

# Newnan-Coweta Art Association NEWS

Issue: February 2026 – Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, Groundhog Day, Groundhog Day

Board Meeting – February 9, 2026  
General Meeting – February 16, 2026

Refreshments provided by: Bailey Johnson, Bailey Hill,  
Barbara Omerod, and Pammy Vaughn

**6:30pm** - Registration and Refreshments  
**7:00pm** - General Member Meeting & Presentation

## From Your President ...

Dear NCAA Members,

Did you know that February was originally the LAST month of the year instead of the second? It was the very last month added to the Roman calendar (c.713 BC). Originally, the calendar had 10 months, because winter was considered a dormant, month-less period; but, the Roman king, Numa Pompilius, added January and February to the end of the calendar to better align it with the lunar year. In c.450 BC, February was moved to be the second month; it's the only month with less than 30 days.

We associate February with Groundhog Day, President's Day, Black History Month, and, of course, hearts, flowers, and candy! Couples and school-aged children celebrate Valentine's Day by exchanging cards and candy each year. Have you ever thought about brightening someone else's day? Maybe you know someone who could benefit by knowing that you care and are thinking about them.

According to legend, we are in for **six more weeks of winter!** Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2, at Gobbler's Knob in Pennsylvania. But, just how accurate is Punxsutawney Phil? According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), his accuracy rate is 35% over the past 20 years! There are actually several other groundhogs who have a higher success rate at predicting the weather over this same period of time: Staten Island Chuck – 85%, General Beauregard – 80%, and Buckeye Chuck – 75%, are just a few. While Punxsutawney Phil's weather predictions are often wrong, he is a beloved cultural icon and definitely more famous than the others; he's a fun tradition but not a reliable source! But, this year, it seems **all** of the groundhogs have predicted six more weeks of winter.

While that might seem daunting with the extremely cold weather we had in January, there's a bright side - it gives us a good six weeks to work on pieces for events coming up in March and April, and it's also a great time to think

## NCAA 2026 BOARD MEMBERS

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about and get started on entries for our **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Member Art Exhibit!**

The **2026 Save The Dates Postcards** were mailed to NCAA members on January 31. As you'll see, we have a lot of events already planned for this year! First up in January was the Newnan Songwriter's Festival Art Exhibition in the Vault Gallery (Wadsworth Auditorium) January 30-31. Thank you to all of our artists who participated in this wonderful exhibit! The artwork was appreciated by attendees and received a lot of compliments!

The **Call for Submissions and Entry Applications** for the **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Member Art Exhibit** will be mailed out on February 10! A couple of changes to note this year: There will be a **Minimum Size Requirement of 9" x 12"** for 2-D artwork (dimensions are for the actual piece **before** it's framed), and we've changed the **Maximum Height to 43"** (this **includes** the **outside edges of the frame**); the maximum width remains the same - 48" (includes the outside edges of the frame). I encourage each of our artists to submit entries this year! The Categories include: Drawing & Pastels, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, and Sculpture & Ceramics. A "Best In" and a "Merit Award" will be presented in each category, and, of course, we will have a "Best in Show" – each of these include a ribbon and a monetary award! Five Honorable Mention pieces will also be chosen (without regard to category).

We will be participating in the first **Annual Spring Festival & Art Walk** in Sharpsburg on **Saturday, March 28!** Indoor spaces are for Artwork, and outside spaces

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## President's Message continued ...

are available for Arts & Crafts. You can bring your own 10' x 10' Tent, or, if you don't have a tent, limited table spaces are available in the gazebo. (No tents are available to rent at this event.) Since it's the "first" year for this event, there is **no fee** to participate! This is a unique opportunity to be come together with artists from other groups (Fayette Art Society and Southside Sketchers) to introduce the public to our organizations and spread awareness of the visual arts!

I think it's going to be a lot of fun! Please contact me at [tsmiles2@bellsouth.net](mailto:tsmiles2@bellsouth.net), Subject: Sharpsburg Spring Festival-Art Walk, to reserve your space.

Next up will be the **Spring Arts & Crafts Market at The Avenue**, in conjunction with their Spring Festival & Egg Hunt. The date is set for **Friday, April 3**, but there is a slight possibility that they may change the date to April 4. White 10' x 10' tents are required; they are available to rent for an additional fee, or you can bring your own. Participation Fee: \$25, if you bring your own tent; or, if you need to rent a tent, it will be an additional \$15, for a total of \$40. If you are interested in participating, please email me at [tsmiles2@bellsouth.net](mailto:tsmiles2@bellsouth.net), Subject: Spring A & C Mkt-The Avenue.

Our General Meeting this month is scheduled for **Monday, February 16!** Registration and refreshments open at 6:30 PM, and the meeting will begin at 7:00. Our Presenter, following the business portion of the meeting will be **Jim Murphy!**

When you arrive at the Art House, please notice the pieces hanging in the lobby; many of these were painted by **Harriet Alexander** herself, who founded the Newnan-Coweta Art Association. There's also a piece hanging by Tom Powers, who was an integral part of the Art Association.

**Now, let's fill our space with our own work!** Please bring **ONE** of your pieces with you to leave on display in our meeting room at the Art House. We will briefly recognize the pieces and respective artists at the beginning of our meeting. I hope to see you there!

Warm wishes,

Teresa Foshee  
President

# WELCOME

## NEW MEMBER

Sandy Hiser      Newnan      oil painting

**Members (including students):** Do you have friends, coworkers, classmates, or family members who enjoy art or would like to support local artists? Encourage them to join the NCAA! Point them to our website, [newcaa.com](http://newcaa.com), or pick up a membership application at the meeting and share it with them!

Celebrate Black History Month with a visit to the High Museum of Art for

## The Lost World: The Art of Minnie Evans!

<https://high.org/exhibition/minnie-evans/>

## OPEN STUDIO DAYS

February 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Harriett Alexander Art Center ("Art House")  
31 Hospital Road, Newnan, GA



Unleash your creativity **twice a month** in a relaxed, non-instructed **open studio** setting, perfect for **NCAA artists** of all levels. You may work on your art projects, new or existing, in any medium. Bring your own art supplies; pack a snack or lunch; enjoy artmaking!

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## FEBRUARY 16TH MEETING

GUEST PRESENTER

**Jim Murphy**

[brushfyre911@msn.com](mailto:brushfyre911@msn.com)



*“Woodworking is a journey of discovery, where we uncover the hidden potential within a piece of wood and unlock its true beauty.”*

Jim Murphy is a dedicated painter and sculptor, whose work grows from a deep love of craft and a genuine curiosity about the world. Over the years, he has had the opportunity to share his art in a variety of settings — from local showcases to collaborative projects — each experience shaping his voice and sharpening his skills.

Rather than chasing perfection, Jim focuses on growth. His creative process is grounded in patience, experimentation, and a willingness to learn from every piece, every mentor, and every audience. This approach has led to a body of work that reflects both technical development and an honest, evolving perspective.

While grateful for the recognition his work has received, Jim remains committed to staying approachable and connected to the communities that have supported him. He continues to explore new ideas, refine his craft, and create art that resonates with sincerity and intention.

While Jim will be presenting his sculpture at the meeting, his paintings are on display at the **Powell Library**, 25 Hospital Road, Newnan, through the end of March.



**Owl:** carved from a dogwood tree from the side of Jim’s driveway



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## Help! ... Volunteers Needed

- **Publicity and Public Relations** – Handle the media releases or publicity before/after all events. If you like to take pictures, better still! Contact **Teresa Foshee** at [tsmiles2@bellsouth.net](mailto:tsmiles2@bellsouth.net)
- **Tours and Events** – From time to time, arrange art tours and events for the membership. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please contact **Teresa Foshee** at [tsmiles2@bellsouth.net](mailto:tsmiles2@bellsouth.net)

## Peachtree City Library

201 Willowbend Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269

**Coordinator: Pammy Vaughn**

Interior renovations have been completed, and we have a February exhibit running through March 9, which features **Pammy Vaughn** and **Yana Pidorvan**.

## A. Mitchell Powell Jr. Library

25 Hospital Road, Newnan, GA 30263

**February-March 2026**

**Linda West ♦ Jim Murphy ♦ Teresa Foshee**



## Newnan City Hall

25 LaGrange Street, Newnan 30263

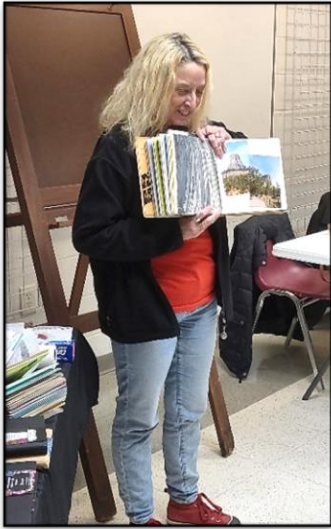
**NCAA Artist of the Month  
February 2026**



**Eleanor “Honey” Corbin** returned to college as an adult after working as a professional nurse and studied art, graduating Summa Cum Laude. She was listed in *Who’s Who in American Junior Colleges* and received the 2013 distinguished alumni award from Mount Aloysius Junior College (now Mount Aloysius College). Locally, her work was selected for the 2010 Southern Living Idea House, Senoia, The Booth Western Art Museum Annual Juried Shows, The Downtown Gallery, Cartersville, Beyond the Door and Chantilly, Senoia, Arts Clayton Gallery, Jonesboro, The Saint Andrew’s Fine Art & Craft Christmas Fair, Peachtree City, and Dogwood Gallery, Tyrone. Her Western Themed art has been juried into shows at the Tubac Cultural Art Center & Museum, Tubac, AZ, and juried shows in Colorado. She belongs to several professional art organizations and is the curator for the **Peachtree City Library Art Initiative**. Her art is found in collections in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Colorado, California, Georgia, Michigan and Florida. Honey loves animals and volunteers for the Fayette Humane Society fund raising events.

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**Thank You!**

**Bailey Hill**

**GUEST PRESENTER**

**January 2026  
General Member  
Meeting**

We enjoyed your wonderful presentation on **Art Journaling** and its many possibilities. We look forward to your upcoming classes.

**Coming Soon!**

*the stage is set  
Join Us!*

Fri 7:00 pm

Sat 2:00 pm

EF-4 tornado

Newnan Strong

**Seasons of Strength: The Performance**

*A Coweta County Community Project  
where Stories Become Art*

100 Real Voices ♦ LaGrange Symphony Orchestra  
Southern Arc Dancers ♦ Silent Auction

**March 21 & 22, 2026**

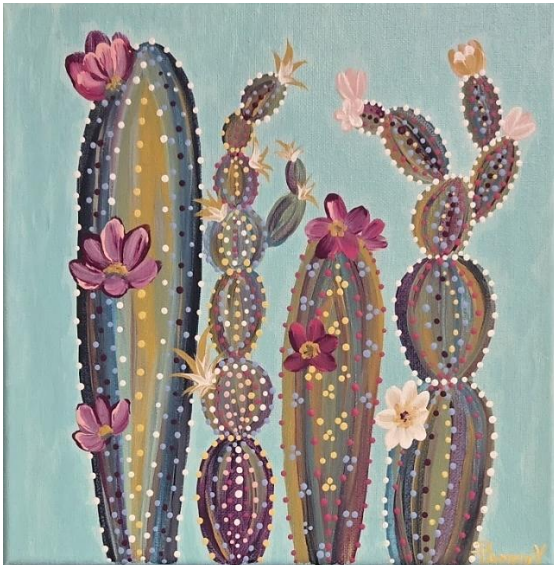
**Unity Baptist Church, Newnan**

Tickets & Info at [seasonsofstrength.org](http://seasonsofstrength.org)

**Pammy V**

**Cactuz'z**

Painting with



**Thursday, February 19 ▶ 6-8 pm**

Harriet Alexander Art Center  
31 Hospital Road, Newnan, GA

**Acrylic painting class ♦ New painting each month**  
NCAA members \$30/class; Non-members \$45/class  
All materials supplied

call or text **Pammy Vaughn 678-472-3358**  
or email [pvaughn0920@gmail.com](mailto:pvaughn0920@gmail.com)

**New Class: Shrinkets Jewelry**

*Instructor: Nancy Twomey*

**Friday, February 27, 2026**

**12:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Harriet Alexander  
Art Center**

31 Hospital Road,  
Newnan, GA

“Shrinkets” is a mixed media class using plastic film to create wonderful one-of-a-kind necklaces. Each student will use a heat gun and various other tools to create their jewelry pieces. Beginners are welcome.

Cost: \$35 for NCAA members;  
\$50 for Non-members  
All materials will be provided.

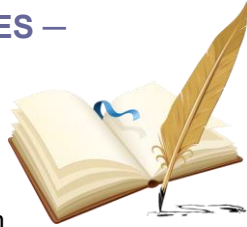
call or text **Nancy Twomey 770-630-1078**  
or email [endesigns1@outlook.com](mailto:endesigns1@outlook.com)



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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – January 2026



A general member meeting of the Newnan-Coweta Art Association (“NCAA”) was called to order by Pres. Teresa Foshee at 7:02 pm, on Monday, January 19, at the Harriet Alexander Art Center. A warm welcome was extended to members, new members, and guests.

The 2026 NCAA Board of Officers and Directors were introduced.

Refreshments were provided by Fred & Cheryl Buyarski, Bailey Johnson, and Susan Peryam. Thank you!

Door Prize – Greg Aldrich won a bottle of ink donated by Bob Reid, and Marilyn Curtis won a variety of art supplies donated by presenter Bailey Hill.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – (Nancy Twomey) Minutes of the Annual meeting in December 2025 were electronically filed and included in the January 2026 newsletter.

The following reports and business items are included in the Agenda handout and briefly summarized herein.

TREASURER’S REPORT – (Fred Buyarski) NCAA account balances as of 1/9/2026:

Value Checking (PP Trx)	\$	750.00
Value Checking	\$	10,618.74
Business Savings	\$	6.19
Money Market	\$	27,714.07

MEMBERSHIP – (Bailey Hill) There are currently 115 members in good standing.

SPONSORSHIP – (Teresa Foshee) There are currently **23** Sponsors of the NCAA: 10 Platinum (\$200+); 9 Gold (\$100+); and 4 Silver (\$50+). The 2026 Sponsorship Drive has begun; packets are available.

SUNSHINE – (Yana Pidorvan) Get Well and Sympathy Cards are being sent to members, as the need arises. In December, one supportive card was sent.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT – (Teresa Foshee) The committee met on January 16 to review the website; information is being updated on an ongoing basis. Send information for Artist pages to [ncaa.art@gmail.com](mailto:ncaa.art@gmail.com).

Pammy Vaughn (Facebook and Instagram moderator) After numerous unsuccessful attempts to access our original Instagram account, the decision was made to start a new Instagram page; and to avoid problems accessing and posting in the future, we have also set up a new Facebook page. We’re starting from scratch! New Instagram page: [www.instagram.com/ncaa.art2026](https://www.instagram.com/ncaa.art2026) New Facebook page: (make sure to include the **hyphen** between **newnan-coweta**) [www.facebook.com/newnan-cowetaartassociation](https://www.facebook.com/newnan-cowetaartassociation) Members, please “like, follow, and share” content. Text photos and details of art happenings to Pammy at 678-472-3358.

REFRESHMENTS – (Michelle Taylor) Volunteers for February: Bailey Hill, Pammy Vaughn; need two more.

Publicity and Public Relations – We have an immediate need for someone to chair this committee!

High Museum of Art – (Karen Jenkins) [www.high.org](http://www.high.org) Please visit the website for information about ongoing and upcoming events, free admission days, and to view the many permanent art collections.

Open Studio Days at the Art House – (Bailey Hill) 2nd & 3rd Thursdays each month, 11am-4pm, all year long!

## BUSINESS ITEMS:

Newnan Christmas Parade – (Pammy Vaughn) The City of Newnan held its Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13, 2025. Representing the NCAA: Fred & Cheryl Buyarski, Sophie Holliday, Pammy Vaughn, Ruth Whitaker, and Ruth’s sister, Pat Watts. We’re planning to go much bigger next year!

2026 Save the Date Postcards – (Teresa Foshee) Currently in production and will be mailed to members this month.

NCAA Annual Meeting & Holiday Party – (Teresa Foshee) We had a wonderful turnout; it was our biggest crowd yet. Ruth Whitaker presided over the installation of the 2026 Board of Officers and Directors, and members voted in favor of the revised By-Laws; the By-Laws have been amended accordingly.

Student Scholarships Update – (Rae Duncan) The 2026 season has begun. Working in conjunction with the Nixon Centre Patrons’ Student Scholarship Committee. Updates will be provided in accordance with the directions of

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each school. Awards nights begin in late April to mid-May. Teresa Foshee will be the NCAA Presenter, accompanied by Rae Duncan.

2025/2026 NCAC Partnership Art Exhibition Update – (Rae Duncan) The Newnan Songwriters Festival is January 30 & 31 at Wadsworth Auditorium. NCAA artists art drop-off and pick-up dates were given, and Rae Duncan will be handling all sales of purchased art.

Seasons of Strength Project Update – (Teresa Foshee) The Live Performance of music, dance, and art will take place on March 21 (7:00 pm) & 22 (2:00 pm), at Unity Baptist Church, Newnan. The NCAA Silent Auction: doors will open one hour prior to the performance.

NCAA Tri-Fold Pamphlet – (Teresa Foshee) The new pamphlets will be available this week.

Congratulations to So Young Park for receiving a finalist award for her piece “The Journey of Canadian Geese” (medium: oil) in the “My Best Work of 2025” international juried art competition at Camelback Gallery.

New Classes at the Art House – (Teresa Foshee) For detailed info, visit: [newcaa.com/ncaa-art-classes](http://newcaa.com/ncaa-art-classes)

- Painting with Pammy V: begins January 22
- Shrinkets Jewelry with Nancy Twomey
- Art Journal 101 with Bailey Hill
- Jazzy Art with Linda West

## EXHIBIT VENUES UPDATE:

Carnegie Library – Coordinator, Karen DeFelix ([nevertoolate46@msn.com](mailto:nevertoolate46@msn.com)) Displaying Artists: Cecil Cornwell, Karen DeFelix, Teresa Foshee, Mary Ann Madsen, Margo Merrifield, and Donna Massey

Newnan City Hall – Coordinator, Nancy Twomey ([endesigns1@outlook.com](mailto:endesigns1@outlook.com)) Artist of the Month, January: Margo Merrifield

Newnan Theatre Company – Coordinator, Teresa Foshee ([tsmiles2@bellsouth.net](mailto:tsmiles2@bellsouth.net)) next opportunity TBD

Peachtree City Library – Coordinator, Pammy Vaughn ([pvaughn0920@gmail.com](mailto:pvaughn0920@gmail.com)) January/February – Pammy Vaughn; Yana Pidorvan (cabinet) March/April – Laurie Rodriguez

Powell Library – Coordinator, Beth Moore ([tookyma@gmail.com](mailto:tookyma@gmail.com)) January 2026 – Denise Marsh, Laurie Rodriguez, and Nancy Twomey

3-D Venues – Coordinator, Marilyn Weigle ([artworkswm@gmail.com](mailto:artworkswm@gmail.com)) Carnegie Library (Newnan) – Not available before April 2026

The next member meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Foshee at 7:42 pm. Teresa introduced Baily Hill, guest presenter this month.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Twomey  
Recording Secretary

**NCAA Members:** If you are interested in teaching a class or leading a workshop at the Art House, ongoing or short-term, in **any** medium, please contact **Teresa Foshee** at [tsmiles2@bellsouth.net](mailto:tsmiles2@bellsouth.net). Help us offer more opportunities to our members and our community by sharing your talents!



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**Happy Groundhog & Valentine's Day!**

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Fayetteville, GA 30214  
(770) 519-5390

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Salon 54, Inc., Peachtree City, GA  
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Wes & Bailey Hill  
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A Family owned Gallery in Fayetteville, specializing in local artist’s and artisan’s handcrafted items. Become a vendor; Be a shopper! Tons of great art, crafts, and creative finds!

Here’s a peek at three of our very own artists who are currently offering their art/crafted work at this location.



from the *Yana ArtzyMe* Collection  
**Yana Pidorvan & Pammy Vaughn**

### Gold Level – Gifts of \$100 or More\*

Avery & Pope Wealth Management, Newnan, GA  
Corner Arts Gallery, Studio & Gift Shop, Newnan, GA  
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Heindel ENT, Newnan, GA  
Legacy Orthopedic Physical Therapy, Newnan, GA  
More Storage, Inc., Peachtree City, GA  
Newnan Theatre Company, Newnan, GA  
Sandra M. Carter  
Gay Lindquist

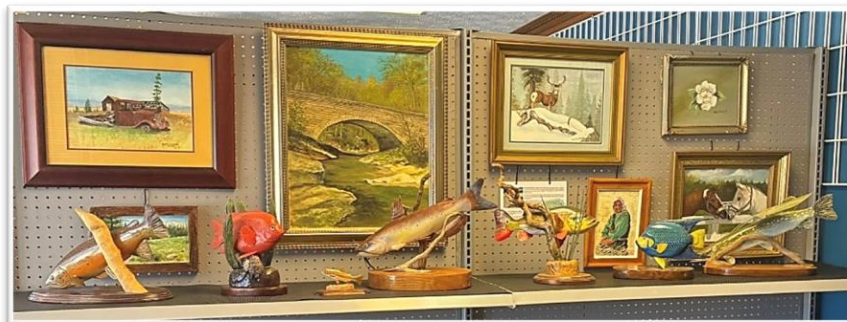
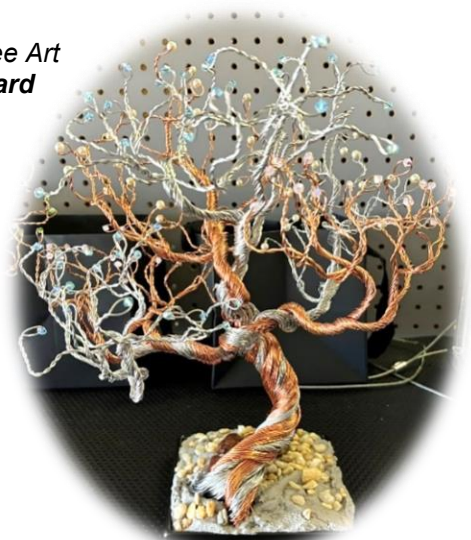
### Silver Level – Gifts of \$50 or More\*

Brown’s Guitar Mill, Newnan, GA  
Bumble Beads, Newnan, GA  
Golden’s on the Square, Newnan, GA  
Beth Moore

### 2025 Event Sponsors

Bedazzled Flower Shop, Turin, GA  
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