

Winter 2026

# RockmART News

## Cultural Arts Center & Theatre



Dear Friends of the Arts,

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

Our Annual Juried Show brings out the best artwork that our local artists have created in the past 3 years. Make sure you come to this creative exhibit in January through mid-March. Check out the schedule for upcoming art exhibits on the next page.



© Stella Spyrou, *High Line Experience*,

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© Carol Rotti, *Peonies*, Oil      Students, age 4-18, be working on artwork for our Spring Student Art Show.  
Parents: drop off your children's artwork (framed & ready to hang) on March 14 or 16.  
Full information and application is on our Call for Artist page on our website and at the Arts Center 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!

### Mark Your Calendars

#### Annual Juried Art Show

**January 8 - March 12, 2026**

Theme: **Artist Choice**

#### Reception & Award Ceremony

**January 31 - 4-6pm**

#### Children's Art Exhibit

**March 19 - April 23, 2026**

Exhibit for children **ages 4-18**  
from Polk county or kids who have taken  
RCAC classes during the past year.

#### Reception & Award Ceremony

**March 28 - 4-6pm**

I have truly enjoyed working at the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center as Director for the past 7 1/2 years. Working with the staff, teachers, volunteers, artists, visitors, and children has been a wonderful experience. I plan to retire soon and will be training a new Director in 2026. I will still help out as needed at RCAC. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow RCAC and increase awareness of the City of Rockmart's wonderful Fine Arts Quality of life program. RCAC offers visual, performing, and literary Arts programs and events for all in our NW Georgia region. I wish everyone success in the future.

Please give RCAC your full support and continue being active in the Arts!

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



### Rockmart Cultural Arts Center

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### 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](https://www.facebook.com/therockmarttheatre)      470-864-6442

# Upcoming RCAC Art Exhibits & Receptions



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Oil on wood



© Donna Garrison, *Dry  
Creek Shepherdess*, Oil

## 2026 Art Exhibits

### Annual Juried Art Show

**January 8 - March 12, 2026**

Theme: **Artist Choice**

Up to 3 .jpg entries in all mediums due by **Dec. 10**

Email entries to [rcac@rockmart-ga.gov](mailto:rcac@rockmart-ga.gov)

Drop off accepted entries on Jan. 3 or Jan. 5

Judge - Marsha Savage Prizes in 5 categories

*Reception & Awards Ceremony - January 31 - 4-6 pm*

Music with Dan Duff & Hunter Ortwein

### Children's Art Exhibit

**March 19 - April 23, 2026**

Exhibit for children **ages 4-18** from Polk county  
or kids who have taken RCAC classes during the past year.  
Drop off one framed entry per student on March 14 or 16.

*Reception & Awards Ceremony - March 28 - 4-6 pm*

### Scott Foxx and Johnny Jackson Art Exhibit

**April 30 - June 25, 2026**

with RCAC Student artwork in Hall

*Reception - May 2 - 4-6 pm*

### Happy Birthday America!

**July 9 - August 27, 2026**

Semi quincentennial /250<sup>th</sup> Celebration - 1776 – 2026

Be working on your art entries in all mediums.

*Reception - July 25 - 4-6 pm*

### Down on the Farm Art Exhibit

**September 3 - October 22, 2026**

Be working on your art entries in all mediums.

*Reception - September 19 - 4-6 pm*

### Holiday Art Show 2026

**November 5 - December 23, 2026**

Be working on your art entries in all mediums.

*Reception & Holiday Festival*

**November 14 - 12-5 pm**



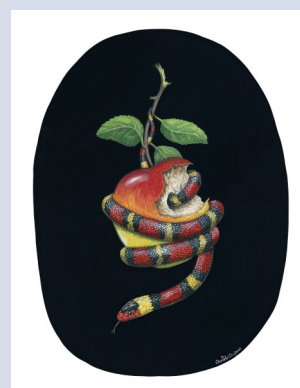
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### Call for Artist Page

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.



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*They'll Tell You It's  
Dangerous*, Gouache

## 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 Theatre and Chorus, along with various special events.

The Nim B. Russel Foundation presented *The Art of Sound* featuring Reggie Hines & The Band, Dj Marty Mar and Comedian Ms. Lol on September 13. The band nailed a dynamic set blending Jazz, R&B, Rock, and

Soul with precision and flair.

Thank you to all who came out to see *Them Mixon Boys* with Aspen Lee in concert on October 11. Rockmart has some tremendous talent.



Many thanks to everyone who came out to support our Theatre Kids in "Dare to Dream, Jr" on

November 13, 15 and 16. We had a great audience for all 3 shows. Outstanding work by our crew and staff, and especially our tremendously talented cast members.



The Rockmart Community Chorus will perform their Christmas Concert, at The Rockmart Theatre on December 6 and 7.

101 Church will have their Children's Christmas concert at our theatre on December 13 and 14.

We are planning a community theatre production of "*Dearly Departed*", a Southern comedy in early spring. We are actively seeking interested adults for auditions, date to be announced.

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

#### *Rockmart Community Chorus*

Presents their Annual  
Christmas Concert

#### *Sing We Now of Christmas*

December 6 – 7pm and  
December 7 – 2pm  
\$8 per ticket

#### *101 Church presents*

#### *Children's Christmas Concert*

December 13 & 14

#### *Rockmart Community Theatre*

Presents

#### *Dearly Departed*

A Southern Comedy Play  
Early Spring

*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)

Facebook: **The-Rockmart-Theatre**

Instagram: **rockmarttheatre**





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

Come Explore the Elements of Art 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)

Winter 2026 Session (8 weeks):

**January 15, 29, February 5, 19, March 5, 19, April 2, 16**

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**

**January 2026**

**Limited spots**

**Sign up Now!**



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

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

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

On these Tuesdays: **January 20, February 3, 17, March 3, 17, April 7, 21, May 5**

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: **January 26, February 2, 9, 23, March 2, 9**

Session II: **March 23, 30, April 13, 20, 27, May 4**



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.*

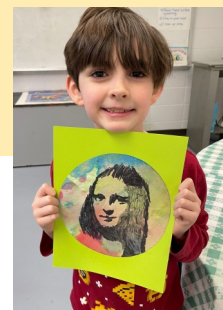
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Session I: **January 26, February 2, 9, 23, March 2, 9**

Session II: **March 23, 30, April 13, 20, 27, May 4**



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.





## Watercolor Workshop *with Beverly Culver*

**February 7**

10 am - 3 pm, \$40

Includes all supplies.

Bring a sack lunch & water bottle.

Great for beginners and experienced to learn new techniques.

Students will make watercolor bookmarks and small paintings with rich and vibrant colors.

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



## 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



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

**Continues all Year**



## Painting Workshops *with Lily Green*

### **Acrylic Paint Parties:**

Saturdays 1– 3 pm

\$20 per person for an 8x10 canvas

**Beginners and all ages are welcome,**

young children must be with their parent/guardian

**All supplies are included,** No experience is necessary.

A guided tutorial will make it easy for everyone.

Maximum 12 students per class

**January 24 - Barn Owl**

**February 21 - Conversation Heart**

**March 14 - Rain Boots**

**April 4 - Bunny**

**May 2 - Flower Field**

### **Watercolor Paint Parties:**

Saturdays 1– 3 pm

Ages **Teen - Adult**, \$30 per person

Beginners welcome. **All supplies are included.**

If you have materials you want to try you may bring them. A guided tutorial will make it easy for everyone.

Maximum 10 students per class

**January 31 - Night Sky**

**February 28 - Faux Stained Glass**

**March 28 - Queen Anne's Lace**

**April 18 - Love Birds**

**May 23 - Flower Field**







## Crochet Workshops *with Kristine Huffman*

### Crochet Bouquet Lap Blanket - 2 Day workshop

**February 28 and May 2 - 10 am - 1 pm, \$30 per person per day**

Ages 13 - Adult, Maximum 10,  
All Materials provided; Feel free to bring  
your own supplies, yarn, snack and drink.

Join us in February as we begin our journey to create a  
beautiful bouquet lap blanket. In this class we will learn

4 stitches that can be used in your blanket to create a symmetrical eye catching look.  
This will be the base, or stems, of your bouquet. Blankets can be of any size.  
Then return in May and we will crochet the flowers to add a whimsical finish to the bouquet.

One skein of green per student will be supplied in February to get us started.  
Pink will be available in May for our flowers. If you have a specific shade of green or  
flower color in mind feel free to bring your personal yarn for the project.

As always, if circles aren't your thing there is the *option of a scarf* to keep you warm in the breezy spring weather!

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



## WELSH fest will be held on **March 21, 2026**

in Historic Downtown Rockmart.

If you can help at our Kids' craft booth, contact [reac@rockmart-ga.gov](mailto:reac@rockmart-ga.gov)

For more information and to sign up to be a vendor, click on the link below.  
<https://rockmarthistorymuseum.com/welshfest/>



## 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. 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, Help with Kids crafts at festivals, and more!

**Art supplies:** White and red acrylic paint, 8 x 10 canvases, watercolor paper, newspapers, etc. **Thank you!**





## Beginning Quilting - Tools and Techniques

*with Dora Dryden*

**January 31** - 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, Straight pins and pincushion, Scissors
- Rotary cutter (45 mm recommended) such as Olfa or Fiskars
- Acrylic ruler (6" x 12" recommended) such as Omnigrid
- 1/4" foot for your machine if you have one - not required
- At least 1/4 yard of 3 cotton fabrics that you like to-



To sign up or for more information, contact

**Dora Dryden** at  
dlord557@aol.com  
or 770-546-1162

## Beginning Quilting Part II - Skill Building *with Dora Dryden*

**February 21** - 10 am to 2 pm, \$25 per person

Learn more techniques used in quilt block construction and putting your quilt together in this second level quilting class.

Topics include:

- Quarter-square and flying geese units to make Sawtooth Star and Ohio Star blocks
- Planning your quilt top arrangement
- Emphasis on accurate cutting and stitching

### Materials needed for class:

- Sewing machine in good working order
- Quarter inch foot for machine (optional but useful)
- Thread in white or neutral color
- Seam ripper, Rotary cutter, Pins, Scissors
- Quilting ruler at least 6" x 12"
- Small cutting mat (These will be available for use in the classroom also)
- At least a quarter yard of 3 or more coordinating cotton quilting fabrics



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

### Upcoming 2026 Sit 'n Stitch Dates:

**January 8, 22 February 12, 26**

**March 12, 26 April 9, 23 and May 14**

**Sit 'n Stitch Adult Camp: July 27 - 31**







## Saturday Pottery Workshops

with Erin McCray

**January 24 - Slip trailing**

**February 21 - Chicken**

**March 21 - Slip trailing**

**April 18 - Chicken**

**May 23 - 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.

**Small Chicken Sculpture:** Erin will show you how to make your own chicken sculpture out of clay.

To sign up, contact **Erin McCray** via text at 770-546-5394 for quickest response or email at [erinmccrayceramics@gmail.com](mailto:erinmccrayceramics@gmail.com)



Learn this  
slip trailing  
technique  
with Erin

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

## Pick-A-Project Weaving Workshop with Kathryn Johnston

**Friday, Jan. 16, 2026, 10 am – 3 pm, drop in** and warp the loom (~90 min)

**Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, 10 am – 3 pm, weave** your project

Use a rigid-heddle tabletop loom to create a scarf, handbag, table runner, placemats, towels, wall hanging, car seat baby blanket, etc.



**\$70** includes all equipment, instruction, and yarn (from available stash)

**\$55** if you bring your own yarn (at least 500 yards worsted wt., various colors if desired)

**\$40** if you bring your own yarn *and* loom (just need help re-learning, or learning new tricks)

To sign up, contact **Kathryn Johnston** at 404 - 219-2714 or email [kpjohnston01@gmail.com](mailto:kpjohnston01@gmail.com) website: [fiberbecomesew.com](http://fiberbecomesew.com)



## Botanical Scarves on Silk

with Anita Kennerley

**May 23 - 10:30 am - 2 pm, \$55** per person

Bring a sack lunch, Maximum 8 students

Teen - Adult, Includes all supplies

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!

To sign up, contact **Anita Kennerley** at [anitakdesigns1@gmail.com](mailto:anitakdesigns1@gmail.com) or call 678-372-2755





# 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.

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.

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



# Children and Family Pottery Classes

with Rene' Hardy

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.



# 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!

To sign up, contact  
**Rene' Hardy** at  
770-757-6449 or  
[Rharry1@gmail.com](mailto:Rharry1@gmail.com)





## 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.

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 [Levee15@yahoo.com](mailto:Levee15@yahoo.com) or 678-988-4978.



**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.

## Book Club

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

*Upcoming Books and Local Author Talks:*

December 9 - *Smoke Over the Square* by Buck Buchanan\*

January 13 - TBA

February - TBA

March 10 - *One Golden Summer* by Carley Fortune

April 14 - *The Chelsea Girls* by Fiona Davis

\*Author in Attendance

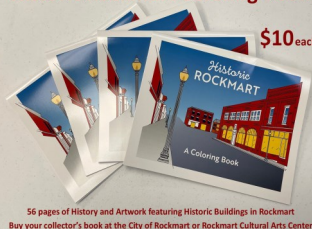


Our book club meets at the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center and is led by Debbie Ross. Each month we read a new book and one of our members leads the discussion.

All are welcome to join.

Questions, email **Debbie Ross** at [ross5860@bellsouth.net](mailto:ross5860@bellsouth.net)

### 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

## 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, wood turned and carved items, 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.







## 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.

**January 10 - Sunset Beach scene**

**January 17 - Mountain scene**

**January 24 - Mosaic Heart**

**February 14 - Stained Glass Heart**

**February 21 - Butterfly**

**February 28 - Bird**

**March 7 - 3-D Candle holder**

**March 21 - Feather**

**March 28 - Mountain scene**

**April 4 - Beach scene**

**April 18 - Butterfly**

Mosaic

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

**April 25 - Intermediate class\* \$150**

Must have taken 3 suncatcher classes before taking this class.

**May 2 - Advanced class \* \$200**

2-4 day class working with Dana.  
Must have taken Intermediate class before taking this class.



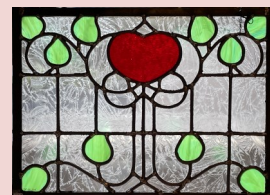
Ages: Adult,

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.



## Fused Glass Workshop *with Elizabeth Mobley*

**March 7 - 10:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Ages: Teens - Adult, **\$65** each

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](mailto:e.lizabeth@mindspring.com)



## Scarf Dyeing Workshop *with Margie Monde*

**Silk Scarves with Fabric Resist and Fabric Paints**

**March 28 - 10:30 - 1:30 pm**

Teen - Adult, **\$50** per person

Open to all skill levels, Min 5/Max 10 students

All materials are included. Bring a snack lunch.

Create two beautiful 100% silk scarves! One method will use fabric "resist" to write words or create your own designs;

for the second scarf, you will paint either a floral design or an abstract design.

These make great Easter or Mother's Day gifts!

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





# FALL Student Art Show 2025

In the past, we held the annual Rockmart High School Art Show at RCAC. RHS now has their own Performing Arts Center, so we decided to continue having a student art show in our gallery, but for all ages that we teach at RCAC. In Fall 2025, we held our first Student Art Show for Ages 4-18 in Polk County and for Students who have taken our classes or camps in the past year. We had a total of 54 student art entries for this show. Our judge was Dana Helton, from Cobb county. She was very proud of all the students and their entries. *We will have another Student Art Show in March 2026.*

## 2025 RCAC Student Art Show Winners

### Ages 4-6 Years

1st Place – Truett Elrod, Jesus  
 2nd Place – Dillan Padalik, Fall is Here  
 3rd Place – Riley Wilson, Jesus' World  
 Honorable Mention – Ada Purser, The Snail  
 Honorable Mention - Laila Ayers, Foxy

### Ages 7-9

1st Place – Harper Dodd, Rustic Birdhouses  
 2nd Place – Joanna Purser, Gary  
 3rd Place – Ellie Bearden, Wandering Darkness  
 Honorable Mention – Zoey Cason, Four Friends and their Dog  
 Honorable Mention – Mary Ann Dean, Cats

### Ages 10-12

1st Place – Isaiah Harris, The Illusion  
 2nd Place – D.J. Bonevelle, Hummingbird  
 3rd Place – Zyra Serrano Morales, Mrs. Lima  
 Honorable Mention – Asher McCarson, Cotton Candy Skies  
 Honorable Mention – Caelan Grisham, So. Am. Vampire Bats

### Ages 13-15

1st Place – Colin Jeanneret, Self Portrait  
 2nd Place – Kahlen M. Shumoski, Lazy Goes Vinyl  
 3rd Place – Zoe Hutchins, Everyday Girl  
 Honorable Mention – Cody Hovey, Untitled

### Ages 16-18

1st Place – Signe Shumoski, Hulwen  
 2nd Place – Evan Jeanneret, Space Exploration  
 3rd Place – Parker Padalik, Morning Meadow  
 Honorable Mention – Brody Brown, Golden Winter

**Congratulations to ALL the students for entering!**



## Mark your calendars for RCAC's Upcoming 2026 Summer Art & Theatre Camps

**Theatre Camps Sign-up Day** at The Rockmart Theatre - TBA

**Art and Pottery Camps Sign-ups** are at the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center starting **March 1**.

Theatre Camp I: **TBA** (Completed Grades K- 6th) with Margaret Jacobs

Theatre Camp II: **TBA** (Completed Grades 7th - 12th) with Margaret Jacobs

Pottery Camp I: **June 15 - 19** with Paul Craighead (Age 8-13)

Pottery Camp II: **TBA** (Age 8-13)

Kinder Art Camp I: **TBA** (Age 4-6)

Kinder Art Camp II: **TBA** (Age 4-6)

Art Camp I: **July 13 - 17** with Margaret Bearden (Age 7-9)

Art Camp II: **July 13 - 17** with Peggy Cline (Age 10-13)

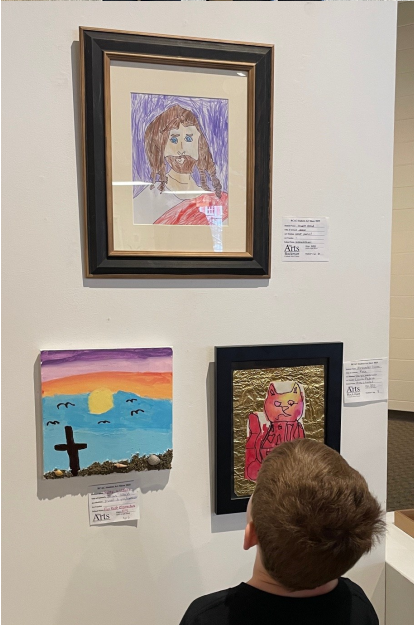
Teen Mixed Media 3-Day Camp: **TBA** (Age 13-18)

Teen Fused Glass 3-Day Camp: **TBA** (Age 13 - 18)

Theatre and  
**ART**  
 summer  
**CAMPs**



# Student Art Exhibit Ages 4 - 18



RCAC's Student Art Show for Ages 4-18, from Polk County and RCAC art students, was on display Sept. 4 - Oct. 23, 2025 in the RCAC Art Gallery. We had a Reception & Award Ceremony for them on Sept. 13th from 4-6pm with music, kids' crafts, refreshments, and awards.

MANY Thanks to all who donated money, prizes, baskets, art supplies, food, and more for the children. Thanks to Chick Fil A of Rockmart for bringing the cow, coupons and nugget trays! 170 people attended the reception and award ceremony!



Music by Dan Duff & Hunter Ortwein

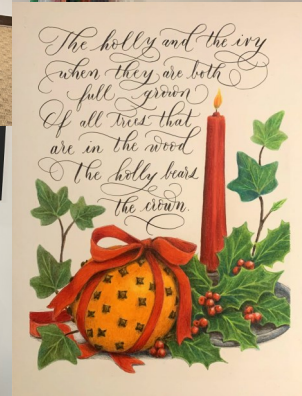


# RCAC Holiday Festival 2025





# Holiday Traditions Art Exhibit 2025



RCAC's Holiday Traditions Art Exhibit opened in our main gallery on November 6 and will be on view until December 20, 2025. You have until December 20 to vote for your People's Choice winner in the art exhibit. One vote per person.

Our Reception/Open House/ Holiday Festival was on Saturday, November 15th from 12 - 5 pm. We had RCAC artists selling handmade items on all 3 floors of the Arts Center and more handmade items in the Gift Shop. We had demonstrations in painting, spinning, carving and pottery as well as local musicians performing in the gallery all day. Free Crafts for Kids were in the Chorus room and Santa and his elves visited us in the gallery, where we had delicious refreshments.

**MANY Thanks** to all of our Artists, Musicians, Demonstrators, Volunteers, Santa, Elves and staff for making this a fun day for all!



# Homespun Festival FUN



Lily and Karen help with Crafts



Lee Simpkins  
wood carvings



Laura and Kinsley help with Kids Crafts



A Great Time was had by all at the 45th Annual Homespun Festival in Downtown Historic Rockmart on **Saturday, October 4, 2025.**

RCAC's booth was in the park with Free Crafts for Kids. They got to decorate leaves, scare-crows and pumpkins. MANY Thanks to all who volunteered at our booth, prepped the crafts kits, and made the day a success.

Our Sit 'n Stitch ladies were in the Gazebo, where they raffled off the beautiful Churn Dash design quilt they made for RCAC. We sold 600 tickets! All of the proceeds go to helping RCAC programs. At the end of the festival, Damon Chard's ticket was pulled and he was the lucky winner of the quilt. Congratulations!

MANY Thanks to all of the quilters for making the quilt for the Raffle.

Live music was on the stage all day, vendors selling arts & crafts, petting zoo, food and more. Susan Waters' portrait of Seaborn Jones was unveiled at noon to celebrate his 200th Birthday. The portrait is on display at the Rockmart History Museum. We have so many talented artists in our community!



Quilt Raffle with  
Wilma, Debbie, Vickey & Brenda



Happy 200th Birthday Seaborn Jones



Portrait of  
Seaborn Jones  
painted by  
Susan Waters  
for the  
Rockmart History Museum

Homespun Festival 2025 in Seaborn Jones Park





# THANK You to our FY 2026 RockmArt Patrons

**Fiscal Year 2026 Members are listed below**

Our Fiscal Year: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

## **Executive**

**City of Rockmart**

## **Leader & Friend**

**Go 2 Girls    Leslie & Deanna Roberts**

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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!***



**We look forward to seeing you soon and appreciate  
your support of the Visual, Performing and Literary 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: August - November 29, 2025

Chick Fil A - Coupons, Nugget trays, Cow visit at Student Art Show  
 Laura Padalik & family - Art Supplies, Frames, Prizes & Baskets for Student Art show, Craft kits for Festivals Sarah Cason - Paint brushes  
 Rosi Scheel - Art Books & DVDs Nancy Willis - fabric  
 Kimberly McGuiness - Art supplies & book Lily Green - Prizes & craft prep  
 Elaine Southerland - Various art supplies Patty Ward - boxes, packing materials, baskets  
 Beverly Culver - Baskets, palette Laura Beth Hovey - Art set for student award  
 Peggy Cline - Art supplies Kathy Torres - Bike for raffle  
 Deanna & Leslie Roberts - Lots of glazes for the Pottery room  
 Susanna Washburn - Various art supplies Sit 'n Stitch group - Beautiful Quilt for raffle  
 Chick 'n Scratch - Snacks for Monthly Roots Music Round Artists - Food for Receptions

## Volunteers: August - November 29, 2025

Gallery sitting: Lee Simpkins, James Hill, Dana Helton  
 Art Drop off/pick up: Mary Bonevelle, James Hill  
 Hanging exhibits: James Hill, Paul Craighead, Lily Green, Patty & Steve Ward, Parker Padalik, Mary Bonevelle  
 Holiday Festival Decorating: Parker Padalik, Evie Cates, Laura Padalik, Lily Green, Chloe, McKenna & Kinsley Paque, James Hill, Dana Helton  
 Homespun festival Booth & Quilt Raffle: James Hill, Paul Craighead, Padalik family, Green family, Cline family, Paque family, Debbie Chard, Wilma Yarborough, Brenda Carroll  
 Receptions/Holiday Festival: James Hill, Karen Cline, Nancy & Clint Willis, Joy Anderson, Elda Arias, Paque family, Laura & Patrick Padalik & family, Mary Bonevelle, Patty Ward  
 Kids Crafts: Laura & Patrick Padalik & family  
 Graphic Design help: Steven & Hazel Cline Gift Shop help: Dana Helton, Anna Goldin  
 Cleaning/ Organizing: James Hill, Lily Green, Dana Helton, Laura Padalik  
 Pottery Room: Kiln & Cleaning: Leslie and Deanna Roberts, Paul Craighead, Rene' Hardy  
 Theatre volunteers: Margaret Jacobs, Rex & Sandi Garner, Cathy Matthews, Students & Parents



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

**The Arts**  
**Rockmart**  
 Cultural Arts Center

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

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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