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### **Fiber Mania Exhibit: Featuring Sally Austin, Annie Greene, and Trish Warner**

*Douglasville, Georgia* – The **Cultural Arts Council** Douglasville/Douglas County will exhibit new and recent works by artists Sally Austin, Annie Greene, and Trish Warner during the months of April and May. The exhibit kicks off with an opening reception hosted by the Sweetwater Camera Club on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 until 8 p.m., at the Cultural Arts Council and it will be on view through May 24<sup>th</sup>. The opening reception and gallery admission is free to the public; special gallery tours are available with appointments – 770.949.2787. Entitled **Fiber Mania**, this exhibit will explore fine art whose material mostly consists of natural or synthetic fiber and other components, such as fabric or yarn – focusing on the materials and the labor of the artists as part of the work’s significance.

A self-taught studio artist, Sally Austin creates 2D Textile and Mixed Media art. Her work draws from a rich and varied history as an Oregon gallery owner, twenty-five years as a weaver and clothing designer in Michigan, explorations in clay and paper making as well as teaching enrichment classes and running weaving retreats. Her current body of work – ‘sophisticated whimsy’ is a romp through her joyful imagination and involves hand painted textiles with layering and stitching of specialty threads and yarns.

Annie Greene, a retired educator and artist of thirty-five years, began creating her now renowned two-dimensional yarn art 1972. Since retiring from public school teaching, Mrs. Greene spent many years serving as a resource person, demonstrating or teaching art classes in schools, galleries, libraries, health care systems, and for clubs and organizations throughout Georgia and Eastern Alabama. Since first introducing the idea of using yarn to create two-dimensional artwork to junior high students, Mrs. Greene has exhibited widely with over 50 One Women Art Shows, over 205 Group Shows, has won numerous awards, and has over 500 works of art in numerous art collections.

Trish Warner began sewing since she earned her Brownie sewing badge – developing her cross-stitch, needle-point, and macramé. In 1994, Mrs. Warner moved to Georgia, where she joined the Dolly Mommas Doll Club and discovered the joy of making dolls. Since then, she’s been creating unique and creative characters.

The term “fiber art” came into use by curators and art historians to describe the work of the artists-craftsman following World War II. As the contributions of craft artists became more recognized and accepted during the 1950s, artists began binding fibers into nonfunctional forms as works of art. However, it wasn’t until the women’s movement in the 1960s and 70s that there was an international revolution in fiber art – the traditional association of women with textiles in the domestic sphere made the rise of fiber art possible and consequential.

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 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 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.*