



Cultural Arts Council
of Douglasville/Douglas County

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Taste of Douglasville 2016 packed downtown Douglasville last weekend!

Douglasville, Georgia – Saturday, May 21st brought the threat of showers but only sprinkles in the morning and a lightly cloudy afternoon and that helped make a supremely successful Taste of Douglasville 2016 possible.

All categories of activities met or exceeded the Cultural Arts Council's goals – number of restaurants, sponsors, performers, Arts & Craft booths, Better Living booths, Kid's Korner booths and Festival Roamers. In fact, despite bringing 26,000 tickets to the event (19,000 are most previously sold) CAC had to dash out and purchase more! It was an active, happy and well-fed crowd celebrating downtown Douglasville!

Adding a feather to downtown's cap, the contests for Best Entrée, Best Dessert and Best Presentation were all won by downtown restaurants. Best Entrée went to Gabe's Downtown for their Cajun Eggrolls, Best Dessert went to Fabiano's Pizzeria for their Cannoli, and Best Presentation went to Irish Bred Pub for their green/orange and white booth. The most contested prize this year, for **Most Sold, goes to Texas Roadhouse** who sold items totaling over 4,300 tickets, besting their competition by far.

A professional stage set up on East Courthouse Square directed activity throughout the Plaza area, Kids Korner in the alley between Broad and Church Street was filled with delighted youngsters, the Douglasville Police Department's K-9 demonstration thrilled the crowd, and there were browsing and shopping opportunities aplenty with jewelry, candles, cellphones, massages, nail salons, and handmade furniture. Services to consider for the future, from realtors to political leaders, from resorts to travel agents, insurance to home repair – they were all represented.

"Taste of Douglasville 2016 brought out a representative 'taste' of so many professions and occupations," said Davina Grace Hill, CAC Executive Director. "The community participation, with a booth or as attendees was extensive. It made for a civic highlight of the year. The evaluation results received have been consistently effusive and positive. Many have stated they can't wait until next year."

For 2016, Taste of Douglasville is a wrap to a very successful production. For the Cultural Arts Council, Taste of Douglasville is both a major fund-raiser and a community festival. 2016 scored on both points.

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 or more information, visit www.artsdouglas.org or contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770-949-2787.

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PHOTO CAPTIONS:

Receiving Awards; Fabiano's, Gabe's and Taste of Douglasville with Co-Chairs Chad Griffin and CAC President Patti Puckett

Photo DSC_1331: The lines form outside of Gabe's booth

Other attached photos are of the new stage, and of crowds.

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 programs and activities of the Cultural Arts Council are supported in part by the City of Douglasville and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.