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HOOVER ARTS ALLIANCE NEWS

After an absence the Hoover Arts Alliance Newsletter is back in print form. We have tried to keep you up by email copies of the newsletter but due to addresses being changed and other issues we have decided to try a print form again. We also welcome new members and friends to the Arts Alliance.

The Arts Alliance has been busy in the community with Grant projects, scholarships, and awards. This year alone we have given out \$3,000 worth of scholarships (see article), awarded \$4,000 in grants to the Birmingham Boys Choir, the Hoover Song Birds, the Hoover Library Fine Arts Department, and the Ben C. Rain Band program. The grant to the Ben C. Rain Band Program funded music and supplies for a band program featured on Al.com in South Alabama in a community that was economically distressed. It was a wonderful article of a dedicated band director working with practically nothing to bring the music experience to his students. We forget sometimes how fortunate we are here in Hoover. No student should be denied the opportunity of an art education. The Alliance also funded two art awards. One to the Bluff Park Art Association and the other Central Alabama Artists Guild.

We can only continue to do this work with your help. Your \$10 dues and other donations help us to continue supporting arts projects in the community. This is our mission and our passion.

The Purpose of the Hoover Arts Alliance is:

- to serve the City of Hoover as an organization for the promotion of the arts and artists.
- to provide information on art shows, art events and gallery exhibits to the public, event organizers and the Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce.
- to publish a directory of local artists and their media.
- to publish information about the location of art galleries in the City of Hoover.
- to provide art education opportunities through scholarships.

Hoover Arts Alliance Membership Application

(Please use the form below to become a new member or renew your existing membership)

Name _____ New Member? _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Are you an artist? _____ If so, what medium? _____

Would you like to give to the scholarship fund? _____ If so, amount _____

Would you like to volunteer? _____ If so, in what capacity? _____

Membership _____ Publicity _____ Special Events _____ Other _____

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http://hooverartsalliance.org/index_files/Page314.htm

THE HOOVER ART ALLIANCE AWARDS \$3,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Hoover Arts Alliance recently awarded two \$1,500 scholarships at a reception held at the Art and Soul Art Studio in Bluff Park. Victoria Gibbs an artist who plans to major in Art Therapy at UAB and Dalton Dismukes who plans to major in Music at Auburn University were honored for their talent and outstanding high school careers.

Victoria has been an assistant to Amy Anderson at her studio Art and Soul on Shades Crest Road for the past several years. She is a member of National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society. Victoria is not only an accomplished artist being named Hoover's Young Artist 2022, but also a performer in many of the theatrical works presented by Hoover High School. She is attending UAB on a Presidential Merit Scholarship.

Dalton Dismukes is Head Drum Major of the Hoover High School Band, an accomplished musician on three instruments, plays in a jazz band, sings in the Hoover High Choir, and is rehearsing for a play to be performed at school soon. He will be marching with the Hoover High Band in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York this year. All this while maintaining a 4.0 scholastic average. Dalton plans to major in music and music composition at Auburn University.

Hoover has so many talented students at the high school level. The Arts Alliance is happy to see that the high schools are enlarging and improving their theater facilities to showcase this talent.

If you are interested in joining the HAA go to HooverArtsAlliance.org for more information.



Artwork: Victoria Gibbs
Pictures: Dalton Dismukes



L to R: Carolyn Kolar (Hoover Arts Alliance President)
Dalton Dismukes (Award Winner)
Victoria Gibbs (Award Winner)
Robin Gerstenberg (HAA Board)

BOARD MEMBER NEWS

The Hoover Arts Alliance is proud to introduce two new members of our board. Amy Anderson is the owner of Art and Soul Studio on Shade Crest Road and a gifted artist. She has recently been elected to the board of the Bluff Park Art Association. Alex Gartman is also an artist who works extensively in the Birmingham area and the Southeast. We are so happy to have these wonderfully creative people with us.

The Board recently elevated Sara Perry and Winnie Cooper, artists all of you know, to Member Emeritus for their many years of service to the Hoover Arts Alliance. Board member Robin Gersentberg has been selected for Leadership Hoover. Amy Anderson has been elected to the board of the Bluff Park Art Association. Sandra Fuller and Linda Chastain have been named Members Emeritus by the Hoover Arts Council.

As you can see our board is active in the community and the arts at all levels. If you are interested in serving on our board please contact Carolyn Kolar or Linda Chastain at facebook.com/HooverArtsAlliance/ or Instagram.com/hooverartsalliance/

STATUS OF CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Approximately a year and a half ago the city announced that working with the owners of the Patton Creek shopping center the city was finally bringing an approximate 1200 seat performance center to Hoover with additional rooms for visual art workspace and also facilities for groups to meet. A study was done with input from the community. Many art groups, especially performing art organizations were very excited to finally have a community space. CURRENTLY THE ONLY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE SPACE IN THE CITY HOOVER IS THE 225 SEAT LIBRARY THEATER. This for a city of 90,000+.

The original concept was that Patton Creek would provide the property in their complex and the city would commit \$47M to build the facility. The City would lease/purchase the property and eventually own it. There would be a park area in front of the theater with a gazebo and area for outdoor concerts. All of this would be a part of a renaissance of Patton Creek bringing in more business, restaurants, and some upscale apartments. It would be a win/win for all it appeared.

For the past year we have heard that negotiations were progressing and agreement was imminent. Then last month the numbers and plan changed and now the city was planning to spend \$17M and Patton Creek would build and own the facility and the city would supply the interior items for the building. The city would be granted a 99-year lease. Time is dragging on and we appear no closer to the reality. Patton Creek has said they will go ahead with their revitalization beginning in June. Will there be a plan then?

Does the Hoover School Board know something? They are now going ahead with enlarging their theater/auditorium complexes. The original plan had them having access to the Center for the Arts. Are they tired of waiting?

As a member and /or supporter of the arts I feel you should be aware of these developments. I have advocated for a Center for the Arts the past 15 years. There was always another reason that it was not feasible. No money, no location, no Council support. Is that our fate again? I hope and pray not. If you care about this project talk to those you know in city government and encourage them give us a Center for the Arts we can be proud of. - Linda Chastain