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CROSSROADS: Where Art & History Meet

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County announces the reception for *CROSSROADS: Where Art & History Meet* at the Cultural Arts Council on Thursday, July 24th, from 6 until 8 p.m. The exhibit is a retrospective show of the CAC's permanent collection featuring some of the earliest acquired pieces, as well as highlighting some of the more recent acquisitions. A special bonus: a book signing by Lisa Land Cooper, blogger, columnist and author of *Douglasville* – the new book from Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* series. Members of the Douglas County Historical Society will host the free reception.

The book, *Douglasville*, features a collection of over 200 iconic images, and several never-before-seen images, telling the city's history one photograph and caption at a time. "Douglasville's founders would be pleased if they visited the town they created 138 years ago," says Cooper. "It has entered the 21st century as a vibrant city with a thriving historic district, as well as a destination for businesses like Google and the American Red Cross." Arcadia Publishing is the leading publisher of local and regional history in the United States. Their mission is to make history accessible and meaningful through the publication of books on the heritage of America's people and places. Discover more than 8,500 small towns and downtowns at www.arcadiapublishing.com.

Selections from the CAC's permanent collection that will be exhibited include a photograph by Jessica Smith, a graduate from the University of West Georgia, whose titled photograph, "Library," brings to life the expansive and wonderful worlds books convey within their pages. A second photograph, acquired last year during the National Open Visual Arts show (NOVAS), "Apalachicola Barber Shop" by Barbara Stevenson, beautifully encapsulates the rich history of barbershops throughout the decades. Other pieces range from Terri Greenberg's "Fruit Punch" – a construction paper assemblage – to Patty O'Keefe Hutton's reed basket entitled, "Seafaring." There are few art councils nationally that have a permanent art collection, and the CAC is pleased to have the opportunity to share part of our collection with the residents of Douglasville and Douglas County.

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 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, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, and the Georgia Council for the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.