

RockmART News

Cultural Arts Center & Theatre

WINTER 2026/2027

Hello Artists, Patrons, Students,

We are busy as-ever around here! The classes are classy and the workshops are working. Call the instructors to sign up for your spot early, they often fill quickly.

The gallery is brimming with works by skillful hands. It is delightful to see what the community brings to show. We always have something fresh to see with six new exhibits each year. Stop by frequently to take in the art and remember- appreciating art is as wonderful as making it!

Our holiday show theme is “Feasts and Festivities,” with Holiday Festival and Reception on November 14th, 12-5pm. We have a great lineup of musicians playing in the gallery. Local artists give demonstrations and sell their crafts on all three levels of the arts center. Support local artists and craftspeople while buying gifts for your loved ones this year. The gift shop is open all season during normal gallery hours for holiday shopping as well!

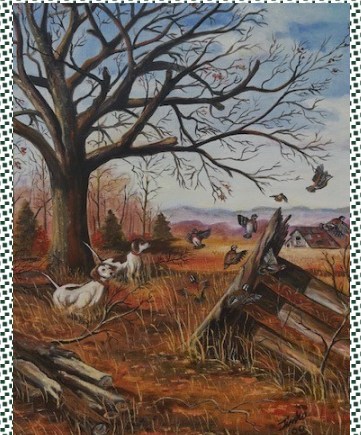


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2027 begins with the Juried Show and Competition. This exhibit features the artist's choice of best new works and we give prizes in 5 categories. Check out the best and the brightest in the gallery! This exhibit is an awesome way to start the new year.

I can't wait to see what else 'yall make in 2027.
See you around the arts center,

Megan Olmstead, Director



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The
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Rockmart
Cultural Arts Center

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

Gallery, Office & Gift Shop Hours

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

November 5: “Feasts and Festivities” holiday exhibit opens

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

November 22 - 28: Thanksgiving Holiday. Art Center closed.

December 5 at 7:00pm & December 6 at 2:00pm: Rockmart Community Chorus Christmas concert at the Rockmart Theatre. Tickets on sale at the door and in the RCAC office.

December 7: Deadline for art submissions Rockmart Juried Show & Competition 2027. Email your .jpgs to rcac@rockmart-ga.gov

December 8: Book Club Holiday party, 5-7pm.

December 23: Final day of Holiday Show, Art pickup 1-4pm

December 24 thru January 1: Art Center closed for Christmas

January 2: Happy New Year! Art Center re-opens for 2027.

January 30: Juried Art Show reception and awards ceremony, 4-6pm

February 15: Deadline for art submissions “Focus on Fiber.”

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Check the CALL for ARTISTS

page with links to applications with more information
at

www.rockmart-ga.gov/CalltoArtists.aspx
or get an application at the RCAC office.

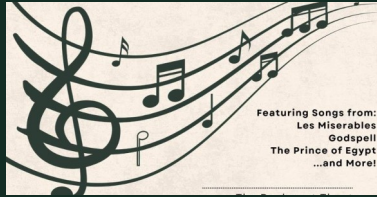
We depend on YOU to continue our programs for the community.
Please continue to *Support the Arts* and remember ~ Donations
to RCAC are tax deductible! Your support is greatly appreciated!



Theatre Happenings Winter 2026/2027



A Night with Them Mixon Boys
November 7th at 7:00pm
At the Rockmart Theatre
Tickets for sale at door or online at:
<https://therockmarttheatre.ludus.com>



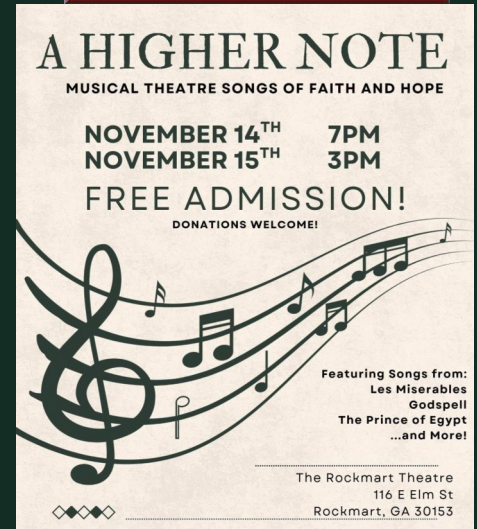
A Higher Note
Musical Theatre Songs of Faith and Hope
November 14th at 7:00pm
November 15th at 3:00pm
FREE admission at the Rockmart Theatre

Rockmart Community Chorus Concert
At the Rockmart Theatre

December 5th at 7:00pm
December 6th at 2:00pm
Tickets, \$8 on sale at RCAC or at the Door



Christmas with John Berry
December 16th at 7:30pm
At the Rockmart Theatre
Get tickets at cedartownshows.com



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 notecards, jewelry, fused glass and stained glass, quilted items and more!

Many artists take commissions as well.



Historic Rockmart Coloring Book



\$10 each

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

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):

- December 8 - January 12, 26 - February 9, 23 - March 9, 23 - April 13, 27



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, **\$110** for 8 classes paid up front or **\$15** per class

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



PALs Classes: Poetry, Art, & Literature

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

Winter 2026/27 Session - On these Tuesdays:

November 3, 17-Januray 9 - February 2, 16 - March 2, 16 - April 6, 20 - May 4

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.

Fall 2026 Session II – November 2, 9, 16

Session I – January 11, 18, 25 and February 8, 15, 22

Session II -March 8, 15, 22 and April 5, 12, 19

\$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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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.





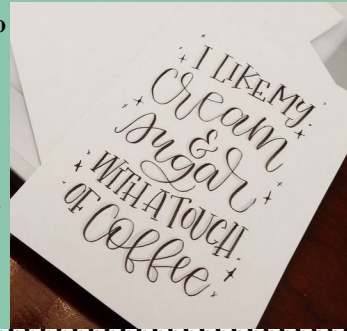
To sign up, contact
Sarah Cason at
sarahfcason@gmail.com
or text at 520-904-2959

Calligraphy 101 with Sarah Cason

November 7th, January 9th 10:00 am-12:00pm
\$20 includes supplies

Ages Teen-Adult, limit 20 students

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.



Needle Felting Workshops

with Hillari Knight

Nov. 7th: <FULL> Fox under the moon

January 23rd: Choose your Critter

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.

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.



BEGINNERS ACOUSTIC GUITAR OPEN HOUSE February 6th, 1:00pm

If you have any interest in learning to play, come and have a free lesson with Dan.

Open House held in the chorus room. Ages 11-100+. Free.



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

Open Studio Pottery Classes with Paul Craighead

Tuesday Evenings - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday Mornings - 10:00 am - 12 pm

Wednesday Evenings - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

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.



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 or 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

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.



Rockmart Community Chorus *with Debbie Miller*

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.

The Christmas Chorus Concert will be performed at the Rockmart Theatre:

December 5 at 7:00pm & December 6 at 2:00pm.

Tickets on sale at the RCAC office or at the door.

To join the Chorus, contact
Director, Debbie Miller,
at 404-219-9572 or email



Chorus Rehearsal Fall, 2026

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

Vintage Mold Ceramic Christmas Trees

with Tina Lanier

Sun Nov 15 2-5 pm

Sat Dec 5 9 am-12 pm

Make a Christmas décor classic at the arts center with Tina! With authentic vintage molds



Choice of 3 tree molds:

Nowell, Atlantic approx 18 inches tall top of star

Frasier fir 16" top of star. \$100.

Snow available for \$10

Class includes: guided instruction, paint, sealer, light kit and lights.

Register on the Now and Then website:

<https://nowandtheninc.com/collections/events/Ceramic-Paint-Classes>



Monday Quick-Draw *in the gallery at RCAC*

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 skills 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.

October 24 - Ghost with Witch Hat

November 21 - Maple Leaf

December 5 - Cardinal

December 12 - Christmas Tree

December 19 - Christmas Tree

January 9 - Snowflake

January 16 - Mosaic

February 6 - Mountain



To sign up, contact

Dana Helton at

678-557-1301 or

danalan@comcast.net

Saturday Pottery Workshops

with Erin McCray

11 am - 1 pm, \$30 per person per class, all supplies included.

Venmo, Cash or Debit accepted

Ages 13 - Adult, Maximum 12

October 24 - Mushroom Jar

November 21 - Project TBD



To sign up, contact **Erin McCray**

via text at 770-546-5394 for quickest response

or email at erinmccrayceramics@gmail.com.

Learn to make special
pottery pieces and new
techniques with Erin

Dot Painting Tealights *with Anita Kennerly*

Saturday, January 23rd

10:30 - 1pm

\$35 - paid when registering for class.

All supplies are provided.

Class limit - 10 students

Learn dot painting and make cute
tealights with Anita



Contact **Anita Kennerly**

to register

anitakdesigns1@gmail.com

or text 678-372-2755



Botanical Printing on Paper *with Anita Kennerly*

Saturday, February 13th, 10:30 - 1pm

\$40 - paid when registering for the class.

All supplies are provided.

Class limit - 8 students,

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.

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 winter break on January 7th



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 on **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of the 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:

November 10th - *The River Knows Your Name*

by Kelly Mustain

December 8th - *A Priest Walks into a Waffle House*

by Laurretta Hannon*

January 12th - *60 Cents* by Brad Hulsey *

February 9th - *Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict

*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

“Happy Birthday, America!” Reception

July 25, 2026



“Down on the Farm” Reception

September 19, 2026



Donations & Volunteers

✦ The following time and talents were donated during the third quarter 2026 ✦

Donations: July thru September, 2026

James Hill: Drawing lamp

Jen Fugelsoe: Raku clay, glazes, canvas

Elizabeth Mobley: Drawing and painting supplies

Carol Case, Trudi Ellis: Still-life objects

Peggy Cline: Fall decór

Artists - Food for Receptions

Leslie & Deanna Roberts: Kiln supplies

Lara Padalik: Craft kits for kids at the Homespun Festival



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Volunteers: July thru October, 2026

Organizing gallery closet: Lily Green, Dana Helton

Pottery class subs: Gary Shindelbower, Erin McCray, Leslie Roberts

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

Art Drop off/pick up: Lily Green, Peggy Cline, Cathlen Ross, James Hill, Lee Simpkins

Cleaning/ Organizing: James Hill, Lily Green, Dana Helton

Gallery sitting: Lee Simpkins, James Hill

Pressure washing Patio: Kevin Huey

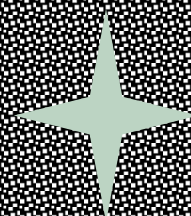
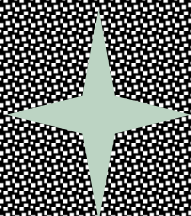
Office/Gift Shop: Abby Case, Lily Green, Peggy Cline, Dana Helton

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

Homespun volunteers: James Hill, Lily Green, Darlene Davis, Susan Marks, Peggy Cline, The Padalik family, Megan Olmstead

Down on the Farm Reception: Susan Marks, Joy Anderson, Darlene Davis, Karen Cline, Peggy Cline, Cathlen Ross, Susan Soulner, John Treanor, Paul Craighead, Mary Bonevelle and James Hill

Monday Quick Draw leader: Carol Case



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

THANK YOU to our FY 2027 RockmART Patrons

Fiscal Year 2027 Members are listed below

Our Fiscal Year: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. List below as of October 17, 2026

Executive

City of Rockmart

Leader & Friend

Sit N' Stitch * Leslie & Deanna Roberts * Rosi Scheel

Pat Lusted

Angel

Barbara Waldrop * Linda Dutro * Millie Bates * René Hardy

Susan Gore Gardener * Jean Moon * Jody Quillan

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Stacie McDowell * Kimberly McGuiness * Dora Dryden * Margaret Lambert * Rodney Champion
Debera Chard * Vicki Burns-Tarpley * Summer Stringer * Carol Case * Hillari Knight * Suzanne Fischer
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Darren Wright * Donna Harris * Anita Kennerly * John Rose * Roger Blakeny * Kirsten Duncan
Tom Ford

Gifts in Loving Memory Of:

Anne Madden * Glenda Head * Stephanie Walker



Please mail or drop off your FY2027 membership to be included in our next newsletter.

Membership lasts for 1 year or 12 months.

Thank you for supporting the ARTS!

Support the Arts in RockmART



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

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**We appreciate
your continued support
!**

Name: _____

Additional Names (Family membership): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (s): _____

Email: _____

Interests: _____

Date	
Amount	\$
Check #	
CC	Cash
New	Renewal

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