

Winter 2024

RockmART News

Cultural Arts Center & Theatre



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Photograph



© Kimberly Miranda, *Illumination*
Acrylic (RHS senior)



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Dear Friends of the Arts,

Our Winter Newsletter is full of information on upcoming exhibits, classes, workshops and events for you and your family to enjoy. Have fun and learn something new in the New Year.

We received wonderful news for The Rockmart Theatre this past fall with Grants from the **Appalachian Regional Commission** and the **Georgia Council for the Arts**, plus Rex Garner was hired to be our Theatre's Operations Manager. More details in this newsletter.

Our Annual Juried Art Exhibit will be in the main gallery January 11 - March 7, 2024 with Reception, live music, and Award Presentation on January 27 from 4-6 pm. The RHS Art Exhibit's theme this year is *Illumination* and the high school exhibit will be on view in our main gallery March 13 - April 27th with the RHS Gala on April 27th.

We have so many talented people in our community! We Celebrate the Visual, Performing and Literary Arts in Rockmart and in the northwest Georgia region. Please continue to **Support the Arts** and remember ~ Donations to RCAC are tax deductible!

Wishing you Joy and Peace!

Artfully yours, *Peggy Cline*



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© Dana Helton, Stained Glass

Mark Your Calendars

Juried Art Exhibit
Reception and Award Presentation
January 27 - 4-6 pm

RHS Exhibit & Gala
April 27 - 6-8 pm

Rockmart Cultural Arts Center

316 North Piedmont Avenue, Bldg. 300, Rockmart, Georgia 30153
Phone: 770-684-2707 Cell: 770-231-9094 Email: rcac@rockmart-ga.gov
Website: www.rockmart-ga.gov Instagram: rockmart_arts Facebook: 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 therockmarttheatre@rockmart-ga.gov 470-864-6442

RCAC Art Exhibits 2024



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January 11 - March 7, 2024

Juried Art Exhibit - Theme: Artist's Choice

Reception and Award Presentation - January 27 - 4-6 pm

Open to all artists - Enter up to 3 .jpg entries by Dec. 12th

January 25 - February 29, 2024 - **Black Creativity Exhibit**

Open to all African-American artists - Enter .jpg entries by Dec. 20th



© Kent Mullinax

March 13 - April 27, 2024

Rockmart High School Art Exhibit & RHS Gala

Reception & Gala - April 27, 2024 - 6-8 pm

Theme: Illumination

Kent Mullinax, Faith Tatum and Amy Wilmoth Watts

Art Exhibit: May 2 - June 20, 2024

Reception - May 4 - 4-6 pm



© Kiki Alexander,
Fiber art made from
bridesmaid's dresses

Metamorphosis: June 27 - August 29, 2024

Reception - July 27 - 4-6 pm

Open to all artists - Enter up to 3 .jpg entries by May 27th

Metamorphosis refers to the process of transformation or change, whether in nature or in your own life span. Have fun with this theme.

Nature's Generosity: Fine Art Nature Photography Exhibit:

September 5 - October 30, 2024

Presented by the Wilderness Photography Foundation

www.wildernessphotographyfoundation.org

Reception - September 21 - 4-6 pm

Let's Celebrate Holiday Exhibit: Nov. 7 - Dec. 19, 2024

Reception, Live Music, OPEN House, Demos

& Indoor Festival November 16, 2024 - 12-5 pm

Open to all Artists - Enter up to 3 .jpg entries by October 7th



Check our
Call to Artist
webpage with links
to applications
and more
Information at
[www.rockmart-ga.gov/
CalltoArtists.aspx](http://www.rockmart-ga.gov/CalltoArtists.aspx)
or get an application
at the RCAC office.



Beautiful Wilderness
Photography

RCAC Gift Shop

Support **LOCAL** NW Georgia Artists and Buy **Handmade** Arts & Crafts at the RCAC Gift Shop and Gallery.



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We have paintings, prints, pottery, mugs, photographs, notecards, bowls, jewelry, wood turned items, crocheted toys,

ornaments, fused glass artwork, wine bottle stoppers, wind chimes, walking sticks, bird houses, and more!

Many will do commissions for you as well.

You'll go home with a hand crafted item and help local artists in your community.

Visit the RockmART Studios

Check out the Art Studios on the **top floor** of the Arts Center and meet these talented artists:

**James Hill, Rachel Eichholtz,
Elizabeth Mobley and Lee Simpkins**

RCAC 2023

Peggy Cline - Director

Rex Garner - Theatre Operations Manager

RCAC Advisory Board

Stacey Smith - City Manager

Bruce Bell & Lucille Harris - City Liaison

Cathy Matthews - Business Liaison

James Hill - Visual Arts

Margaret Jacobs - Performing Arts

Elizabeth Mobley - Education



Great News for The Rockmart Theatre!!!

We are very excited that the **Appalachian Regional Commission** approved our grant request for the theatre! This one million grant will be used to renovate the theatre's façade, lobby, and life safety systems in the building. In addition to the ARC funds, local sources will provide \$442,000 bringing this project up to \$1,442,000. It was announced to the public on Facebook on October 3rd.

The City of Rockmart selected CEVIAN Design Lab through a competitive process to develop architectural drawings, bid documents, and inspection services for the renovation of the facility. We look forward to the return of the 1930s theatre to its original art deco beauty.

City Manager, Stacey Smith said "I would like to thank City staff, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and Governor Brian Kemp for their efforts in making this funding opportunity a reality."

Georgia Council for the Arts approved a \$15,113 Cultural Facilities Grant to upgrade our theatre's curtains, sound equipment and stage lighting. They also gave us a \$3,600 Vibrant Communities grant to create a public art exhibit (tree carving) at the Lester House. We are very grateful for these much needed improvements!

Upcoming Events at The Rockmart Theatre

Concerts - TBA - 7pm
Second Saturday of the Month

"Roots Music Round"
in the Theatre Studio, 118 E. Elm, 6-9 pm
Third Thursday of the Month Program

RHS Spring Play - *Annie* - Dates TBA

Rockmart Community Chorus
Spring Concert - Dates TBA

Theatre Happenings

The theatre now has an Operations Manager, Rex Garner, as of September 2023. The community already knows Rex as our sound technician and wonderful musician. At our February 2023 Gala, Rex was honored as our Artist of the Year! We are happy to have him as an official employee.

This fall the theatre had performances by the Rockmart High School with their show, *The Curious Savage*, on October 28 & 29. Our October and November Second Saturday Concert Series featured Isaac Streetman with Arlo Finch and Party of Five with Julie Bell Smith. Local and regional performers will be featured each month beginning in January 2024. A Third Thursday program, "Roots Music Round" started this past fall with musicians enjoying jamming together. December 2-4, the Rockmart Community Theatre performed the Christmas play, *It's a Wonderful Life*. The Rockmart Community Chorus performed their annual Christmas concert on December 9-10.

The Rockmart Theatre

116 East Elm St., Rockmart, Georgia
Rex Garner, Operations Manager

therockmarttheatre@rockmart-ga.gov 470-864-6442 www.rockmart-ga.gov/TheRockmartTheatre.aspx

Follow our Facebook page for more information: The-Rockmart-Theatre

Home School Art Classes

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the Month

2-3 pm (Kinder and Elementary) and **2-3:30 pm** (Youth/Teen)

Winter & Spring Classes: **January 18, February 1, 15, March 7, 21 and April 4**
(Make up day on April 18, if needed, for Inclement weather)

3 Classes around the same time in 3 different rooms for different age groups:

- **Kinder Art Class:** Ages 4-6, \$10 per class
Laura Padalik
- **Elementary Art Class:** Ages 7-11, \$80 for 6 classes or \$15 per class
Lily Green
- **Youth/Teen Art Class:** Ages 12 - 18, \$80 for 6 classes or \$15 per class
Christina Murphy

Come Explore the Elements of Art with us in Thursday Home School Art Classes!

Kinder Art will be using children's literature as our springboard; students will have the opportunity to create using a variety of mediums. The goal of this class is to give students a hands-on opportunity to express their observations and create art while enhancing fine motor skills.

Within their creations, students will learn to draw basic shapes, patterns, landscapes, faces and animals.

Elementary Art and Youth/Teen Art Classes will build on learning more skills, explore various mediums and techniques in the visual arts and encourage their creativity.

We look forward to seeing you in our classes!

To register or for more information, contact each instructor.

Kinder Art Instructor
Laura Padalik
904-629-1469
padalikpack@att.net

Elementary Instructor
Lily Green
770-375-1753
lily.manus536@gmail.com

Youth/Teen Art Instructor
Christina Murphy
478-719-0545
cmurph813@gmail.com



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 be closed.

Contact instructors at least 1 week prior to class to reserve your spot so instructor can bring enough materials.



Fused Glass Workshops

with Elizabeth Mobley

All Workshops: 10 am - 12:30 pm

Ages: Teens - Adult, \$50 each

All materials, tools and firing included in price

February 3 – Fused glass Vase

April 20 – Fused glass Scraffito

Private Sessions are also available

Please wear closed-toe shoes. No glass experience is required.

Must be able to work with glass tools like a hammer and pliers.

Your piece will be fired and ready for pick-up soon afterwards.

Contact **Elizabeth Mobley** to sign up at 770-851-4431 or email e.lizabeth@mindspring.com



Beginning Drawing & Painting Classes

with James Hill

Mondays 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Wednesdays 1 - 2:30 pm or 3 - 4:30 pm

Ages 12 - Adult, **\$15**, Includes most supplies

Learn the basics of drawing such as shading, perspective, and painting with oil.

He also is a portrait artist and does commissions.

To sign up, contact **James Hill** at 770-355-1535 or jlharthill@gmail.com



Meet the Artist:

Lily Green especially enjoys working with watercolor, colored pencils, and creating jewelry. However, she has also worked in a variety of mediums. She graduated with an associates degree in fine art from Georgia Highlands College in 2016. She homeschools her three children and is looking forward to teaching the Monday Children's Art class and Homeschool Elementary art class.

Children's Art Classes

with Lily Green

Mondays 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Throughout the School Year

Ages 7-12 (maximum 12 students)

\$60 for 6 classes - paid on the first class

or **\$15** per class

Includes all supplies.

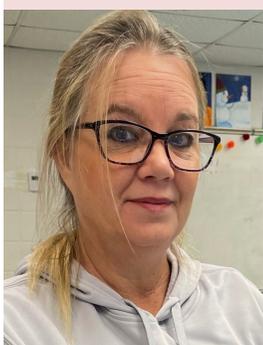
Mixed Media Art classes with a variety of Art projects in drawing, painting, printmaking and crafts.

Classes meet in the large classroom on the bottom floor of the Arts Center.

Session 1: **January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12**

Session 2: **February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 15**

To sign up, contact **Lily Green** at 770-375-1753 or lily.manus536@gmail.com



Candle Making Workshops

with Sue Ritt

February 3 - Tin Candles - \$30 for 2 vessels

March 2 - Bunny bowl and Eggs, Limit 11 bunnies and 3 eggs - **\$35** each

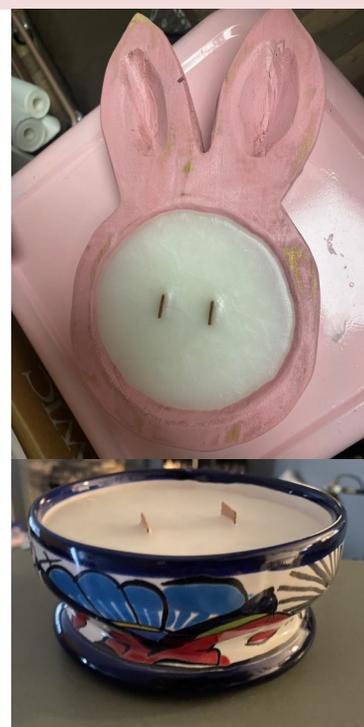
April 27 - Blue Aztec clay bowl candle - \$35
Limit 11

10:30 am - 12:30 pm, Age 13 - Adult, \$30 - \$35

Come create your own *scented candle!*
Fragrance and colors will be chosen at class.

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

Contact **Sue Ritt** to sign up at
470-818-6461 or crittcrafts@gmail.com





Introduction to Watercolor 2-Day Workshops

with Candace McManus

**January 13th 10-4 and January 14th 1-4 or
February 10 10-4 and February 11th 1-4**

\$125, Includes all supplies

Ages: Teen - Adult, All levels welcome

Minimum 6; Maximum 12 people

Register at least 2 weeks in advance



To sign up, contact **Candace McManus** at 678-457-8339
or RCAC at 770-684-2707. Must pay in advance to hold your spot.

This workshop is for the true beginner or those seasoned artists who are looking to refresh their understanding of the medium. We will cover all the materials needed to get started in the medium. Learn to mix beautiful colors, create flat and graded washes as well as loose wet on wet techniques. No experience is necessary, just a desire to have a great time and play with a wonderful medium.



She was a long time resident of Rockmart and now lives in Rockwood, Tennessee. She was instrumental in revitalizing the arts in Rockmart when she lived here 30 years ago. Candace has taught art for over 40 years and has received many awards for her work in watercolor. And is in many private and public collections.

Floral Oil Painting Workshop

with Rachel Eichholtz

January 20th - 10 - 4

\$90, Includes all supplies

Teen - Adult, All levels welcome

Learn how to paint light and color in the impressionist style.
Rachel will lead you through a guided oil painting of this rose.
30% deposit due to reserve your spot.



Oil Painting Class

with Rachel Eichholtz

**First and Third Thursday
evenings** of each month

First day: February 1, 2024

Time: 6 - 8 pm, \$20 per class

Teen - Adult, Beginners welcome

Supply list given at first class. Paint florals and landscapes in oil with Rachel. Day one will begin with an orientation to the class, a brief exercise to build your painting confidence, and a materials list.

To sign up, contact **Rachel** at
info@racheleichholtz.com or 904-294-2344



2-Day Oil Painting Workshop *with Beverly Culver*

Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27 - Landscape Scene

10 am - 3 pm each day, Older teens to Adults, All Levels welcome

\$75, Payment due by January 10th. Bring your own supplies.

Learn how to paint a beautiful mountain scene with a river, lake and trees.



Suggested paints on supply list or bring what you already have.

Bring your own painting supplies, canvas, sack lunch and drink.

Enjoy painting this landscape **step-by-step** in oil and learn new painting techniques.

Tabletop easels available at the Arts Center.

Contact **Beverly Culver** to sign up at

Workshop Supply List:

Alizarin Crimson*

Cadmium Red*

Cadmium Yellow*

Ultramarine Blue*

Dioxine Purple*

Viridian*

Titanium White*

Optional colors:

Lemon Yellow

Transparent Red Oxide

or Burnt Sienna

Gamsol

Assorted brushes

11x14 canvas

Paper towels

An enthusiastic attitude!



Thursday Oil Painting Class *with Beverly Culver*

Thursdays 10 am - 1 pm, \$20

Older teens to Adults, All Levels

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

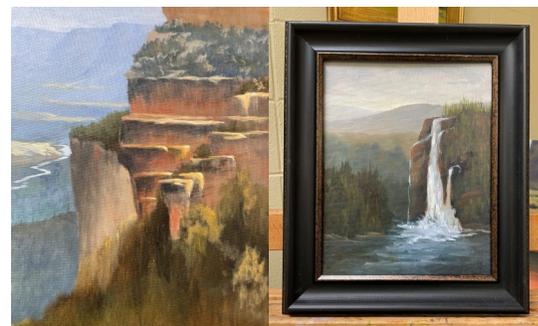
Beverly offers ongoing daytime classes on Thursdays in an Open Studio format.

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.

Paintings by Beverly Culver



Book Club 2nd Tuesday of each month

5:00 - 6:00 pm, FREE

Our book club meets at the Rockmart Cultural Arts Center and is led by Debbie Ross. Even if you have not read the month's book, all are welcome to join. Each month we read a new book and one of our members leads the discussion.

Upcoming Books and Local Author Talks:

December 11th*: *Never Turn Back* by Christopher Swann 6 pm*
discussion led by Debbie Ross with **author in attendance**.

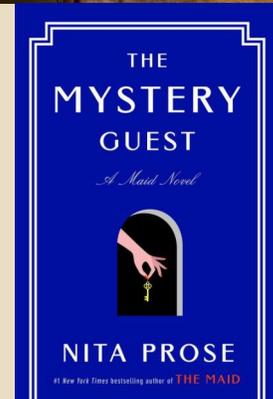
January 9: *Inside Delta Force* by Eric Haney - discussion led by Debbie Ross

February 13: *Surviving Savannah* by Patti Callahan - discussion led by Peggy Cline

March 12: *The Mystery Guest - A Maid Novel* by Nita Prose
discussion led by Margie Benefield

April 9: *Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen* by Susan Gregg Gilmore
discussion led by Kim Casey

Questions, email **Debbie Ross** at ross5860@bellsouth.net or rcac@rockmart-ga.gov





Fun Friday Face Jug & More Workshops

with Rene' Hardy

Highland Cow, Gnomes, Face Jugs & More

Available Dates: January 12, 26, February 9, 16, March 15, 22, April 19, 26

Fridays 6-8 pm, \$65

Ages: Teen - Adult

Minimum 3; Maximum 10 people

Includes all clay, glazes and firing

Register 1 week in advance.

Rene' makes the pre-turned jugs for you.



Rene' will give you step-by-step instructions on how to add facial features and glaze on your own treasured Face jug, Highland Cow, Gnome, or more! Piece will dry, be fired and ready for pick up in 2 weeks.

To sign up, contact **Rene' Hardy** at Rhardy1@gmail.com or 770-757-6449.

Children and Family Pottery Classes with Rene' Hardy

Pick either **Mondays 5:00 - 6:30 pm**

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

Throughout the school year

Age 7 - 12 (maximum 8 students per class)

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

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

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

(Includes clay, glazes and firing)

Monday Children Pottery class dates:

Session 1: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12

Session 2: Feb 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 15

Thursday Family Pottery class dates:

Session 1: Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15.

Session 2: Feb. 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 18



Fun pottery classes for children 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. An updated Art Class Registration form and waiver will be needed on the first class with payment.

To sign up, contact **Rene' Hardy** at Rhardy1@gmail.com or 770-757-6449.



If there is inclement weather, then dates will be adjusted forward. If schools close, then the Arts Center closes.

Park in back of Arts Center building. Contact instructors at least 1 week prior to class to reserve your spot so instructor can bring enough materials. *Thank you.*

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 and/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 for Open Studio pottery classes, contact **Paul Craighead** at 770-843-5302 or rivoletti@netzero.net



Ceramic Workshops with Jen Weaver Fugelsoe

Clay Hearts - January 21 - 1 - 3:30 pm, \$25

Love is in the air! Join me in creating a unique gift for Valentine's Day! We will make heart dishes out of slab rolled clay and decorate them however you like to personalize for your loved one. The dishes will be ready 1-2 weeks after the workshop (guaranteed before Valentine's Day).



Slab Vase with Decals

February 25 - 1-3:30 pm, \$30 or
March 8 - 6 - 8:30 pm, \$30

Let's get together and make a vase! We will make the vases out of slab rolled clay, dry them, and decorate them with transfers (decals) and paint with glaze. The vases will be fired and ready for pick up 1-2 weeks after the workshop. This will be a great gift for Easter or Mother's Day!

Age 8 - Adult, Minimum 7, Maximum 12

All materials are included with workshops. No pottery experience necessary.
Text Jen to confirm a spot, or indicate you are "Going" on the Facebook event
Jen: 4stersdaughter@gmail.com or text 770-841-4835





Stained Glass Workshops

with Dana Helton

January 6 - Mountain

January 13 - Bird

January 20 - Heart

February 10 - Heart

February 17 - Feather

February 24 - Panel * (More information below)

March 2 - Maple Leaf

March 9 - Bird

March 23 - Butterfly

April 6 - Feather

April 27 - Mountain



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.

Each workshop*: 10 am - 2 pm, \$50 each
All materials are included. No experience is necessary.
Bring water and light lunch/snack if desired.
Ages: Adult, Maximum 6 people in each class
Sign up soon as these workshops fill up quickly.
To sign up, contact **Dana Helton** at 678-557-1301
or danalan@comcast.net
* Panel workshop different price & time.



February 24 - Intermediate Class*

Stained Glass Panel - \$125, 10 am - 4 pm

Learn to create a Tiffany stained glass panel using zinc borders and create your own hanger.

Some materials are not included, see below.

Must have taken 3 classes from Dana prior to this class. Must bring a 20x20" piece of 3/4" plywood and 4 large wooden paint sticks 5 gallon size.



Mosaic Workshops

with Dana Helton

Create your own mosaic artwork in these fun workshops.

February 3 - Mosaic Heart

May 11 - Mosaic Birdhouse



Needle Felting Workshops

with Hillari Knight

March 2 - Chick

March 30 - Highland Cow

May 4 - Mouse with armature

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 at least 1 week prior to class.

Contact **Hillari Knight** to register at **770-862-2248** or email KnightCreativeArt@gmail.com



Workshops *with Anita Kennerley*

10:30 am - 1:00 pm*, Teen - Adult, **\$35** each*

Includes all supplies, Class limit 10,

Contact **Anita Kennerley** to register at anita@anitakdesigns.com or call 678-372-2755.

Dip & Dot a Mandala

January 27 - 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, \$35 per person

This class will focus on the construction techniques for dotting a mandala. You'll create on a 4" stone that Anita casts in concrete. A protractor will be used for guidelines, along with some stencils. You'll also have a choice of color palettes.



Heart Strings in Polymer Clay

February 10 - 10:30 - 1:00

February gets us all in a "heart mode." In this class you'll create and decorate 3 polymer clay hearts in your choice of colors. You'll string them together for a lovely heart hanger. They make a great gift or for you to enjoy yourself!



A Pocket Full of Posies

March 16 - Pocket Full of Posies

Join Anita and create a springtime floral arrangement. You'll paint and decorate a small clay pot, create a few flowers in polymer clay, and add some paper leaves. Some bright colors to herald in the spring season!

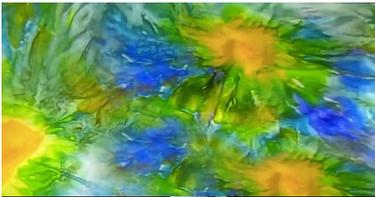
Botanical Scarves

May 4 - 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!





Art Workshops *with Margie Monde*

All materials are included. Teen- Adult
Bring a snack or sack lunch.

Text **Margie Monde** to sign up at 706-767-5139



Easy Hand Painted Silk Scarf

February 17 - 10:30 - 1:30, \$45 per person

Paint a lovely abstract floral design on a Habatoi silk scarf.
Perfect for Spring; fun for beginners or advanced.



Alcohol Ink Paintings on Sparkle & Black Paper

March 16 - 10:30 - 1:30, \$35 per person

Explore working with vividly colored alcohol inks by painting beautiful flowers on a black paper, and create a serene seascape on sparkle paper.



Textile Art Techniques:

Fabric Paint, Reverse Stencil Dye, and Bleach Dye

April 13 - 10:30 - 1:30, \$45 per person, beginner or advanced

Use deColourant to stencil a reverse dye on a shirt; next color the design with spray fabric dye. On 2nd shirt, safely lift color with bleach to create a “cowhide” design, then add a design with Lumiere fabric paint and stencils. Choose from a variety of stencils and shirt colors/sizes/styles.



Homespun Festival Fun

We had a great time at the Homespun Festival on October 7, 2023. RCAC’s booth had free activities for the children plus a variety of items for sale from our Gift Shop artists. Susan Waters painted plein air this day of the musicians performing in Seaborn Jones Park. The highlight of the evening was Dalton Dover’s concert. It was a wonderful day for all.

Check out the great video of the Homespun activities here: <https://www.facebook.com/100057353953802/videos/201126393000357>



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 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. Enjoy the comradery of fellow crafters. Any questions, contact Debbie Chard at 404-219-1837.



Next Sit 'n Stitch Dates:

December 14

(No meeting on Dec 28)

January 11, 25, February 8, 22,

March 7, 21, April 11, 25, May 9, 23

(No meetings during Summer Camps)



Beginning Quilting *with Dora Dryden*

February 24 - 10 - 1, \$25 per person, Ages 12 to Adult

Learn to construct the basic units used in most quilts - the 4-patch, 9-patch, snow ball, and half square triangle units.

With these skills mastered, you can take your creativity to a new level to create hundreds of different blocks.

Use of color and fabric choices will also be covered.

Students will complete one or more blocks that can be used to help create a sampler quilt. A sewing machine and basic sewing supplies will be needed.

Machines will be available if you can not bring your own.

Contact instructor for a supply list, to make arrangements and if you have any questions.

To sign up, contact **Dora Dryden** at dlord557@aol.com or text at 770-546-1162.



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. We start practicing for our Spring Concert in January.

To join the Chorus, contact **Director, Debbie Miller**, at debbiepammiller@gmail.com or 404-219-9572.



Chorus practicing in the RCAC Chorus room



Rockmart Community Chorus Spring Concert 2023

Works of JOY Art Exhibit at RCAC

Our Holiday art exhibit, *Works of JOY*, was on view from November 2 - December 20, 2023. This exhibit had artwork by the following artists: Joy Anderson, Peri & Phil Aplin, Elda Arias, Pat Boling, Kathy Borchelt, Jason Borders, Brody Brown, Cloe Brown, Dominique Chaponot, Darby Chism, Peggy Cline, Megan Cohran, Paul Craighead, Beverly Culver, Debra Wade Eulau, Rachel Eichholtz, Melonie Fetterolf, Jen Weaver Fugelsoe, Susan Gore Gardner, Trudie Goss, Lily Green, Lynn Green, James Hill, Randy Ingram, Anita Kennerly, Latasha King, Hillari Knight, Kimberly McGuinness, Sarah Esther Merry, Rhonda Mihalik, Margie Monde, Anslie Philpot, Deanna & Leslie Roberts, Dustin Roberts, Lee Simpkins, Alison Small, Stella Spyrou, Kathy Torres, Mahara Tucker, Susan Waters, Darren Wright, Randy Wenzel, and Sonny York.



Works of JOY Arts & Crafts Festival at RCAC



Our **Works of Joy** Reception, OPEN House & HOLIDAY Arts & Crafts FESTIVAL with Live Music, Demonstrations and Artists Selling Local, Handmade Items all over the Arts Center was held on November 11, 2023 from 12-5 pm. Many Thanks to all of our wonderful Volunteers, Artists, Musicians, Demonstrators, and SANTA! This was our largest indoor Arts Festival at RCAC with almost 400 in attendance! Many Thanks to all that came to support RCAC Artists and the Arts! More photos and videos can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/rcac.ga/>

Art Swap: Carrollton Art at RCAC 2023



Art Swap: Carrollton Artist Guild at RCAC
 In Spring 2023, RCAC artists had artwork on view at the Carrollton Arts Center. In Fall 2023, from September 7 - October 26, Carrollton artists had their artwork on view at the RCAC Gallery. Our Reception was held on September 9th. Dana Helton's glass mosaic, *A Pair of Pears*, won the People's Choice award.

RCAC's 2024 Summer Art & Theatre Camps

Mark your calendars for RCAC's Upcoming Summer Art & Theatre Camps in June and July 2024. More information will be in our Spring newsletter and posted on our website and Facebook pages.

Sign ups start on **March 1st** each year. Confirmed dates are listed below.

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 3 - 7** with Paul Craighead (Age 8-13)

Pottery Camp II: **June 24 - 28** with TBA (Age 8-13)

Georgia on my Mind Art Camp: **June 3 - 7** with Lisa Jones (Age 4-6)

Mixed Media 3-Day Teen Camp: **June 11 - 13** with Margie Monde (Age 13-18)

Georgia Animals Art Camp I: **July 8-12** with Margaret Bearden (Age 7-9)

Georgia Animals Art Camp II: **July 8 - 12** with Peggy Cline (Age 10-13)

Adult Sit'n Stitch Camp: **July 22 - 26** with Debbie Chard (Adults)

Theatre and
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 SUMMER
CAMPs

THANK You to our FY 2024 RockmArt Patrons

Fiscal Year 2024 Memberships From *July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024* are listed Below

Executive

ARC - Appalachian Regional Commission
City of Rockmart Georgia Council for the Arts

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Peri Aplin, Cloe Brown, Elaine Burns, Debbie Chard, Rhonda Eichenberger, Melanie Fetterolf, Carolyn Franceschi, Anna Goldin, Trudie Goss, Lynn Green, Debbie Hatfield, Dana Helton, Randy Ingram, Hunter Jenkins, Summer Johnson, Anita Kennerley, Latasha King, Hillari Knight, Lee Laney, Sarah Esther Merry, Rhonda Milhalik, Margie Monde, Christina Murphy, Marlene Otero, Sheila Pascal, Carol Plessinger, Peggy Ruppert, Alison Small, Stella Spyrou, Vickie B. Tarpley, Debra Wade Eulau, Kendra Williams, and Darren Wright

Please mail or drop off your membership to be included in our next newsletter.
Membership lasts for 1 year or 12 months.



5 Year Growth

RCAC has grown over the past 5 years. See the table to the right to see a few of the changes from Oct 2018 to Oct 2023. With growth, we need more help and volunteers.
Thank you!

Fall 2018	Fall 2023
1 Part-time employee	2 Part-time employees
1,483 RCAC Facebook Followers	3,400 RCAC Facebook Followers
177 Theatre Facebook Followers	1,200 Theatre Facebook Followers
No Instagram	304 Rockmart Arts Instagram Followers
1 Summer Art Camp for Kids 2 Theatre Camps	6 Summer Art Camps for Kids 1 Summer Camp for Adults 2 Theatre Camps for Kids
4 Instructors	17 Instructors
No Studio Rentals	4 Art Studios bringing in income, visitors and help with volunteering
4 Gift Shop artists	70 Gift Shop artists
	Added Sit 'n Stitch, Book Club & more classes

Donations & Volunteers

The following time and talents were donated during the last quarter to The Rockmart Cultural Arts Center and The Rockmart Theatre.

Donations: September - December 10, 2023

Leslie & Deanna Roberts - Pottery Wheel, Clay, Glazes, Aprons
 Laura Padalik - Tables and chairs for the children's classroom
 Rosi Scheel - Art and office supplies, books, folders, etc.
 Various Artists - Reception Food
 Art Supplies - Elaine Southerland, Bruce Bell, Patty Ward, Donna Garrison, Peggy Cline, Margaret Lambert
 Miscellaneous supplies - Erika Pringle, Beverly Culver, Nancy Willis, James Hill
 Silent Auction items - Linda Fordham, Kathy Torres, Pat Staggs



Volunteers: September - December 10, 2023

Gallery sitting: Lee Simpkins, Beverly Culver, Elizabeth Mobley, James Hill
 Hanging exhibits: James Hill, Paul Craighead, Beverly Culver, Erika Pringle, Patty & Steve Ward, Mary Bonevelle
 Cleaning: James Hill Administrative help: Elizabeth Mobley
 Unloading/Loading Kiln: Leslie Roberts, Paul Craighead, Rene' Hardy
 Homespun Festival: James Hill, Trudie Goss, Paul Craighead, Rosi Scheel, Elizabeth Mobley, Erika Pringle, Laura Padalik, Hillari Knight
 Holiday Festival: James Hill, Elizabeth Mobley, Mary Bonevelle, Alison Small, Beverly Culver, Erika Pringle, James Hill, Patty & Steve Ward, Dana Helton, Joy Anderson, Lara, Evan and Colin Jeanneret, Alejandra Vela, Linda Fordham, Trudie Goss, Sheila Pascal, Anna Goldin
 Holiday Festival Demonstrators: Susan Waters, Jeremy Smith, Paul Craighead, Leslie Roberts, Rachel Eichholtz, Jen W. Fugelsoe, Ingrid Williamson, Michelle McElroy
 Holiday Festival Entertainment: Randy Ingram, Luther's Mountain Band, Ron Cline, Evan and Colin Jeanneret, Alejandra Vela, Andy McGuire Band, SANTA
 Theatre volunteers: Margaret Jacobs, Rex Garner, Cathy Matthews, RHS students and parents, Rockmart Community Players, Rockmart Community Chorus



Thank you ALL!

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



We appreciate your continued support of the ARTS in RockmART!

Name: _____
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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