



Welcome to the Sawnee Association of the Arts! We are pleased that you have joined our growing volunteer organization. We truly hope that your membership with us proves to be an exciting and enriching experience, and we look forward to working with you to help you achieve your goals, whether they are to connect with and learn from other artists, improve your professional skills, explore opportunities for growth or to simply expand your current knowledge and support of the local art community.

As a member, you are invited and encouraged to attend our meetings which are currently publicized via an eblast from [sawneeart@gmail.com](mailto:sawneeart@gmail.com). Please add this address to your contacts so that you will receive the eblasts. These meetings are an excellent way to stay current on upcoming events, meet other artists, enjoy some refreshments and learn from featured guest speakers from time to time. Members also automatically receive email /mail announcements that may be of interest to you. Since opportunities can and often do arise throughout the year, attending our meetings is the best way to stay informed of any special events or meeting changes. We also advertise our meeting information in the Forsyth County News in the Community Event section. Look for meeting, event information and member news on our website, [www.sawneeart.org](http://www.sawneeart.org). If you are on Facebook, please visit our page, "Sawnee Association of the Arts" and "Like" us.

Be sure to check for an eblast and our website announcing upcoming meetings and events. Our meetings are typically held on the fourth Monday night of the month. Locations are announced on our website and in the eblasts.

An advantage to becoming involved in SAA is the opportunity – and support—it provides for displaying and marketing your artwork at a number of impressive venues. We are providing the attached hanging instructions, which you will find useful for our art shows and venues. Artwork must comply with these hanging instructions. A current member roster and By-Laws will be available to you upon joining our organization.

Again, welcome! We are delighted to have you as a new member, and we look forward to growing with you! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time!

Sincerely, Alison Sims, President; Kim Romaner, Vice President; Heather Tennant, Secretary; Mary Warren, Treasurer; Shirley Jarvis, Membership Chair, [Shirleyj1212@yahoo.com](mailto:Shirleyj1212@yahoo.com)

Sawnee Association of the Arts DBA Cumming Arts Center

111 Pilgrim Mill Road

Cumming, GA 30040

678-936-6422

[sawneeart@gmail.com](mailto:sawneeart@gmail.com)



## Art Gallery & Gift Shop

SAWNEEART.ORG (678)936-6422

111 PILGRIM MILL ROAD | CUMMING, GA 30040



- Art Classes
- Exhibitions & Art Shows
- Seasonal Events

### HOURS:

Wednesday-Saturday 11:00AM-3:00PM



### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

- Forsyth County Arts Alliance
- City of Cumming
- United Community Bank
- Kris & Rob Straukas
- Dick & Carole Kjellsen
- Beaver Toyota
- Jason Taylor Moving & Storage
- Other Sponsors

TheCummingArtsCenter

Cumming Arts Center



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Waiver Release

- The parties known as the Sawnee Association of the Arts, hereafter referred to as SAA, dba Cumming Arts Center, hereafter referred to as CAC, acknowledges that the artist whose name appears in the online submission has furnished the SAA/CAC with the items described within the online submission. THE ARTIST'S ACCEPTANCE ALSO SERVES TO DECLARE THAT ARTWORKS ARE original pieces of art produced by the artist.
- As with all exposure to the public there is risk of theft and damage to artist's merchandise. SAA dba CAC and the CITY OF CUMMING assume no responsibility for loss or damage to merchandise/ARTWORK offered for public viewing. The artist is encouraged to obtain insurance on his/her own. Artists assume all risk of loss, theft, or damage for all items offered for sale or for display during any event on site at the Cumming Arts Center.
- If you participate in outside shows, please do not remove gift items from the Cumming Arts Center to take to your shows. If you removed pieces for outside shows, please hang or place an equivalent piece in its place or place a sold sign.
- If you are exhibiting in the gallery or gift shop, it is encouraged that you volunteer to help keep the Cumming Arts Center open. Volunteering for two 4-hour shifts during the exhibition timeframe is suggested. This gives our artists the opportunity to get inspired, meet other members, greet visitors and become more familiar with the organization. Sign up for your gallery shifts on the sawneeart.org website on the Volunteer Here page and click on the signup genius button at the top of the page.
- This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia and it shall be the responsibility of CAC to collect and pay to the state of GA any sales taxes that are due. Sawnee Association of the Arts/dba/Cumming Arts Center. It is organized as a 501 c 3 and cannot act solely as a retail business. Sales and sale of all artwork offered for sale in the gallery, since all sales are processed through the Gift Shop. Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, a 25% commission fee will be charged for each item sold; this includes all artwork and Gift Shop items.
- Any artwork not picked up after 2 months from an exhibit will become the property of SAA / CAC, so please be respectful and pick up promptly.
- Any items placed in the gift shop, can remain for 4 months, after which the Art Center will contact you to pick up or change out.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date artwork is checked-in: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Initials of Volunteer accepting artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person picking up artwork: \_\_\_\_\_ Date artwork is picked up: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Initials of Volunteer delivering artwork back to artist: \_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Waiver Release

### Gallery Artwork delivered to the Cumming Arts Center

	Name of Work	Medium	Price
1			
2			
3			

Exhibit Fee: Cash  Credit/Debit Card  Check  Check # \_\_\_\_\_

### Gift Shop Waiver - Items delivered to the Cumming Arts Center

A maximum total of 15 items allowed at any given time or up to the discretion of the House. Items accepted into the Gallery Gift Shop will be on a rotational basis of approximately 4 months or until notified.

	Description	Qty	Price
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**Sawnee Association of the Arts, Inc (DBA: Cumming Arts Center)**

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM**

Please complete the application on the back and submit it with your payment to:

**Sawnee Association of the Arts, 111 Pilgrim Mill Road, Cumming, GA, 30040**

Or you can apply and pay online: [www.sawneeart.org](http://www.sawneeart.org)

The Sawnee Association of the Arts, dba Cumming Arts Center, is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing a rich visual arts experience for Cumming, Forsyth County, and residents of the surrounding areas. We achieve this by fostering a culture of creativity, innovation, imagination, and appreciation of the arts.

Among our many members are artists who work in oil, watercolor, acrylic, and other media, potters, wood turners and other 3D artists, photographers, and more. During the year there are many opportunities for these artists to participate in exhibits and shows.

The Arts Center is run entirely by member volunteers and relies on income from membership dues, local sponsors, exhibitor fees, fundraisers, and grants. We encourage you to participate.

### **The Cumming Arts Center, located in the downtown area, offers:**

- **Visual Arts Program** consisting of: **Art Exhibits** in our 5 gallery rooms; **Art Shows** of our member's work with a complimentary community reception with awards; **Christmas Arts & Crafts Festival at Lanier Tech**; **Visual Arts Outreach** – we seek opportunities to give back to the community.
- **Art Education Program** consisting of: **Art Classes featuring** instructor led classes (from beginner to advanced) , group and private lessons in multiple mediums, as well as an open studio for artists who wish to collaborate; **Educational Outreach** – We host multiple Forsyth County student and art teacher exhibits each year. Our artists give of their time to paint with students and seniors.
- **Artisan Shop** offering handmade, local arts & craft, such as wood turning, jewelry, pottery, paintings and books.
- **Member Gathering**, where members meet to enjoy an artist presentation, show-and-tell session, where artists can talk about their current work, and a networking session to mingle with other passionate artists.

### **Benefits of Being a Member:**

- Belong to a part of the Art Culture in Forsyth County
- Be a part of a community of Artists
- Participate in Monthly Member Meetings and Learn creative techniques; Share your current project with others; Network with like-minded Artists in developing your passion; and Fellowship with and encourage others
- Participate in SAA-sponsored Art Events at a reduced fee
- Participate/Volunteer in the Art Center
- Take Advantage of Special Offers on Art Classes
- Membership fees and donations are tax-deductible

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Memberships Dues:**

- Student \$25 (14-25)
- Individual \$50
- Couple \$75
- Family Plan\* \$100

\*Includes 2 adults and up to 4 children (under 18)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership Year: \_\_\_\_\_

- New
- Renewing

Payment Type: Cash  Credit/Debit Card  Check  Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Volunteer taking payment \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Member**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Joint Member**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium: Check all that apply

- Oil
- Watercolor
- Acrylic
- Pastel
- Sketching
- Glass
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I understand that my likeness or the likeness of my artwork may be used by Sawnee Association of the Arts for incidental advertising, website images, media, and other purposes. I further understand that no special compensation will be provided for the use of my image and that I may not be informed in advance of the specific use of my image.

Note: images on the website cannot be downloaded.

In what activities would you like to participate:		How did you hear about us?
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet and Greet Fellow Artists <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitions/Shows/Events <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitions/Shows/Events <input type="checkbox"/> Sell your art <input type="checkbox"/> Ideas for Gallery Growth/Improvements <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/Sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/Reception Food <input type="checkbox"/> Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Publicity/Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph Events <input type="checkbox"/> Demo Technique <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop/Gallery Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Another Member <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Website Other _____



# 2025 CUMMING ARTS CENTER OFFICERS



**Alison Sims**  
**PRESIDENT**

Alison Sims was born in Kent, England. At an early age, the family immigrated to Vancouver, BC. Both parents were artistic, studying architecture, drawing, painting and sewing, which was a great influence. She studied fine art in college, and later worked in the field of pulp and paper,

concentrating on customer service. This brought her to Atlanta in 2000 where she met her husband and in 2016 moved to Cumming. Now, in retirement, she can dedicate her time to fine arts again. She purchased her first digital camera in 2007, and her greatest joy is primarily shooting landscape, wildlife, nature and anything old and rusty. In the last few years, she picked up a paint brush, concentrating on oil on canvas, some watercolor, gouache and felting. She is naturally inquisitive and loves to learn new techniques and meet fellow artists. Since finding the Cumming Arts Center, she is excited to be a member of its growing arts community and hopes to see member artists at its many upcoming events, especially the Christmas Festival at Lanier Tech in November which includes so many talented artisans from the area.



**Kim Romaner**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

Kim Romaner and her husband Michael moved to Cumming in the summer of 2024, and she was immediately attracted to the Cumming Arts Center—a hub for artists, art lovers, unique gift makers and shoppers, and so much more! Kim is a technologist and entrepreneur who has founded three small businesses: a certified Apple reseller, a business and technology consulting firm, and a business brokerage. She also has a corporate background with the Miami Herald and other companies and hopes to bring everything she's learned to the benefit of the Sawnee Arts Association and the Cumming Arts Center. She's a published author and writer and has in the last few years picked up the paintbrush to express her creativity in new ways. Her favorite art modalities are acrylic abstracts and landscapes, as well as the occasional watercolor landscape. Kim always wants to learn new art techniques, and the classes she's already taken at the Cumming Arts Center have helped her enormously.



**Heather Tennant**  
**SECRETARY**

Heather Tennant hails from Massachusetts and served in the US Army for 10 years. She has traveled extensively around the world, visiting cathedrals, ruins and learning about various cultures and art perspectives. She has a strong business, finance and

entrepreneurial background, including as a small business owner. A life-long lover of all forms of art, photography was her first real passion. She has been shooting photos since the age of seven. Heather encourages others to tap into their creative side in any medium that speaks to them.



**Mary Warren**  
**TREASURER**

Mary Warren works in finance and is all about numbers. Yet ten years ago she picked up a paint brush and started taking art classes. There blossomed the love and challenge of creating art on canvas. To nourish her growing love for art, she became a member of the Cumming Arts Center. At her first member meeting, there was an announcement that there was an opening to fill the Treasurer position on the Board and she answered. She is honored to give her time and financial expertise as Treasurer to a non-profit organization where artists can flourish and give back to the Cumming community. She realizes and is thankful she has found the perfect intersection of art and numbers.



# 2025 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTERS



## Art McNaughton ADVISORY COUNCIL

Art McNaughton, CEO of the Atlanta Artists Center, is an Advisory Council Member for the Cumming Arts Center. Art gained a deep appreciation for architecture while working alongside his father as a tuck pointer in Chicago. He says this

experience instilled in him a strong work ethic and a love for painting architectural structures. He particularly enjoys depicting the interplay of light, reflections, and surfaces. He combines this passion with a fascination for glass and metal reflections, primarily found in the automotive world.



## Alan Young ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wildlife artist Alan R. Young is well known throughout the south for his birds of the Appalachian illustrations. He specializes in birds, not only for the variety of species, but for his love of nature. Since that time, Alan has won numerous fine art awards, with works in

private and corporate collections from the United States to Europe; both prints and originals. Included are the New York, Ohio, and Georgia Audubon societies, Coke-Cola, Georgia Power, and others. He is considered one of the top wild bird artists in the southeast, often featured in national and regional publications. Other noteworthy accomplishments include the creation of the North Georgia Wildlife Arts Festival, and the judging of various other art festivals and events and instruction in Dry-Brush Watercolor technique.



## Ellen Lewis ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ellen Lewis is an Atlanta artist who has been honing her creative skills as a fine artist since her first paid art job at 16 years old as a calligrapher. She graduated from the School of Visual Arts in 1992 with a BFA in 3D Design and Illustration and a minor in Graphic

Design. She says her artistic thought process is based on "the desire to make ideas come to life." Her 3D work has been featured in package design, 1996 Olympic events, movies, television, high-end holiday decor, Broadway, and residential construction. In addition, some of Lewis' noted interactive Fine Art 3D work has been on display on MTV, The New York Art Directors Club, and The Whitney Museum of American Art in Manhattan. "I visualize in raw, vibrant color" she says. "Color is my driving force. Color can evoke just about every emotion".



## Gregory Johnson CONSULTING ARTIST

Gregory Johnson, Sculptor, is a Consulting Artist for the Cumming Arts Center. Gregory was born in Chicago and one of a very small group of sculptors whose public art commissions we see around us in Forsyth County and beyond. He moved to Atlanta in 1981 and

has created a large body of bronze statuary in a variety of themes, including depictions of famous historical figures, art patrons, and children. In 2012, modern art began to dominate his thinking, prompting him to create contemporary stainless-steel sculptures. Currently, Gregory works in his studio in Cumming and has a team of 175 subcontractors, including designers, engineers, foundry workers, fabricators, and other specialists, who help him produce a wide range of monumental works - over 1500 to date - located in 44 states and 7 countries. One of his sculptures is on display currently on the Cumming Arts Center grounds.





## ABOUT THE CUMMING ART CENTER

The Cumming Arts Center/Sawnee Association of the Arts (CAC/SAA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer organization. It has been based at various locations over the years until, in 2018, it leased the City of Cumming's Brannon-Heard House at 111 Pilgrim Mill Road.

The organization has a long history dating back to 1970, when it was established by a small group of art enthusiasts to meet the need for an art culture presence in Forsyth County. It has since evolved into a vital community asset with over 200 members and serves as a hub for visual arts for Cumming and residents throughout Forsyth County.

In addition to member exhibits, the new year will feature a wide variety of art adventures, including Forsyth County events highlighting the work of art students and local non-members as well as continuing to host the 22nd Annual Christmas Festival at Lanier Tech. The Center's 2025 schedule includes art classes in various media, open studio hours, and other existing opportunities for dedicated art professionals, aspiring artists, and hobbyists.



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