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UPCOMING EVENTS

Auburn CityFest April 24
Jazz & Blues Festival May 7
SummerNights Art Walk June 18

LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Dear Members and Friends of the Auburn Arts Association,

Spring is finally here, and three of our most popular annual events are on the horizon – Auburn CityFest is April 24th, our third annual Jazz and Blues Festival will be on Friday May 7th (important to us as a fundraiser), and on Friday June 18th, the fourth annual SummerNight Art Walk will take place in downtown Auburn. At the Jazz and Blues Fest, musicians will perform under the stars at Pebble Hill; also, there will be tasty food items and wine across the street at Greystone. For SummerNight – oh happy day – the streets again will be closed to traffic so that everyone can enjoy street performers, listen to live music, and shop for pottery, jewelry, and all sorts of art work. This year there will be more space for children’s activities, including a special area for inflatables. Our booth will be on the Paw at Toomer’s Corner, so drop by to say hi and pick up membership and general information on the evening’s programs. We’re also making plans for summer art camps and the Young Artists Atelier program; information on classes is in the newsletter. On July 30th we’re offering something special: Chichi

Lovett and Shelley Shields will orchestrate an all-day Community Arts Happening celebrating the wide variety of arts and performers in our community. If you haven’t visited OffbeatAuburn.com, Kelly Walker’s wonderfully informative new website devoted to art and culture in Auburn, we urge you to do so. Becky Thomas profiles the website in this issue of our newsletter. Every year we direct, support, and sponsor many outstanding community events, education programs, and arts projects. We rely on memberships and donations to fund these activities, and we’re always seeking more funding. This year, we’d especially appreciate corporate and business sponsors. We hope that you can help – or volunteer to assist in a project that looks like fun to you. We’re looking forward to seeing you at our spring and summer events and receptions, and don’t forget Auburn CityFest on April 24th!

Alicia Hames and Shelley Shields
Co-Presidents,
Auburn Arts Association

Interested in being a sponsor of the Auburn Arts Association? Call Shelley at 826.1410.

SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER



The Auburn Arts Association promotes arts education, encourages local artists and arts initiatives, and fosters community interest and participation in the arts. We're a non-profit, volunteer, community-based arts organization. Contact us at Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center (JDCAC), 334.501.2963

auburnarts@bellsouth.net

AUBURN ARTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

GALLERY NEWS

The Art Gallery at Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center: Auburn Preservation League Photography Exhibition

March 5-29, 2010

Works on display at the Art Gallery at JDCAC include black and white, color, and digital photography featuring historic sites in Auburn.

COMING IN APRIL

Spring Invitational – Landscape and Still Life Work by Area Artists

April 2-30, 2010

COMING IN MAY

12th Annual Juried Art Exhibition
May 4 – June 5, 2010

The Art Gallery at JDCAC presents the Twelfth Annual Juried Art Exhibition open to artists and craftspersons in Lee County.

For more information call JDCAC at 501.2963.

EVENTS NEWS

May 7 – 3rd Annual Jazz and Blues Festival

May 7th is the date for our third annual *Jazz and Blues Festival* to be held on the lawns at Pebble Hill and Greystone Mansion. We’ll have bands and musicians, and there’ll be soft grass to sit on; bring a blanket or chairs, if you like. Food vendors will sell tasting-size portions of sweets and savories for your picnic or dining pleasure. Tickets are \$10 per person.

June 18 – 4th Annual SummerNight Art Walk

Our fourth annual *SummerNight Art Walk*, co-sponsored with the Auburn Downtown Merchants Association and the City of Auburn, will be on Friday, June 18th. There will be live music, a children’s parade (early in the evening), food vendors, street performers and art and crafts for sale. Artists interested in selling work at SummerNight can pick up forms at JDCAC or download forms from auburnalabama.org/arts by clicking on *special events*.

ART EDUCATION NEWS

Art Classes

Spring art classes have started at Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center; for more information on new spring classes, contact JDCAC, 501.2963.

Summer classes and projects again will be directed by Auburn University Professor Chichi Lovett; courses include Visual Art Workshops for Children (“Art Camp,” ages 7 and older), Art for Young Children (ages 4-6), and Young Artist Atelier (ages 12-15). A complete list of summer art programs is in our calendar.

For information on summer (June/July) programs in music and theatre (Musical Theatre Camp for Teens, Musical Theatre Camp, AU Tiger Strings, Mommy and Me Music Summer Camp, and Pirates and Princess Dance Workshops), contact JDCAC.

COMMUNITY ARTS NEWS

The Auburn Arts Association’s roving reporter Becky Thomas spoke with Kelly Walker about OffbeatAuburn, a new website devoted to culture and arts in our area.

OFFBEAT AUBURN TAKES LOCAL PULSE

– Becky Thomas

OffbeatAuburn.com is a long-needed way to find out and keep up with what is happening in Auburn and Opelika. It was created by Kelly Walker with the help of Bailey Jones of the Sundilla Acoustic Concert Series and Tina Tatum from The Gnu’s Room. Walker, a 25-year veteran of the radio business, maintains the nonprofit website, devoting his spare time to it. The format of the website is a multimedia mix that includes photographs, audio, video, and articles about people, places and events in Auburn and Opelika.

On the website you can find podcast interviews of several local persons of interest as well as links to various local organizations and events. Especially helpful is the link to a calendar that posts many events, such as City Fest, concerts, wine-tastings, and much more. As Kelly says on the site, “Our hope is to provide a quick, convenient, and entertaining resource to find the events and destinations in our community that make Opelika and Auburn an enriching place to

live.” Essentially this website is becoming one-stop shopping for what’s going on in Auburn and Opelika.

Walker moved to Auburn in fall of 2007 and noticed that, although the Auburn/Opelika area offers many cultural events, they needed to be advertised in one place. Also, sometimes there were scheduling conflicts that can now be avoided by using the Offbeat Auburn website. Organizations can check on the calendar to see when other events are scheduled and can then settle upon a suitable date for theirs.

Walker gets information for the website by his connections with people and organizations. Because his site is non-commercial, advertisement for it has been through social networking. If you know of something going on in Auburn that’s not on the calendar yet, please contact him by email at offbeatauburn@gmail.com.

Be sure to visit the **OffbeatAuburn.com** website soon and discover the many interesting happenings in Auburn and Opelika before you miss out on them.



Holiday Art Sale, paintings by Ron Bayens



In December 2009, the Auburn Arts Association sponsored its annual Holiday Art Sale at JDCAC; local artists sold their works and hot cocoa kept everyone warm. Handmade quilts by Ruth Lockhart



Holiday Art Sale, necklaces by Bernice Fishman



Amy Kaiser’s spring 2010 Art for Homeschoolers class meeting at JDCAC.

CALENDAR SPRING & SUMMER 2010

MARCH

Ongoing through March 29

Auburn Preservation League Photography Exhibition, the Art Gallery, JDCAC

March 29 – April 9

Juried Art Student Exhibition at AU Department of Art, Biggin Hall Gallery

APRIL

April 2 – April 30

Spring Invitational – Landscapes and Still Life Works by Area Artists, the Art Gallery, JDCAC

April 5

Campus Band Concert, AU Goodwin Music Building, Band Hall, 6PM

6 April

• Symphonic Band Concert, AU Goodwin Music Building, Band Hall, 12:30PM

• Joint Concert: AU and Opelika High School Percussion Ensembles, Opelika Performing Arts Center, 7PM

• Guest Artist Recital: Lin He, violin, and Henning Vauth, piano, AU Goodwin Music Building, Recital Hall, 7:30PM, tickets \$10

April 8

AU Concert Band Concert, Lakeview Baptist Church, 7:30PM

April 9

AU Faculty Recital: Kathleen Allen, soprano, AU Goodwin Music Building, Recital Hall, 7:30PM

April 12

AU Student Choral Conducting Recital, Auburn First Baptist Church, 7:30PM

April 14

• Entry forms and \$25 fee due at JDCAC for Juried Fine Art Exhibition to be held at Auburn CityFest 2010. For more information call Auburn Arts Association, 887.2832.

• Alabama All-State Solo Festival, AU Goodwin Music Building, Recital Hall, 7:30PM

April 14 – 17

Scapin, AU Theatre Department, AU Theatre Main Stage, 7:30PM

April 15

AU Guest Artist Recital: Pacifica String Quartet, AU Goodwin Music Building Recital Hall, 7:30PM

April 16

Symphonic Band Concert, Lakeview Baptist Church, 8PM

April 16 – April 22

BFA in Graphic Design Candidates Senior Project Exhibition, AU Dept. of Art, Biggin Hall Gallery

April 18

Scapin, AU Theatre Department, AU Theatre Main Stage, 2:30PM

April 19 – 20

Works are due at JDCAC for Juried Fine Art Exhibition to be held at Auburn CityFest 2010

April 21

• Preview Reception for Auburn CityFest Juried Fine Art Exhibition, Fountainview Mansion, 3291 Mill Creek Road, Auburn, 5:30PM-7:30PM

• AU Jazz Ensemble Concert, Goodwin Recital Hall, 7:30PM

April 22

AU Percussion Ensemble/Steel Band Spring Concert, AU Goodwin Music Building Recital Hall, 7:30PM

April 23

Spring Opera Workshop, AU Goodwin Music Building Recital Hall, 7:30PM

April 24

• Auburn CityFest at Kiesel Park, 9AM-4PM
CityFest applications for exhibitors are available on-line.

Also available at www.auburncityfest.com are forms for the juried art exhibition held in conjunction with CityFest.

• World Tai Chi Day, Jule Collins Smith Museum of Art, 10AM-12:30PM

• Spring Opera Workshop, AU Goodwin Recital Hall, 7:30PM

• Poetry Night, Ardistry Hair Studio in downtown Auburn, 8PM”

April 26

Faculty Recital: Henning Vauth, piano, 7:30PM, tickets \$10

April 26 – May 7

BFA in Fine Arts Candidates Senior Project Exhibition, AU Dept. of Art, Biggin Hall Gallery

April 28

Low Brass Ensemble Concert, AU Goodwin Recital Hall, 6PM

April 30

Auburn Pops, performance to benefit scholarships for AU art, music, theatre students, Telfair Peet Theatre, 7:30; tickets \$75.

MAY

May 3

• AU Singers Spring Show, Telfair Peet Theatre, 5:45PM & 8:15PM, tickets \$10;

• Registration begins at JDCAC (501.2963) for summer courses offered by the Auburn Arts Association

May 4 – June 5

12th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, the Art Gallery, JDCAC

May 4

• AU Singers Spring Show, Telfair Peet Theatre, 5:45PM, tickets \$10

• AU Singers Spring Show, Telfair Peet Dance Studio, 8:15PM, tickets \$10

May 7

Jazz and Blues Festival, our third annual fest and fundraiser, on the lawns at Pebble Hill and Greystone, tickets \$10 per person, 7-11PM

May 14 – 16

• *Dearly Beloved (A Big Ol’ Texas Wedding Gone Wrong)*, Auburn Area Community Theatre production, JDCAC, call for times and tickets

May 17 – July 23

• Summer Exhibition: Environmental Art by Students at AU Dept. of Art, Biggin Hall Gallery

May 20 – 23

Dearly Beloved (A Big Ol’ Texas Wedding Gone Wrong), Auburn Area Community Theatre production, JDCAC, call for times and tickets

SUMMER – JUNE AND JULY

18 June (rain date 19 June)

Third Annual SummerNight, downtown Auburn, 6PM-9:30PM

A festival of the arts with downtown Auburn free of traffic so that we can all enjoy bands, street performers, poetry readings, a children’s parade, and shop for art along the sidewalks. Free to all. Downtown restaurants will be open and offering specials.

SUMMER ART CLASSES SPONSORED BY AUBURN ARTS ASSOCIATION

• **Visual Art Workshops for Children** (age 7 and older), 4 sessions in June, \$60 per week per child; \$50 for each additional child. Held at JDCAC.

Monday-Friday 9:30AM-12:30PM

Session I: June 7-11

Session II: June 14-18

Session III: July 5-9

Session IV: July 19-23

• **Art for Young Children** (ages 4-6) 3 sessions, \$40 per week per child. Held at JDCAC. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10AM-noon

Session I: June 22-24

Session II: July 13-15

Session III: July 27-29

• **Young Artist Atelier** (ages 11-16); sponsored by Auburn Arts Association and Jule Collins Smith Museum of Art, 1 session in June and 1 session in July, \$75 per session. Held at JDCAC.

Monday-Friday, 10AM-2:30PM

Session I: June 21-25

Session II: July 12-16

July 30

Community Art Happening, sponsored by the Auburn Arts Association and directed by Chichi Lovett and Shelley Shields, JDCAC, 9AM-7PM (workshops end at 5PM; family art and performance begins at 6PM). One of the goals of The Community Art Happening is to create a sense of community for all people and all ages. Workshops will be offered in music (including African/Native American/Irish), visual arts (including creating art with recycled materials), theatre, poetry, story-telling, and dance (including ballroom and square dancing).

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Once again, we extend our appreciation to those who have contributed time, artworks, talents, and funds. Thanks especially to Mary Ann Stiles for the use of Greystone and to Eric Stamp and his fabulous karaoke machine, which added music and fun to our membership party.

Interested in volunteering? Call us at Auburn Arts Association, 887.2832.



Membership Application

If you would like to renew your membership or join the AAA, please fill out the above form and enclose it in an envelope with your check or credit card number and send to:

THE AUBURN ARTS ASSOCIATION

**P.O. Box 1862
AUBURN, AL
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If you are interested in working with the arts association, please check the box. If you have a special interest jot it down. Either way, we will be in touch as soon as we receive it.

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