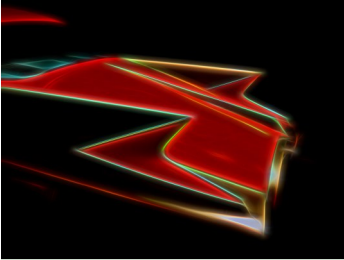


Fall 2025

# RockmART News

## Cultural Arts Center & Theatre



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Dear Friends of the Arts,

Three RCAC members have a special exhibit through August 28, called *Transitions & Transformations*. Artwork in fused glass, mixed media and photography is highlighted in this exhibit. We had a enjoyable Reception for them on July 19.



© D J Boneville, age 8  
Photograph

We have lots of fun classes and workshops for ages 4 to Adult planned for you this Fall! Contact each instructor to sign up for their class. Sign up soon as they fill up fast.

Students, age 4-18, be working on artwork for our Fall Student Art Show. Parents: drop off your children's artwork (framed & ready to hang) on August 28 or 30. Full information and application is on our Call for Artist page on our website and at the Arts Center office.



© Susan Waters, acrylic

Community members and businesses, *please* donate for the Fall Student Art Show, so we can give prizes and awards to the children in our community!

Make plans to come to our Holiday Arts & Crafts Festival inside the Arts Center on all 3 floors on Saturday, November 15. Our member artists will have handmade items for you to buy on this day on all floors of the Arts Center. Artwork by adult artists will be on view in the gallery with live music and refreshments. We will have free Kids' crafts, live demonstrations, and Santa! This is a great day to meet the artists in our community and take home some local & hand made items for the Holidays.

RCAC celebrates the Visual, Performing and Literary Arts. 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!

Artfully yours, *Peggy Cline*, Rockmart Cultural Arts Director

### Mark Your Calendars

***Transitions & Transformations***  
*Glass, Mixed Media & Photography*  
Artwork by Elizabeth Mobley,  
Mausi and Stella Spyrou  
Through August 28, 2025

***Children's Art Show 2025***  
Artists Age 4 - 18 from Polk county  
or who have taken our classes or camps  
Exhibit: Sept. 4 – Oct. 23, 2025  
Reception & Award Ceremony  
Sept. 13th – 4-6 pm

**Holiday Art Exhibit: *Traditions***  
November 6 - December 20, 2025  
Open Exhibit for Adults - Enter by Oct. 7

**Indoor RCAC**  
***Arts & Crafts Festival***  
Open House & Reception  
November 15th - 12 - 5 pm



Anna and Carol with Santa!

### Rockmart Cultural Arts Center

316 North Piedmont Avenue, Bldg. 300, Rockmart, Georgia 30153

Phone: 770-684-2707 Cell: 770-231-9094 Email: [rcac@rockmart-ga.gov](mailto:rcac@rockmart-ga.gov)

Website: [www.rockmart-ga.gov](http://www.rockmart-ga.gov) Instagram: rockmart\_arts Facebook: rcac.ga

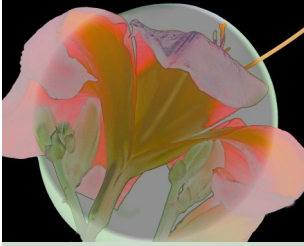
### Art Gallery, Office & Gift Shop Hours:

Tuesday 1-7pm, Wednesday 10-4, Thursday 10-4, Saturday 10-4 (Closed Sun/Mon/Fri)

**The Rockmart Theatre** 116 E. Elm St., Rockmart, Georgia

Facebook: The-Rockmart-Theatre [@therockmarttheatre@rockmart-ga.gov](https://www.facebook.com/therockmarttheatre) 470-864-6442

# Upcoming RCAC Art Exhibits & Receptions



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**Transitions & Transformations:**  
*Glass, Mixed Media & Photography*  
**Elizabeth Mobley, Mausi and Stella Spyrou**  
Through August 28, 2025

**Polk County Children's Art Show 2025**  
September 4 – October 23, 2025  
**Reception & Awards Ceremony Sept. 13 – 4-6pm**  
**Artists Age 4 - 18** from Polk county

or who have taken our classes  
You can email up to 3 images by August 9 for consideration  
**1 Entry** accepted per student. 2-D artwork must be framed and ready to hang. 3-D artwork must fit on our pedestals.  
Parents: Drop off student artwork on either **August 27, 28 or 30.**

**COMMUNITY:** If you can help make our First Polk County Student Art Show at RCAC a **SUCCESS**, **please donate** so we can give the students **ribbons, money, and awards.** **THANK YOU!**



© Parker Padalik, age 15, acrylic



**Holiday Art Exhibit: Traditions**  
November 6 - December 20, 2025  
Be working on your art entries in all mediums.  
Enter up to 3 .jpg entries to be considered by **October 7.**



Congratulations to Cade Childers for winning the **People's Choice Award** and \$100 for his artwork, "Miracle Boy" in the *Best Friends: Pets and People* exhibit this summer.

**Indoor RCAC Arts & Crafts Festival**  
**Open House & Reception**  
**November 15th - 12 - 5 pm**

Current RCAC Member Artists will be selling items on all 3 floors!  
Free Crafts for Kids, Live Music, Refreshments & SANTA - Fun Day for the Community!  
Contact RCAC if you can perform for **free** at our Holiday festival. *Thank you!*

**Annual Juried Art Show**  
January - Mid-March 2026  
Theme: **Artist's Choice**  
Judge: TBA  
**Reception & Awards Ceremony**  
**January 24 - 4-6 pm**  
Be working on your art entries in all mediums.  
Enter up to 3 .jpg entries to be considered by **December 10.**



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

**RCAC 2025 Advisory Committee**  
City Manager: Stacey Smith  
Arts Liaison: Bruce Bell, Lucille Harris  
Director: Peggy Cline  
Theatre Operations Manager: Rex Garner  
Business Liaison: Leslie Roberts  
Literary Arts Chairperson: Debbie Ross  
Education Chairperson: Lily Green  
Pottery Supervisor: Paul Craighead  
Visual Arts Chairperson: James Hill  
Gift Shop Chairperson: Dana Helton

## RockmART Art Studios

Check out the Art Studios on the top floor of the Arts Center and meet these talented Artists in Residence:

**James Hill - Oil Painting & Restoration**  
**Dana Helton - Stained Glass & Mosaics**  
**Lily Green - Painting & Children's Classes**  
**Lee Simpkins - Wood Carving**



Several of our Studio Artists have been highlighted in National magazines and videos. James, Dana and Lily teach at RCAC and all do commission work.





# The Rockmart Theatre

## Theatre Happenings *by Rex Garner*

Programming continues at The Rockmart Theatre with music and other stage events, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Music Round, Community Chorus, along with various special events.

Flood recovery is nearly complete after 6 months. Our props are now in a new storage facility in the city.

The Rockmart Community Chorus performed their Spring Concert, "Love is in the Air" at The Rockmart Theatre on May 17 and 18.

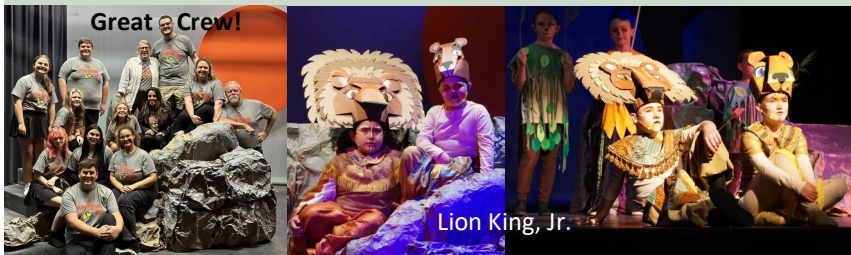


We had a fantastic time with our Summer Theatre Camps with "The Lion King, Jr." May 28 - June 6 with two performances on June 6. Our teen camp, "Shrek, Jr." was from June 16 - 28 with performances on June 27 and 28. We have a wonderful community of

thesians in our area. Many Thanks to all that helped with our camps!

Sky Whatley performed a concert at our theatre on July 19. More concerts from a variety of artists are in the works.

For more information on any of our programs or events, contact **Theatre Operations Manager, Rex Garner**  
Office Phone: (470) 864-6442  
Email: [therockmarttheatre@rockmart-ga.gov](mailto:therockmarttheatre@rockmart-ga.gov)



## Mark Your Calendars and Support Live Music and Theatre



**Third Thursday of the Month Program**  
*Roots Music Round*  
in the Theatre Studio, 118 E. Elm  
Free, 6-9 pm



**Nim B. Russel Foundation**  
Benefit Concert  
September 13  
(details to come)

**Rockmart Community Chorus**  
Presents their Annual  
**Christmas Concert**  
December 7 – 7pm and  
December 8 – 2pm  
\$8 per ticket

*More to Come*

## The Rockmart Theatre

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Rex Garner, Operations Manager

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[www.rockmart-ga.gov/TheRockmartTheatre.aspx](http://www.rockmart-ga.gov/TheRockmartTheatre.aspx)

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Instagram: [rockmarttheatre](https://www.instagram.com/rockmarttheatre)







## Crochet Workshops

with Kristine Huffman

### Crochet 101 Workshop

**August 30, 10 am - 1 pm, \$30 per person**

Ages 13 - Adult, Maximum 10,

All Materials provided; Feel free to bring your own supplies, yarn, snack and drink.

Learn to crochet or enhance your skills in this Crochet 101 workshop. You will learn how to create circles! What can you do with a circle? Create beautiful pillows for décor or for tucking behind backs, under knees etc. We will learn 1-5 stitches; the proper way to use poly-fill and how to close your project. There is always the option to crochet a scarf too, so if circles aren't your thing you can work on your fall wardrobe!



### Christmas Crochet Workshop

**November 1, 10 am - 1 pm, \$30 per person**

Ages 13 - Adult, Maximum 10,

All Materials provided; Feel free to bring your own supplies, yarn, snack and drink.

November is a great time to start thinking about Christmas Crochet Projects! Our November Workshop will have 3 projects to choose from: **Christmas Ornaments,**

**Dressed Gift Candles,** both of these can be completed during class, or you can begin a **Santa Blanket!** All supplies will be provided for the ornaments & candles. The first skein of red yarn will be provided for the Santa Blanket should you select that project.



To sign up, contact **Kristine Huffman** via text at 404-293-5958 or email [coachkhuffman@gmail.com](mailto:coachkhuffman@gmail.com)



## Rockmart Community Chorus with Debbie Miller Starts back in August

The Rockmart Community 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. 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](mailto:debbiepammiller@gmail.com)

Chorus practices in the Chorus room at the Arts Center



Rockmart Community Chorus Christmas Concert 2024



## Wish List

**Volunteers:** Help and bring food during receptions and festival, stuff envelopes, Help with Kids crafts at festivals

**Art supplies:** White acrylic paint, 11x14 canvases, watercolor paper, newspapers, etc. **Thank you!**



## Guitar 101: Introduction to the Guitar and Basic Principles

Dan Duff is a retired coach. He has taught beginning guitar at Trion High and Woodland Middle Schools, and private lessons. His classes cover basic guitar care and various techniques to include chords, scales, intervals to create music the students desire to play.

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.

**Class Objectives:** As a result of the lessons, the student will be able to:

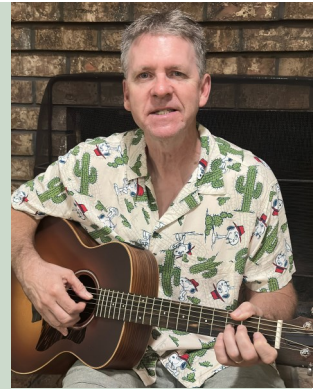
- Understand the parts and anatomy of the guitar.
- Know how to engage in basic strumming and picking of both open strings and single fretted notes.
- Know how to use a tuner to tune the guitar.
- Know the notes for the first 12 frets on all six strings or at least the high E, low E, and A string.
- Learn how to utilize the Circle of Fifths.
- Be able to play basic power chord shapes (dyads) and the common open chords from the CAGED system.
- Know and be able to use basic minor, major, power, and barre chords.
- Remember and utilize basic major, melodic minor and pentatonic scales.
- Understanding and putting into practice basic soloing technique including bends, vibrato, sliding, and alternate picking.
- Play through and be comfortable with simple chord progressions that allow you to play through full songs.

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 [Level15@yahoo.com](mailto:Level15@yahoo.com) or 678-988-4978.



## Hawaiian Dance & Fitness with Annette Puanani

**Adult Fitness Class: Saturdays at 10 am, \$85 month or \$25 per class drop in**

**Beginners Dance Class: (ages 8 - Adult): Saturdays at 11:15 am, \$65 month**

Upstairs in the RCAC Chorus Room. Payment due first class of each month

For more information and to sign up, email **Annette Puanani** at

[hawaiiandanceandfitness@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiiandanceandfitness@gmail.com) or text 770-286-9169.

No dance experience needed. **FIRST CLASS IS FREE!!!!!!**

### Pay per month:

August 9-30 (4 classes)

September 6-27 (4 classes)

October 4-25 (4 classes)

November 1-22 (4 classes)

December 6-20 (3 classes)

Annette Puanani was born and raised in Hawai'i and began dancing Hula and Tahitian at the age of 2 and has been passionate about sharing the beauty of Polynesian culture ever since.

Through her dance and fitness classes, she blends traditional music and movement with health and wellness to inspire and uplift her students.



## Lino Printmaking Workshop

with *Mary Cash*

**August 16 - 10:00 - 1:00, \$35 per person**

All materials are included, bring a sack lunch

Older teens to Adults, All Levels

Minimum 4, Maximum 12 students

Students will learn about the art of linoleum printing, including how to use the carving knives, printing materials and use of hand pressing materials. Instruction will also be given on how to create cards.

Students should bring in simple images to use for their project or use some of her samples.

To sign up, contact **Mary Cash** at 678-424-7932 or [cashwoman2010@yahoo.com](mailto:cashwoman2010@yahoo.com)



HOMESPUN 2025



## Homespun Festival *In Downtown Rockmart*

Make plans to come to the City of Rockmart's Annual Festival in Downtown Rockmart on **Saturday, October 4, 2025!**

RCAC will have a booth with Free Crafts for Kids.

A fun time is planned for all! Arts & Craft Exhibitors and Vendors need to apply at [www.downtownrockmart.com](http://www.downtownrockmart.com)

Festival is hosted by the Rockmart Downtown Development Authority.

Questions, call 678-883-5930.

OCTOBER 4TH

## Children and Family Pottery Classes *with Rene' Hardy*

**Thursday Evenings 5 - 6:30 pm or 5 - 7 pm**

Includes all clay, glazes, firing & instruction

**Ages: 7 - Adults**

**Prices Per Class: 1 1/2 Hours: \$18 or 2 Hours: \$21**

Fun pottery classes for children and families creating hand building (pinch, coil and slab) and wheel projects. Classes meet in the Pottery classroom on the bottom floor of the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center. All need to sign a new waiver in August.

To sign up, contact **Rene' Hardy** at [Rhardy1@gmail.com](mailto:Rhardy1@gmail.com) or 770-757-6449.



## Beginning Drawing & Painting Classes *with James Hill*

**Mondays 3:30 - 5:00 pm**

**Wednesdays 1 - 2:30 pm or 3 - 4:30 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](mailto:jlharthill@gmail.com)



**Continues all Year**

## Watercolor Workshop *with Beverly Culver*

**August 30 - 10 am - 3 pm, \$40**

Includes all supplies. Bring a sack lunch & water bottle.

Create up to 5 fun watercolor bookmarks.

Contact **Beverly Culver** to sign up at 770-289-1837.





## Open Studio Pottery Classes *with Paul Craighead*

Tuesday Evenings - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday Mornings - 10:00 to 11:30 am

Wednesday Evenings - 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Thursday Mornings - 10:00 to 11:30 am

Prices Per Class:

1 1/2 Hours: \$18

2 Hours: \$21



Includes all clay, glazes, firing & instruction

Ages: Teens - Adults

Sign up with Paul *before* attending class.

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 as well as work on the wheel to make bowls, platters, sculptures, etc. Paul Craighead's open studio pottery classes continue year-round.

He works with students individually and in groups to create pottery items. He also offers Raku workshops in spring and fall to *current* students.

**Note:** NO Open Studio Pottery during the two June Children's Pottery Camps, however it will continue the rest of the summer!



To sign up, contact  
**Paul Craighead**  
at 770-843-5302 or  
[rivoletti@netzero.net](mailto:rivoletti@netzero.net)



## 2-session Touch and Texture Hands on Pottery Workshop

*with Jen Weaver Fugelsoe*

\$45 per person for the 2-session workshop

Ages 7 - Adult

Children 10 and under must come with an adult.

Min 5/Max 8

Price includes all clay, glazes, firing and instruction.

**August 9 - Hand building 10 am - 12 pm**

A fun workshop for any age creating textures in clay. You will create a ruffle bowl and small plate or bowl. You will learn new texture and smoothing techniques. Feel free to bring your own textures, such as flowers, leaves, placemats, etc. Your completed pieces will be left to dry and bisque fired in the kiln.

**August 23 - Glazing - 10 am - 12 pm**

Decorate your pieces with a variety of glazes and decals if desired. Pieces will be fired and ready for pick up in about 2 weeks.



To sign up, contact **Jen W. Fugelsoe**  
at 770-841-4835 or  
[4stersdaughter@gmail.com](mailto:4stersdaughter@gmail.com)  
Payment in advance with Jen through  
Venmo/PayPal or drop off check or  
cash to Jen at Arts Center office.



## Pottery Parties

*with Rene' 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  
Held Year Round!*



For more info. and to sign up, contact **Rene' Hardy** at  
[Rhardy1@gmail.com](mailto:Rhardy1@gmail.com) or 770-757-6449.

# Home School Art Classes: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the Month

Come Explore the Elements of Art with us in our Thursday Home School Art Classes!



3 Classes around the same time in 3 different rooms for different age groups. Price includes all supplies.

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

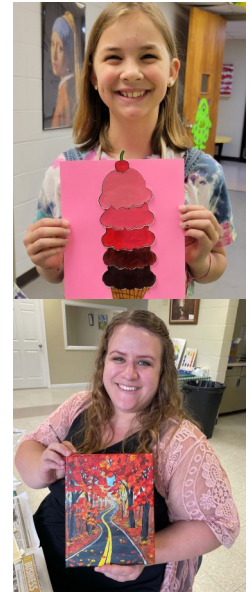
Fall 2025 Session (8 weeks):

**August 7, 21, September 4, 18, October 2, 16, November 6, 20**

Contact each instructor to register and for more information.

- Kinder Art Class:** Ages 4-6, **\$10** per class  
Laura Padalik - 904-629-1469, padalikpack@att.net
- Elementary Art Class:** Ages 7-11, **\$15** per class  
\$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  
Sarah Cason, 520-904-2959, sarahfcason@gmail.com

**Children's Art Classes**  
**Start back in**  
**AUGUST**  
**Limited spots**  
**Sign up Now!**



## **PALs Classes: Poetry, Art, & Literature**

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

Fall 2025 Session - **1st and 3rd Tuesdays**

On these Tuesdays: **August 5, 19, September 2, 16, October 7, 21, November 4, 18**

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 11, 18, 25, Sept. 8, 15, 22**

Session II: **October 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10**



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.*

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

Session I: **August 11, 18, 25, Sept. 8, 15, 22**

Session II: **October 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10**



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.





## Botanical Scarf Workshop on Silk

with Anita Kennerley

### October 4 - Botanical Scarves

10:30 am - 2 pm, \$45 per person  
Bring a sack lunch, Maximum 8 students

Learn how to print with leaves and plants on beautiful habotai silk scarves! This class will include instructions for a colored background. Each scarf will be unique!

Teen - Adult, Includes all supplies  
Contact **Anita Kennerley** to register at [anitakdesigns1@gmail.com](mailto:anitakdesigns1@gmail.com) or call 678-372-2755.



## Painting Workshops with Lily Green

All supplies are included, No experience is necessary.  
Guided tutorials are given to make it easy for everyone.  
Reserve your spot at least 1 week in advance.  
Limited spaces in each class, so sign up soon.

### Acrylic Paint Parties: Saturdays 10 am - 12 pm

\$20 per person 8x10 canvas

\$30 per person 11x14 canvas

All ages are welcome, young children must be with their parent/guardian

August 16 - Crepe Myrtle & Sky Painting

September 13 - Sunflower Painting

October 11 - Hot air Balloon painting

November 22 - Scarecrow painting



December 6 - Wooden Trees\*

\*\$20 per person on 3-D cut out wooden trees

### Watercolor Paint Parties: Saturdays

Ages Teen - Adult , Beginners welcome.

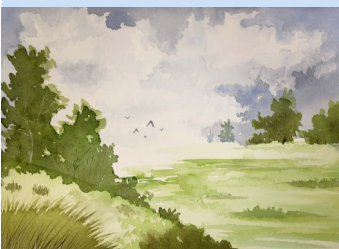
All supplies are included  
You are welcome to bring your own supplies too.  
Minimum 6, maximum 10, \$30 per person

August 23 - Moody Landscape - Saturday 10 am - 12 pm

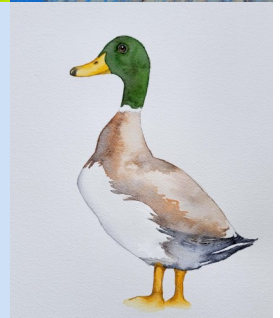
September 20 - Mountain Sunset - Saturday 10 am - 12 pm

October 11 - Duck - Saturday 1:30 - 3:30 pm

November 22 - Fish - Saturday 1:30 - 3:30 pm



To sign up, contact **Lily Green**  
at 770-375-1753 or email  
[Lily.manus536@gmail.com](mailto:Lily.manus536@gmail.com)







## Scarf Dyeing Workshop *with Margie Monde*

**Silk Scarves with Ice Dye & Fabric Dye Painting**

**September 13, \$45 per person**

All materials are included. Bring a snack lunch.

10:30 - 1:30 pm

Teen - Adult, Open to all skill levels

Min 6/Max 12 students



Create two beautiful 100% silk scarves - one in a floral design with fabric dyes and another in an abstract ice dye design. Learn the easiest ways to dye silk. It is impossible to make a mistake and it looks gorgeous!

Text or call **Margie Monde** to sign up at 706-767-5139



## Vintage Tree Painting Workshops

*with Tina Lanier*

Pick a date and have FUN painting a vintage tree from antique molds with Tina Lanier at the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center.

**Thursdays: Dates TBA 6:30 - 9:00 pm**

**Saturdays: Dates TBA - 10:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**Sundays: Dates TBA - 2:00 - 4:30 pm**

Trees 17 - 19" tall. Prices vary depending on style.

For more information call **Tina Lanier** at 678-883-9300.

Make reservations at [www.nowandtheninc.com](http://www.nowandtheninc.com)



## RCAC Gift Shop

The RCAC Gift Shop has books by local authors, such as Brad Hulse, Carol Harper and Deborah Malone, as well as coloring books illustrated by our local artists, Vivian Stitt and Kimberly McGuinness.

We have original paintings by our member artists, prints, pottery, mugs, photographs, notecards, bowls, jewelry, wood turned and carved items, crocheted toys, ornaments, bird houses, fused and stained glass, candles, wine bottle stoppers, soap, walking sticks, 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



56 pages of History and Artwork featuring Historic Buildings in Rockmart  
Buy your collector's book at the City of Rockmart or Rockmart Cultural Arts Center





# Stained Glass Workshops

with Dana Helton

**Suncatcher: 10 am - 2 pm, \$50 each**  
 Create your own Stained Glass Suncatcher and pick your own colors using the Tiffany Technique in one day.

- Aug. 9 - Mountain
- Sept. 6 - Feather
- Sept. 13 - Maple Leaf
- Sept. 20 - Butterfly
- Sept. 27 - Bird
- Oct. 18 - Beach Scene
- Oct. 25 - Bird
- Nov. 8 - Christmas Tree
- Nov. 22 - Christmas Tree



Ages: Adult,  
 Maximum 6 people  
 in each class  
 All materials are included.  
 No experience is necessary.  
 Closed toe shoes and  
 eye protection is mandatory.  
 Bring water and lunch/snack.

To sign up, contact  
**Dana Helton** at  
 678-557-1301 or  
[danalan@comcast.net](mailto:danalan@comcast.net)



**Intermediate Panel:**  
 October 4  
 10 am - 4 pm, \$150  
 Must take 3 suncatcher classes  
 before taking the panel class.

**Advanced Leaded Glass:**  
 Nov. 1 & 2, 10 am - 4 pm  
 plus one more day a week later  
 \$200



**Upcoming Fall 2025**  
**Sit 'n Stitch Dates:**  
*August 14, 28*  
*September 11, 25*  
*October 9, 23*  
*November 13*  
*December 11*

**Sit 'n Stitch - 2nd and 4th Thursdays** of each month during the school year  
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm , FREE  
 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.





# Beginning Quilting - Tools and Techniques

with Dora Dryden

October 25, 10 am to 2 pm, \$25 per person

Overview: If you want to try your hand at the traditional and also modern craft of quilting, this introductory class of basic quilt construction is for you. You will learn techniques for planning, cutting, and construction of a basic quilt block as well as skills in selecting fabrics and materials. Emphasis will be placed on accuracy in cutting and sewing to insure your quilt comes together perfectly. Students will complete a sample block.

You should be able to operate a basic sewing machine and sew a straight stitch. You do not have to know anything about quilt construction.

Supply List:

- Sewing machine in good working order
  - Thread in a neutral color such as white or cream (50 wt. recommended)
  - Seam ripper
  - Rotary cutter (45 mm recommended) such as Olfa or Fiskars
  - Straight pins and pincushion
  - Scissors
  - Acrylic ruler (6" x 12" recommended) such as Omnigrid
  - ¼" foot for your machine if you have one but is not required
  - At least 1/4 yard of 3 cotton fabrics that you like together - a light, medium, and dark or ones that have contrast.

To sign up or for more information, contact **Dora Dryden** at [dlord557@aol.com](mailto:dlord557@aol.com) or 770-546-1162



## Rhonda the Rock Snake

Meet Rhonda the Rock Snake at the entrance to RCAC! The kids in our camp voted last week to name her Rhonda. Add a colorful and positive rock to her and let's see how long she can grow!

## Book Club

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

*Upcoming Books and Local Author Talks:*

August 12 - *All the Broken Places* by John Boyne

September 9 - *Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life*  
by Marta McDowell

October 14 - *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

November 11 - *Go As A River* by Shelly Read

December 9 - *New Book* TBD by Buck Buchannan\*

\*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](mailto:ross5860@bellsouth.net) or [rcac@rockmart-ga.gov](mailto:rcac@rockmart-ga.gov)



# Transitions & Transformations Art Exhibit



**Transitions & Transformations:**  
*Fused Glass, Mixed Media & Photography*  
Exhibit with Artwork by **Elizabeth Mobley, Mausi and Stella Spyrou** is in the gallery from July 10 - August 28, 2025. We had a Reception on July 19th from 4-6 pm and raffled off some of their artwork. Come see this beautiful exhibit!





We are very proud that James Hill was chosen to be in the City Employee Newsletter's Standout page.  
Thanks to Julie Beckman for the great write up!

# CITY STANDOUT

**If Rockmart had a Hall of Fame for quiet legends, James Hill would already have his plaque. For the past 13 years, James has been the creative soul of the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center, where he teaches drawing and painting to eager minds every Monday and Wednesday afternoon. He's the kind of guy who can paint a masterpiece, then turn around and paint the wall behind it — and probably mop the floor while he's at it. And he doesn't stop there. James has spent the last 3 years also working part-time with Public Works, where his list of duties is longer than a roll of trailhead toilet paper — which, fittingly, he's had to clean up more times than he'd care to remember. If you think your job is tough, try scrubbing down a public trailhead restroom... in July... after a festival. James has stories, y'all — the kind that make you laugh, gag, and count your blessings all at once. But here's the thing — he does it all without complaint. Whether he's cleaning the library, theatre, history museum, or RCAC, James shows up with a steady hand and a good heart. He's a one-man welcome committee, clean-up crew, and morale booster rolled into one. Peggy Cline, who nominated him said it best: "We love James and think the world of him." And honestly? So does the rest of Rockmart. He's a painter, a teacher, a janitor, a storyteller, and a quiet warrior for this city. James Hill, thank you for your creativity, your commitment, and your undeniable impact on Rockmart!**



## Q&A with James Hill

1. What's your favorite memory while working here? *The many times I've been told that they appreciate the job I do. It's nice to hear.*
2. Who inspires you professionally, and why? *Peggy Cline. She is very knowledgeable about the business and of the arts & has really made a success of the RCAC.*
3. What do you like to do outside of work? *Oil painting & teaching art.*
4. What's something about you that might surprise your coworkers? *That I ran my own business for most of my working years.*
5. What advice would you give to someone just starting a career with the City of Rockmart? *Whatever job you're hired for, give it your best & you'll be appreciated.*



# Fun times in our 2025 RCAC Summer Camps



Pottery Camp I with Paul Craighead



Pottery Camp II with Sarah Mottashed



Little Hands, BIG Art I with Lisa Brown Jones



Little Hands, BIG Art II with Laura Padalik



Art Camp I with Margaret Bearden



Art Camp II with Peggy Cline



3-Day Teen Art Camp I with Margie Monde



3-Day Teen Fused Glass Camp II with Elizabeth Mobley



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