

RockmART News

Cultural Arts Center & Theatre

SUMMER 2026

Dear Art Lovers,

The “Close to Home” exhibit remains in the gallery until June 24th. Artists Scott Foxx and Johnny Jackson filled the space with their paintings and sculptures. We held the reception for this exhibit on May 2nd and enjoyed the company of many artists and musicians who visited from Carrollton.



© Johnny Jackson

The Children’s Art Show was in the gallery March 19th through April 23rd. The young people of our community are brilliant, it was fun to give them space for artistic expression. Dan Duff and his students played songs on their guitars and did a great job.



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RCAC will facilitate the annual Art Camps for kids and teens during June and July. The theme is “American Road Trip.” Our instructors planned fantastic projects and we love seeing what the kids make! Because of summer camps, gallery hours will change during June and July. We will be closed on the weekends during summer camps and during the week of June 29th.

The exhibit “Happy Birthday, America!” opens on July 9th. We will celebrate USA’s Semi quincentennial birthday with art in all mediums by our members. Reception is July 25th, 4-6pm.

Get ready for the upcoming exhibit “Down on the Farm.” Members– please email .jpegs for your submissions by July 20th. The exhibit will open early in September with a reception on September 19th.

Hope your summer is filled with color,

Megan Olmstead, Rockmart Cultural Arts Director



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The
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Rockmart
Cultural Arts Center

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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)

Gallery, Office & Gift Shop Hours (during Summer Camps)

Monday - Friday 10-1pm, CLOSED June 27– July 5

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 8th - Art Camps begin!

June 12, 3pm & 6pm - Theatre Camp presents: Madagascar JR. at The Rockmart Theatre

June 25th- 1st day art drop off: “Happy Birthday, America!”

June 29 - July 3 Arts Center Closed

July 3rd - Fireworks at Hilbun Field!

July 6th - Final day art drop off: “Happy Birthday, America!”

July 20th - Last day to email .jpgs for gallery show, “Down on the Farm”

July 25th - Gallery Reception “Happy Birthday, America!” 250th Celebration

August - Classes and workshops resume

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

August 27th - Art pickup/drop off for gallery exhibits

August 29th - Art pickup/drop off for gallery exhibits



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 Summer 2026



Theatre Camp presents: Madagascar JR.
June 12, 3pm & 6pm



Gospel Concert
with Rev. Zachary Washington
August 1



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

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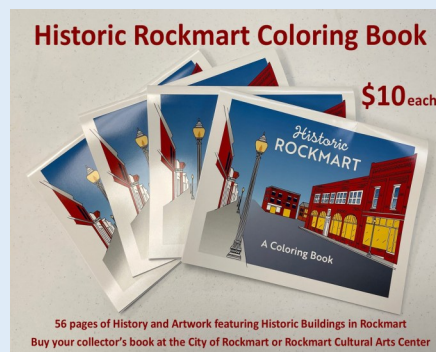
RCAC Gift Shop

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, bird houses, fused and stained glass, candles, soap, 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.





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, **\$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



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.

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.

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 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 **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.



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

Rhardy1@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 5th, 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 in August.



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



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

Aug. 15th- Frog
Sept. 12th- Sleepy Squirrel

Oct. 17th- Student choice: Owl or Bat
Nov. 7th- 2D Felting : Fox under the moon



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.



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.

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



June 13 - Mountain Scene - Beginner friendly class

June 20 - Beach Scene - (need 1 prior class)

July 11 - Wire work class (NEW)have not created the pattern yet.

July 25 - Feather Suncatcher - Beginner friendly class

August 8 - Advanced Stained Glass leaded panel = 200.00

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

September 12 - Bird Suncatcher

September 19 - Maple Leaf Suncatcher

September 26 - Mountain Scene (Beginner friendly)

October 24 - Ghost with Witch Hat



Saturday Pottery Workshops *with Erin McCray*

August 8 - Slip trailing

September 19 - Slip trailing

11 am - 1 pm,

\$30 per person per class

All supplies are included

Ages 13 - Adult, Maximum 12



Slip Trailing mug or vase: A wheel thrown piece will be provided to learn and decorate with floral slip trailing method and a selection of glazes to choose from.

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
with Erin

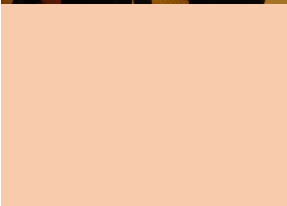
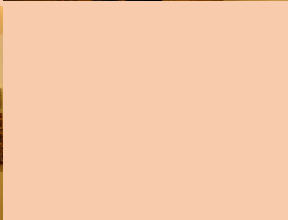
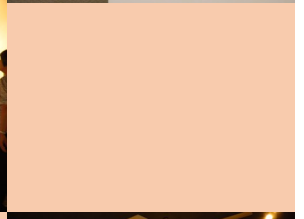
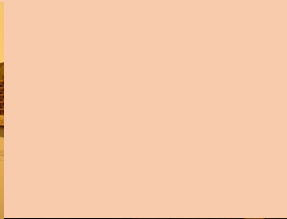
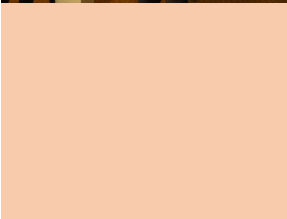
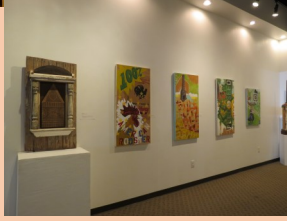
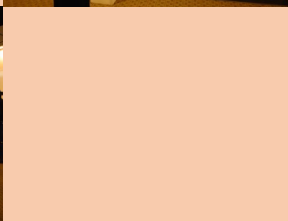
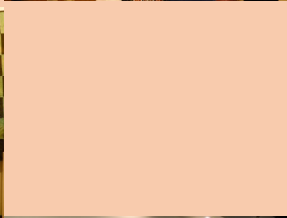
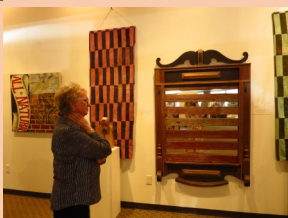
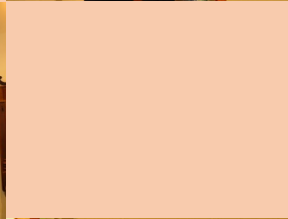
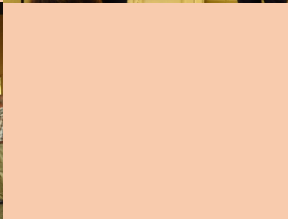
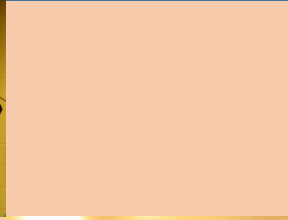


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bisque fired, it will be
glazed for you by Erin.
She will notify you
when it is ready

Children's Art Show 2026



“Close to Home” Gallery Exhibit



Summer Camps 2026



Kinder Art

(Ages 4 - 6) - \$120

June 8 - 12, 2026 - 9:30 - 11:30 am

Minimum 6, Maximum 12 - Must be potty trained
Fun week with arts & crafts, sensory play and storytelling.

Instructor - Laura Padalik

FULL

Fused Glass & More 3-Day Teen Art Camp

(Ages 13-18) - \$120

June 23 - 25, 2026 - 10 am - 1 pm

Minimum 6, Maximum 10

Fun time exploring Various Mediums

Instructor - Elizabeth Mobley

FULL

Mixed Media 3-Day Teen Art Camp

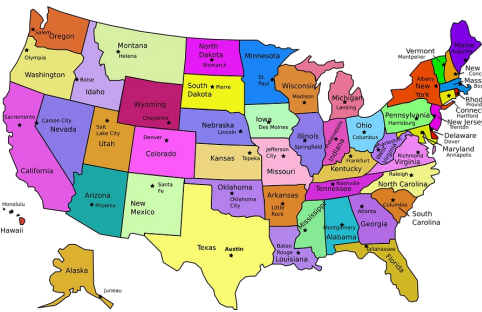
(Ages 13-18) - \$120

July 21 - 23, 2026 - 10 am - 1 pm

Minimum 6, Maximum 12

Fun time exploring Various Mediums

Instructor - Margie Monde



Summer FUN

with Pottery,

Mixed Media,

Drawing, Painting,

Crafts, Fused Glass

and More!

Summer Theme:

AMERICAN Road Trip!

GALLERY HOURS CHANGE DURING ART CAMPS: Monday thru Friday 10-1pm

Sign-up for Art and Pottery Camps at the RCAC Office during open hours

Prices include all supplies and T-shirt

Pottery Camp I

(Ages 8 - 13) - \$ 140

June 15 - 19, 2026 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Minimum 8, Maximum 12

Have fun in the clay in this 5 day camp!

Instructor - Paul Craighead

FULL

Art Camp I

(Ages 7 - 11) - \$ 130

June 8 - 12, 2026 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Minimum 8, Maximum 12

Fun with painting, drawing, painting, sculptures, printmaking and more!

Instructor - Lily Green

FULL

Art Camp II

(Ages 7 - 9) - \$130

July 13 - 17, 2026 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Minimum 8, Maximum 12

ART Show - July 17, 2026 - 11:30 - 12:00 pm

Fun with painting, drawing, painting, sculptures, printmaking and more!

Instructor - Margaret Bearden

FULL

Art Camp III

(Ages 10 - 13) - \$130

July 13 - 17, 2026 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Minimum 8, Maximum 12

ART Show - July 17, 2026 - 11:30 - 12:00 pm

Fun with painting, drawing, painting, sculptures, printmaking and more!

Instructor - Peggy Cline

FULL

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Monday - Friday 10-1pm, CLOSED June 27- July 3

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Clubs at RCAC

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 - *The Names* by Debbie Viscosi

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



Sit 'n Stitch - 2nd and 4th Thursdays 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.

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

Adult Sit'n Stitch Camp: July 27 - 31, 2026 - 10 am - 2 pm with Debbie Chard (Adults)

Free for **RCAC Members** *Bring your own materials and snacks*

Held in the large classroom on the bottom floor of the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center.

Bring in your crochet, knitting, needlepoint, quilting, etc. and have fun creating and finishing projects in this 5-day adult camp.

For more information call 770-684-2707 or email rcac@rockmart-ga.gov



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 May 9, 2026

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City of Rockmart

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Go 2 Girls ♦ Leslie & Deanna Roberts ♦ Rose-Marie Scheel

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Angel

**Cathy Amos ♦ Millie, Jack & Michael Bates ♦ Jim and Brenda Carroll ♦ Peggy &
Ron Cline ♦ Carol Crook ♦ Michaela Dillard ♦ Rachel Eichholz ♦ René Hardy ♦
John Johnston ♦ Allen Mille ♦ Jean Moon ♦ Laura & Patrick Padalik
Stella Spyrou ♦ Jen Weaver Fugelsoe ♦ Megan Olmstead ♦ Bruce Bell**

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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 first quarter of 2026 at The Rockmart Cultural Arts Center

Donations: March thru May, 2026

Artists - Food for Receptions

Tara Van Order - Woolen yards

Iia Owens, Mahara Jones, BJ Tucker - Paints

Renè Hardy, Leslie and Deanna Roberts, Erin McCray - Pottery supplies

Ashley Dodd - Craft supplies

Rose-Marie Scheel - Cameras and Craft supplies

Volunteers: March thru May, 2026

Cleaning Pottery Studio: René Hardy, Paul Craighead, Leslie and Deanna Roberts, Gary Shindelbower, John Treanor

Hanging Exhibits: James Hill, Kevin Huey, Paul Craighead, Parker Padalik, Mimi Gentry, Patty and Steve Ward, Dana Helton

Art Drop off/pick up: Peggy Cline, Mary Bonevelle, James Hill

Cleaning/ Organizing: James Hill, Lily Green

Children's Art Show Reception: The Padalik Family, Peggy Cline, Cathlen Ross, Mary Bonevelle, Erin McCray, James Hill, Kevin Huey

Close to Home Art Show Reception: Peggy Cline, Mary Bonevelle, Clint and Nancy Willis, Kevin Huey, James Hill

Gallery sitting: Lee Simpkins, James Hill

Office/Gift Shop: Lily Green, Dana Helton



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: _____

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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