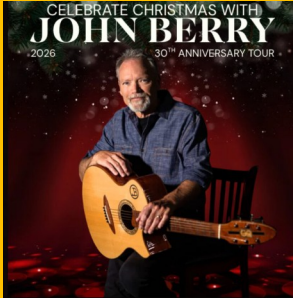


Check our
Call for Artist Page
with links to applications with more information at
www.rockmart-ga.gov/CalltoArtists.aspx
or get an application
at the RCAC office.

We depend on you to continue our programs for the community.
Please continue to *Support the Arts* and remember ~ Donations
to RCAC are tax deductible! Your support is greatly appreciated!



Theatre Happenings Fall/Winter 2026



Christmas with John Berry

Wednesday, December 16th, 2026
7:30pm

At the Rockmart Theatre

Get tickets at cedartownshows.com



Rockmart Community Chorus Concert

December 5th & 6th

At the Rockmart Theatre



The Rockmart Theatre

116 East Elm St., Rockmart, Georgia

Rex Garner, Theatre Operations Manager

Email: therockmarttheatre@rockmart-ga.gov

Office Phone: 470-864-6442

www.rockmart-ga.gov/TheRockmartTheatre.aspx

Facebook: The-Rockmart-Theatre

Instagram: rockmarttheatre

RCAC Gift Shop

The RCAC Gift Shop has books by local authors, as well as coloring books illustrated by our local artists. We have a wide variety of original paintings by our member artists all over the Arts Center. We have prints of artwork and photographs. Pottery made by our local artists is for sale in the Gift Shop, as well as a wide variety of crocheted toys, notecards, jewelry, fused glass and stained glass, quilted items and more!

Many artists take commissions as well.

Please Support **LOCAL** Artists
and Buy **Handmade** Arts & Crafts
at the RCAC Gift Shop and Gallery.

Historic Rockmart Coloring Book





Tuesday Homeschool Art Classes: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Come Explore the Elements of Art in our Tuesday Kids Art Classes!

3 Classes around the same time in 3 different rooms

for different age groups. Price includes all supplies.

3-4 pm (Kinder and Elementary) and **2:30-4 pm** (Youth/Teen)

Fall 2026 Session (8 weeks):

August 11, 25 - September 8, 22 - October 13, 27- November 10 - December 8

Contact each instructor to register and for more information.

Kinder Art Class: Ages 4-6, **\$15** per class or **\$60** for 6 classes paid on first day

Laura Padalik - 904-629-1469, padalikpack@att.net

Elementary Art Class: Ages 7-11, **\$15** per class or

\$110 for 8 classes paid up front

Lily Green - 770-375-1753, lily.manus536@gmail.com

Youth/Teen Art Class: Ages 12 - 18, **\$15** per class

\$110 for 8 classes paid up front or

Sarah Cason, 520-904-2959, sarahfcason@gmail.com



Home School Art Classes

will change to

2nd and 4th TUESDAYS

beginning AUGUST.

Kinder and Elementary: 3-4pm

Youth/Teen: 2:30-4pm.



PALs Classes: Poetry, Art, & Literature

Ages 5-9, \$10 per class, 3 - 4pm

Fall 2026 Session - **1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month**

On these Tuesdays: **August 4, 18 - September 1, 15 - October 6, 20 - November 3, 17**

PALs Classes use children's literature as our springboard. The goal of this class is to give students a hands-on opportunity to express their observations and create art in a variety of mediums, while enhancing fine motor skills. Within their creations, students will learn

to draw basic shapes, patterns, landscapes, faces and animals.

**To sign up, contact Laura Padalik at 904-629-1469 or padalikpack@att.net*

Monday Kinder Art Classes

with Laura Padalik



Mondays 3:30 - 4:30pm

Throughout the School Year

Ages 4-6 (maximum 12 students)

\$60 for 6 classes - paid on the first class

or **\$15** per class

Includes all supplies.

Mixed Media Art classes with a variety of art projects in drawing, painting, printmaking and crafts. Classes meet in the small classroom on the bottom floor of the Arts Center.

Session I - August 10, 17, 24, 31 September 14, 21

Session II - October 5, 12, 19 November 2, 9, 16

\$60 per session up front or **\$15** per class

**To sign up, contact Laura Padalik at 904-629-1469 or email padalikpack@att.net*

Monday Children's Art Classes

with Lily Green

Mondays 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Throughout the School Year

Ages 7-12 (maximum 12 students)

\$60 for 6 classes - paid on the first class

or **\$15** per class

Includes all supplies.

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\$60 per session up front or **\$15** per class

**To sign up, contact Lily Green at 770-375-1753 or email lily.manus536@gmail.com*



Contact instructors at least 1 week prior to class to reserve your spot,
so instructor can bring enough materials. An updated Art Class Registration
form and waiver will be needed on the first class with payment.
If there is inclement weather, then dates will be adjusted forward.
If schools close, then the Arts Center will also be closed.



Calligraphy 101 with Sarah Cason

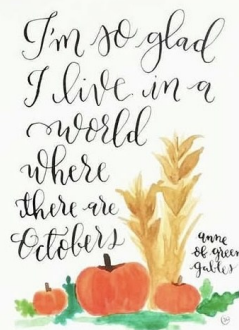
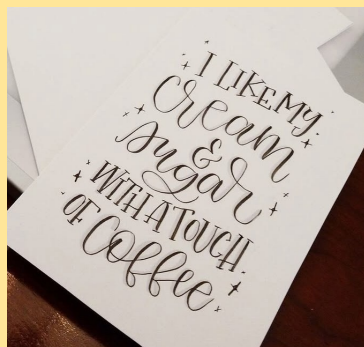
August 22 10:00 am-12:00pm, \$20 includes supplies

Ages Teen-Adult

Learn how to write with a calligraphy pen and ink.

Students will be given instruction on how to hold the pen, how to apply the right pressure, and how to form each letter. We will go through the alphabet, decorative flourishes, and create a few 5x7 pieces featuring a chosen word or words, quote, verse, etc.

To sign up, contact
Sarah Cason at
sarahfcason@gmail.com
or text at 520-904-2959



Needle Felting Workshops

with Hillari Knight

Teen - Adult, 10 am - 12:00 pm

\$35 per person per project, Includes all supplies

Join fiber artist, Hillari Knight, in creating your own colorful needle felted projects. Sign up early as these workshops fill up fast.

She also sells *Needle Felting Kits* in our Gift Shop.

Contact Hillari Knight to
register at 770-862-2248
or email
KnightCreativeArt@gmail.com



Fused Glass Workshop with Elizabeth Mobley

October 31 - 10:00am - 12:30 pm

Ages: Teens - Adult, \$65 each

Learn about working with glass that is kiln-fired. All materials, tools and firings are included in price. There is no glass cutting in this workshop. No experience needed. All tools and materials are included. The glass will be fired and ready later for pickup.



To sign up, contact Elizabeth Mobley at 770-851-4431 or email e.lizabeth@mindspring.com

Guitar 101: Introduction to the Guitar and Basic Principles with Dan Duff

Lessons run approximately 45 minutes. Handouts and other information will be created on a student need basis. Students are expected to practice daily to be ready for the next lesson. Lessons progress as the student accomplishes proficiency before moving forward.

Classes held upstairs at RCAC in the Chorus room

Monday - Thursday, year-round lessons.

\$35 per 45 minute individual session, Ages 11- Adult

To sign up, contact **Dan Duff** at Leveel5@yahoo.com or 678-988-4978.



Open Studio Pottery Classes with Paul Craighead

Tuesday Evenings - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday Mornings - 10:00 am - 12 pm

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Thursday Mornings - 10:00 am - 12 pm

Ages: Teens - Adults, \$20 per class

Includes all clay, glazes, firing & instruction

Sign up with Paul *before* attending class to make sure there is room.



To sign up, contact
Paul Craighead
at 770-843-5302 or
rivoletti@netzero.net

Elementary age children can participate if they come with a parent or guardian. Explore the potentials of clay and learn pinch, coil and slab hand-building techniques work on the wheel to make bowls, platters, sculptures, etc. Paul Craighead's open studio pottery classes continue year-round.

Beginning Drawing & Painting Classes with James Hill

Wednesdays 1 - 2:30 pm

Age 14 - Adult, Includes most supplies

Drawing: **\$15** per person, Oil Painting: **\$20** per person

Learn the basics of drawing such as shading, perspective and painting with oil.



James also is a portrait artist and does commissions, framing and restoration work.
To sign up, contact **James Hill** at 770-355-1535 or email jlharthill@gmail.com



Children and Family Pottery Classes

with René Hardy

Classes resume August 10th

Monday Evenings - 5 - 7 pm

Thursday Evenings - 5-7 pm

Ages: 7 - Adults, \$20 per class

Includes all clay, glazes, firing & instruction

Fun pottery classes for children and families creating hand building (pinch, coil and slab) and wheel projects.



To sign up, contact

René Hardy at

770-757-6449 or

Rhardyl@gmail.com



Pottery Parties

with René Hardy

Looking for that Special Birthday or Group activity? Sign up for a fun Pottery Party with Rene' making angels, face jugs, vases, and more!

Prices vary

depending on the project.

Ages 7 - Adult



Learn Encaustic Painting Workshop *with Bruce Bell*



Saturday, September 12th, 10-12pm

\$30 Per person

Ages 18-adult

Maximum 4 students

Learn a painting technique using wax to bring textured colors into your paintings. Students will create a sunset or landscape scene to gain experience with this unusual technique. Materials included.



To sign up, contact

Bruce Bell at

diamondoaks@hotmail.com

Rockmart Community Chorus *with Debbie Miller*

Chorus rehearsals resume on August 4th.



Rockmart Community Chorus rehearses on **Tuesday nights at 7pm** in the rehearsal room on the upper level of RCAC They perform two concerts each year for the community. These include the Christmas and Spring concerts, plus special events in the community. If you like to sing and have fun, come join our group. You do not have to live in Rockmart. To join the Chorus, contact **Director, Debbie Miller**, at 404-219-9572 or email debbiepammiller@gmail.com



Chorus Concert, Spring 2026

Botanical Printing on Paper *with Anita Kennerly*

Saturday, Sept 12th, 10:30 - 1pm

Join me as we print leaves and flowers on paper! This class will cover several techniques for preserving botanicals on different types of papers. Once you have some prints, you'll put them in a booklet to take home. All supplies are provided.



Class limit - 8 students, \$40 - paid when registering for the class.

Contact **Anita Kennerley** to register - anitakdesigns1@gmail.com or text 678-372-2755

Private Piano Lessons *with Summer Stringer*

Ages: 6-18 years

\$65 flat monthly rate for 30 minute weekly lessons

Develop skills in note reading and counting, Receive a systematic music education that includes theory and technique through Alfred's Basic Piano Library. Encourage your child to develop discipline, nurture creativity, and boost self-confidence. Emphasis on classical composers. Lessons given upstairs at the RCAC chorus room

Text or email **Summer Stringer** for further information:

(770)548-0102 or thesummerrose@icloud.com



Monday Quick-Draw *in the gallery at RCAC*

Begins in August

Every Monday, 4:00-5:00pm

Teens-Adult, Free

Drop into the gallery at 4:00 to practice drawing and sketching. All experience levels are welcome to build drawing skill in a life-drawing setting. A variety of charcoals and graphite to choose from will be provided, along with newsprint and large clipboards.



Stained Glass & Mosaic Workshops *with Dana Helton*

Suncatcher & Mosaic Classes:

10 am - 2 pm, \$60 each*

Create your own Stained Glass Suncatcher and pick your own colors using the Tiffany Technique in one day.

60.00 materials supplied.

August 8 - Advanced Stained Glass leaded panel = 200.00

August 15 - 3D Candle class (need 1 prior class)

August 29th - Wire work suncatcher

September 12 - Bird Suncatcher

September 19 - Maple Leaf Suncatcher

September 26 - Mountain Scene (Beginner friendly)

October 24 - Ghost with Witch Hat

To sign up, contact
Dana Helton at
678-557-1301 or
danalan@comcast.net



Saturday Pottery Workshops

with Erin McCray

August 8 - Slip trailing

August 15 - Slip trailing

September 26 - Slip trailing

October 3 - Charcuterie Plate

October 24 - Mushroom Jar

November 7 - Project TBD

November 21 - Project TBD



11 am - 1 pm, \$30 per person per class, All supplies are included, Ages 13 - Adult, Maximum 12

To sign up, contact **Erin McCray** via text at 770-546-5394 for quickest response or email at erinmccrayceramics@gmail.com Venmo, Cash or Debit accepted

Learn this slip trailing technique



Once the piece is bisque fired, it will be glazed for you by Erin. She will notify you when it is ready

Clubs at RCAC



Sit 'n Stitch - 2nd and 4th Thursdays during the school year

10:00 am - 2:00 pm, FREE

Sit N' Stitch returns from summer break on August 13

Do you like to sew, quilt, knit, crochet, felt, or more? This is not a class, but a fun time for crafters to create together. Bring your own project and supplies; sack lunch & drink. Sit 'n Stitch is open to all and held at the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center in the large classroom downstairs every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month during the school year. Enjoy the comradery of fellow crafters.

Any questions, contact **Debbie Chard** at 404-219-1837.



Book Club

2nd Tuesday of each month, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, FREE

Upcoming Books and Local Author Talks:

May 12 - *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan

June 9 - *A Wedding to Die for* by Deborah Malone*

July 14 - *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

August 11 - *Wait for Me* by Amy Burns

September 8th - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

*Author in Attendance



Our book club meets at the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center and is led by Debbie Ross. Each month we read a new book and one of our members leads the discussion.

All are welcome to join.

Questions, email **Debbie Ross** at ross5860@bellsouth.net

Summer Art Camps 2026



THANK YOU to our FY 2026 RockmART Patrons

Fiscal Year 2026 Members are listed below

Our Fiscal Year: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. List below as of June 30, 2026

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Lisa Jones, Kimberly McGuinness, Mary Cash

Please mail or drop off your FY2026 membership to be included in our next newsletter.

Membership lasts for 1 year or 12 months.

Thank you for supporting the ARTS!

Donations & Volunteers

The following time and talents were donated during the second quarter 2026 at The Rockmart Cultural Arts Center

Donations: May thru July, 2026

Artists - Food for Receptions

Trudie Goss & Cheryl Waits: Snacks for kid's art camps

Rose-Marie Scheel - Sewing notions, cameras

Carol Case, Mahara Jones, and BJ Tucker: Art camp supplies

Volunteers: May thru July, 2026

Help in the office and Local Literature Bookshelf: Abby Case

Organizing kitchen closet: Elizabeth Mobley

Pottery class subs: Gary Shindelbower, Erin McCray

Hanging Exhibits: James Hill, Kevin Huey, Paul Craighead, Parker Padalik, Abby Case, Patty Ward

Art Drop off/pick up: Peggy Cline, Cathlen Ross, Mary Bonevelle

Cleaning/ Organizing: James Hill, Lily Green, Abby Case, Laura Robinson

Gallery sitting: Lee Simpkins, James Hill, Dana Helton

Office/Gift Shop: Dana Helton, Peggy Cline

Happy Birthday, America reception: Peggy Cline, Karen Cline, Cathlen Ross, Susan Marks, Dana Helton and Lily Green



Many THANKS to ALL the volunteers! Your time at RCAC makes this place SHINE

RCAC Membership

Your Membership helps fund our Programs, Events, Theatre, Gallery, Receptions, Chorus, Classes, Workshops, Camps and Scholarships.

Please Help keep the ARTS Alive in RockmART!

Patron

\$25 - Senior/Student

\$30 - Individual

\$50 - Family

Angel

\$100 - \$249

Extra

\$250 - \$499 - Friend

\$500 - \$999 - Leader

\$1,000 + - Executive



**We appreciate
your continued support
of the ARTS
in RockmART!**

Name: _____

Additional Names (Family membership): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (s): _____

Email: _____

Interests: _____

Date	
Amount	\$
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Membership lasts for **one year or 12 months** from date of membership and is **tax deductible**. *Thank you!*

Please make checks payable to **"City of Rockmart/RCAC"** Rockmart Cultural Arts Center

and mail to: RCAC, P.O. Box 231, Rockmart, GA 30153 *or* drop by the RCAC Gallery Office *or* City drive-thru