

Newnan-Coweta Art Association NEWS

Issue: January 2026 – the perfect balance between winter's stillness and the new year's potential

Board Meeting – January 12, 2026
General Meeting – January 19, 2026

Refreshments provided by: Fred & Cheryl Buyarski,
Bailey Johnson, and Susan Peryam

6:30pm - Registration and Refreshments

7:00pm - General Member Meeting & Presentation

From Your President ...

Dear Members,

First, I'd like to wish each of you a blessed and Happy New Year! I hope that 2026 proves to be a brighter, healthier, happier, and more creative year for all of us! I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing 2025 Board members for a job well done and welcome our incoming 2026 Board! Thank you for being involved and taking on this responsibility! We are going to make great strides together!

How did you ring in the New Year? You may have tuned in to the huge celebration at Times Square and watched the big ball made of Waterford crystals drop; Waterford creates a new pattern for the ball each year. Did you know that the original ball in 1907 was made of iron and wood? In Atlanta, GA, they used to drop the giant Peach, but this year they went with a decentralized celebration called "Countdown over Atlanta" featuring a digital drone peach and synchronized fireworks across multiple neighborhoods. Have you ever wondered just how other cities ring in the new year? Here's a few fun ones I found:

- Miami, FL, raises Mr. Neon, a 35-foot orange wearing sunglasses
- Hershey, PA, drops a giant Hershey's Kiss
- Mechanicsburg, PA, drops a giant wrench
- Mount Olive, NC, drops a giant pickle in a jar
- Plymouth, WI, lowers a massive cheese wedge
- Boise, ID, has the Idaho Potato Drop
- Flagstaff, AZ, drops a pinecone
- Niagara Falls, NY, drops a guitar

No matter how we choose to celebrate the ending of one year and the beginning of a new one, we often take time to reflect on the year that has just past, whether that be to count our blessings, acknowledge our struggles, or be grateful for what we have accomplished. Our hearts may be filled with joy as we think about new additions to our

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NCAA 2026 BOARD MEMBERS

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Pammy Vaughn



Finalist Award ~ "My Best Work of 2025"

international juried art competition hosted by
Camelback Gallery camelbackgallery.com

"The Journey of Canadian Geese" (medium: oil)
by NCAA artist **So Young Park**



Canadian geese on an American golf course meet Korean folk painting traditions.

From Mars to Bitcoin, the artwork reflects our world with humor and depth.

Drawing on the symbolic color and narrative structure of minhwa, the work bridges traditional visual language with present-day global concerns.

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families, or sadness as we miss the loved ones who are no longer with us. Precious memories may fill our minds as we ponder how fleeting time is and how many moments there are to cherish in this life. But it's also a time to look to the future and to a new beginning.

Many of us celebrate the new year by making New Year's Resolutions, sometimes in all areas of our life – spiritual, mental, physical, and educational. Jotting down a list of goals we want to work towards or personal areas where we feel we could use some self-improvement is sometimes a good way to start. Change can be a good thing, and personal growth and development can go a long way in bringing one a feeling of accomplishment and overall happiness. Looking forward and working towards these goals instead of dwelling on the past can help us make positive changes in our lives that can lead to a healthier, happier state of being.

As an Art Association, we have much to look forward to in 2026! We will have more opportunities for our artists to display and sell their work and to develop and cultivate lasting friendships within our organization. From Exhibits, Artist Pop-Ups, and Arts & Crafts Markets to additional Open Studios, and a variety of new Art Classes that will be offered at the Art House, we will have something for everyone! Beginning in January, Open Studios will now take place the **2nd and 3rd** Thursdays of each month all year long! Everyone is encouraged to bring whatever you are working on – in any medium – and your supplies, and get together at the Art House from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Bring your lunch and/or snack and a drink and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow artists!

We will again be displaying work in the Vault Gallery at the Wadsworth Auditorium for the Newnan Songwriters Festival, which will be open January 30 and 31. Thank you to those who submitted work for this exhibition! It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase our artists!

As for **new classes** at the Art House in 2026, January will include:

- “Painting with Pammy V.” – This whimsically-themed acrylic painting class, taught by Pammy Vaughn, will meet once a month on Thursday evenings, beginning January 22, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. There will be a new painting for each class! Cost: NCAA Members – \$30/class; Non-Members – \$45/class. All materials will be supplied.



NEW MEMBERS

Sean Emecheta (student)	Newnan	painting, drawing digital, ink, chalk
Julianna McMillan (student)	Newnan	yarn, fabric
Grace Sweeney	Newnan	collage

- “Shrinkets Jewelry” taught by Nancy Twomey. Two separate classes will be offered – Friday, January 30, and Friday, February 27, from 12:00 – 4:00 PM. Cost: NCAA Members – \$35/class; Non-Members – \$50/class. All materials will be provided.
- “Art Journals 101 – A Mixed Media Adventure” taught by Bailey Hill. This six-week class will meet on Wednesdays, beginning February 18, and will run through March 25. The hours will be 12:00 – 4:00 PM on each of those Wednesdays. NCAA Members: \$150; Non-Members: \$170. Materials will be provided; however, participants are asked to bring magazines to the first class.

If you are interested in teaching a class at the Art House, ongoing or short-term, in **any** medium, please let me know. Help us offer more opportunities to our members and our community by sharing your talents!

- The NCAA does not charge members a fee to teach classes at the Art House. (Instructors must be members in good standing.)
- The instructor determines the fee for the class and chooses whether to provide all of the materials or to have participants bring some or all of their own supplies. Non-NCAA class participants will pay an additional \$15 per class (minimum), which will go into NCAA's general fund. (Classes will be open to NCAA Members first, before they are opened to the public.)
- Let's make use of our facility and explore different mediums together!

We want to **fill the Art House with our members' artwork!** Please make plans to attend our **January General Meeting** on the **19th** and bring **one piece** of your work to display (2-D pieces must be wired for hanging).

a little more ...

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3-D pieces are also welcomed and can be displayed on the counter. Bailey Hill will be our presenter following the business portion of our January meeting.

New year, new beginnings, new hopes, new dreams... a new opportunity to reflect on where you are and where you want to be in your life. Now would be a great time to consider what you can do to help the NCAA promote the visual arts in our community and the surrounding areas. How can you help? What do you have to offer? What are you willing to do? Let's work together in 2026, to increase awareness of the Newnan-Coweta Art Association in our community and make the Association a fun, vibrant, encouraging, compassionate, and caring organization! A place every local Artist will want to be!

Warm regards,

Teresa Foshee
President



Peachtree City Library

201 Willowbend Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269

Artistic and cultural enrichment exhibits at the Peachtree City Library are currently **on hold** while the Library undergoes interior renovations. Exhibit Coordinators will be notified by the Director of Library Services when exhibits may resume. Stay tuned!

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – December 2025

The Annual Meeting & Holiday Party of the Newnan-Coweta Art Association ("NCAA") was held on Monday, December 15, at the Asa M. Powell Expo Center, Newnan. Members and their guests were warmly welcomed by President Foshee. Attendees dined on classic holiday ham paired with combinations of delicious side dishes and desserts whilst enjoying festive music.

After dinner, members present voted unanimously in favor of the proposed amendments/revisions to the NCAA



By-Laws (approved by the Board and distributed to membership for review on 11/16/2025, along with notification that a vote would take place at the Annual Meeting). The updated By-Laws will be available in January 2026.

Ruth Whitaker installed the incoming 2026 Board of Officers and Directors.

The Song Lyrics game was fun, putting our memories to the test; and the White Elephant Gift Exchange was *verry* entertaining!

Thank you to everyone who made this event memorable.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Twomey
Recording Secretary



The simple joys of a parade!

Representing the NCAA: **Pat Watts** (Ruth's sister), **Pammy Vaughn, Fred & Cheryl Buyarski, Sophie Holliday,** and **Ruth Whitaker**



The City of Newnan held its Annual **Christmas Parade** on Saturday, December 13, 2025. We were so excited to have participated (for the first time ever) in the parade. It was amazing! There were only six of us walking, but we were seen and heard, and can't wait to make this a NCAA tradition and go **much bigger** next year! Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen.

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JANUARY 19TH MEETING

GUEST PRESENTER

Bailey Hill

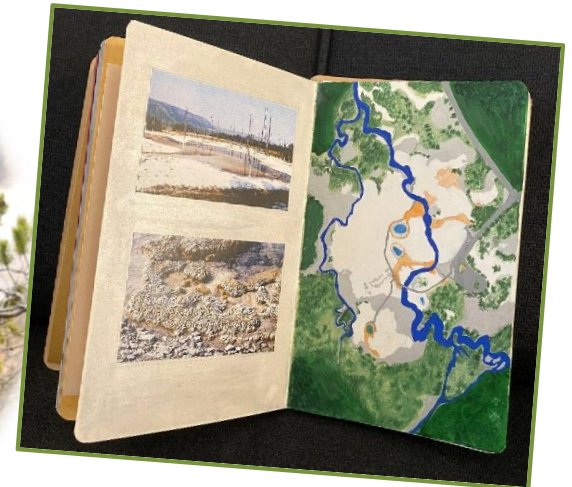
baileyhillfineart.com

You may know Bailey Hill as a fine artist who paints mixed media artwork but what you don't know is that she really, really loves books. She has a large collection spanning many subjects. Her enthusiasm for books began before she could read and to her delight, her parents bought her many books and two sets of encyclopedias. She spent many hours looking at them and later reading them. She was a very familiar face at the library which was within walking distance from her home. Bailey even enrolled in a bookbinding class to learn how to build a book. Although she enjoyed the class, she prefers to use pre-bound books for making art journals. The journals are different from traditional scrapbooks.

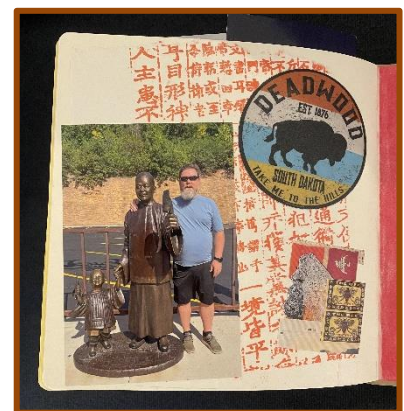
Making the journals is a favorite hobby of Bailey's. An art journal is a visual diary of self-expression where the focus is the creative process. Text and images can be combined into visually pleasing arrangements and can be about documenting your daily life. Art journaling adds creative energy to your life and is a fun way to de-stress. The books can become whatever you wish and be simple or complicated. Bailey uses her books for various topics, mainly for recording her daily life, for special vacations, to have fun and experiment with assorted art supplies.

What's great about the journals is that you don't need to be an artist to create in one and there is no need to invest in a bunch of expensive art supplies. In fact, you probably already have enough basic tools and supplies to get started: scissors, pens, pencils, markers, glue sticks, tape, staples, crayons, paper, photos, ticket stubs, magazine clippings, doodles, and postcards to name a few. Having a printer/copy machine is also helpful. The possibilities are endless!

a wonderful mix of creativity, self-expression, and reflection



Bailey will be teaching, **Art Journals 101: A Mixed Media Adventure**, at the Art House. In the class, she will guide and teach many ways to visually express yourself and will include experimenting with various art media to find what works best for you. She will teach collage and mixed media processes and much more over the course of six Wednesdays starting in February. Stay tuned! More details to follow..



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Newnan City Hall

25 LaGrange Street, Newnan 30263

NCAA Artist of the Month January 2026

Margo Merrifield

"This organization is a terrific way for local artists to display their work in the community."

The Newnan-Coweta Art Association (NCAA) has selected **Margo Merrifield** as the featured "Artist of the Month" for January 2026. Margo's art will be displayed in the entry way to Newnan City Hall until January 31.

Creating art has always been a part of Margo's life. She often tries to work on her art now, but somehow being retired takes up a good bit of her time. So much for the life of leisure!

Her artistic style is sometimes very detailed but often leans toward an impressionistic flair. Her works include portraits – pets more than people, buildings, landscapes, vinyl block prints, watercolor, pastels, acrylic and oils.



Margo has been part of the design and painting of murals for DFACS, Pathways, and the city of Sharpsburg.

She has been known to paint on location (en plein air), but more often, her iPhone serves as a great camera to capture interesting reference scenes. Better yet, she can then paint in the climate-controlled comfort of her studio.

Margo has been a member of the Newnan-Coweta Art Association for more than twenty years and served in many roles, including Vice President, President, and Past President (Parliamentarian).

Newnan Songwriter's Festival Art Exhibition in the Vault Gallery

NCAA-NCAC Partnership Event



January 30 & 31 Concert begins 7:00 pm

Charles Wadsworth Auditorium
25 Jefferson Street, Newnan, GA 30263

Gallery Hours:
Friday 5:30-8:30 pm | Saturday 4-8 pm

First up:
"Winter's Solace"

Painting with Pammy V



Thursday, January 22 ▶ 6-8 pm

all
materials
supplied

Harriet Alexander Art Center
31 Hospital Road, Newnan, GA

New acrylic painting class! New painting each month!
NCAA members \$30/class; Non-members \$45/class

call or text **Pammy Vaughn 678-472-3358**
or email pvaughn0920@gmail.com

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NCAA's 2026 Leadership Team

January 1st marked both new and continuing terms for the NCAA 2026 Board members. Each member plays an instrumental role in the effectiveness of the NCAA and its promotion of the arts. It's a team effort!



Our thanks and congratulations to the **returning Board members** (some in new positions): **Teresa Foshee** (Pres.) ♦ **Bailey Hill** (VP) ♦ **Fred Buyarski** (Treas.) ♦ **Nancy Twomey** (Rec. Sec.) ♦ **Pammy Vaughn** (Dir.) ♦ **Cheryl Buyarski** (Dir.) ♦ **Eve Graybeal Olsen** (Dir.)

The addition of **NEW BOARD MEMBERS** is always exciting! They bring a fresh perspective and add expertise to the NCAA's current and future leadership. New to the Board in 2026 are...

Corresponding Secretary ~ Beth Ellen Moore



Beth says she's a GenX punk hippy Jesus freak, widow, mom of 2 strong, stubborn, beautiful young ladies, fairly new grandma, and a retired public interest attorney. She grew up in Riverdale, GA, attended both Georgia Tech and UGA, starting out in mech. engineering; moving to child and family development; and ending up in law. She practiced in GA and FL for 13 years, representing neglected/abused

children, people with mental disabilities, survivors of domestic violence, and govt agencies (educator ethical violations). Beth has a heart for people with disabilities, especially children. After retirement, she moved back to this area and permanently to Newnan in 2011.

Beth's husband was a woodworker; she, a crafter. In 2019, Beth joined the NCAA to support local artists. She enjoys crafting diaper cakes for Baby Showers, cross stitching, and custom embroidery portraits of people, animals, and anything of interest. She stitches small gift items and is always trying new things, such as quilling, crochet, and felting, saying "Eventually, I will have lots of finished items to show!"

Past President (Parliamentarian) ~ Barbara Kelly



Barbara has been drawing and painting since childhood in her native Pennsylvania. She took art lessons from impressionist Walter E. Baum. Subsequently, her work was displayed in her elementary and junior high schools. As an adult, she earned a Bachelors degree from Cedar Crest College (PA) and a Masters degree from West Georgia College.

After a 32-year career in education and raising three sons, Barbara began painting again upon retirement in 1996. She has lived in Newnan since 2007. She has won numerous awards and exhibited at the Georgia State Capitol, the Georgia State Fair, and in many local venues and galleries. In 2010, she won "Best of Show" in the NCAA's Annual Juried Art Exhibit. Having traveled extensively, Barbara usually paints from the many photos she has taken. Although she tackles all subject matter, she enjoys painting people and animals best. She has served on the Boards of both the FSOFA (now FAS) and NCAA organizations.

Director ~ Michelle Taylor



Michelle is a local artist who has lived in Newnan, GA, for over 30 years. She is a graduate of the Denver Institute of Technology with a degree in Graphic Arts and Design. From an early age, she has had a passion for art.

After working in the corporate world for several years, she went into education and homeschooling; and taught young students K-12 her love of art and inspired them to love the world of art as well.

Michelle is now an independent artist. She loves all mediums from color pencils, watercolor, and acrylics. Her acrylics are a modern impressionistic style using broad brushstrokes and bold colors. The subjects she paints pay tribute to her life-long love of the outdoors and nature. She invites the viewer to step back and view her acrylic artwork from a distance to appreciate the effect of visual blending and mixing of colors the eye naturally creates in her work.

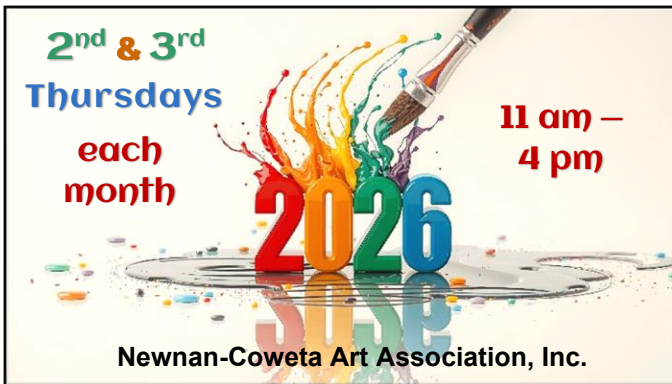
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OPEN STUDIO DAYS

January 8th & 15th

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!

Publicity and Public Relations Committee



shall handle the media releases of publicity before/after all events

In search of a **Publicity and Public Relations Ace** (Chair) and helpers to serve on this committee as set forth in Article IX of the NCAA By-Laws. They will creatively get the word out about the NCAA events using various methods of communication. If you are artistic, like to get the details right, and are willing to promote awareness about the NCAA to the general public, *raise your hand!* If you like to take pictures, better still! When people see that we've put some thought into our activities, they will have a positive experience. Committee members are often behind-the-scenes heroes whose hard work never goes unnoticed by the NCAA. Now, go forth and conquer!

Tours and Events Committee

shall from time to time arrange art tours and events for the membership

In search of a **Committee Chair** Extraordinaire and helpers to serve on this committee as

set forth in Article IX of the NCAA By-Laws. No need to keep several balls in the air; just find (and coordinate) some fun and interesting things to do and places to go that are nearby. These outings are a meaningful way to refuel our creativity and reconnect with why we fell in love with art in the first place. So... who's on board and where shall we go?



Recognition in Art

Congratulations to **Linda Murdock West**



"Santa's Boot" won 2nd place

in the December 2025 "**Candy Cane**" themed painting contest on Patreon. Linda won a monetary award, a certificate of recognition, and moved up to the competitive winners All Star Group! *Kudos! High-Five! Awesome!*

patreon.com/michellethepainter

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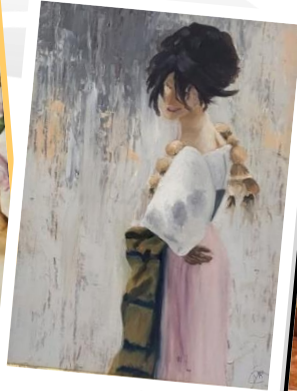
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A. Mitchell Powell Jr. Library
25 Hospital Road, Newnan, GA 30263

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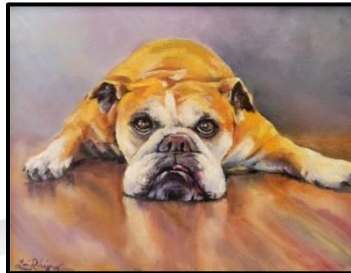


Denise Marsh
Paintings



Nancy Twomey
Beaded Jewelry in the Cabinet

Laurie Rodriguez
Paintings



56th Christmas Arts & Crafts Market
November 6-8, 2026



SAVE THE DATES
Plan Accordingly

As this holiday season ends, planning has already begun for our **2026** event – a celebration of togetherness, joy, hope, peace and goodwill. God Bless!

Coming Soon!
the stage is set
Join Us!

Fri 7:00 pm
Sat 2:00 pm



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

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Our heartfelt thanks to
members and guests for
a merry and memorable
holiday gathering!



Most Original
White Elephant Gift

2025 NCAA Holiday Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange



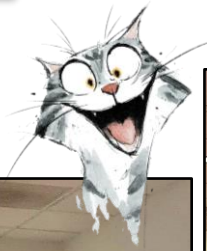
Gnome themed



- Great Friends
- Festive Décor
- Fun & Games
- Delicious Food



Definitely the
sidesplitter
of the night!



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New Class: Shrinkets Jewelry

Instructor: Nancy Twomey

Friday, January 30, 2026

Saturday, 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

NCAA 2026 Board of Officers & Directors

Here's to another year of friendships, adventures, dreams, and memories we create together.

May 2026 be extraordinary!



Thank you TO OUR

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Platinum Level – Gifts of \$200 or More*

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Golden's on the Square, Newnan, GA
Beth Moore

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Bren Williamson, Photographer

