

Newnan-Coweta Art Association NEWS

Issue: March 2024 — March to the beat of Spring and Build Your Best Life!

Board Meeting – March 11, 2024
General Meeting – March 18, 2024

Refreshments provided by: Andrea Boswell,
Nancy Twomey, Tammy Troyer, and Beth Moore

6:30pm - Registration and Refreshments

7:00pm - General Member Meeting & Presentation

From Your President ...

Dear NCAA Members,

It's hard to believe it's almost spring. The changing seasons are a transformative time, and we hope the spring blooms inspire your creativity!

Here's what was accomplished in February:

• The NCAA is grateful to the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission and the UWG School of Art for collaborating with us on two art exhibitions at the Wadsworth Auditorium's Vault Gallery. The Peach State Opera Art Exhibition (January 19-21st) and the Step Afrika Art Exhibition (March 1st and 2nd) were exceptional events. They both were well-attended and received high praise for their showcased talents. We are diligently working to secure these opportunities at the gallery permanently for the next year and beyond. Special thanks to the Step Afrika Art Exhibition participants **Mike Brandenberger**, **Fred Buyarski**, **Debra Crane**, **Rae Duncan**, **Teresa Foshee**, **Bailey Hill**, **Sandra Johnson**, **Michelle Krummel**, **Denish Marsh**, **Yana Pidorvan**, and **Nancy Twomey**.

• The NCAA Board is supervising a website update to a new and contemporary design platform. Two key objectives drove this decision: improving the site's visual appeal, responsiveness, and user experience, as well as streamlining the site's internal maintenance, which is essential. Simplifying the necessary internal maintenance will facilitate updating the content regularly and ensure its relevance and accuracy for our audience. These actions aim to establish a vibrant online platform highlighting the NCAA's values and accomplishments, delivering visitors an engaging and informative experience. We are taking the timely and appropriate steps to ensure the best results and will keep you posted.

The March General Meeting will occur on **Monday, March 18**, at **6:30 pm** at the Harriet Alexander Art House, 31 Hospital Road, Newnan. Refreshments will be avail-

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able at **6:30 pm**, and the business portion of the meeting will begin at **7:00 pm**, with the Artist Presenter following at its conclusion. This month's presenters are Bette Hickman & Teri Lewis. I'm sure you will thoroughly enjoy their presentation. Bette is the principal owner of *Young Artists of Newnan & Coweta County*. She celebrates over forty years of passionately teaching art to young children at the Art House, along with art instructor Teri Lewis's invaluable assistance.

Members, we invite you to deepen your engagement with the NCAA by participating in our committees or lending your support by volunteering at upcoming events. Help is always welcome!

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

Best regards,

Rae Duncan
President



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MARCH 18th MEETING

GUEST PRESENTER

Bette Hickman & Teri Lewis

Celebrating 45 years of Young Artists

newnanyoungart@gmail.com

The **Young Artists of Newnan & Coweta** program was founded by Mrs. **Bette Hickman** ("Mrs. Bette") in 1979. Classes were first held at Bette's farm and then moved to what was lovingly referred to as "the old Art House" on the current property. Coweta County Parks & Recreation began sponsoring the youth art program at that time.

In 1999, Mrs. **Teri Lewis** ("Mrs. Teri") joined the program. Teri's daughter had been taking classes, and Teri was one of the mother's helpers. Teri did not have an art background, but she paid attention to what Bette was teaching and found that she was learning and creating, too! Bette recognized Teri's passion for art and growing skills remarking, "I think there's an artist in you!" Teri stuck with it (long after her daughter was no longer in the program) nurturing students and developing her own talent. The duo have been a great team ever since!



From fall 2000 through spring 2002, classes were held at the Manget-Brannon Alliance for the Arts. In 2002, the "old Art House" was replaced with the current building, the Harriet Alexander Art Center (aka Art House). Classes began in the new building in Fall 2002.

The Coweta County Board of Commissioners recognized the Young Artists and Bette with a proclamation in March 2019.

In March 2020, all programs were suspended due to the pandemic. No classes were conducted from mid-March through August. In September, art classes resumed with a small fraction of the student body. Lily Goodson (former

art student from age 4-14) joined the staff as assistant for both art days. The pavilion at the Tommy Thompson Senior Center was used as an outdoor classroom. All CDC guidelines were followed! These students endured much adventure which included rainy days (as two major hurricanes passed through the area), tons of bug bites in spite of tons of bug spray, unrelenting winds, discovering the beauty of mushrooms growing among the flowers, and the loss of daylight as winter weather began to set in.

February 2021 ushered in online Zoom ART Classes. We met a few times in February and March at no charge to our students. In April and May, we offered a couple of Saturday workshops and in June held our first summer

camp in several years with a limited number of students. In addition, Coweta County broke ground on the "Outside Art Classroom" and pavilion on our current property. This project was completed in November 2021, and we held our first Saturday workshop in December.

April 2022 was celebrated as our End-of-Year Art show, and the Outside Art Classroom was dedicated at that time. There were over 100 in attendance as Director Jim Gay performed the dedication service. That September, our numbers increased, and we began a daytime class for homeschooled students on Wednesday mornings.

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In January 2023, increased interest in younger students evolved into creating a new Tuesday afternoon class for ages 4-6. The April End-of-Year Art Show had over 300 in attendance, and refreshments were made available for purchase via food truck. May through July was celebrated with three different Art Camps. By September, our numbers once again increased, and we began offering a second homeschool class on Thursday mornings.

It is now 2024! January began (Spring Semester) with record enrollment!

Youth Art at the Harriet Alexander Center:

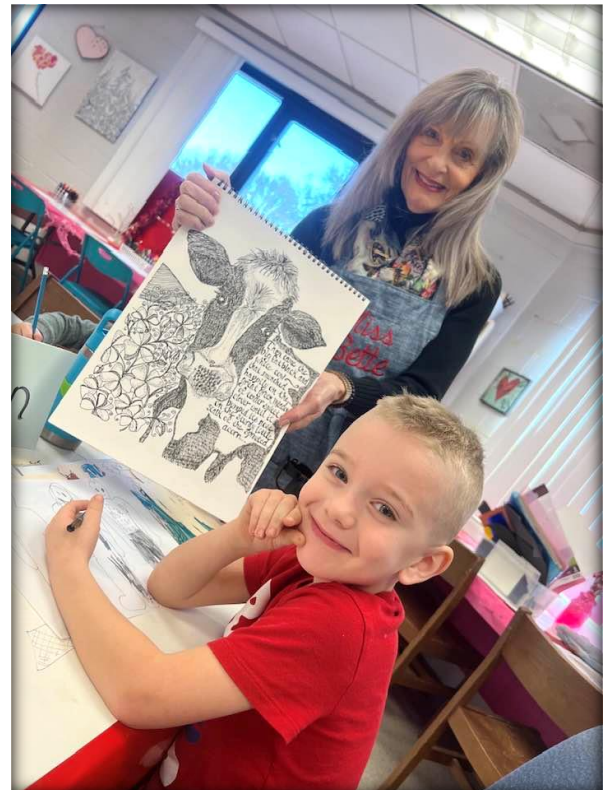
Link to: [Young Artist Program registration info](#)

- Tuesday, 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm (ages 4, 5, & 6)
- Wednesday, 10:00 am – 11:45 am
(Homeschool Class #1 ages 5 thru 14)
- Wednesday, 4:15 pm – 6:00 pm (ages 7 thru 14)
- Thursday, 10:00 am – 11:45 am
(Homeschool Class #2 ages 5 thru 14)
- Thursday, 4:15 pm – 6:00 pm ages (7 thru 14)

What students create here each and every day, with the help of their teachers, is their own colorful works of art brimming with energy and their own splash of personality. The classrooms shimmer with artistry and feeling. It's a picture worth looking at again and again, worthy of any museum.

Bette Hickman has been a member of the NCAA since 1978. She is proud of the good work the Art Association has done over the years. She is also proud of Teri Lewis with whom she has been teaching for more than 20 years, and she is incredibly proud of the young artists. Teri will be speaking at the NCAA March General Meeting, along with a few of their students.

As you may know, Bette's son is a Navy Chaplain stationed in Crete and will be transferred to Italy soon. Bette sends regards to all and regrets her absence. She will be in Florida with her family from March 16-22. Bette is confident that Teri and their students will represent the Young Artists of Newnan and Coweta County admirably!



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Newnan City Hall

25 LaGrange Street, Newnan 30263

Artist of the Month
March 2024

Denise Marsh

The NCAA has selected **Denise Marsh** as its featured “Artist of the Month” for March 2024. Denise’s art will be displayed in the entry way to Newnan City Hall until March 31st.

Denise grew up without art in the public schools she attended and was not exposed to art until she took a required art survey course at university. “It rocked my world!” she exclaimed. She declared her major to art education and never looked back. Denise loved talking about art and teaching her students the basics of art education.

Before retiring from teaching, she began taking studio classes in order to create, rather than simply demo for her students. She loves color and began with pastel and moved into acrylics and has now landed in creating with oils. She paints outside and in studio. As Denise began to paint, she wondered what would inspire her. As she reviewed her work, the answer was clear: landscapes. “The play of light on even the simplest scene evokes such strong emotion; I want to capture it on my canvas.”

Lately, her subject matter has become more diverse as well as returning to acrylics, watercolor and pastel. She enjoys florals and small canvases rather than much larger works. Mrs. Marsh enjoys painting whatever captures her interest at the moment.

“Inspiration comes from the world as God created it.”

After attending schools in DeKalb County, she moved to Coweta County in 1981 with her husband Tom and children. She returned to college in her late 30’s to complete her degree.



While still teaching she began taking pastel classes at night in Newnan at a local art studio. She enjoys participating in workshops, as well.

Exhibitions, Features, and Awards:

Denise’s work has been shown at the University of West Georgia Alumni Biannual 2021 where she won 1st place.

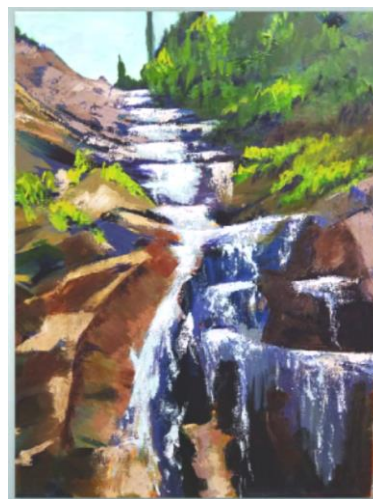
Her work has been juried into the Newnan-Coweta Art Association’s Annual Exhibits where she received ‘Top Ten’ Honors in 2019 & 2022.

She was featured on the Carrollton Art Alliance Flyer and Poster in 2020.

Forgotten Coast Quik Draw – 2nd place finish in 2019.

Her work “Waterfall in Glacier” was showcased in DH (Dinett Hok) Magazine 1st Edition 2019, Newnan GA.

Featured Artist at City of Moreland’s July 4 BBQ, 2022.



Denise provided a “Demo” talk for the Fayette Society of Fine Art in 2022 sharing painting tips and hints.

In “Waterfall in Glacier” I wanted to capture the grand scale of the mountains mixed with the natural beauty of the water and the rocks. It isn’t important to recreate the photo perfectly, but to communicate the awesomeness of nature.”

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17th Annual Juried Member Art Exhibit



**Call for Submissions
Coming Soon!**

Plans are underway for our most prestigious event of the year! Our 17th Annual Juried Member Art Exhibit is scheduled for **July 29 - August 28, 2024**. Please note that instead of June this year, the artwork drop-off will be in July, and the Exhibit will be open to the public mainly in August. Call for Submissions and Entry Applications are scheduled to go out the first of April, so be on the lookout for your opportunity to enter! One detail you may appreciate this year is that artists will have approximately 4 weeks to mat and frame their work after the pieces (via high-resolution 5" x 7" photos) are juried into the show, which we hope will allow more of our artists to participate. More details to come!

Warmly,

Teresa Foshee
Juried Member Art Exhibit Committee Chair

NCAA's Spring Member Mixer



Join Us!

**Tuesday
April 9, 2024
11:30 am**

Chicken Salad Chick

214 Newnan Crossing Bypass (Ashley Park)
Newnan, GA 30265

RSVP no later than **March 24**

Denise Marsh artygirl21@gmail.com

Even if you're not a fan of chicken salad, they have great options to suit every taste.

www.chickensaladchick.com/newnan

This is not a NCAA-funded event. Members and guests are responsible to pay for their own meals.

Thank You, Charlene Sibaja

*February's
Guest Demonstrator*

Are you suffering from starving-artist syndrome?

Artpreneur to the rescue!

Thank you, Charlene, for your valuable presentation on how to build a confident mindset and develop a successful art business.

The 'Artistic Journey Mind Map' exercise was a great example (tool) visualizing thought connections.

Creative sparks were definitely rekindled!



Paint & Brush Party

March 16, 2024

10 am - 4 pm

Harriet Alexander Art Center

Text only 706-302-4209

chelita20@gmail.com

Spring Art Walk

March 22, 2024

5-9 pm

Downtown Newnan

Spring Artist Pop-Up

March/April 2024

TBD

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Step Afrikal! Art Exhibition

March 1 & 2, 2024

Fantastic show — Thank you!



participating artists:

Mick Brandenberger
Fred Buyarski
Debra Crane
Rae Duncan
Teresa Foshee
Bailey Hill
Sandra Johnson
Michelle Krummel
Denise Marsh
Yana Pidorvan
Nancy Twomey



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Peachtree City Library

201 Willowbend Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269

NCAA's Featured Exhibit (Solo Show)

March & April 2024

Wendy Applegate

My original oil paintings and a sampling of my jewelry will be on display from February 28 to May 3 in the Peachtree City Library. You can purchase originals or prints and jewelry through my email: wendy.applegate@gmail.com

Please stop by and enjoy this exhibit. I am honored to have been invited!

Facebook post by Instructor Chelita Freeman this week:

Kathy just finished her painting of Colorado's Pikes Peak. Beautiful painting! **Kathy Stephenson** did a fantastic job; so proud of her.



HEY ARTISTS: Newnan-Coweta Art Association NEWS would love to know what you're working on this month. What's on your easel or work table? Feel free to submit blurbs and pics to: cherhipke@hotmail.com

Thanks...

The Art Initiative at Peachtree City Library

"Tres Jolie" French Inspired Art by

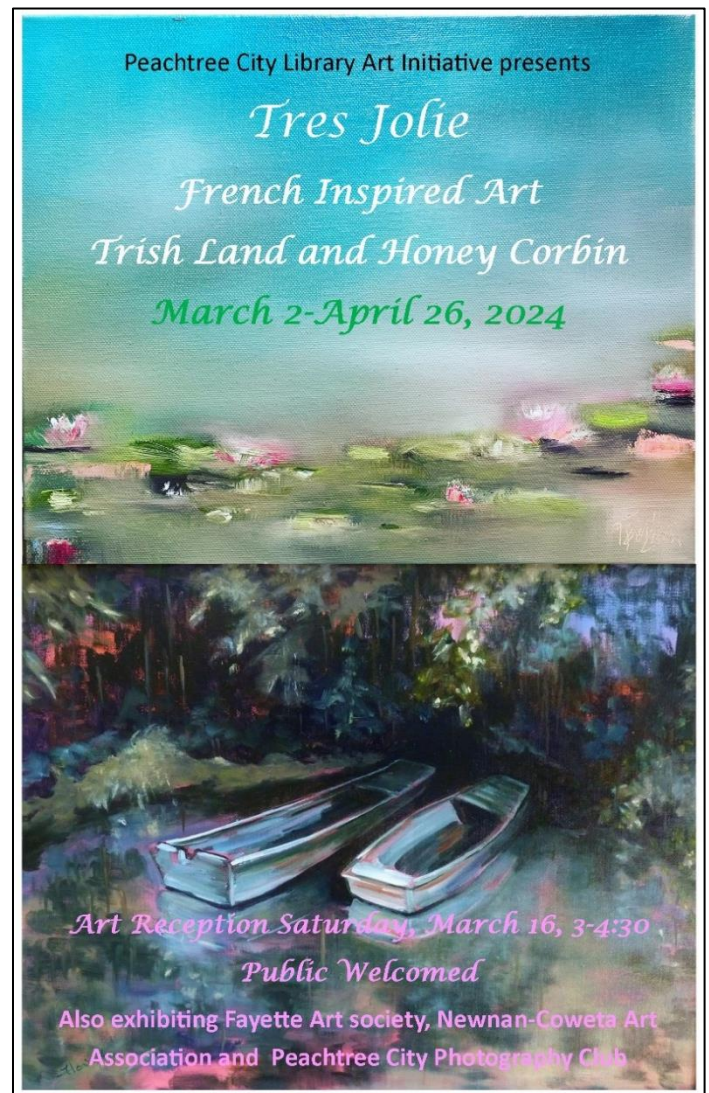
Trish Land & Honey Corbin

on display thru April 26, 2024

Art Reception

for all artists exhibiting
(FAS, NCAA, & PTC Photography Club)

March 16, 2024 ♦ 3:00 - 4:30 pm



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES — February 2024

A general member meeting of the Newnan-Coweta Art Association ("NCAA") was called to order by Pres. Rae Duncan at 7:00 pm, on Monday, February 19th, at the Harriet Alexander Art Center. A warm welcome was extended to members, new members, and guests.



Refreshments were provided by members Rae Duncan, Karen Jenkins, Chelita Freeman, Gail Gulley, and Bailey Hill. Thank you!

Door Prize(s) — Cynthia Williams and Tim McGlon each won a sketch book, metallic paint set, and coaster set donated by guest demonstrator, Charlene Sibaja.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — (Nancy Twomey) The minutes of the January general meeting were electronically filed and published in the February 2024 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 2/19/2024:

Value Checking (PP Trx)	\$ 750.00
Value Checking	\$ 11,549.38
Business Savings	\$ 6.19
Money Market	\$ 27,061.46

MEMBERSHIP — (Andrea Boswell) As of 2/1/2024, there are 120 members in good standing and 7 memberships past due. Sign-up and pay [online](#) or download [form](#) and mail.

SUNSHINE — (Yana Pidorvan) Get Well and Sympathy Cards are being sent to members, as the need arises. In January, two supportive cards were sent.

SPONSORSHIP — (Teresa Foshee) Nothing new to report. 22 Current Sponsors of the NCAA: 6 Platinum (\$200+); 12 Gold (\$100+); and 4 Silver (\$50+). Sponsorships are renewable each year. 2024 Sponsorship Forms are available at General Meetings and online. [2024 NCAA Sponsorship Form](#)

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT — (Yvette Abrahamson) As of 2/8/2024, Facebook: 1,729 followers; Instagram: 1,776 followers; Website views YTD 1,871; and 334 visits.

REFRESHMENTS — (Chelita Freeman, text 706-302-4209) Please assist in providing food whenever possible. A sign-up sheet is available at each General Meeting. March/April/May are filled. Thank you! Reminder: no member meetings in June/July.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Save-The-Date Postcard — (Teresa Foshee) Postcards were mailed to members this week!

NCAC Partnership Art Exhibition — (Rae Duncan) The **Peach State Opera art exhibition** was successfully presented at the Wadsworth Auditorium Vault Gallery from **Jan 19-21**. Members who showcased their work: Debra Crane, Rae Duncan, Andrea Faye, Chelita Freeman, Teresa Foshee, Bailey Hill, Karen Jenkins, Sandra Johnson, Yana Pidorvan, Alicia Rainwater, Vanessa Snyder, and Dr. Charles Williams. The exhibition received support and appreciation from our collaborative partners, the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission (NCAC), the University of West Georgia School of Art (UWG), and the City of Newnan. Several Peach State Opera staff members and the Newnan community concertgoers attended the exhibition. Yana Pidorvan's jewelry art was sold during the exhibition, and we congratulate her on her achievement.

The **Step Afrika Concert art exhibition** is under production and will be open to the public on **March 1 & 2** at the Wadsworth Auditorium Vault Gallery. Please come out and support your fellow artist members! To purchase concert tickets, use the City of Newnan website link: <http://www.Newnancac.com> or contact the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission in Newnan, GA.

17TH Annual Juried Member Art Exhibit — (Teresa Foshee) Planning for this fantastic event is going smoothly. The Exhibit will be held in the stunning Nixon Centre Black Box theater from **July 29 to August 28**, with the artist reception scheduled for **August 20**. Specific event details will be shared as soon as possible.

David Boyd Jr. Honorary Membership — (Rae Duncan) The Board is proud to announce that David Boyd Jr. has been unanimously voted to receive Honorary Membership in the NCAA. This membership comes with several honors, and necessary updates to the NCAA By-Laws will be made to reflect the following:

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- Honorary Members, both past and present, are granted lifetime membership with all the rights and privileges of a voting member. They will not be required to pay dues after their induction.
- Honorary Members' headshots and bios will be displayed on the NCAA website's About Us page under a new Honorary Membership header.
- Honorary Members will be recognized for their achievements with a short presentation and an NCAA Honorary Certificate at the General Meeting close to the induction date or at the Annual Juried Member Art Exhibit.

NCAA Website Build Upgrade — (Rae Duncan) The Board is currently working on upgrading the association's website to a more modern and user-friendly format. We are taking the time and steps to make the best decision possible. We will continue to keep members informed about our progress. This announcement prompted a robust discussion amongst members regarding the differences, pros and cons, and possible hidden costs of website platforms. Rae explained and assured members that the Board has exercised due diligence and preparation (i.e., research, analysis, review of vendor proposals, detailed follow-up questions, etc.) in order to choose a platform that meets the needs and marketing goals of the NCAA (visual, content-wise, accessibility, ease of navigation, site security, and long-term maintainability). Rae invited members to send their recommendations and/or concerns to her.

EXHIBIT VENUES UPDATE:

Carnegie Library Newnan (Karen DeFelix, Coord.)
Current Artists Exhibiting this session: Cecil Cornwell, Karen DeFelix, Teresa Foshee, Mary Ann Madsen, Margo Merrifield, Donna Massey, Tammy Troyer, Ruth Whitaker

Newnan City Hall (Karen DeFelix, Coord.)
March Exhibit: **Denise Marsh**

Peachtree City Library (Andrea Boswell, Coord.)
NCAA Featured Artist, March & April: **Wendy Applegate** (solo show & Cabinet)

Newnan Plaza Pharmacy (Teresa Foshee, Coord.)
Participating Artists: Karen DeFelix, Teresa Foshee, Lindsay Goodson, Nancy Twomey

The Pharmacy is under new ownership; Teresa is working diligently to determine if this opportunity will continue.

Newnan Theatre Company (NTC) Black Box Lobby (Teresa Foshee, Coord.) **February 8-18**. Displaying Artists: Teresa Foshee, Beth Moore, and Ruth Whitaker. NOTE: This opportunity is only available when performances are held in the Black Box. 3 to 4 artists (2D artists only). Hanging artwork size: 8 x 10 minimum; no larger than 27 x 39. Must be framed and wired.

3D Venues (Marilyn Weigle, Coord.)

Bowdon Library (Bowdon):
Feb/Mar: **Bowdon Historical Society**
Apr/May: open

Carnegie Library (Newnan):
Jan thru Mar: **Nancy Twomey** thru mid-March
Apr/May/Jun: Yana Pidorvan

Central Library (Newnan): 4 possible display cabinets
TBD

Ephesus Library (Roopville, near Alabama border):
Mar/Apr/May: **Nancy Twomey**
Jun/Jul: Marilyn Weigle, Origami program and display

Heard County Library (Franklin):
Mar/Apr/May: **Karen DeFelix**

Marilyn spoke briefly about the five 3D Venue locations; the two in Newnan are convenient for artists. Although the other three locations are rural/remote, the local populations there are thrilled to have art "coming to them" so to speak. Marilyn would be happy to look into 3D display opportunities in South Fulton County if artists are interested.

The next general meeting will be held on March 18, 2024. Guest presenters will be Bette Hickman & Teri Lewis with some of their Young Artists.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned by President Duncan at 7:36 pm.

Vice President Boswell introduced February's guest presenter, Charlene Sibaja.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Twomey
Recording Secretary



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Platinum Level – Gifts of \$200 or More*

Due South Seafood Kitchen, Peachtree City, GA
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Yvie A's Art Rocks Studio,* Franklin, GA
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Fred & Cheryl Buyarski*
Wes & Bailey Hill

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Avery & Pope Wealth Management, Newnan, GA
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Heindel ENT, Newnan, GA
Minuteman Press Newnan,* Newnan, GA
More Storage, Inc., Peachtree City, GA
Newnan Theatre Company, Newnan, GA
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Beth Moore

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Senoia Coffee & Café, Newnan, GA
Sandra Carter

2024 Event Sponsors

17th Juried Member Art Exhibit Reception

Yvette Abrahamson (\$100) in memory of John Laseau

The purpose of the NCAA is to encourage and aid artists to produce original works of art of every type, furnish the auspices for the display of art in order to promote interest and appreciation of the visual arts in Coweta County, and foster art education in the Coweta County schools through annual donations and scholarships to high school students pursuing the arts in college. With your support, we can accomplish our purpose and so much more!

The NCAA is a non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

Sponsorship Form: newcaa.com/about-us/sponsorship



3D Artist Tips & Strategies

Your Bio: Make a Personal Connection with the Viewer



Viewing handmade artwork or buying from an artist should be a different experience from buying in a store. Include a picture of yourself in your bio. It can be a "head shot", a photo of you working in your studio, or a photo of you with your art. Tell people what inspires you to do art. How does art enhance your life?

Place your bio at eye level in front that is large enough to read easily. I know you want to place

your best artwork in this prime location. You can still do that. Your bio can be off to one side. If your artwork is low, you can place it in front of your bio, as long as it doesn't block people from being able to read it.

The objective is to connect you to the artwork. The viewer has to be able to see your picture and read your information easily to make that connection.

Marilyn Weigle

A beautiful phase of warmth and vibrance is upon us!

As the world transitions from the chill of winter to the

promise of spring and nature awakens from its slumber, find inspiration in the changing seasons and celebrate the arrival of spring, the spirit of growth, and the ever-revolving cycle of life.

