

SPRING 2025

# RockmART News

## Cultural Arts Center & Theatre



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Dear Friends of the Arts,

We started the year with our Annual Juried Art Exhibit with amazing artwork from 41 NW Georgia artists. It was great to see so many come out to support our artists at the February 1st Reception.

In March and April we have two exciting exhibits with Iia Owens-Williamson in the main gallery and Black Artists displaying artwork in our entrance hall gallery. Come to the Reception on March 22.

Be working on your Best Friends: Pets and People artwork. Entries due by April 5.



© Jason Borders with his artwork, *The Deposition*

We look forward to seeing you at the Arts Center and The Rockmart Theatre. We have lots of fun classes and workshops for ages 4 to Adult.

We have many Summer Art, Pottery and Theatre camps for the children in our community this June and July. Sign up soon as they fill up quickly.

Your generosity towards the Arts is appreciated and is given back to help the community in scholarships and more.

RCAC celebrates the Visual, Performing and Literary Arts. 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

Susan Duke Waters with her Papier Mache' Sculpture, *The Vision*, in the 2025 Juried Art Exhibit

### Mark Your Calendars

#### *Juried Art Show*

On view until March 6

#### *RISE: Iia Owens-Williamson Solo Art Exhibit and Black Creativity Hall Exhibit*

March 13 – April 24

Reception - March 22 – 4-6 pm

#### *Best Friends: Pets and People Art Exhibit*

May 1 – June 26, 2025

Reception - May 3 – 4-6 pm

#### Family Home School Alliance presents

#### *Princess What's Her Name*

April 26 - 2pm and 7pm

#### Live Concert with *Brother Mojo*

70's, 80's, 90's Rock and Roll

May 3 - 7pm

#### Rockmart Community *Spring Chorus Concert*

*Love is in the Air*

May 17 - 7pm

May 18 - 2pm



### Rockmart Cultural Arts Center

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Website: [www.rockmart-ga.gov](http://www.rockmart-ga.gov) Instagram: [rockmart\\_arts](https://www.instagram.com/rockmart_arts) Facebook: [rcac.ga](https://www.facebook.com/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](https://www.facebook.com/The-Rockmart-Theatre) [therockmarttheatre@rockmart-ga.gov](https://www.facebook.com/therockmarttheatre@rockmart-ga.gov) 470-864-6442

# Upcoming RCAC Art Exhibits & Receptions



© Dana Helton, *Into the Wild Blue Yonder*, Stained Glass

## Juried Art Exhibit 2025

Theme: Artist Choice  
Artwork by 41 NW GA Artists  
On view until March 6, 2025

## RISE: Iia Owens-Williamson Solo Art Exhibit

March 13 – April 24  
Reception - March 22 – 4-6 pm

## Black Creativity Hall Exhibit

March 13 – April 24, 2025  
Reception - March 22 – 4-6 pm

## Best Friends: Pets and People

May 1 – June 26, 2025  
Reception - May 3 – 4-6 pm  
Enter up to 3 .jpg entries to be considered by **April 5**

## Transitions:

*Glass, Mixed Media & Photography*  
**Elizabeth Mobley, Mausi and Stella Spyrou**  
July 10 - August 28, 2025  
Reception - July 19 – 4-6 pm

## Children's Art Show 2025

*Artists Age 4 - 18 from Polk county or who have taken our classes*  
September 4 – October 23, 2025  
Reception - September 13 – 4-6 pm  
Enter up to 3 .jpg entries to be considered by **August 9**

## Holiday Art Exhibit 2025

November 6 - December 20, 2025  
Enter up to 3 .jpg entries to be considered by **October 7**

## Indoor Arts & Crafts Festival Open House & Reception

All Festival artists are RCAC Members  
November 15 - 12 - 5 pm

**Pick up your FREE RCAC Bookmark at our Gallery!**



RCAC Member Artists:  
**Art Fence 2025**

Up to 2 .jpg entries to be considered due by **March 19**

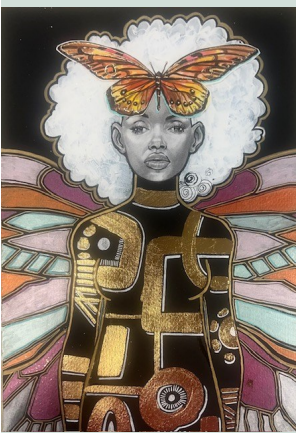


Check our  
**Call for Artist**

webpage 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/Gallery Chairperson: James Hill  
Gift Shop Chairperson: Dana Helton



© Iia Owens-Williamson, Mixed Media



Artwork from RCAC Teen Camp

## 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*

Theatre Camp Sign-ups have started at The Rockmart Theatre. For more information and to get a Theatre Camp Application, Contact **Theatre Operations Manager, Rex Garner**  
Office Phone: (470) 864-6442  
Email: [therockmarttheatre@rockmart-ga.gov](mailto:therockmarttheatre@rockmart-ga.gov)

## Theatre Camp I: *The Lion King, Kids*

May 28 - June 6, 2025 - \$160

(completed grades K - 6th) with Margaret Jacobs  
Performances on June 6

FULL

## Theatre Camp II: *Shrek, Jr.*

June 16 - 28, 2025 - \$160

(completed grades 7th -12) with Margaret Jacobs  
Performances on June 27 and 28

Programming continues at The Rockmart Theatre with our Monthly LIVE concert series in full swing, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Music Round, and Community Chorus along with various stage performances and special events. We are working with local and regional entities to bring other events into the theatre throughout the coming months.

*Kelly Dees with Tom Burnett* performed on January 25.  
*Deeper than Shallow featuring Julie Bell Smith* performed on February 15.



The Rockmart Community Chorus performs their Annual Spring Concert at The Rockmart Theatre in May.

More information and link to tickets can be found on our Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you at The Rockmart Theatre!

Our talented house band was pleased to perform with Kelly Dees  
L-R: Chip Baily, Chuck D. Harris, Kelly Dees, Rex Garner, David Harper, and Tom Burnett.



## The Rockmart Theatre

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## 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

March 20, April 17, May 15



### Family Home School Alliance presents

#### *Princess What's Her Name*

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June 6 - 3pm and 6pm

**Theatre Camp II:**  
*Shrek, Jr.*  
June 27 - 6:30pm  
June 28 - 6:30pm

# Summer Camps 2025

## Pottery Camp I

(Ages 8 - 13) - \$ 140

June 2 - 6, 2025 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Minimum 8, Maximum 12

Have fun in the clay in this 5 day camp!

Instructor - Paul Craighead



## Little Hands, BIG Art I

Fairy Tales & Tall Tales

(Ages 4 - 6) - \$120

June 2 - 6, 2025 - 9:30 - 11:30 am

Minimum 4, Maximum 10 - Must be potty trained

Fun week with arts & crafts, sensory play and storytelling.

Instructor - Lisa Brown Jones



## Pottery Camp II

(Ages 8 - 13) - \$ 140

June 23 - 27, 2025 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Minimum 8, Maximum 12

Have fun in the clay in this 5 day camp!

Instructor - Sarah Mottashed



## Little Hands, BIG Art II

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June 16 - 20, 2025 - 9:30 - 11:30 am

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Fun week with arts & crafts, sensory play and storytelling.

Instructor - Laura Padalik



## Art Camp I - FULL

(Ages 7 - 9) - \$130

July 14 - 18, 2025 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Minimum 7, Maximum 12

ART Show - July 14, 2023 - 11:30 - 12:00 pm

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

Margaret Bearden



## Mixed Media

### 3-Day Teen Art Camp I

(Ages 13-18) - \$120

June 10, 11, & 12, 2025 - 10 am - 1 pm

Minimum 6, Maximum 10

Fun time exploring Various Mediums

Instructor - Margie Monde



## Art Camp II

(Ages 10 - 13) - \$130

July 14 - 18, 2025 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Minimum 7, Maximum 12

ART Show - July 14, 2023 - 11:30 - 12:00 pm

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

Peggy Cline



## Fused Glass & More

### 3-Day Teen Art Camp II

(Ages 13-18) - \$120

July 22, 23, & 24, 2025 - 10 am - 1 pm

Minimum 6, Maximum 10

Fun time exploring Various Mediums

Instructor - Elizabeth Mobley



Art and Pottery Camps Sign-ups at RCAC Office during open hours starting **March 1**.

Prices include all supplies and T-shirt



Limited spots!  
Sign up NOW!

The Arts  
Rockmart  
Cultural Arts Center

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Office Hours: Tuesday 1-7 pm; Wednesday/Thursday/Saturday 10 am - 4 pm (Closed Sun/Mon/Fri)



## Open Studio Pottery Classes *with Paul Craighead*

Tuesday Evenings - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - \$21 per class

Wednesday Mornings - 10:00 to 11:30 am - \$18 per class

Wednesday Evenings - 6:30 to 8:30 pm - \$21 per class

Thursday Mornings - 10:00 to 11:30 am - \$18 per class



Prices include ALL clay, glazes, firing and 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 during the year to *current* students.



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



## Ceramic Workshops

*with Jen Weaver Fugelsoe*

**Let's Get Centered - Saturday, May 3**  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Adults, \$35 per person, \*max 4 students

No pottery experience necessary.

Get centered and learn to throw a bowl the wheel.

You pick glaze and Jen will glaze for you.

Fun with  
Decals &  
Glaze



To sign up, contact **Jen W. Fugelsoe**  
at 770-841-4835 or  
[4stersdaughter@gmail.com](mailto:4stersdaughter@gmail.com)

**Dish it Up - Saturday, April 26 - 10 am - 12 pm**

Age 8 - Adult , \$25 per person (Min 5/Max 12 students)

Children age 10 and younger must be with an adult

Decorate a premade dish made by Jen, with decals and glaze.

All materials and firing are included with workshops.

Your project will be fired and ready for pick up in 2-3 weeks.

Registration and payment in advance with Venmo/PayPal, drop off check before workshop to RCAC, etc.



## 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.



To sign up, contact **Rene' Hardy** at  
[Rharty1@gmail.com](mailto:Rharty1@gmail.com) or 770-757-6449.





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

**Thursdays 5:00 - 6:30 pm**

Ages 7 - Adult

6 classes for \$95 - if paid on the first class

or **\$18** per 1 1/2 hr. class per person

or **\$21** per 2 hr. class per person

Prices include ALL clay, glazes and firing.

**Thursday Spring dates:**

Feb 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3



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.

To sign up, contact **Rene' Hardy** at Rhardyl@gmail.com or 770-757-6449.



## Saturday Art Parties *with Lily Green*

10 am - 12 pm, All ages, **\$20** per person

All supplies are included, No experience is necessary

Guided tutorials are given to make it easy for everyone

To sign up, contact **Lily Green** at 770-375-1753

or email Lily.manus536@gmail.com

### Wooden Shamrock Painting

March 8th

We will be painting a wooden shamrock cut out.

### Faux Painted Eggs

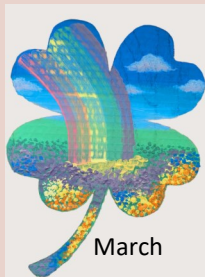
April 12th

We will be painting faux wooden eggs for the Easter season.

### Flower Pots for Mom

May 3rd

We will be painting terra cotta pots for mom and you go home with a flower in them.



## 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.

He 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



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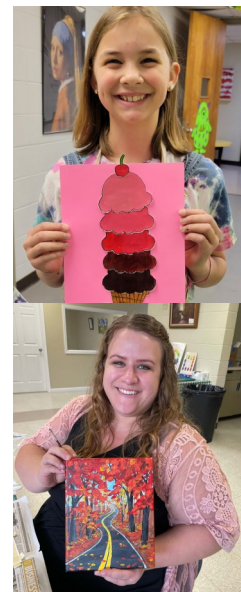
# Home School Art Classes: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the Month

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)  
Spring 2025 Session (8 weeks):  
**March 6, 20, April 3, 17, May 1**  
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  
Lily Green - 770-375-1753, lily.manus536@gmail.com
- Youth/Teen Art Class:** Ages 12 - 18, \$15 per class  
Sarah Cason, 520-904-2959, sarahfcason@gmail.com



## PALs Classes: Poetry, Art, & Literature

Ages 5-9, \$10 per class, 3 - 4pm  
Spring 2025 Session  
**On the following Tuesdays: March 4, 18, April 1, 15, May 6**

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.

Spring Session: **March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 14, 21**

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.

Spring Session: **March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 14, 21**

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.



## Stained Glass Workshops

with Dana Helton

March 8 - *Butterfly*  
 March 22 - *Intermediate Stained Glass\**  
 April 5 - *Bird*  
 April 12 - *Mountain Scene*  
 April 19 - *Heart*  
 May 17 - *Butterfly*

Sign up soon as these workshops fill up quickly.  
 Ages: Adult  
 Maximum 6 people in each class

Each workshop: **10 am - 2 pm, \$50 each\***  
 All materials are included. No experience is necessary.

Create your own Stained Glass Suncatcher and pick your own colors using the Tiffany Technique in one day. Closed toe shoes and eye protection is mandatory. Bring water and lunch/snack.

\* **Intermediate Stained Glass - 10 am - 4 pm, \$150 each**  
 Student must take 3 of Dana's previous workshops to take this class. New intermediate students will receive their own board, glass hammer and glass nails to advance from suncatchers to a panel project. Learn to use advanced tools, create a metal border and proper hanging system.



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

## Mosaic Workshops

with Dana Helton

March 29 - *Jewelry Pendant*  
 May 24 - *Abstract Mosaic*

10 am - 2 pm, \$50  
 All materials are included. Create your own mosaic artwork in this fun workshop.

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



## Wish List - Your help is appreciated - Thank you!

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

**Art supplies for camps:** Baby wipes, acrylic paint, paint brushes for kids, newspapers, toilet paper rolls, small ribbons, small items for fairy gardens, plastic eggs, aluminum foil, empty/clean small Gatorade bottles

Contact Peggy if you can help by calling 770-684-2707, email [rcac@rockmart-ga.gov](mailto:rcac@rockmart-ga.gov) or drop by the Arts Center.







## Sit 'n Stitch

**2nd and 4th Thursdays** of each month during the school year (August - May)

10:00 am - 2 pm , FREE

This is not a class, but a fun time for crafters to come together and create together.

Bring your own project and supplies; sack lunch & drink.

Do you like to sew, quilt, knit, crochet, felt, or more?

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.

**Upcoming 2025  
Sit 'n Stitch Dates:**

March 13 and 27

April 10 and 24

May 8 and 22



## Adult Sit'n Stitch Camp: July 21 - 25, 2025 - 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](mailto:rcac@rockmart-ga.gov)

## Intermediate Quilting: Completing Your Quilt *with Dora Dryden*

**April 5 - 10 am - 2 pm, \$25 per person, Ages 12 to Adult**

Bring a sack lunch and water bottle.

Have you finished piecing your quilt top and need help putting the quilt together?

This class will help you bring your project to completion. Topics covered in this class include sandwiching your quilt, quilting the quilt, and binding. You should bring a small completed quilt top such as a placemat, table runner, or small lap quilt, batting, and backing fabric as well as materials listed below. Bring a snack or sack lunch.



*Additional Supplies to Bring:*

Scissors and rotary cutter

Pins, Quilting ruler

Safety pins (If you plan to machine quilt the quilt)

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



## Workshops *with Anita Kennerley*

**March 29 - Plant a "Wonky Plant"**

*with Dotting & Polymer Clay* - \$35 per person

10:30 am - 1:00 pm, class limit 10 students

**April 26 - Botanical Scarves**

10:30 am - 2 pm, \$45 per person, limit 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.







## Needle Felting Workshops

*with Hillari Knight*

**March 22 - Bee Hive**

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](mailto:KnightCreativeArt@gmail.com)



## Beginners Crochet Class *with Kristine Huffman*

**March 22**

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

Agnes 13 - Adult, Maximum 10, Material & Supplies provided

Class participants will begin a scarf or neckerchief which can be completed in class! Students will learn how to create a slip knot and proceed to a chain stitch which is the basis for all crochet projects. We will learn how to add rows using a few different stitches, to change colors, and make our own tassels to complete the project! In addition, we will discuss the different types of yarn, hooks, and how to read & understand a skein's package information.

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*

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.

To join the Chorus, contact **Director, Debbie Miller**, at 404-219-9572 or [debbiepammiller@gmail.com](mailto:debbiepammiller@gmail.com)



Chorus practicing in the RCAC Chorus room



Rockmart Community Chorus Spring Concert 2023





## Thursday Oil Painting Class *with Beverly Culver*

**Thursdays 10 am - 1 pm**

**\$125** for 6 week class, Min 5, Max 7 students

Older teens to Adults, Intermediate level painters

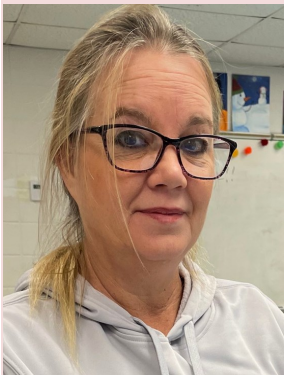
Do you want a class where you can work more in-depth with processes and techniques?

Beverly offers daytime oil painting classes on Thursdays in an Open Studio format. Work from your own photo or one of Beverly's paintings. You provide your own canvas, and oil paint. Easels are provided. Contact **Beverly Culver** to sign up at 770-289-1837.



Painting by Beverly Culver

## Hypertufa and Candle Workshops *with Sue Ritt*



**April 5 - Bunny Bowl Candle - \$35**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wooden dough bowl with soy wax

**April 26 - Hypertufa\* 3-D Planter - \$25 each**

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Age 13 – Adult

(Cash, Check, PayPal or Venmo prior to class)

To sign up, text/call **Sue Ritt** at 470-818-6461 or [crittcrafts@gmail.com](mailto:crittcrafts@gmail.com)

\* Hypertufa is a lightweight, material made from a mixture of peat moss, Portland cement, and either sand, vermiculite, or perlite. After mixing the ingredients together, they are molded into shape, allowed to dry, and then may be painted.



## Watercolor Workshop *with Lily Green*

**Saturday, May 24**

**10 am - 1 pm**

**\$40**, Teen - Adult, Beginners welcome

Minimum 6, maximum 10

All materials are provided. Students will be using watercolors to paint floral designs on cards. Contact **Lily Green** to sign up at 770-375-1753 or [lily.manus536@gmail.com](mailto:lily.manus536@gmail.com)



## Welsh Fest *In Downtown Rockmart*

**Saturday, March 15, 2025 - 10 am - 5 pm**

Hope to see you at the Rockmart History Museum's Welsh Fest this year! There will be Arts and Crafts vendors, Food, Music and Entertainment during the day. RCAC will have FREE Kids' crafts at our tent, plus selling some items from the RCAC Gift Shop.

If you can help volunteer at our booth this day, please contact Peggy at [rcac@rockmart-ga.gov](mailto:rcac@rockmart-ga.gov) or 770-684-2707.

More information on the festival can be found on their website: [rockmartwelshfest.com](http://rockmartwelshfest.com)





## Art Workshops *with Margie Monde*

### Easy Silk Scarf Painting

**March 29 - 10:30 - 1:30, \$45 per person**

Create a floral design and/or abstract on *two* silk scarves. Learn the easiest way to paint silk! It's impossible to make a mistake and it looks gorgeous.

### Silk Stencil Solar Painting: Fan & Frisbee

**May 3 - 10:30 - 1:30, \$35 per person**

Using acrylic paints and sparkling Unicorn spit: Paint with stencils onto a round Chinese Palace fan made of silk as well as a foldable silk fan that doubles as a frisbee. A large variety of different stencils, including flowers, fairies, wildlife, etc. will be provided.



Teen - Adult, Open to All skill levels  
All materials are included. Bring a snack lunch.  
Text or call **Margie Monde** to sign up  
at 706-767-5139

## Book Club

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

### Upcoming Books and Local Author Talks:



March 11 - *Where I Come From* by Rick Bragg

April 8 - *Remember the Butterfly* by Rebecca L. Marsh\*

May 13 - *My Daughter's Mistake*  
by Kate Hewitt

June 10 - *The Five Wishes of  
Mr. Murray McBride* by Joe Siple

\*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)

## RCAC Gift Shop

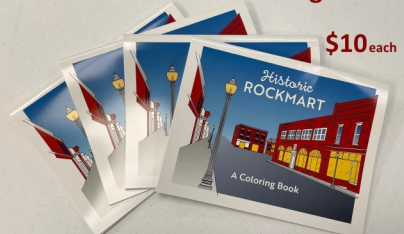
The RCAC Gift Shop has books by local authors, such as Brad Hulsey and Deborah Malone, as well as coloring books illustrated by our local artists, Vivian Stitt and Kimberly McGuiness.

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!

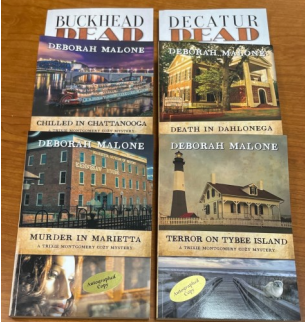
Many artists take commissions as well. Please Support **LOCAL** Artists and Buy **Handmade** Arts & Crafts at the RCAC Gift Shop and Gallery.



### 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





# Juried Art Exhibit 2025



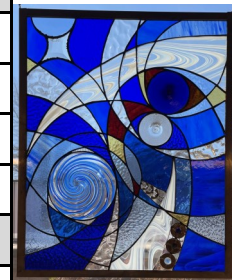
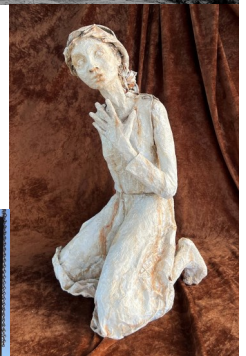
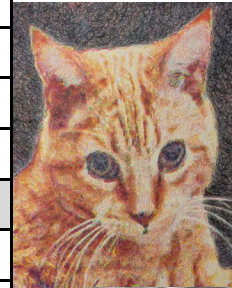
The RCAC 2025 Juried Art Exhibit opened on January 16th with artwork from 41 NW Georgia artists. Carrollton artist, Scott Foxx, was the judge for this exhibit. The Reception and Award Ceremony was held on February 1st. Many thanks to all that came, all who brought food and to Luther's Mountain bluegrass band who performed for the crowd. We are so proud of all of the artists. We invite you to see it before it ends on March 6 and vote for your People's Choice artwork.



# RCAC Juried Art Competition Awards 2025

Category	Artist's Name	Title of Artwork
<b>PAINTING</b>	Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor and Pastel	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Margaret deNeergaard	<i>Carlo Avonce</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Hunter Albea	<i>Aspen Grove</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Rachel Eichholtz	<i>Surprised by Joy</i>
Honorable Mention	Mananmi Lingerfelt	<i>Odyssey</i>
<b>DRAWING</b>	Graphite, Pen & Ink, Charcoal, Colored & Pastel Pencil	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Bruce Bell	<i>Shatter</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kathy Borchelt	<i>In Remembrance</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Lily Green	<i>The Lovers</i>
Honorable Mention	Vicki Dresser	<i>Koi Pond</i>
<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>	Photography and Photo Composite	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Mary Bonevelle	<i>Garden of Eden</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Trudie Goss	<i>Pelican at Simmons Park</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Stella Spyrou	<i>Church Courtyard</i>
Honorable Mention	Darren Wright	<i>Little White Church</i>
<b>3-Dimensional</b>	Pottery and Sculpture	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Susan Duke Waters	<i>The Vision</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Lee Simpkins	<i>New England Lobsterman</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Cathy Brooks	<i>Whimsi Twist</i>
Honorable Mention	Leslie Roberts	<i>Tall Drink of Water</i>
<b>OTHER</b>	Printmaking, Fabric, Glass, Mixed Media, Etc.	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Dana Helton	<i>Into the Wild Blue Yonder</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Randy Wenzel	<i>Mosaic Wedding Goblet</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Anslie Philpot	<i>Widow Jane</i>
Honorable Mention	John Kuhenbeaker	<i>Motorhead Booze</i>
<b>BEST of SHOW</b>	Chantelle Chapman	<i>Restoration</i>
<b>People's Choice</b>	Manami Lingerfelt	<i>Odyssey</i>

Photos of  
1st Place  
artwork



From the Juror, Scott Foxx:

“It was my pleasure to adjudicate the annual Juried Competition for your art association.

The variety of media and subject was very impressive, and it was difficult to choose the winners. I am often asked how one makes judgements of art works when the media is so varied. My response is that I begin with the foundations of all artistic disciplines which are the fundamental elements and principles of design. No matter the media all art rests upon the use of composition, color, line, balance, unity and so forth. Next in my criteria is the relationship of form to content, originality, and a final element of creative audacity, something that surprises and delights the viewer. Balancing these qualities within each artwork, in the vernacular of their media, and then against one another, minimizes emotional preferences in favor of more academic assessment.

Thank you for trusting me with this process. The decisions were not easy as the volume of creative energy present in your community is truly remarkable. Rockmart certainly has a talented colony of artisans and I look forward to future events.”

More Photos are posted on Facebook.

**CONGRATULATIONS to everyone!**



# THANK You to our FY 2025 RockmArt Patrons

## Executive

ARC - Appalachian Regional Commission  
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## Fiscal Year 2025 Members

*so far* are listed below

(as of March 18, 2025)

Our Fiscal Year 2025:

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



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Hunter Albea, Kiki Alexander, Robin Are, Tisa Barton, Gary Baughman, Lauren Bracknell, Cathy Brooks, Sharon (Mausi) Brown, Chantelle Chapman, Darby Chism, Becca Croker, Margaret deNeergaard, Martha Dietrich, Claudia Downey, Vicki Dresser, Elizabeth Edwards, Rhonda Eichenberger, Rachel Eichholtz, Sue Galliher, Anna Goldin, Trudie Goss, Diane Guy, Teresa Hager, Kathy Hall, Staci Hamilton, Julie Hightower, Kristine Huffman, Brad Hulsey, Anita Kennerley, Hillari Knight, John Kuhenbeaker, Jessica LaFlamme, Margaret Lambert, Dot Langley, Carla Lemay, Toni Mahs, Diane Mehaffy, Margie Monde, Rene Morris, Sheila Pascal, Janet Pastowich, Carol Plessinger, Bryan Powell, Haley Pyle, Veena Raj, Dwain Roberts, Peggy Rupert, Donna Shiver, Alison Small, Stella Spyrou, Carolyn Staley, Knox Steinbrecher, Myra Stephenson, Mike Strickland, Kathy Torres, Mahara Tucker Jones, Susan Waters, Darren Wright



Please mail or drop off your 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 last quarter to The Rockmart Cultural Arts Center and The Rockmart Theatre.

## Donations: December 5, 2024 - March 18, 2025

Tina Lanier - Large vinyl tablecloths for classrooms  
 Leslie & Deanna Roberts - Pottery supplies  
 Judy Cooper - tablecloth for receptions  
 Teddy Yarborough - Lots of ribbon and craft supplies  
 Laura Padalik - Art Supplies, Plastic Containers  
 Laura Beth Hovey - Paint kit Ashley Dodd - Stamps for printing  
 Kristine Huffman - Lots of Glitter Peggy Cline - Art supplies, candy  
 Kimberly McGuiness - Art supplies, brushes, books  
 Juried Artists - Reception food Dana Helton - 3 Hole Punch  
 Snacks for Monthly Roots Music Round - Chick 'n Scratch  
 Kathy Torres - Toys Kiki Alexander - Frames  
 Lots of Frames and Framing Equipment - Morgan Hardware

## Volunteers: December 5, 2024 - March 18, 2025

Gallery sitting: Lee Simpkins, Elizabeth Mobley, James Hill  
 Art Drop off/pick up: Mary Bonevelle, James Hill, Elizabeth Mobley  
 Hanging exhibits: James Hill, Paul Craighead, Patrick and Parker Padalik,  
 Patty & Steve Ward, Alison Small, Mary Bonevelle  
 Receptions: James Hill, Elizabeth Mobley, Patty Ward, Lily Green, Kathy May,  
 Elda Arias, Alison Small, DJ, Elijah, Landon and Mary Bonevelle  
 Graphic Design help: Steven Cline  
 Administrative help: Elizabeth Mobley, Dana Helton  
 Gift Shop help: Elizabeth Mobley, Dana Helton, Anna Goldin  
 Cleaning/ Organizing: James Hill, Lily Green, Dana Helton  
 Editing videos: Ron Cline  
 Pottery Room: Unloading/Loading Kiln/Cleaning: Leslie and Deanna Roberts,  
 Paul Craighead, Rene' Hardy  
 Theatre volunteers: Margaret Jacobs, Rex Garner, Cathy Matthews,  
 Jeannie Stooksbury, Sheila Paschal



## 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!**

<b>Patron</b>	<b>Angel</b>	<b>Corporate</b>
\$25 - Senior/Student	\$100 - \$249	\$250 - \$499 - Friend
\$30 - Individual		\$500 - \$999 - Leader
\$50 - Family		\$1,000 + - Executive



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

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