

# ART CONNECTION

Winter 2020 • Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center



## Auburn Art Association's

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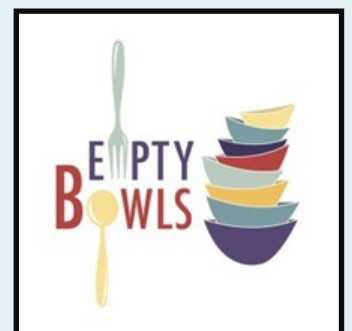
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Enjoy morning coffee, mimosas and breakfast treats –Scottish scones, Danish sweet rolls and French croissants – as you shop for gently-used, previously-loved yART. What, you ask, is yART? The answer to that question is in the eyes of the beholder. Maybe it's an itch for kitsch. Maybe it's pseudo-gallery art. Maybe it's "Hoarders" meets "Antiques Roadshow." Have fun deciding for yourself as you join us to support the Auburn Arts Association (AAA) on Saturday morning, Feb. 8, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Choose funky, campy and quirky treasures for your home and garden. There'll be art books, fabrics, old toys, jewelry, accessories, artifacts, vases, housewares, decorative items of questionable taste and more. We invite our AAA members to donate yART items to the sale. So search your attics, take something off your shelves, blow the dust off an old studio piece. Then come spend the morning with us, fortify yourselves with food and drink, and shop for "new" yART collectibles! We'll have fun as we raise money for scholarships and art education projects.

## Empty Bowls

On Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Dean Road Ceramics Studio and the Denson Drive Recreation Center will host the annual Auburn–Opelika Empty Bowls event. Each year, the event alternates taking place in Auburn and Opelika. For this year's event, it will take place at the Opelika Denson Drive Recreation Center. Tickets are available for purchase at the Dean Road Ceramics Studio in Auburn. Tickets can be purchased for a \$10 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 tasty 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.

A limited number of tickets are available so pick yours up soon! For more information, contact Lila Stone, Art Education Specialist, at 334.501.2944 or by email at [lstone@auburnalabama.org](mailto:lstone@auburnalabama.org).



### Winter 2020 Exhibition Schedule:

- ◆ New Works 2020  
(Feb. 13 - March 20)
- ◆ Photo XXI Juried  
Photography Exhibition  
(March 23 - April 27)

# Holiday Highlights at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

The Arts Center had a busy two weeks of holiday fun! The Polar Express Holiday Celebration was held on Dec. 7. Children and their family wore their favorite pajamas and hopped aboard the Polar Express, with different stations featuring a dining car with hot chocolate, story time with Mrs. Claus, Santa's workshop and even Santa Claus himself at the North Pole! The Auburn University Jazz Quartet was the hit band at the North Pole, playing some classic holiday tunes for everyone in attendance.

The next weekend, Dec. 14, was the Holiday Art Sale. This sale featured over 100 local artists showcasing holiday-themed art, paintings, pottery, culinary treats, wood-turned pieces and even pet portraits. Artists donated ten percent of the sales to the Auburn Arts Association. We received many comments that this year's sale was the best yet! It's always a great sale to find unique gifts that everyone enjoys.



## Upcoming Exhibitions & Events by the Auburn Arts Association

yART Sale (Feb. 8, 8 a.m.—2 p.m.): A creative spin on the traditional yard sale. This fundraiser will feature unusual items and quirky treasures.

New Works 2020 (February 13 - March 20): New works and special projects by selected area and regional artists.

Photo XXI Juried Photography Exhibition (March 23 - April 27): A competitive exhibition open to area artists and photographers.

## 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 very soon at [auburnarts.org](http://auburnarts.org) and at the Arts Center and will be due on March 18. The show will be on view March 23 – April 27.



# UPCOMING AACT PRODUCTIONS

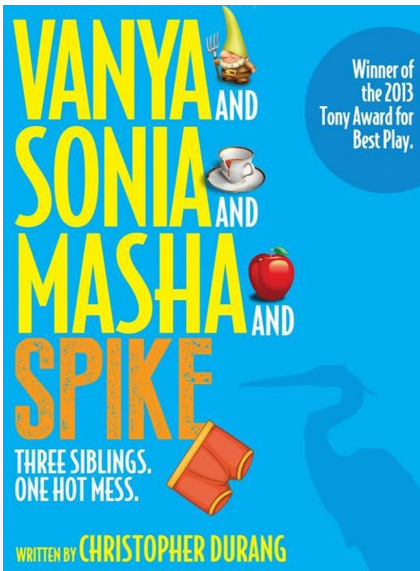
## High School Musical, Jr.

This Feb., the Auburn Area Community Theatre (AACT) is putting on High School Musical, Jr. Troy, Gabriella and the talented students of East High sing and dance their way through issues of love, friends and family while balancing their classes and extra-curricular activities. AACT looks forward to performing this energetic show! Performances will be held on 2/28, 2/29, 3/2 and 3/5 - 3/7 at 6:30 p.m., with a matinee on 2/29 and 3/7 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at [auburnact.org](http://auburnact.org).



## Vanya, Sonia, Masha and Spike

Vanya and his adopted sister, Sonia, live a quiet life in the Pennsylvania home where they grew up but their peace is disturbed when their movie-star sister returns home with her boy-toy, Spike, with plans to sell the old farmhouse. A weekend of rivalry and regret begin! Performances will be held on 5/8, 5/9 and 5/14 – 5/16 at 7 p.m., with a matinee on 5/10 and 5/17 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at [auburnact.org](http://auburnact.org).



## Open Auditions for Vanya, Sonia, Masha and Spike

Open auditions for two men and four women of any race or age for this award winning comedy by Christopher Durang - no experience required!

Come either March 2 or 3, to read from provided lines and interact with the group.

Call backs will be held on March 5 by invitation and listed on website by March 4

at 3 p.m. **More details will be available at [auburnact.org](http://auburnact.org) after Feb 1.**

## Summer Theatre and Art Camp Dates Available Feb. 1

The Auburn Area Community Theatre (AACT) and Auburn Arts Association are currently coordinating summer theatre and art camps. Art Camps, created by Chichi Lovett and coordinated by Cindy Davino and Sara Custer, focus on a variety of age appropriate classes taught by area artists, art educators and guest artists. Theatre Camps, coordinated by Melanie Brown with AACT, focus on acting, music, choreography and character development.

These camps are great way to expose children to performance arts and art education while keeping them social this summer. Dates for these camps will be available Feb. 1 at [auburnalabama.org/arts](http://auburnalabama.org/arts). For more info, contact the Arts Center at 334.501.2963 or email Sara Custer at [scuster@auburnalabama.org](mailto:scuster@auburnalabama.org).

# Classes at JDCAC

## Art

### **Arts and Crafts for Kids: Paper Quilling and Origami:**

Learn the beautiful art of paper quilling and origami in this class. Ages 6 - 12

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

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

**Come Knit With Us:** All levels welcome to come bring your knitting project and discuss new books, techniques, tips and more. All ages

**Eco Print and Book Binding Workshop:** A two-day workshop where attendees will learn the art of Eco-printing. Ages 8+

**IAMBK Creative Art and Technology:** Classes provide opportunities for students to use their imaginations to create works of art via drawing, photography, Claymation and digital software. Grades K - 12

**Kids Can Draw: Sea Creatures:** Learn to draw using simple shapes and proportions, including sharks, whales, turtles, dolphins and more. Ages 8 - 12

**Kids Can Paint: Pop Art:** Students will explore the artwork of six famous pop artists, while encouraged to explore his or her own artistic style. Ages 8 - 12

**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+

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

**Smartsy:** Students will explore the “how” and “why” we make art. Beginners and intermediate artists welcome. Ages 9+

## Dance

**Auburn Danceworks Preschool Ballet:** Students are encouraged to express themselves creatively while learning and practicing left—right orientation and simple movements skills. Must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2019. Ages 3 & 4

**Auburn Danceworks Pre-Ballet:** Students will engage in traditional barre exercises and age-appropriate movement while celebrating the uniqueness of each child. Students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2019. Ages 5 & 6

**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+

## Dance Cont'd

**Wednesday Night Hoppers:** Swing dancers can learn a choreographed dance with the intent to perform for an audience.

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

**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

**AASMA—Scale Plastic Modeling:** Auburn Area Scale Modelers Association focuses on Scale Plastic Modeling, Aircraft, Armor, Ships, Cars, and Sci-Fi models of all scales and media. Ages 12 - 17

**Auburn Robotics Camp: Remote Controlled Valentine’s Box:** Kids can choose from themed kits and decorate a Valentine's Box, then remote-controlled lights and movement is added to create an unforgettable Valentine’s experience. Ages 6 - 12

**Creative Writing:** A class focusing on the foundations of writing fiction and non-fiction journaling. Ages 12 - 17

**English as a Second Language - Level I:** Beginner students can improve their English to fit public settings. Ages 16+

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

**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+

**The Knight School Chess Academy:** Beginners and experienced players welcome. The Knight School is a nationwide chess party that coaches over 2500 kids each week. Ages 5 - 12

## Theatre

**AACT Academy Winter Team:** Acting classes for beginning to advanced students. Jr: ages 3 - 5, Act I: ages 5 - 8, Act II: ages 9 - 11, Act III: ages 12 - 18

**From Script to Stage: Bringing the Play to Life:** This course focuses on analyzing a script, reading and interpreting stage directions, creating cues, assigning staging, planning set design and prop management, and other aspects. Ages 13+

**High School Musical, Jr.:** Disney Channel’s smash hit movie comes to life on stage by the AACT!

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