

Cayce Arts Guild

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CAYCE ARTS GUILD MEETINGS ARE HELD SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

Second Thursday each month *

Beginning September 2026 meetings will be the third Thursday of each month.

Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center (CTFC)

1120 Fort Congaree Trail, Second Floor Conference Room

Cayce, SC 29033

6:00 snacks and fellowship, 6:30 business, art sharing, featured speaker

You are welcome to bring a piece or two of your art to share. Be prepared to give a very brief description of the work or process.

REMINDER ABOUT THE MAY 14 MEETING Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center

FEATURED SPEAKER: STEVEN WHETSTONE

Steven Whetstone, a South Carolina-based artist with a BFA in art from University of South Carolina, has built a distinguished career in oil painting, watercolor, and drawing. Whetstone's passion for art was nurtured early on by inspiring teachers at the former Saluda River Elementary School (now Saluda River Academy for the Arts), Northside Middle School, Brookland-Cayce High School, and the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities. His work reflects both technical



mastery and a deep connection to the artistic traditions and communities of the Southeast.



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His work has been represented by notable galleries across the state including Haven's Framemakers & Gallery (2003-2009), I. Pinckney Simons Gallery (2006-2011), Verve Interiors (2009-present), The CLIMB Studio (2016-2022), and Four Corners Art Gallery (2020-2024). In 2024, Whetstone opened Steven Whetstone Fine Art in West Columbia.

Whetstone's art has been showcased in numerous solo and group exhibitions, recognized with awards including the Columbia Museum of Art's People's Choice Award, and featured in publications such as Columbia Metropolitan Magazine, Free Times, USA Today, as well as on television with ESPN and the SEC Network.

CAG 2026 Officers

Thanks to these hard-working officers. Board membership is in a state of flux because of requests for reassignment within the positions and responsibilities. Sandra Courie has resigned as VP and filling the position has not yet been resolved although there are a couple of options. Traditionally, the VP supports the organization by arranging speakers, planning other activities, and coordinating with the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center for use of the facilities. Board and Guild members are welcome to suggest speakers/programs that you would enjoy. Please let Renea Eshleman know if you are willing to serve as a member of the Board or if there are responsibilities you could take on. Speak up!

Renea Eshleman, President
VACANT, Vice President
JJ Burton, Treasurer
Katty Hite, Secretary

Trudy Dyer, Programs
Skip Willits, Publicity
Margie Shelburg, At Large
David Phillips, At Large

Ancillary Activities
Judy Sellers, Hospitality
Ann Kinsinger, Web Master

Message from CAG President, Renea Eshleman

Friends of Art,

Exciting things are going on in the Cayce/midlands arts community! It's refreshing to see and hear about things that are "on the drawing board" such as a Thomas Dambo troll sculpture that will be placed within a couple of years. That seems like a long way off, but it will be worth the wait. I'm thrilled at the potential for what the investment the City is making will have for existing and new businesses and the impact it will have on art-loving residents and visitors to the area.

In the meantime, consider participating by showing your art in one of the Guild's venues. Scheduled rotations are in this newsletter.

Remember to change your calendars to reflect the rescheduling of CAG meetings to the third Thursday beginning in September.

Thanks again for the excellent show at Still Hopes. We have much about which to be proud. Congratulations to all who entered and won awards. The show will be there until May 30. The residents enjoy talking with artists and others who visit so take advantage of access to this beautiful gallery.

The next show (June and July) at Still Hopes will feature my work along with that of Nancy Tuten and Gail Cunningham. Mark your calendar to attend a reception on June 11, 4:30-6:00.

Make, see, enjoy, share ART.

Renea Eshleman, CAG President

2026 STILL HOPES AWARDS

Amateur 1	Debbie Watford
Amateur 2	Helen McDowell
Photo 1	Katty Hite
Photo 2	Ed Shmunes
Photo 3	Harold Blackwood
Pro 1	Holly Rauch
Pro 2	Cynthia Kent
Pro 3	Jim Finch
Best in Show	Renea Eshleman
People's choice	Lauraette Kirkland



1 Lauraette Kirkland - People's Choice Award



2 Still Hopes awards: Renea Eshleman, Katty Hite, Harold Blackwood, Jim Finch, Ed Shmunes, Cyn Kent, Helen McDowell (Lauraette Kirkland, Debbie Watford and Holly Rauch not shown)

CAG TABLE POP UP SHOW AT THE GARDEN & RELIC – May 15

Updates on a show at the Garden & Relic (adjacent to The Warehouse). This is a table pop-up opportunity on the day of the May 15 West Columbia **Art on State, set-up beginning at 4:30, event from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM**. There will be space for six tables in the driveway between The Warehouse and the Garden & Relic. Participants will provide their own tables and displays. You **must** contact Skip Willits to reserve a space. Email Skip at skipw@sc.rr.com.

HOSPITALITY!

May 14 Buffet

May 14 - END OF YEAR BUFFET. CAG will provide meat. Everybody bring side items to share, you know...casseroles, desserts, salads...whatever is good for you. Please provide a serving dish of appropriate size and serving utensils. Let's make it special. We still plan to begin the business portion of the meeting at 6:30.

Judy Sellers facilitates treats at our meetings. We love the hospitable atmosphere food gives to our meetings and know you do too. Also, please arrive by 5:50 PM for setup. Questions? Contact Judy at JudynWade@aol.com.

MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Do you have news of activities that fellow Guild members need to know? Send information to cayceartsguild@gmail.com. Include in the subject line "newsletter."

Holly Rauch will begin teaching beginning dot art at Artistic Aspirations in June, dates TBA. She is also showing at the Palmettos Roadside Market on May 30 during the Lexington County Ag+Art event.

Wyatt Perkins will be a vendor at the May 9 Woodrow Marketplace.

Pete Holland and Renea Eshleman are participating in the Sip and Soiree Paint for the Day at Seven Oaks Plant and Gift Shop, 4520 and 4522 St. Andrews Road, also on May 9. The shops are at the corner of Piney Grove and St. Andrews Road.



Don't miss our 2nd annual
**WOODROW MARKETPLACE
MAY MARKET!**
A day full of fun activities, shopping, eating,
and more!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Prime Space Storage parking lot
7949 Broad River Rd.
Irmo 29063

**May 9th
11 am to 5 pm**

TONS OF FUN!
Car show, vendors, food, gifts, goodies, and more!
Local vendors Chapin Bagel, Soda Belle, Alsies of Columbia, and more!

SUPPORT LOCALS!
This market will benefit Sharing God's Love!

FOR MORE, CONTACT US: 803-440-7850

Dunk Gabriel Penfield, Irmo Town Council member, for charity!



May 9, 2026 from 9AM-3PM

Sip & Soirée
art for the day

www.sevenoaksplants.com

2026 South Carolina Ag + Art Tour

Be prepared to see animals, pick berries, learn about working farms, and enjoy local fresh produce, baked items and numerous artisan and artist vendors!

Find information and register at the Ag+Art website.

<https://www.agandarttour.com/>

Special invitation to participate on May 30 from Sammie at Locklair's Farm Supply

109 State Pond Rd, Gaston, SC

Call (803) 796-5657

STILL HOPES
Episcopal Retirement Community
presents

Three Artists, Three Styles
June 1 through July 31, 2026
HopeWell Gallery, One Still Hopes Drive

Opening Reception
Thursday, June 11
4:30 to 6 pm

Mountain Waves, Renea Eshleman

Almost Heaven, Nancy Tutten

Birds of a Different Feather, Gail Cunningham

ROTATIONS

Best Mattress Next rotation, Sunday, July 19, 3 PM 713

Meeting Street, West Columbia, SC

Facilitator: Skip Willits (803) 609-7424 skipw@sc.rr.com

Large work shows well in this spacious showroom. **Notify the facilitator** if you wish to show or have any questions. If you cannot be there for the scheduled time, let Renea or Skip know so they can make arrangements for you.

Currently showing: Zakiry Guin, Judy Sellers, Lauraette Kirkland, Sue Shrader, Margie Shelburg, Renea Eshleman, JJ Burton, Robert Johnson, Skip Willits, Ann Anrrich, Marion Mason, and Harold Blackwood

Tri-City Leisure Center

Next rotation TBA, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169 Facilitator: Chuck Mikell (803) 636-4026 mikell1425@att.net 2-D or 3-D, small works (16x20 or smaller) in a secure glass-fronted display. **Sign up with the rotation facilitator.** Sales happen often, especially for low-priced-gift items. Chuck plays pickle ball at TCLC so is there a couple of times each week. Contact him about having your work there too.

Currently showing are Chuck Mikell, Skip Willits, Trudy Dyer, and Renea Eshleman.

State of the Art Gallery and Pottery Studio (SOTA)

Next rotation Wednesday, July 8, 10:30 AM (NOTE change to second Wednesday of each quarter.)

2007 State Street, Cayce, SC 29033

Facilitator: Renea Eshleman (803) 767-5505

reshleman@sc.rr.com

2-D and 3-D; up to five pieces, no larger than 24x36.

You must let Renea know if you intend to show. The gallery owner requests a bio on each artist; the inventory form will be supplied when you commit to participate. Unless other arrangements are made, currently showing work must be picked up. The gallery collects prices and sales tax and retains thirty percent commission. Sales will be distributed on the 15th of the month following the end of the rotation period.

This rotation is typically scheduled the second Wednesday of each quarter (January, April, July, October).

Currently showing: Sandra Courie, Lauraette Kirkland, Sue Shrader, Renea Eshleman, Skip Willits, Harold Blackwood, Sharon Funderburk, Debbie Watford, Sue Shrader, Charles Hite, and Cynthia Kent.

Yummie Creations Next rotation Thursday, TBA, 2:00 (or after last customers are gone.)

Flight Deck Shopping Center

109 Old Chapin Road, Lexington, SC 29072

Facilitator: Robert Johnson (803) 542-3476 Bobj692001@yahoo.com

2-D, up to five pieces, no larger than 24x36. Hanging begins at 2 PM (or after the patrons finish their meals) so as not to interrupt the lunch hour service. **Sign up with the rotation facilitator.** Let him know whether you intend to leave work you have there, bring new work, remove your work, or will be a new participant.

Currently showing: Laura Kirkland, Marion Mason, Wyatt Perkins, Sandra Courie, Robert Johnson, Renea Eshleman, Sue Shrader, Carol Blackwood, and Harold Blackwood.



3 Thomas Dambo troll, currently in Omaha NE

