

ART CONNECTION

Winter 2019 • Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

Empty Bowls

On February 23, the Dean Road Ceramics Studio and the Denson Drive Recreation Center will host the 6th annual Auburn-Opelika Empty Bowls event. Each year, the event alternates between taking place in Auburn and Opelika. For this year's event, it will take place at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center in Auburn.



Tickets are available for purchase at the Dean Road Ceramics Studio in Auburn starting Jan. 28. Tickets can be purchased for a \$20 minimum donation payable to the

Food Bank of East Alabama. The ticket holder receives a locally crafted ceramic bowl of their choosing that will be filled with soup donated by area restaurants at the event. The bowl each patron selects is meant to be kept as a reminder of those who face hunger every day.

Empty Bowls will also feature live musical entertainment, keynote speakers and an opportunity to win unique prizes! A limited number of tickets will be available so be sure to pick yours up Jan. 28!



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Through Feb. 25

Empty Bowls Exhibition/ Sale
Feb. 22/25

Annual Graphic Design
Juried Exhibition
March 4 - 8

Photo XX Juried
Photography Exhibition
March 25 - April 30



Wee Make Empty Bowls Class Reception

In the fight against hunger, even the youngest potter can make a difference! In the "Wee Make Empty Bowls" class, children become a part of the Empty Bowls event by making special bowls to help raise awareness about food insecurities in the Lee County area.

The class will hold a reception during which parents of our young potters will bring canned goods to exchange for their child's clay bowl. The reception will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. at the Dean Road Ceramics Studio.

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

The Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center was a holiday hub of fun events! The Polar Express was held on Dec. 1. Children were invited to wear their favorite pajamas and participate in activities such as holiday-themed crafts, sweets and treats, games and more. The multiple “train stops” completed with a hot chocolate car and a stop at the North Pole where they visited with Santa and experienced excerpts of the Nutcracker by the East Alabama Community Ballet. The event continues to be a success so make sure to hop aboard the Polar Express with us next year!

The Holiday Art Sale was held on Dec. 8. Citizens had the opportunity to purchase hand-crafted holiday gifts from area artists. This festive and unique shopping experience featured 100 artists and 10% of the sales were donated to the Auburn Arts Association. Artists sold holiday-themed art, paintings, pottery, culinary treats, wood-turned pieces and even pet portraits. Make sure to join us next year to get a jumpstart on your Christmas shopping!



WHAT'S GOING ON WITH



The Winter 2019 Invitational: 18 Women Artists

The Auburn Arts Association is currently hosting the Winter 2019 Invitational, “18 Women Artists,” in the Art Gallery at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. The exhibition is diverse, with a variety of current and earlier works from 17 area women artists. It includes works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media and textiles. Subject matter includes everything from landscapes and still lifes to abstractions and sculpture depicting nature. The public is invited to meet the artists at a reception Friday, Feb. 1 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The exhibition will be on display through Feb. 25.

Photo XX Juried Photography Exhibition Call for Entries

Artists and photographers residing in Alabama and adjacent states are invited to submit work for Photo XX, a competitive exhibition emphasizing photography as an art medium. Amateur and professional artists and photographers 17 years of age and over are eligible to enter three original works produced by traditional and non-traditional photographic techniques.

Entry is by submission of original works. Entry forms will be available at auburnarts.org and at the Arts Center in February. The show will be on view March 25 - April 30.

UPCOMING AACT PRODUCTIONS

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Join Auburn Area Community Theatre's (AACT) Young Performers for their performance of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, by Joseph Robinette. This production is a stage adaptation of C.S Lewis' beloved children's book.



This great adventure follows the Pevensie children as they explore the fantastical world of Narnia during a wartime evacuation. Faced with lions, witches, faun and more, Peter, Lucy, Susan and Edmund must learn to work together as a family and overcome their differences to save Narnia and fulfill the prophecy.

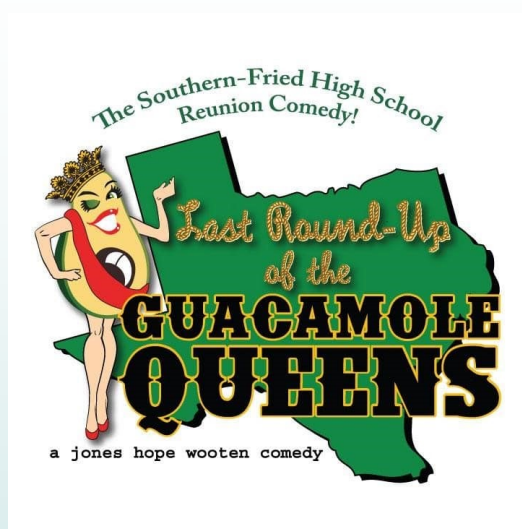
Performances will take place at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center on March 1, 2, 4 and 7 - 9 at 6:30 p.m. with matinees on March 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. Runtime is approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes including a 15 minute intermission.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Monday

March 4th is Family Night and all tickets are \$8. Call (334) 246-1084 or visit auburnact.org for ticket purchases and more information. Email info@auburnact.org for group rate information.

Open Auditions for The Last Round-Up of the Guacamole Queens

Auburn Area Community Theatre announces open auditions for *The Last Round-Up of the Guacamole Queens!* on February 25 and 26 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. No previous experience necessary! 9 women and 4 men are needed for this riotous Southern-Fried comedy.



The Verdeen cousins from Sweetgum, Texas are at it again! Gaynelle is reeling from the demise of her loathsome ex-husband, amorous Cousin Peaches can't find a date because men over 50 are horrified at her job as a mortuarial cosmetologist, and hot-tempered Jimmy Wyvett, the non-sense owner of the Wide Bride Bridal Boutique, is trying to live down an on-air cat-fight with a local televangelist. Other great roles include charming 80 year-old Uncle Aubrey, who is secretly romancing two sisters at the same time, CeeCee, the talk-show host, haughty Aunt LaMerle, and a mysterious classmate from back in the day, whose "best friend" is his evil hand-puppet! AACT needs YOU for this cast of crazy characters, ages 16 to 80's!

Come on either, or both, audition days and read from the scripts provided.

Others interested in volunteering with sets, props, and other off-stage areas are also welcome to come to auditions.

Contact Director Terry Kelley at Auditions@AuburnACT.org for more information. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays starting March 18. Performance dates are May 10 - 12 and 16 - 19.

Art

Creative Kids: Learn the classic drawing and painting techniques while using a variety of mediums. Ages 6-10.

Private & Semi-Private Art Lessons: Lessons for 2 students that offer watercolors, drawing, mixed media and much more. Ages 6+.

Arts and Crafts for Kids: Paper Quilling and Origami: Learn the beautiful art of paper quilling and origami in this class. Ages 6-12

Kids Can Paint: Paint Magic: Create unique and beautiful art using unusual mediums while also learning the techniques of stenciling, sponging, color combing and more. Ages 8-12

Anime Drawing: Amerimanga Superheroes: Learn basic drawing techniques while creating characters and your own style of drawing. Ages 12-17

Chinese Watercolor Painting: Create beautiful, simple landscapes using bamboo brushes, ink, and Chinese watercolor paints. Ages 15+

Adult Watercolor Studio: Flowers: A small group setting that teaches fun tips and tricks for painting beautiful flowers. Prior painting experience is preferred. Ages 16+

Open Studio: Artists come and work on their pieces. All mediums welcome. Ages 15+.

Open Studio – Night: Artists come and work on their pieces. All mediums welcome. Ages 18+.

Painting Open Studio: The purpose of this class is to provide artistic fellowship, to share ideas/work and to be with other artists. Ages 18+

Introduction to Portrait Painting: Learn to paint an oil painting step-by-step along with measuring techniques and a standard palette of flesh mixes. Ages 18+.

Dance

Dance with Me! Encourages expressing through movement by learning simple partner dances and practicing the basic movements used in dance (bending, stretching, jumping, turning, leaping, galloping and skipping). Ages 3+.

Auburn DanceWorks Pre-School Ballet: Students are encouraged to express themselves creatively while learning and practicing left/right orientation and simple movement skills that are the basis for ballet techniques taught in a formal ballet class (bending, stretching, jumping, turning, leaping, galloping and skipping). Ages 3 & 4.

Auburn DanceWorks Pre-Ballet: Pre-Ballet introduces students to formal ballet terminology and technique, encouraging the use of proper terms. Students will engage in traditional barre exercises and age appropriate movement while celebrating the uniqueness of each child. Ages 5 (By 9/1/2018)

Auburn DanceWorks Ballet I: At this level, students continue to practice ballet posture, simple barre, center, jumps, turns, port de bras and folk steps, with increased emphasis on outward rotation of the thighs, use of demi-pointe and 3rd position with increased emphasis on outward rotation of the thighs. Girls: Black leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes. Ages W 5 & 6, F 6 & 7

Dance Cont'd

AUSDA Friday Night Swing Dance: Join the Auburn University Swing Dance Association for swing dancing lessons and social dancing. Ages 13+.

Lindy Wednesday: Join us for our weekly social dance as we offer Intermediate dance lessons in Lindy Hop, Charleston, Balboa, Blues and Shag! Ages 14+.

Square Dance with the Village Squares: This dance program includes mainstream and plus square dancing, round dancing and line dancing. Couples and singles are welcome. Ages 16+.

Tango Práctica: Learn Argentine Tango, the most romantic and interesting dance in the world! Tango is a dance of improvisation - the man initiates the move and the woman responds. Tango is a dance of connection. Ages 16+.

Dance at Your Wedding: Engaged couples can learn to dance to "their song" for their wedding. Instruction will include both appropriate steps and, if the couple so desires, basic choreography. Ages 18+.

Special Interests

Purpose Filled Play: Baby: This class is designed to engage babies with the world around them through exploration and play. Ages 6-18 months

Purpose Filled Play: Toddler /PreK: This course is designed to help parents/caregivers engage with their child and guide them through exploratory play as well as gain ideas and inspiration for ways to continue purpose-filled play at home. Ages 1-4.

The Knight School Chess Academy: This class called "The Varsity" Welcomes beginners and experienced players alike. It is loads of fun, contact coach Davis for more info! Grades K-5.

English as a Second Language – Advanced Conversation: Build up your vocabulary and pronunciation skills on difficult words while reading news and magazine article and informative books. Ages 16+.

English as a Second Language – Level II: Improve your English speaking skills. We learn vocabulary, practice pronunciation, listening and reading. Ages 18+

Theatre

Act 1: Beginning acting classes that inspire imagination and creativity. Ages 5-8.

Act 2: Come have fun while learning the fundamentals of acting. Ages 9-12.

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe: Auditions– Dec. 10-11. Callbacks– Dec. 13, Performances– March 1-9.

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