



**Cultural Arts Council**  
of Douglasville/Douglas County

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**Douglas County Art Guild: A Group Exhibit**

*Douglasville, Georgia* – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County presents recent works by members of the Douglas County Art Guild during the months of April and May. The exhibit will feature works in a variety of media– including acrylic, photography, screen-print, mixed-media, fused glass, oil, and watercolor. The exhibit opens on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and will remain on view through May 20<sup>th</sup>. The opening reception, hosted by the Sweetwater Camera Club (a local photography group and fellow CAC satellite), will be held on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 until 8 p.m., at the Cultural Arts Council. Gallery admission, tour and reception are free. If you're interested in a special gallery tour, please call the CAC to schedule an appointment – 770.949.2787.

The Douglas County Art Guild, founded in 1973, is an organization composed of practicing artists and friends of the visual arts in Douglas County. The organization's mission is to promote the arts in the community while advancing local artists through networking and exhibition opportunities. The Guild provides informative lectures, notable speakers, and educational demonstrations across all mediums in an effort to stimulate and inspire its members. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at St. Julian's Episcopal Church, 5400 Stewart Mill Road in Douglasville.

Some of the Art Guild members that will be seen in this show are:

**Ann Cockerill**, artist and owner of the Red Cockerill Gallery, was commissioned by the State of Georgia to paint James Oglethorpe, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Marquis de LaFayette life size portraits for the newly remodeled "Old Capitol" in Milledgeville. Her painting of Kennesaw Mountain was included in the "Spirit of America Exhibition from Winslow Homer to Andrew Wyeth," and toured the nation's museums.

**Lee Anne Messerschmidt**, a jewelry artist based in Douglasville, has always been involved in creating art by recycling discarded objects. Lee Ann has since found her passion for manipulating metals and other materials to enhance their texture & color. Lee Anne's jewelry designs have an earth-organic feel with an occasional touch of whimsy, and her main source of inspiration is nature.

**Penelope Davis**, a South Carolina native, is a self-taught artist and craftsman who enjoys painting, reading, and jewelry making. Influenced by nature, fashion, and everyday life situations, Penelope works with various subjects matters to create landscapes, portraits, and floral designs.

The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County, located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions and more information, visit [www.artsdouglas.org](http://www.artsdouglas.org) or contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770.949.2787.

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*The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite groups.  
The Cultural Arts Council is supported in part by the City of Douglasville and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.*