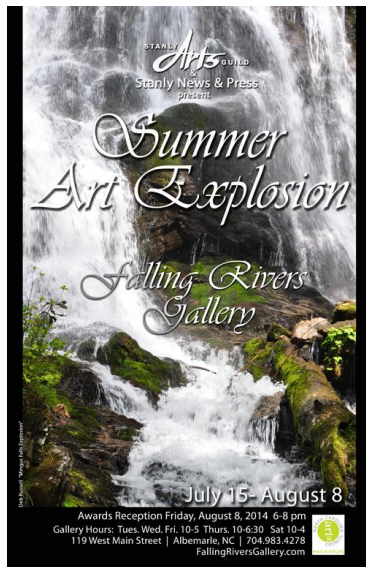




July 2014 Mixed Media

"The Summer Art Explosion"

Take in dates for art: Friday July 11th, 12 to 5pm and Saturday July 12th, 12 to 4pm



Paul Keysar to Judge Summer Art Explosion

Well known area artist Paul Keysar will be judging the Summer Art Explosion this year. Paul is known for his classic, representational oil paintings of landscapes, still lifes and portraits. In 2000, he completed four years of fine arts education at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia and studied under nationally known portrait and landscape artists.

Paul was awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the Portrait Society of America for his painting "Jacob in Winter" in April, 2014. He currently has a solo exhibit, "Painting from Life: Plein Air and Still Life" at the Florence Thomas Art School in West Jefferson, NC through July 9, 2014. "While the City Sleeps-Night Paintings by Paul Keysar" will be on exhibit during the month of July at the University of North Carolina Charlotte's Student Union Art Gallery. Paul teaches private lessons, classes and workshops for beginners through advanced. He resides in Charlotte with his wife and children.

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Show chairs: Anita Ammerman and Jaclyn Layman

Showing at the Agri-Civic Center



Beginning July 2, Stanly Arts Guild will sponsor an exhibit of paintings and jewelry created by Sylvia Parker Lowder of Harrisburg. The exhibit will run through July 31st. Sylvia is a native of Wadesboro and the show will feature watercolors of three historic Wadesboro Buildings. They include the Ansonia Theater, Anson Sanatorium and the Wadesboro High School. These 3 pieces have been selected for hanging in the new CMC hospital in Anson County. Other media includes a wood block print with the block created to make the print. There are also included some pencil and pastel works.

The jewelry in the showcase includes several hand built and fired pendants and some hammered copper medallions. Several paintings in the show are not offered for sale but prints and cards are available at Falling Rivers Gallery and will be shown in the window during the show. Sylvia has most recently studied and worked in watercolor. She has a degree in Graphics and Advertising Design from Central Piedmont Community College and is a member of the Anson Arts Guild.

Two Art Scholarships Awarded

The Stanly Arts Guild has for many years awarded an art scholarship in memory of Patricia Blake Hartley, long time member and education advocate for the Guild. The Hartley Scholarship is sponsored by the Hartley family and is awarded annually to a Stanly County college art major, preferably a junior or senior.

This year, an additional scholarship has been awarded, sponsored by Millie Campbell, president of the Stanly Arts Guild for 2015. Both awards were presented on Thursday, June 5, at the regular monthly guild meeting.

Austin King, a rising junior at Liberty University with a major in Studio and Digital Arts in Graphic Design, is the recipient of the Patricia Blake Hartley Scholarship. A check for \$1000 was presented to him by Susan Lackey, current president of the Guild. Austin earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Stanly Community College this spring and worked part time at Uwharrie Bank while attending SCC. He credits his grandmother for instilling in him a love of art at an early age. He also appreciates instruction and encouragement from Endy Elementary art instructor, Michelle Osborne, and his work thrived under the tutelage of visual arts mentor, John T. Williams, Jr. at West Stanly High School. Austin is the son of Robert and Dondee King of Albemarle and surrounding counties.



The new scholarship is open to rising college freshmen art students from Stanly and surrounding counties. Winner



of this award for 2014 is Cameron Beauvais from Concord and a recent graduate of Central Cabarrus High School. Cameron also received a check for \$1000 from Susan Lackey. He has been accepted into the Bachelor of Fine Arts Program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte this fall. Cameron has taken private art lessons, numerous art classes while at Central Cabarrus, participated in art shows, and attended a summer film school at UNC School of the Arts. He quotes Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Every artist was once an amateur", and is eagerly looking forward to increasing his artistic abilities at UNCC. Cameron is the son of Richard and Pamela Beauvais of Concord.

The Stanly Arts Guild is especially proud to announce these awards and looks forward to keeping in touch with these young artists through the years.

From the President

This is my last President's Message and I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed working with all of you this past year. It has truly been an enriching experience for me. Thank you so much for the opportunity and the confidence in me. I could not have done it without of the help of many, many energetic and talented people.

For the coming year, the new slate of officers is already busy planning all of the programs and events, and working on the budget. I know that next year will be wonderful. I'm not going too far. I'm still showing in the gallery and will remain on the board as the "past" president. I have every confidence in the new board.

Enjoy the summer, stop in the gallery when you can, and I'll see you on September 4th for our next Guild meeting.

Susan Lackey

Falling Rivers Gallery News

Changes at the Gallery

There are lots of changes at the Gallery these days. Our Gallery Director, Nancy Lipe, who has given incredible amounts of her time and considerable talent to Falling Rivers for the past 5 - 6 years, has decided to hand the reigns of the Gallery to another. This has prompted the Guild Board to divide the Gallery Director's many duties into smaller segments. All Gallery Artist/Members have stepped up and taken some part of the daily running and promotion of Falling Rivers Gallery. Though surely there will be some bumps (small ones we hope), there is a new excitement and energy in the air as each Artist/member puts their own talents to work to improve our operation. Thanks to everyone for your effort and enthusiasm.

In place of a single Gallery Director, we now will have an Oversight Committee made up of a member of each of the operating groups. As we continue to shake out any bugs in the new system, please bring your questions or ideas for improvement to the attention of any member of the O.C.

With summer vacations and visits, the job of filling work slots for the Gallery will be a bit more challenging. Please sign up as early as you can. Have a great summer!

A Note from Nancy

It has been 5 years since I was elected to the board of directors for the Stanly Arts Guild as your Gallery Director. During that time we have seen many changes to the way the guild and gallery operate, new membership brought on by gallery participation, an increased awareness in the community of our mission and outreach, and improved profitability of our artist members. I take pride in all that we have accomplished, but it has been a team effort all along. Thank you for allowing my/our vision to play out in your gallery.

Now we are embarking on a new era for the gallery; one where everyone knows what needs to be done (I hope) but without strong leadership of a Gallery Director. All gallery members have stepped up to take on some of the responsibilities of finance, publicity, membership, events, record keeping, and facilities. We are supported by volunteers and the board. I'm certain that tasks have been missed and adjustments will be made as new members join and existing members leave the gallery space. It will be a rocky road for a while, but my commitment to the success of this Gallery has not diminished and we will ride this out together. However, I will reduce my day-to-day involvement in every aspect of this venue.

As I step back into my studio and attempt to rekindle my artistic passion, I know that I am not alone in my commitment to this gallery's success. I am encouraged by the dedication others have shown by taking on tasks outside of their comfort zone or experience. We will all learn a great deal over the next year and be stronger as artists and business professionals. Life is a great adventure made more beautiful by the art we create!

Thanks for the ride!

Nancy

Artist Opportunities & Links

Listed here are links to area artist groups and activities. These are not activities sponsored by the Stanly Arts Guild. They are listed for your information and convenience.

A TWO DAY PASTEL WORKSHOP - Walter Stanford is putting on a workshop at the Clearwater Studios in Concord in July. All the details are at www.WalterStanford.com and click on Fine Art. Walter was the judge for last year's Summer Art Explosion

PASTEL WORKSHOP - Are you interested in trying pastels as a new medium? Join Malia Bryngelson at the Cabarrus Art Guild's gallery for "Exploring Pastels" a beginner's introduction to this interesting combination of drawing and painting. Materials will be provided. The class will be on Saturday, July 12 from 10 to 2:30. The cost of the class is \$35. Email for more information: maliabryngel56@gmail.com

Charlotte Art League Event Calendar <http://www.charlotteartleague.org/wp/cal-events-calendar/>

TAG Galleries Highpoint www.tagart.org/index.php

Sundae Art Gallery – Union Street, Concord www.sundaeartgallery.com/

Anson County Art League www.ansonartleague.com/

Moore County Art's Council www.mooreart.org/programs/visual/exhibit-your-art/

Cheap Joe's workshops www.cheapjoes.com

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