Winter 2021

RockmART News

Cultural Arts Center & Theatre

Some of the featured artwork in our Juried 2021 Show:
Margie Monde, Myra Stephenson, Bruce Bell, Pat Stephenson, Marcella Kuykendall, James Hill, and Susan Waters

Upcoming Exhibits in our Main Gallery:

Juried Art Show 2021
January 14 - March 11, 2021
Reception & Award Ceremony:
Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021
4-6 pm

RHS Student Art Show & Gala
Mid-March – April 2021
Gala Date - TBA

Be working on entries for the
Floral Expressions Exhibit
May – June 2021
Email up to 3 .jpg entries in any medium to rcac@rockmart-ga.gov by April 10th

Dear Friends of the Arts,

I wish you all a Happy, Healthy, and Art filled 2021. We have many art opportunities for you to enjoy, learn, and excel in this year at the Arts Center. I hope you will learn something new this year and have fun!

I am so excited for you to see the amazing artwork in our upcoming Juried Art Show 2021. We have artwork from 30 NW GA artists in a variety of mediums such as painting, drawing photography, pottery, fused glass, mixed media, fiber art, and more. We will have the Rockmart High School Art Show and Gala and Floral Expressions exhibits in the spring. We will continue to offer more events and classes as it is safe to proceed.

Please follow these guidelines when visiting the Arts Center:
*Please do not attend if you are sick, have a fever, chills, or shortness of breath
*Wash hands & use the hand sanitizer provided at our entrances
*Masks are strongly recommended
*Social distance 6' from one another

I look forward to seeing you soon. Please join or renew your RCAC Membership and help fund the ARTS in our community. Your help is appreciated now more than ever.
Thank you!

Best wishes, *Peggy Cline*

The Arts Rockmart Cultural Arts Center

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Website: www.rockmart-ga.gov/rcac Instagram: rockmart_arts Facebook: rcac.ga

Gallery, Office & Gift Shop hours:
Tuesday 1-7pm, Wednesday 10-4, Thursday 10-4, Saturday 10-4

The Rockmart Theatre 116 E. Elm St., Rockmart, Georgia
Facebook: The-Rockmart-Theatre

2020 City of Rockmart

Christmas Decoration Contest

Thanks to everyone that participated in the 2020 Rockmart Christmas Display Contest sponsored by RCAC and the City of Rockmart.
Over $3,000 in prizes were given to the community. Here are the winners:
Church Category: 1st Place: First United Methodist Church
Non-Profit Category: 1st Place: Scouts BSA Troop 17,
2nd Place: Rotary Club of Polk County, 3rd Place: Cub Scouts Pack 76
Commercial Category: 1st Place: Now and Then of Rockmart,
2nd Place: Century Bank of Georgia, 3rd Place: C&B Construction LLC

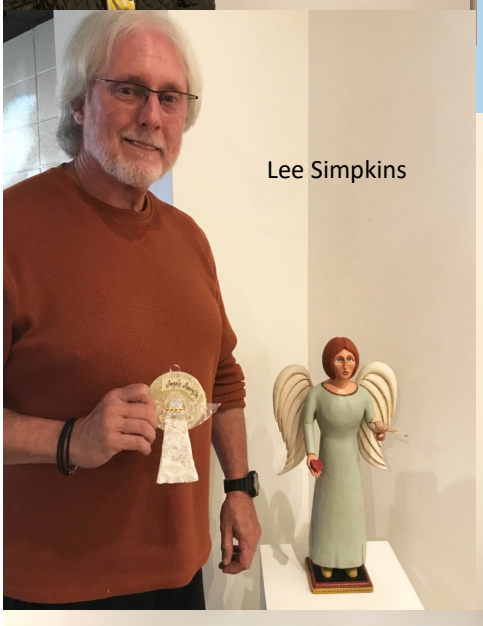
Community enjoying the
Angels Among Us exhibit

Susan Waters

"Angels Among Us" Art Exhibit

From October 22nd to December 24th, the Art Gallery was filled with artwork by 30 different artists in a variety of mediums showcasing their interpretation of the Angels theme in 2020. Artworks ranged from a 10' tall paper mâché' and wire angel, Jesus, cats, dogs, babies, firemen, nurses, birds, cosmos, and more. Thanks to Kiki Alexander for making the angel ribbons and to our wonderful volunteers who hung the exhibit and helped with the reception. Congratulations to all the artists for this wonderful exhibit.

People's Choice Winners:
1st Place: Susan Waters
2nd Place: Nikki Davidson
3rd Place: Lee Simpkins


Lee Simpkins

Nikki Davidson

Kiki Alexander

Donna Leonard

Elda Arias

Bruce Bell

Peri Aplin

Wendy Herubin

"Angels Among Us" Reception

Susan Gore Gardner Exhibit

Susan Gore Gardener: 40 Years of Art Fall exhibit was at the Arts Center Gallery in Fall 2020 with a Reception on August 29, 2020. Susan definitely found her creative inspiration in musicians and their instruments. Her pastel and colored pencil artwork on display was a joy for all to view the musicians, animals, buildings and landscapes in her artwork from the past 40 years.
You can still find prints of her artwork in our Gift Shop.

Support LOCAL Artists

Check out our GIFT Shop with Local Arts & Crafts. We have special handmade items in a variety of price ranges made by artists in our NW Georgia community. Many of our artists do commissions as well.
We have paintings, prints, photographs, notecards, pottery, jewelry, wood turned bowls and pens, gourd baskets, crocheted toys, ornaments, wine bottle stoppers, fused glass plates, bird houses and more!

RCAC Art Studios

Check out the working Art Studios on the *top floor* of the Arts Center. The following artists have studios at RCAC:

James Hill teaches drawing and painting, and does framing, and art restoration in his studio.

Lee Simpkins is a wood carver and creates custom sculptures and signs.

Elizabeth Mobley teaches and makes fused glass artworks.

Beverly Culver is an oil painter and teaches classes and workshops.

RCAC 2021

Peggy Cline - Director
RCAC Advisory Board
Jeff Ellis - City Manager
Bruce Bell – City Liaison
Cathy Matthews – Business Liaison
James Hill - Visual Arts
Margaret Jacobs – Performing Arts
Margaret Bearden – Education
Debbie Ross – Literary Arts

MANY Thanks to everyone on our Board and to all our Members, Volunteers and Friends!

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Polk County Scarecrow Contest

The Polk County Chamber of Commerce Fall Scarecrow contest was held in Fall 2020 over the whole county. We were very pleased that the judges gave our scarecrow first place!
Many Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, Patty and Steve Ward for creating our "Bob Rock" scarecrow. We dressed him up for Christmas too!

1st Place: Rockmart Cultural Arts Center
2nd Place: Coosa Valley Credit Union (Rockmart Branch)
3rd Place: Coosa Valley Home Health

Fiber Guild and Crochet Class

RCAC is starting a Fiber Guild in 2021. We will be meeting at the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center. We are starting with two groups. One is a class for beginners who want to learn crochet and another is a group for others to create together.
*Please wear a mask and social distance when meeting.

Tuesday Group: Anytime between 4:00 – 7:00pm – *starts January 5, 2021*
Intermediate to advanced groups: Bring something you are working on whether crochet, knitting, etc. Socialize and get inspiration from one another while you create. Bring your own supplies. No fee.

Thursday Group: 5:00 – 7:00 pm, *starting January 7, 2021*
Beginner Crochet Class: $15 per person per class, teen – adult
minimum 4, maximum 10 students
Must know how to make a simple chain. Hat templates provided.
Some yarn will be available for purchase.
Instructor: **Trisha McAlister**
To sign up or more questions, contact Trisha at
gagirlgirl32@yahoo.com or **770-334-1544**

Supply List: H/8 – 5.00 mm, I/9 – 5.50 mm, J/10-5.75 or 6.00 mm
Scissors or snips, crochet/tapestry needle,
1-2 skeins of yarn: cotton for hot pads or wash cloths or acrylic for scarves or beanies

RCAC Winter 2021 Art Classes

Children's Art Classes

Drawing, Painting & More: Age 7-12
Mondays 5:00 - 6:30 pm *or*
Tuesdays 5:00 - 6:30 pm
$60 for 6 classes or $15 per class
Mixed Media Art classes integrating Social Studies with a variety of Art projects. Includes all supplies. To sign up, contact **Margaret Bearden** at **770-500-4207.**

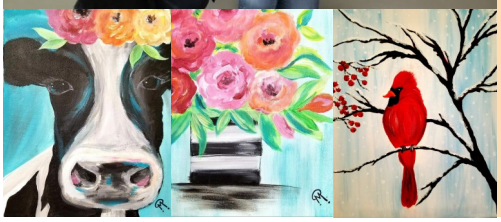
Classes start back January 4th

Beginning Drawing & Painting

Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
10-11:30, 2-3:30 and 5-6:30 pm,
$15 per 1 ½ hr. class, includes supplies (oils or acrylics) Learn the basics of drawing such as shading, perspective, and painting with oil or acrylics.
To sign up, contact **James Hill** at **770-355-1535**.

Intermediate Oil Painting

Do you want a class where you can work more in-depth on processes and techniques? Older teens to Adults
3 hour class $15 *or* 4 hour class $20
Daytime classes available in an open studio format.
You provide your own canvas, oil and paint.
Limited discounts for high school students.
Contact **Beverly Culver** for more information at beverlyculver@ymail.com or **770-289-1837**.



Paint Parties

Children or Adults
(7 & under need adult supervision)
Minimum 8; Maximum 10 students
2 hour parties with your choice of project.
$15 - $20 per person depending on canvas size (8x10 or 11x14 canvas, acrylic paint, etc.)
Includes all art supplies and step by step instruction. Call or text **Merari Morales** to sign up at **706-591-9028.**

Landscapes in Oil Workshops

with Beverly Culver

Saturday, January 30, 2021 - *Sunrise Reflections*
Capture the relaxed mood of the sun peaking over the horizon on a fall morning reflecting on a quiet pond.

Saturday, February 27, 2021 - *Atmosphere and Reflections*
A mysterious atmospheric painting of a flooded timber duck pond. A cool yet colorful painting that will teach the value of blending colors and soft edges.

Saturday, March 20, 2021 - *Rain and Sun*
I saw this field between Rockmart and Cartersville in the morning and knew I had to paint it! This is an interpretation of a quick rain shower on newly planted fields. The sun peaked through the clouds to shine on a far pasture.

All workshops - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Adults (16 and up)
$25 per workshop
Bring your own painting supplies
Tabletop easels available at Arts Center
Bring a sack lunch and drink

Contact **Beverly Culver** at **770-289-1837** or beverlyculver@ymail.com
Sign up in advance. Limited spots available.

Supply List:

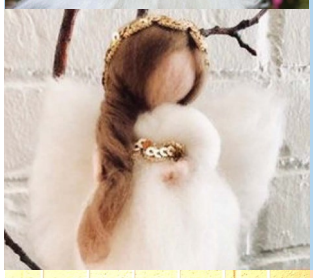
Alizarin Crimson*
Cadmium Red*
Cadmium Yellow*
Ultramarine Blue*
Titanium White*

Optional colors:
Lemon Yellow
Transparent Red Oxide or Burnt Sienna

Gamsol
Assorted brushes, bristles and synthetics
11x14 canvas
Paper towels
An enthusiastic attitude!

Mixed Media Workshop

Saturday, March 27, 2021
Mini Magnet Mania Workshop
10:00 - 12:00 - $12
Make an 8x10 mixed media artwork *or* 3 mixed media magnets. All supplies included.
To sign up, contact **Elaine Southerland** at **678-425-4595.**

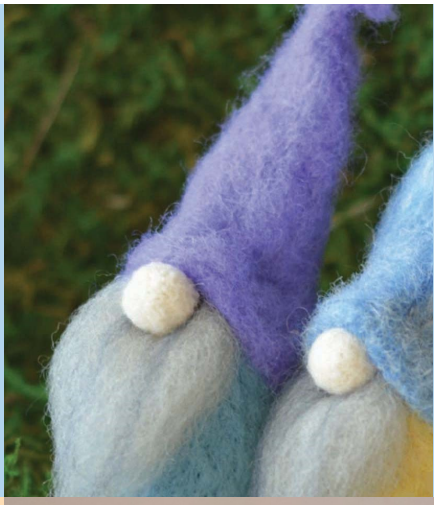


Needle Felting Workshops

January 23, 2021 - *Angel Felting* - 10 - 12:30, $35

March 13, 2021 - *Gnome Felting* - 10 - 12:30, $35

Join fiber artist, Hillari Knight, in creating your own needle felted angel and gnome with dyed wool in these fun Saturday workshops.
Teen - Adult, All supplies are included.
Contact **Hillari Knight** at **770-862-2248** or KnightCreativeArt@gmail.com to sign up.



Fused Glass Workshops

January 9, 2021 - *Glass Kiln Carving* - $40

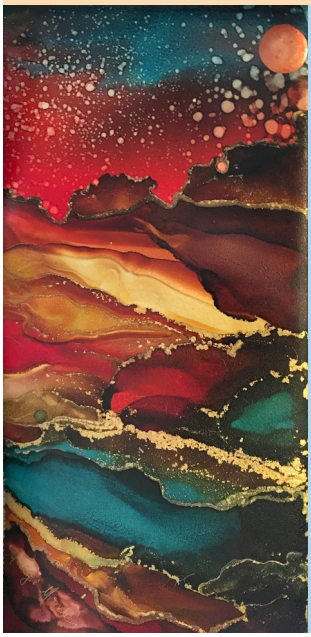
Learn the technique of kiln carving fused glass: a process of embossing an image that has texture or sculptured look in glass. An image will be achieved by cutting and layering fiber paper. Patterns will be available for your use or bring your own pattern.

March 6, 2021 - *Garden Stake* - $70

A glass garden stake can freshen any yard or garden. In this workshop, you will create a fused glass panel, using sheet, crushed and other forms of glass in your design. The final piece will be framed in a wrought iron stake. Must be able to work with glass tools like a hammer and pliers.

Adults, Saturdays 10:00 - 12:00, No glass experience is required, All materials, tools and firing included. Please wear closed-toe shoes. Your piece will be fired and ready for pick-up soon afterwards.

Private classes are available on other days too. To sign up, call **Elizabeth Mobley** at **770-851-4431**
Check out and sign up for fused glass workshops on her website: https://www.glassartbyelizabeth.com/



Alcohol Ink Workshops

February 6, 2021 - Spring Flowers - $25

Using various techniques, learn the basics of working with vividly colored alcohol inks and enhance them with alcohol-based markers. Create several unique works of art on Yupo paper and on white ceramic tiles.

March 27, 2021 - Alcohol Ink with Metallic Inks - $25

Using various techniques, work with vividly colored alcohol inks and enhance them with metallic inks. Create several unique works of art.

Adults, Saturdays, 10:00 - 12:30, All materials included.
To reserve your space, contact **Margie Monde** at margiemonde@gmail.com or **706-767-5139**.

RCAC Pottery Classes

Open Studio Classes

Tuesday Evenings - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - $18 per class
Wednesday Mornings - 10:00 to 11:30 am - $15 per class
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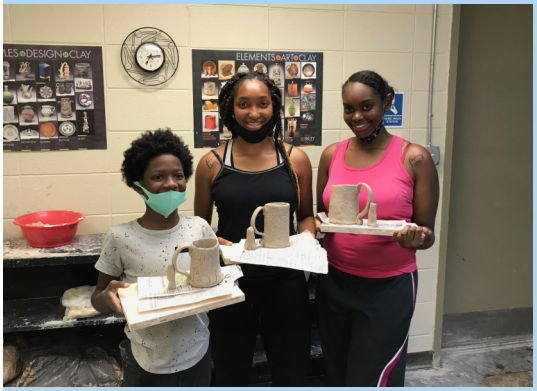

Explore the potentials of clay and learn pinch, coil and slab techniques to make bowls, platters, sculptures, etc. Paul Craighead's open studio pottery classes continue year-round. He works with students individually and in groups to create pottery items. Earthenware as well as stoneware items can be created on the wheel or by hand-building.

RCAC's Pottery studio has 4 wheels, slab roller, huge variety of glazes, extruder, electric kiln and a gas-fired stoneware/Raku kiln at Paul's studio.

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

RCAC Prices include ALL clay, glazes, firing and instruction

Bird in Flight

Clay Garden Stake Workshop

Saturday, February 27, 2021
10:00 - 12:30 - $35

Make a clay bird to adorn the top of a garden stake in this workshop. Bring a snack and drink. To sign up contact **Paul Craighead** at 770-843-5302 or rivoletti@netzero.net

Have fun making bowls, platters, mugs, sculptures and more!

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Upcoming 2021 Art Exhibits Calendar

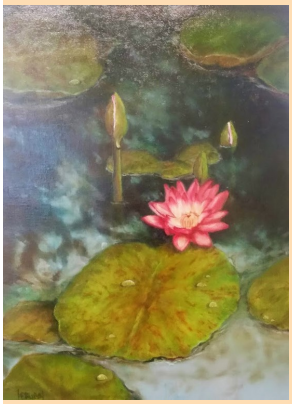
January 14 – March 11, 2021
Juried Art Exhibit
Variety of artwork from 30 talented artists
Reception & Award Ceremony
Saturday, January 23, 2021 - 4-6 pm

Image: Marcella Kuykendall, *A Heroic Escape*, ceramic

Discover the ART in RockmART!

Mid-March – April 2021
RHS Art Exhibit & RHS Gala

Image: 2020 RHS Art Group



May – June 2021
Floral Expressions
Open to all

Image: Wendy Herubin, *Waterlilies*, oil

July – August 2021
Wood Carver/Wood Turner Exhibit
Invitational

Image: Lee Simpkins, *Santa,* basswood

Sept – October 2021
Scott Foxx Solo Exhibit

Image: Scott Foxx,
Banjo Man,
mixed media

November – December
Susan Waters'
O Holy Night Exhibit

Image: Susan Waters,
Joseph and Mary on Donkey
Back by popular demand

2021 Summer Camps - *HOLD the Dates!*

Theatre Camp I: *Jungle Book, Kids*: June 2-11 week days (Elementary)

Theatre Camp II: *Wizard of Oz*: June 14-25 week days (Middle & High School)

Art Camp: June 21-25 (Age 4-6)

Pottery Camp: June 28 - July 2 (Age 7-13)

Art Camp: July 12-16 (Age 7-13)

THANK You to our RockmArt Patrons

July - December 2020

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

Theatre Update

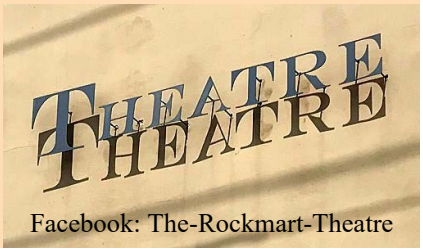
2020 was a hard year for the theatre due to the COVID-19 shutdown in March. 22 performances had to be cancelled in 2020. Theatre attendance was 6,191 in 2019 and 707 in 2020.

It sure was great to have a performance back in the Theatre in December. The RHS play, "Over the River and Through the Woods", directed by LaRue Bowman was a hit and everyone was great about buying tickets online and observing the COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Allei and Cloe are our current student light and sound engineers. They both do a great job and can be trusted to operate the systems with little supervision. We had training on our new light console, thanks to the city, and all is working great.

Margaret and Rex built the trim pieces and repairs to the lip of the stage. Rex Garner spent a couple of weeks building sets. We had a Saturday work-day in late November. Margaret Jacobs and the RHS drama kids painted and moved some things to storage.

We are optimistic and look forward to more performances and theatre camps in the new year. Check our Facebook page for announcements of upcoming events.



Facebook: The-Rockmart-Theatre

Volunteers & Donations

THANK YOU Volunteers !

The following time and talents were donated between **August - December 2020** for Arts Programming as well as donations to the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center and The Rockmart Theatre.

Money to cover some student classes: Anonymous
Books: Jean Sommerville, Mike Strickland
Photo Editing: Bill Kettering
Hats and hat boxes: Kim Camp
Repairs: James Hill, Lee Simpkins
Halloween Drive thru help: Karen Ducote
Cleaning: James Hill, Stephanie Day
Candlesticks, Baskets & Fabric: Rosi Scheel
Exhibit Ribbons: Kiki Alexander
Easel: Bruce Bell
Painting pedestals: Kim Camp
Bottle Tops: Jean Sommerville, Peggy Cline, Rosi Scheel
Art Supplies and Frames: Mary Cash, Peggy Cline, Eva Hughes, Bruce Bell
Rosi Scheel, Family of Joan Casey (Carol Addison and Kay Smith)
Boxes for pottery & gift shop: Margie Monde, Rosi Scheel and Patty Ward
Work at the Theatre: Margaret Jacobs, Rex Garner, LaRue Bowman and RHS students
Moving heavy furniture, tv, and Christmas decorations: Public Works crew
Gallery sitting and Administrative help: Elizabeth Mobley, Lee Simpkins, James Hill,
Mike Strickland, Beverly Culver, Patty Ward, and Cathy Matthews
Hanging exhibits: James Hill, Paul Craighead, Lee Simpkins, Bruce Bell, Patty & Steve Ward
Reception help: James Hill, Karen Ducote, Elizabeth Mobley, Beverly Culver, Lee Simpkins
Getting supplies, handing out flyers: Steve Ward, Patty Ward, Lee Simpkins, James Hill
Holiday Decoration help: Patty and Steve Ward, James Hill, Stephanie Day, Karen Ducote, Ron Cline

2 Display Cabinets: Euharlee Museum
Cardboard tubes: Meggitt (Kim Bradford)
12' Christmas tree and decorations: Walmart

CONGRATULATIONS to James Hill on being our #1 Volunteer in 2020!

Thank you all for your Donations and Support!

RCAC Membership 2021

The Arts Rockmart Cultural Arts Center

Your Membership helps fund our Programs, Events, Theatre, Gallery, Receptions, Chorus, Classes, Workshops, Camps and Scholarship.
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

We appreciate your continued support of the ARTS in RockmART!

Name: _____
Additional Names (Family membership): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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Email: _____
☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Cash__ CC__ Check_____ Amount $_____ Date_____

Membership lasts for one year or 12 months from date of membership. ***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* drive-thru