

CAYCE



ARTS GUILD

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CAG UPCOMING ACTIVITIES – MARCH/APRIL 2022		
Thursday, 3/10 – 6-8 PM	General meeting	Cayce Tennis & Fitness Center featuring mixed media artist Ginny Merett. Information about Ginny is below.
Sunday, 3/20, 3-5 PM	Art rotation	State & Frink
Saturday, 3/26, 11 AM-1 PM	Take-down Guild show	Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Center
Saturday, 4/2, 10 AM-5 PM	First Saturday – pop-up events, performers	State & Frink
Thursday, 4/14, 6-8 PM	General meeting	Cayce Tennis & Fitness Center featuring mixed media artist Ann Kinsinger
Saturday, 4/23 2-8 PM	Cayce Soiree (it's a party)	State Street from Poplar to Railroad

**DUES RENEWAL:**

**There are two levels of membership: basic \$25, or premium \$45. Think about making additional contributions, too! Descriptions are on the web site. Renew your dues by**

- **Paying Treasurer Charles Hite**
- **Mailing a check to CAG, PO Box 5557, Cayce, SC 29171**
- **Accessing the forms and Paypal link at the Guild's web site <https://www.cayceartsguild.org/>**

**PAINT GROUP**

**We've heard some interest in routinely getting together to paint, share information, and fellowship. Sandra Courie is checking about facilities at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center.**

**PLEIN AIR**

**Members have also inquired about plein air painting. Are you interested? Would you coordinate plein air outings?**

## OFFICERS

**Sandra Courie** agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. Thankfully, the slate “so far” includes currently serving Board Members. We desperately need help with special events. Would you be able to serve in this capacity? It would include organizing special events such as First Saturday, the Holiday Market, and/or the Soiree on State. Please let Sandra know! Renea has been pretty much facilitating these events but needs relief AND others need experience in organizing them.

**CAG’s by-laws allow addition of Board members. We’ll be seeking additional at-large members. The purpose is for at-large folks to become more familiar with the operation of the Guild and to, hopefully, step into other positions.**

Renea Eshleman, President  
Sandra Courie, Vice President  
Charles Hite, Treasurer

Katty Hite, Secretary  
Roy Paschal, At-Large  
Venetia Sharpe, At-Large

Ann Kinsinger, Web Master  
Sue Shrader, Hospitality  
Trudy Dyer, Programs

## A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT RENEA ESHLEMAN

**With a wonderful group of artists including John and Venetia Sharpe, Charles Hite, Skip Willits, and me, we began the Guild with many discussions in 2017. With the support of Cayce Mayor Elise Partin, CAG began meeting regularly in 2018. I am pleased to have served as president since the first election, nominated by former VP Gwen Wilson.**

**I didn’t expect to hold the position “in perpetuity.” My wish is for the organization to thrive and grow but we must have participants in the form of Board members including in the key president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer positions. Except for minor changes, the same people have served since our beginning. Please consider stepping up to assure that the Guild continues. I don’t want my legacy for CAG to be short-lived but rather for it to go on for years to come.**

Cayce Arts Guild’s (CAG) mission is to generate and support a vibrant arts community centered in Cayce for citizens of the Midlands to learn about, participate in, and enjoy art.



## Soiree on State April 23, 2022, 2-8 PM

The City has partnered with the Avenues Neighborhood Association to combine the Cayce Festival of the Arts with Soiree on State. This partnership expands the Soiree to include more artists; a free kid’s area with bounce courses, face painting and a balloon artist; food vendors, a variety of musicians, and fun all afternoon

long! Soiree on State will take place from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm along State Street, from Poplar Avenue to Railroad Street.

Details and participation requirements have not yet been released. We expect spaces in the Art Lot and at other venues will cost \$50. The Guild will likely reserve a space at the Art Lot where we will have material about the Guild and perhaps five members show several pieces of their work and split the cost.

**MARCH 10 GENERAL MEETING**  
**FEATURING MIXED MEDIA ARTIST GINNY MERETT**

Known for her eccentric collage works, Ginny Merett has been an artist and art educator in the Columbia community for over three decades. Through the years she used various media to create art but for the last decade has chosen to represent everyday events and people using collage techniques and processes.



Frankie and Johnnie

Ginny's work has won several awards and accolades. She was the cover and featured artist in *The Jasper Magazine*, Spring 2019 edition; and received First Place and Second Place Awards at the Rosewood Art and Music Festival, Best in Show at Time for Art sponsored by the Jasper Project. You can find her work exhibited at ArtFields, Koger Center for the Arts, Stormwater Studio, and other local venues.

Ginny was born and raised in Denver and has lived in South Carolina since 1987. Art has sustained Ginny throughout her life and is the cause for her every success. She constantly sewed, created, and treasured drawing as a child and sought out every art opportunity in school. Because art was such a passion of Ginny's youth, she studied art education and taught art in the public schools for 30 years. Check out her web site: <https://www.ginnymerett.com/>

You are welcome to bring a piece or two of your art to the meetings. Be prepared to give a few sentences about your inspiration or process.

**FIRST SATURDAY – April 2**  
**State & Frink, 2025 State Street, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

There's a lot going on April 2 including Open Studios! Several of our members who usually show and sell their work at First Saturday events have conflicts or are participating in another event. We can offer space at State & Frink if we have a sufficient number of participants. This is a great opportunity to show your work and support the Guild! There is no cost.

- You must let Renea know; while emergencies happen, but please reserve thoughtfully. Email, text, or call [reshleman@sc.rr.com](mailto:reshleman@sc.rr.com) 803.767.5505
- Bring your tents to set up on the grounds to show and sell. The Guild has several tents you must reserve, first-come, first served. Contact Renea.
- Inside space for five to six artists; outside space for eight.
- We'll have a food truck, and hopefully music and buskers.

Venetia and John Sharpe have invited artists to set up on the grounds of Southern Essence Distilling, 904 Frink Street. Call or email Venetia at (803) 446-7000 [sc3art@gmail.com](mailto:sc3art@gmail.com).

## **ART ROTATIONS**

One advantage to CAG membership is the opportunity to show your work at various venues around the area. Facilitating an exhibit involves clearing with the venue and setting date/time for artists to take their work and overseeing hanging. Each piece must have a display card that provides information about the work for patrons to contact the artist. Patrons arrange purchase details with the artist.

Security Federal Bank (12<sup>th</sup> St at Jarvis Chapman Blvd, West Columbia). There's limited space, four pieces on easels (provided). Sandra and Renea have two each now. We need someone to take over facilitating it. Definitely low key.

Schlotzsky's – Pat Gillam has agreed to facilitate (date for next rotation TBA).

Yummie's – Need facilitator. Sandra Courie and Renea freshened up the exhibit Tuesday, 2/22. They have excellent food.

Henry's – Katty Hite (date for next rotation TBA). Katty has been fabulously faithful in setting these up.

Tri-City Leisure Center – Rebecca Causey (date for rotation TBA). This display space will hold up about ten pieces, depending on size. The exhibit space is a locked, glass front cabinet. Max size per piece is 16x20.