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**Contemporary Colors Exhibit at the Cultural Arts Council:  
Featuring artwork by Julia Burns, Arvind Vanmali, & Susan Easton Burns**

*Douglasville, Georgia* – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County presents recent works by artist Julia Burns, Arvind Vanmali, and Susan Easton Burns during the month of April. Exhibiting more than 50 works by the three artists, the exhibit will be on view through Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Cultural Arts Council. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Julia Burns, daughter of Susan Easton Burns, is exhibiting a small collection of her recent ceramic works. Julia sees clay as having a mind of its own, and her goal is to collaborate with it to express a single moment. Coming from a family of professional artists, Julia was able to establish connections between art and life at an early age. With each new piece she produces, Julia attempts to answer the questions that motivated her to create a ceramic work.

Susan Easton Burns was born in upstate New York, and now lives & paints on a small farm in rural Georgia. Susan's conversation with the viewer begins with a conversation with paint itself – as Susan's subject must first be seen before it is thought. Susan notes the following with regards to her work:

*“Art will be infused with the energy of the moment. As we evolve, attempting to make our lives relevant, art will help us to see and know ourselves. My connection to nature and art will hopefully enable the viewer to be more centered or balanced in their own life. Art is another of several mirrors of ourselves in the universe.”*

Arvind Vanmali was born in the Republic of Panama and currently resides in Douglasville. Arvind acquired his interest for art in middle school while living in Bombay, India – where he also won several art awards and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> place in India's National Free-hand Drawing competition. For Arvind, art is a hobby. With the help of his mentors in India, Arvind has learned to paint on his own. Arvind is not only an artist however; he also holds a Master's degree in clinical microbiology and is a businessman in the hospitality industry.

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](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 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.*