

Newnan-Coweta Art Association NEWS

Issue: January 2024 — Invigorate your spirit and energize your goals!

Board Meeting – January 8, 2024

General Meeting – January 15, 2023

Refreshments provided by: Bailey Hill,
Nancy Twomey, Andrea Boswell, and Yana Pidorvan

6:30pm - Registration and Refreshments

7:00pm - General Member Meeting & Presentation

From Your President ...



Dear NCAA Members,

I want to wish you a Happy New Year and a prosperous 2024! As we begin the year, we all can set new goals and start fresh.

For me, this means a new leadership role within the Newnan-Coweta Art Association, Inc. My name is Rae Duncan, and I'm a paper artist who has been an active member of the NCAA for over ten years. I've served on the Board for four years and am honored to accept the position of President. I aim to use my passion for the Arts to help the NCAA create a vibrant artistic community within Newnan and the surrounding counties.

I'd also like to sincerely thank my fellow 2024 Board Members for their participation, experience, and unwavering support. Andrea Boswell, Fred Buyarski, Nancy Twomey, Cheryl Buyarski, Teresa Foshee, Bailey Hill, Gail Gulley, Chelita Freeman, and Yana Pidorvan, your service has been invaluable, and the recent successes of the NCAA would not have been possible without your dedication.

Our January General Meeting is **Monday, January 15, at 6:30 pm**, at the Harriet Alexander Art House, 31 Hospital Road, Newnan. The business portion of the meeting will begin at **7:00 pm**, followed by a presentation by this month's Artist Presenter, Chelita Freeman. I am confident that you will find her demonstration captivating.

We are excited to announce the forthcoming "Save the Date" postcard, which you can expect to receive in your mailbox this month. It provides an overview of the entire NCAA calendar, allowing you to plan more efficiently. The General Meeting dates are also listed on the back for reference. This postcard was created to help members stay informed about all NCAA events.

NCAA 2024 BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:

President – Rae Duncan

Vice President – Andrea Boswell

Treasurer – Fred Buyarski

Recording Secretary – Nancy Twomey

Corresponding Secretary – Cheryl Buyarski

Parliamentarian – Teresa Foshee

Directors:

Chelita Freeman

Yana Pidorvan

Gail Gulley

Bailey Hill



HAPPY
new Year
2024

Another essential resource is the monthly "NCAA Newsletter," which includes invaluable announcements and updates, art exhibition details, member exhibit venues, and other helpful and noteworthy information.

We encourage you to keep these two resources close and participate in as many NCAA events as possible. Only with your support and involvement can we continue to achieve great things.

Thank you for your continued membership in the Newnan-Coweta Art Association, Inc.!

Best regards,

Rae Duncan
President



"Hope Every Day is a Happy New Year"

by Evelina Kremsdorf
New York City based
photographer

2024

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Friendly Reminders

General Member Meetings

Time Change (30 mins. earlier)

6:30 pm – Gather & Refreshments

7:00 pm – Business Meeting begins followed by a Guest Presenter



Welcome New Members

Beth Ann St. George

Kelsey Roberts

Lynne Martin

Newnan

Newnan

Senoia

quilts

digital art

clay

Keep Abreast of Art Association News

Please remember to notify us when you have a change in address, phone number, or email. ncaa.art@gmail.com

General Meeting Minutes — December 2023

The Annual Holiday Party and Installation of the NCAA 2024 Board Members was held on December 21, 2023. Written minutes were not recorded nor filed. Minutes of the January 15, 2024 General Meeting will be recorded and published in the February 2024 newsletter.

NCAC Partnership Art Exhibition

The Newnan Cultural Arts Commission (NCAC), in conjunction with the UWG School of Art (UWG), has invited our association to join a partnership to present two fantastic art exhibitions, which will coincide with their 2024 Concert Series:

Peach State Opera Art Exhibition will be held inside Wadsworth's Vault Gallery. The art exhibition is free and open to the public on:

Friday	January 19	10 AM – 1 PM
Saturday	January 20	6 PM – 8:30 PM
Sunday	January 21	1 PM – 3 PM

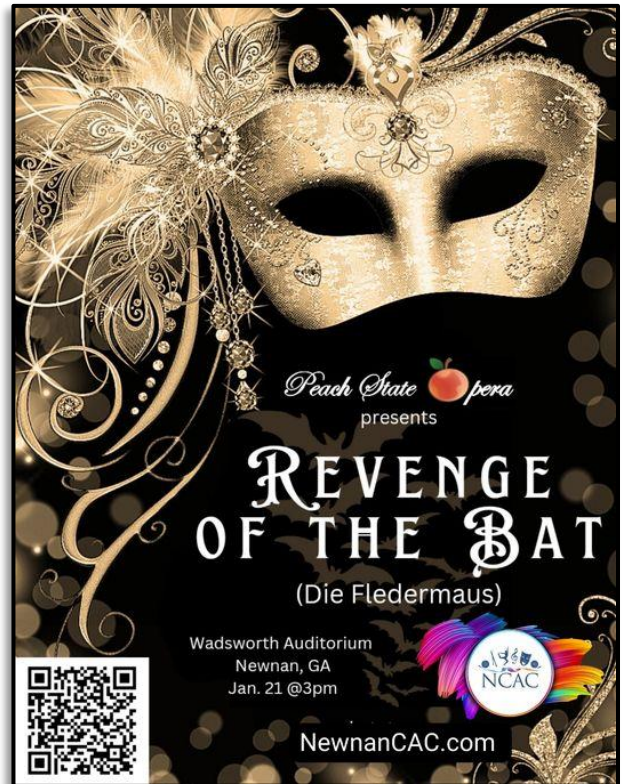
Opera ticket information: newnancac.com

Step Afrika Art Exhibition will be held inside Wadsworth's Vault Gallery. The art exhibit is free and open to the public on:

Friday	March 1	10 AM – 1 PM
Saturday	March 2	4 PM – 7 PM

Step Afrika ticket information: stepafrika/newnan-ga

Be sure to come out and support the NCAA and your fellow members. Help spread the news about these fantastic exhibitions. Family and friends are welcome!



Peach State Operetta & Art Exhibition

A Captivating Blend of Opera & Art

Experience the magic of Johann Strauss's "Revenge of the Bat" with Peach State Opera Company and the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 3pm, downtown Newnan at the Wadsworth Auditorium. Doors open at 2pm.

Enhance your experience with the Newnan-Coweta Art Association's **Art Exhibit** in the Vault Gallery, located in the Wadsworth Auditorium lobby.

Get your Opera tickets at newnancac.com or scan the QR code.

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JANUARY 15th MEETING

GUEST PRESENTER

Chelita Freeman

Artist & Instructor

Chelita began painting in the early 1960s. She studied with Bill Alexander, her one and only teacher. Chelita is a certified instructor of Tole & Décorative Painting and Wet on Wet Landscape Techniques. She teaches her *Technique of Painting in Oils* and

says, "It is a wonderful feeling to teach people how to paint and to see their faces when they finish their paintings."



People always think learning to paint is difficult, but Chelita promises that she can teach anyone how to paint.

She currently offers classes at the Harriet Alexander Art Center in Newnan.

Chelita has been a member of the Newnan-Coweta Art Association since 2015 and serves as a Director on the NCAA Board. Her works have been displayed at Newnan City Hall and in several local NCAA exhibits and competitive events.

In 2018, she integrated an Art Education Classroom into the NCAA's annual Christmas Market event. It provided another opportunity to bring visual arts into the community, encourage instructors of all visual art forms to lead workshops and do demonstrations, but most of all, to inspire people of any age to tap into their creative side.

Chelita always strives to improve her art knowledge so she can be the best teacher possible. She is well known for her Black & White acrylic landscapes, as well.



Chelita was born in West Virginia, raised in Alabama, and moved to Georgia in 1964. She and her (late) husband, Walter, have 3 kids, 8 grandkids, and 3 great-granddaughters.

If you are interested in learning how to paint, using oils or acrylics, signing up for a workshop, or commissions, contact chelita20@gmail.com or text 706-302-4209.

NEW!

"The Basics of Drawing"

4-part pencil drawing class

Every Tuesday in February (6, 13, 20, & 27)

4:00 pm

Harriet Alexander Art Center
31 Hospital Road, Newnan

Instructor: **Ulla Strickland**

[Class Flyer](#) and [Registration Form](#)

Email registration form to ulla_str@hotmail.com
by **January 28**. Class limit: 8 participants
first come, first serve.

SUMMER GROVE LIVING

a magazine for the residents of Summer Grove

NCAA Artist Spotlights:

October 2023 (1st) Issue: **Cornelia Crane**

December 2023 (3rd) Issue: **Len Jagoda**

January 2024 (4th) Issue: **Carlton Roberts**

Summer Grove Living Magazine has chosen to spotlight NCAA artists **3** out of **4** times since the magazine's inception.

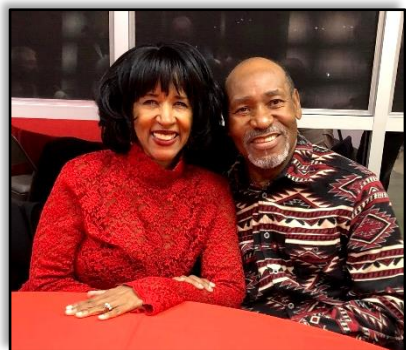
Congratulations! Well Deserved!

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Christmas Party



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Newnan City Hall

25 LaGrange Street, Newnan 30263

Artist of the Month ~ January 2024

teresa foshee

The NCAA has selected **Teresa Foshee** as its featured "Artist of the Month" for January 2024. Teresa's art will be displayed in the entry way to Newnan City Hall until January 31st.

Teresa has always been an artist at heart, but life took her in other directions for a long time. She is finally doing what she has always wanted to do – explore, create, and design. Teresa is a photographer, potter, and sculptor. She grew up in Illinois, near St. Louis, Missouri. She always loved to draw and as a child she remembers spending hours drawing animals from pictures in her parents' encyclopedias. She took some art classes in high school and then attended Harding University (Searcy, AR). Leaving her studies at the University behind, she attended Sawyer Business College (St. Louis, MO) to become an Executive Secretary. Upon graduation, she worked as an Administrative Assistant for many years. In 2013 she went back to college to finish the art degree she started so long ago. She graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in Art & Design from LaGrange College in May 2016 (Double Concentration: Photography and Ceramics & Sculpture). Teresa received The Hope Art History Award in 2015 and 2016 (Art Department, LaGrange College) and The Annie Moore Smith Award in 2016 (Art Department, LaGrange College).

As a photographer, Teresa is exploring possibilities that lie beyond traditional representational photographs by creating unique abstract designs with her images. She first became interested in the idea of working with multiple images, when she took some pictures of her grandson's snake and delved into the utilization of negative space. From those images, she created her first two photographic abstracts. That experience largely contributed to her pursuit of combining images using other subject matter such as architectural aspects, parts of old vehicles, and even some elements of nature.



Teresa has had photographs and bas relief tiles juried into several Art and Photography exhibits in Georgia and Alabama and has won several "Best in Photography" awards and "Awards of Merit." Most recently, she was awarded "Best in Photography" at the Newnan-Coweta Art Association's 16th Annual Juried Member Art Exhibit,

which was held at The Donald W. Nixon Centre for Performing and Visual Arts in June, 2023. She has also had work juried into the Regions Bank Exhibits (Montgomery, AL), "Simple Pleasures" exhibits at the McRitchie-Hollis Museum (Newnan), The Hathaway Contemporary Gallery (Atlanta), The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (Montgomery, AL), and the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center (Auburn, AL). Her

work has been exhibited at the Vault Gallery (Wadsworth Auditorium, Newnan), Lamar Dodd Art Center (LaGrange), Cochran Gallery (LaGrange), Auburn CityFest (Auburn, AL), the City Hall Gallery (Montgomery, AL), and in a solo show at West Georgia Technical College (Finding Art in Everything). Her photographs are included in the permanent collection at the Lamar Dodd Art Center (LaGrange College) and at the Ida Callaway Hudson Lab Sciences Building (LaGrange College). She has also had work featured in the Newnan-Coweta Magazine (January/ February issue, 2017); and she was a Feature Artist for Dinett Hok Magazine, 1st Edition, 2019-2020.

Currently, Teresa has photography on display at Due South Seafood Kitchen – The Loft (Peachtree City), and the Carnegie Library (Newnan), and she has pottery pieces on display at the Newnan Plaza Pharmacy (Newnan Hospital Annex). Her photography, bas relief tiles, and pottery were recently on display at the Peachtree City Library as a solo artist for the NCAA (September/October, 2023), and her pottery was also recently on display at the Carnegie Library (November/ December, 2023), and the Franklin Library (September/ October, 2023). Her photographs have also been displayed at the Newnan Theatre Company (Black Box Theatre), Southern Arc Dance (Newnan), and Burson ENT (Newnan), and she has had her photography and bas relief tiles on display at the Administration Building, Newnan (Art at the Admin).

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3D Tips & Strategies

**3D Artists
Add to Your Set of Skills –
Organizational Skills!**

Organizational skills are vital to sell or display 3D art. You have to package it for transport; arrange it for an attention-getting display; keep track of what you have displayed and where; and maintain your most lucrative venue for sales. That is a lot of skill in addition to producing art! If you are doing all of that, *Congratulations!* All of those skills may not be present in the same person – you or me! Have you considered teaming up with a friend or family member or reaching out to a like-minded artist to ease that burden?

I like to stay organized and make efficient use of time. With that in mind, I plan to schedule 2024 Library Art Exhibits in a way so that artists can transport their display from one library to the next for our 2 month exhibit periods. This makes scheduling complicated but exhibiting easier. The idea is to move exhibits around like a “kit” that showcases your artwork. I will be sharing tips and strategies on ways to do this in our monthly newsletters.

In the meantime, I'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas about displays for 3D art. *Please email me!* Most importantly, let me know if you have 3D art you would like to display. artworkswm@gmail.com Thank you!

Marilyn Weigle

Installation of the 2024 NCAA Board Members



Yana P., Fred B. Bailey H., Andrea B. Chelita F.,
Rae D., Nancy T., Teresa F., Cheryl B., Gail G.

Peachtree City Library Art Initiative

What's Blooming?

Featuring

Rae Duncan

January-February 2024



Reception, Saturday, January 27, 3-4:30— Public Welcome

The Art Initiative at Peachtree City Library

(curated show) featuring Floral artist

Rae Duncan

What's Blooming? ... An exhibition of Rae's luxuriant and visually unique paper flower art at the Peachtree City Library throughout **January and February 2024**. Rae enjoys the artistic experience of creating something beautiful from nothing more than a few pieces of paper and her imagination. Nature usually directs her path, and she constantly draws upon it for inspiration. Rae loves paper as a medium, enjoying how it feels in her hands as she cuts, folds, or bends it. When manipulated, a single sheet of paper gains such depth through her process of superimposing many layers together to create shapes and patterns, giving her art its three-dimensional aesthetic beauty. Rae accepts limited local commissions. You can reach her via email at ncaa.rduncan@gmail.com

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Peachtree City Library

201 Willowbend Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269

NCAA's Featured Exhibit

January thru February 27, 2024

Paintings by **Chelita Freeman**



and her student artists:

Welcome to the new year and new art exhibits at the **Peachtree City Library**! As always, you are in for a treat. This is just a teaser of works currently on display by Chelita and a few of her student artists. These exhibits never disappoint!

Art Exhibition Reception

Peachtree City Library
201 Willowbend Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269

Saturday, January 27, 2024

3:00 – 4:30 pm

You're invited to meet and mingle with artists from the *Fayette Art Society*, the *Newnan-Coweta Art Association*, and the *Peachtree City Photography Club*, whose works are on display at the Library in January and February.

Please join us! All are welcome. The Reception is open to the public. Finger food and beverages will be available.



Gail Gulley



Kathy Stephenson



Irene Flores

If you are interested in the NCAA Exhibit opportunities at Peachtree City Library, please contact Andrea Boswell.
anboswell@gmail.com

Learn to paint at any age and live your artistic life!

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Collage Artist Cuts and Pastes Vintage Magazines Into Playfully Interactive Scenes

excerpt from an article by Margherita Cole, Aug 2023

To read the full article and view all the fun art, visit

mymodernmet.com/toon-joosen-collage-art

A solid page of text can be dry to look at. However, after [Toon Joosen](#) has added his touch, words can take on a whole new life. The Dutch artist merges magazine cutouts of people with book pages to create clever collages where figures playfully interact with text.

Each of these pieces begins on a sheet taken from a book. Joosen will then cut out parts of the paper or add to it as necessary to create a shape within the body of the text. Afterward, people are added to the composition and carefully placed to make it look like they are involved with the words in some way.

A page is not just a page through Joosen's perspective. It's the artist's visual playground.



Another interesting article about the history and evolution of collage art can be found here:

<https://mymodernmet.com/collage-art/>

Beth Moore recommended both articles.

Thank you for your contribution to the
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