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2016 Youth Art Month Exhibit: Save the Earth

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County welcomes the annual Youth Art Month exhibit – which features K-12 student art from the following Douglas County schools: Chapel Hill High, Lithia Springs High, Alexander High, Douglas County High, Turner Middle, Stewart Middle, Chapel Hill Middle, Brighten Academy, Factory Shoals Middle, Mason Creek Middle, Holly Springs Elem., Mirror Lake Elem., Beulah Elem., Eastside Elem., Factory Shoals Elem., Sweetwater Elem., Winston Elem., North Douglas Elem., Chapel Hill Elem., Burnett Elem., Bill Arp Elem., Lithia Springs Elem., and New Manchester Elem. The 2016 Youth Art Month (YAM): Save the Earth exhibit is on display from March 3rd through the 31st. The show will kick-off with a special opening reception at the CAC, hosted by the gallery committee and art teachers of Douglas County, on Thursday, March 3rd from 6 until 8 p.m. The exhibit & reception is free and open to the public.

Youth Art Month emphasizes Douglas County's educational institutions and how they help mold the next generation of the state's artists, educators, and business & public leaders. YAM provides significant encouragement to students and well-deserved recognition to the hard-working educators. In this climate of economic uncertainty, America once again turns to creative innovation as a way to ensure a prosperous future – and YAM provides an opportunity to recognize the immense value of arts education in our schools, economy, and daily life.

National Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education and to encourage public support for quality school art programs. Art education provides students with important critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, in addition to fostering self-esteem, self-discipline, and an appreciation for the work of others. The Youth Art Month exhibit celebrates and validates student achievement in the visual arts, and the Cultural Arts Council honors the talent and dedication of these young artists and their teachers. YAM has been observed nationally since 1961, and this year the CAC is pleased to be one of three special YAM exhibit locations.

On Tuesday, March 1st from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., a separate reception will be held at the Douglas County Courthouse, located at 8700 Hospital Drive. On Monday, March 7th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. the final reception will take place at the Douglas County Board of Education, located off Gurley Road at Highway 5. All other Douglas County schools will display their student's artwork at one of these two site – parents should check with their children's art teachers to learn which site is displaying their children's artwork.

The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County, located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions and more information, visit 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.