



Cultural Arts Council
Douglasville/Douglas County

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Share the Value of YOUR Arts!

Douglasville, Georgia – August 2017 is time to share at CAC. The Cultural Arts Council Douglasville/Douglas County will have two concurrent exhibits from August 3-25, 2017 where the public is encouraged to participate. There are opportunities for artists and non-artists alike,

“Take Two: What’s on YOUR Walls?” reprises the highly successful exhibit from two years ago wherein community members are invited to share a piece of art, along with the story of why it is valuable, memorable or revered by the owner. Due to space limitations, the first 60 submissions will be displayed. This exhibit is for the collectors to share their work, not for artists to display their talents.

“In 2015 CAC inaugurated this exhibit idea, honestly not knowing what to expect,” said Davina Grace Hill, Executive Director of CAC. “We were astounded by the quality of the work loaned to us and by the stories of each piece.” A father’s flour sack embroidery design, a mother’s last painting, a life-size mermaid assured to be a portrait of a real one, a wood turned bowl made by inmates (provided by Gov. Deal), a pen and ink sketch made for a fiancée and a delightful folk art depiction of a rocking horse, found by an attentive auction attendee. The CAC walls conveyed so many memorable stories.. “It was astonishing the importance each work had for the owner and it was humbling to know they parted with that work and entrusted it to us for a month,” said Hill.

Paired with the **“Take Two: What’s on YOUR Walls?”** exhibit will be the **“6x6” Tiny Fundraiser Exhibit** for all artists. In this exhibit, works that are only 6”x6” are requested as donations to CAC and will be hung in the Community Room. Each item will be displayed anonymously so viewers and purchasers won’t know if the work was done by a well-known local artist, by a student or by a local celebrity. What matters is how the work impacts the viewer, and it will also be affordable for all. Items will be available for sale for only \$20 each, as a contribution to the CAC to continue and further its work in the arts.

A third upcoming visual arts development for CAC is the April inauguration of the **“Pop Up Arts Shop.”** This incubator style program will allow one artist/craftsperson a month to sell his/her wares in the CAC gift shop. All items in the **“Pop Up Arts Shop”** will be priced at \$75 or less and the goods, which will change every month, range from miniature oil paintings to leather goods, from jewelry to folk art. “The response to **the ‘Pop Up Arts Shop’** has been overwhelming – it is already booked thru April 2018,” said Hill. “CAC hopes to provide artists with a secure environment from which they can experience retail aspects of selling their work, develop a local following and market their wares.”

Collectors interested in participating in **“Take Two: What’s on YOUR Walls?”** are urged to call CAC as soon as possible to assure their entry. Artists and all creative folks wanting to participate in the **“6x6” Tiny**

Fundraiser Exhibit should also call CAC to get an entry form and artist interested in the “**Pop Up Arts Shop**” can call to be put on the schedule for next year.

The Cultural Arts Council 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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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.