



Membership Packet



Welcome to the Cumming Arts Center / 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. Please add this address to your contacts so that you will receive the ebasts. 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 meetings, event information and member news on our website, www.cummingartscenter.org. If you are on Social Media, please follow us on Facebook, "CummingArtsCenter" and "thecummingartscenter" on Instagram.

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 ebasts.

An advantage to becoming involved in CAC/SAA is the opportunity – and support—it provides for displaying and marketing your artwork at a number of impressive venues. Attached or within this member packet, you will find hanging instructions, bylaws and other important documents, which you will find useful for our art shows and venues. Artwork must comply with these hanging instructions.

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

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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 grew up in Chicago and graduated with a BFA from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. Always being fascinated by realistic painting styles, Art adopts this style in much of his work. 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. His depictions of autos and motorcycles was the introduction to work for Warner Brothers television and the "Black Lightning" TV series. More recently he has worked on the Netflix movie "Reptile."



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 ARTS 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.



Art Gallery & Gift Shop

CUMMINGARTSCENTER.COM (678)936-6422



- Art Classes
- Exhibitions & Art Shows
- Seasonal Events

2025 EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

JANUARY 15TH - MARCH 1ST

"Resolutions" MEMBER Art Exhibit

Theme: Resolutions: Glance Forward, Look Back
Cumming Arts Center

MARCH 5TH - APRIL 26TH

"Color!" MEMBER/NON-MEMBER Art Exhibit

Theme: Color -- bright, bold, moody, muted & expressive
Cumming Arts Center

APRIL 30TH - JUNE 28TH

"Windows to the World" MEMBER/NON-MEMBER Art Exhibit

Theme: Let us take a look into your world!
Cumming Arts Center

JUNE 7TH

World of Art Festival

Explore the arts from around the world: art, music, dance & more
Cumming Arts Center

JULY 2ND - AUGUST 23RD

"Summer in the City" MEMBER/NON-MEMBER Art Exhibit

Theme: Anything goes! Showcase what summer means to you!
Cumming Arts Center

AUGUST 27TH - OCTOBER 25TH

"Medley of Mediums" MEMBER/NON-MEMBER Art Exhibit

Theme: Think outside the box & show off different mediums!
Cumming Arts Center

OCTOBER 29TH - NOVEMBER 29TH

Forsyth Schools Art Exhibit

Artwork by Forsyth County High School Students & Art Teachers
Cumming Arts Center - SECOND FLOOR

OCTOBER 29TH - JANUARY 2026

"Muse: An Inspiration" MEMBER Art Exhibit

Theme: What or who inspires you?
Cumming Arts Center - FIRST FLOOR

OCTOBER 29TH - DECEMBER 20TH

Christmas Market

Artisanal gifts by local artists
Cumming Arts Center

NOVEMBER 8TH - NOVEMBER 9TH

Christmas Arts & Crafts Festival

Artisanal gifts by local vendors & artists, food, Santa & more!
LANIER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NOVEMBER 12TH - DECEMBER 20TH

Festival of Trees

Artist decorated trees, ready to take home
Cumming Arts Center





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

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
- ☐ Individual \$50
- ☐ Couple \$75 (\$50 for 2024)
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Woodworking
- ☐ Textile
- ☐ Jewelry
- ☐ Pottery/Clay
- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Cooking
- ☐ Mixed
- ☐ Other _____

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- ☐ Jewelry
- ☐ Pottery/Clay
- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Cooking
- ☐ Mixed
- ☐ Other _____

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.

- ☐ I understand and agree

In what activities would you like to participate:

- ☐ Meet and Greet Fellow Artists
- ☐ Exhibitions/Shows/Events
- ☐ Sell your art
- ☐ Ideas for Gallery Growth/Improvements
- ☐ Exhibitions/Shows/Events
- ☐ Fundraising/Sponsorship

- ☐ Hospitality/Reception Food
- ☐ Instructor
- ☐ Marketing/Publicity/Social Media
- ☐ Photograph Events
- ☐ Demo Technique
- ☐ Gift Shop/Gallery
- ☐ Other _____



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 1st, 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
1			
2			
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12			
13			
14			
15			



Sawnee Association of the Arts

Member Reward Challenge



Have a current member initial when you complete each task. When all steps are completed, turn in this sheet to a board member and receive a calendar.

1. Attend three Members & Friends meetings Date _____
Date _____
Date _____
2. At a meeting, serve as a greeter to members and guests and record attendance. Date _____
3. Bring a Guest/Membership Prospect to a meeting. Date _____
4. Participate in Show & Tell at a meeting Date _____
5. Volunteer to help check-in and install a new exhibit Date _____
6. Participate in a special event such as SAA Festivals as a volunteer or vendor Date _____
7. Volunteer as a Greeter or Salesperson at the CAC during gallery open days. Date _____
8. Take Salesperson training for the iPad Date _____

Bonus Points: In addition to the tasks above, if you complete two or more of the following, you will receive entry into one exhibit at no cost.

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|---|------------|
| Teach a class or workshop | Date _____ |
| Present a Program at a meeting | Date _____ |
| Participate in Santa's Workshop 3 times | Date _____ |
| | Date _____ |
| | Date _____ |
| Take 2 classes or workshops within a year | Date _____ |
| | Date _____ |

SAA Framing Requirements

Each Piece to be displayed must be framed in accordance with the following guidelines. These guidelines are just good practice for selling and presenting your artwork in a professional manner to the public.

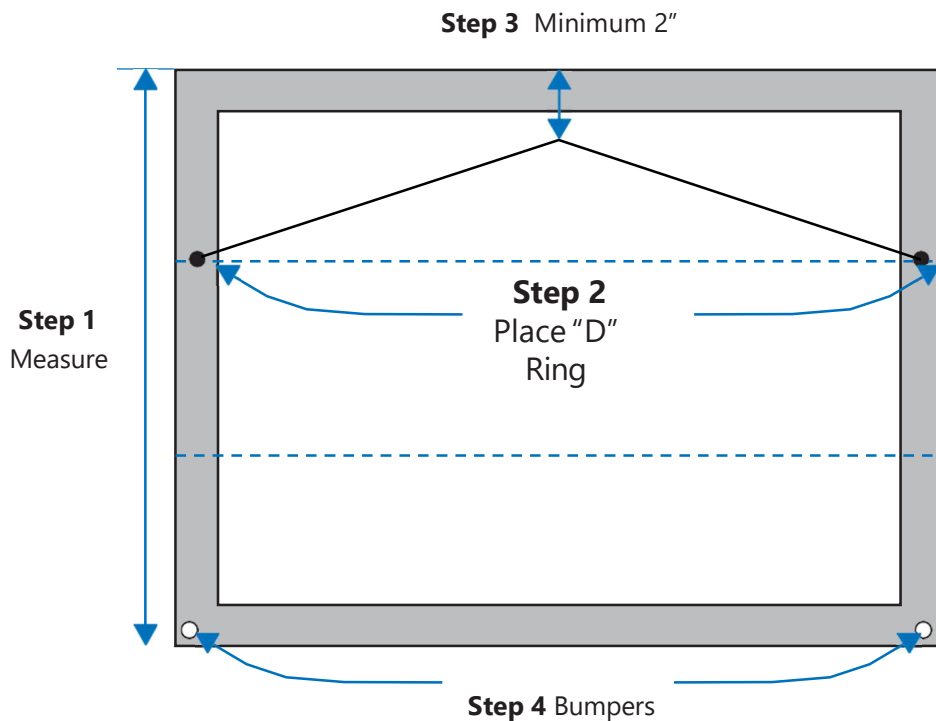
Pieces without proper hanging hardware will not be displayed.

Step 1: Measure the vertical height of the frame and divide by 3.

Step 2: Place "D" ring (A) in the frame, not the backing, at 1/3 from the top of the frame (measurement from step 1) *NO sawtooth hangers (B).*

Step 3: Stretch picture wire so peak is a minimum 2" from the top of the frame.
NO string, cord or other substitutes for picture wire.
(2" minimum ensures the wire and wall hook will be hidden behind the frame).

Step 4: Add bumpers to the bottom corners of the frame to prevent wall abrasions while hanging.



TIP: "D" rings, picture wire and bumpers can be purchased at Lowes and Home Depot.

- Pieces with backing have a more professional appearance.
- Label your artwork. Attach a business card or use the tags provided to help a buyer find out more about you or collect more of your work later.
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- Gallery-wrapped canvases that are 1 1/2" – 2" may be unframed, but all edges must be painted and a hanging wire must be attached in the same manner as with the framed art.

Entry #1:

Title:

Medium:

Price:

Artist:

Phone:()

Email:

Entry #2:

Title:

Medium:

Price:

Artist:

Phone:()

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Entry #3:

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Entry #4:

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Artist:

Phone:()

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Entry #5:

Title:

Medium:

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Artist:

Phone:()

Email:

**BYLAWS
Of
SAWNEE ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS, INC.**

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The legal name of the incorporated non-profit organization shall be the Sawnee Association of the Arts Inc. to be known as SAA. SAA was incorporated and registered as a 501c3 non-profit organization with the State of Georgia on 12-15-1980, as #JO13214.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of SAA is to bring together artists and advocates of the arts to foster and promote the appreciation of visual arts.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Member Qualifications

Membership shall be available to any person.

Section 2 – Membership Classification

- Individual Membership: A person who has paid annual dues.
- Family Membership: Limited to two members of the same household who have paid annual membership dues at a reduced rate.
- Student Membership: A student who is enrolled in high school or college, interested in the visual arts and has paid a reduced rate.
- Honor Membership: A person who has been granted membership in recognition of service to SAA.
- Patron Membership: One who has contributed a minimum annual amount of \$250.
- Corporate Membership: Business partners who wish to support and promote the arts through generous donations.

Section 3 – Member Dues

Dues shall be paid on an annual basis (due by the end of February). Members who join after September 30 shall have dues extended to cover the next calendar year.

Section 4 – Member Meetings

- Member Meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the President.
- The October Member Meeting shall be designated as forum to elect new officers for following year.
- Minutes of Member Meetings will be reported at the next SAA Member meeting.

Section 5 – Member Voting

- Members shall have the right to vote on the election of new officers.
- Members shall have the right to vote on any amendments to the SAA By-Laws.
- Members shall be notified at least 1 month prior to the vote and shall be supplied with voting information, including date and time.
- A two-thirds vote of those members present at the voting shall be required for a vote to pass.

Section 6 – Member in Good Standing

A member shall be considered “in good standing” if their annual dues are paid.

ARTICLE 4. OFFICERS

Section 1 - Officers

The elected officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2 - Duties of Officers

Officers shall fulfill the following duties of their office.

President – The President shall preside over all meetings of SAA; identify committees as necessary for the efficient operation of the organization and appoint the chairpersons of all standing committees. The President will serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors and may vote to break a tie. By virtue of their office, the President serves in an advisory role on all committees and may vote to break a tie.

Vice President – The Vice President assists the President in carrying out their duties; presides over meetings in the absence of the President; is responsible for securing speakers or presenters for each monthly meeting.

Secretary – The Secretary shall draft and send meeting notices, record minutes of each regular monthly meeting, and meetings of the Board of Directors.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall maintain all fiscal and financial records of SAA; prepare the annual budget, communicate funding limits to the officers and chairpersons and track expenditures; maintain copies of all legal and organizational records and forms of the organization; receive payments; make bank deposits; provide a monthly financial statement of income, proceeds, expenditures and payments; prepare account records and make them available to the Board of Directors for yearly audit at a time designated by the Board. The Treasurer files appropriate forms with the IRS and non-profit corporate registration forms with the Secretary of State annually.

Section 3 - Term of Office

The elected officers shall serve for one (1) year and can be re-elected if nominated. Elected officers may only serve two consecutive years in the same office, unless the Nominating Committee is unable to identify a qualified candidate.

Section 4 – Election of Officers

- Elections for new officers shall be held during the October Member meeting.
- Members shall be given a months' notice by email that an election is pending and shall be supplied with related voting information, including date and time.
- Members shall vote on those names submitted by the Nominating Committee.
- A two-thirds vote of those members present at the voting shall be required for a member to be elected as an Officer.
- Newly elected officers shall be installed in the November Member Meeting and shall assume their duties on January 1, of the upcoming year.
- Officers shall be required to attend at least 50% of the scheduled Board Meetings and Member Meetings.

Section 5 - Resignation

Any Officer, or Board Member, may resign providing notice of such intent is submitted in writing or email to the Board of Directors prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 6 - Removal from Office

Any Officer or Board Member may be removed from office when it is deemed necessary by a two-thirds vote of the remaining Board members.

Section 7 – Vacancy in Office

The Board of Directors may declare an office to be vacant when a resignation, removal or some other action results in a person's inability to carry out the duties and responsibilities of their office. In such cases, the Board will act to fill the position as expediently as possible. After discussion among the Board of Directors on potential backfills, the President shall appoint a replacement Officer to fulfill the original term of the leaving Officer.

ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Board Function

The Board of Directors shall serve as the oversight body of this organization. They shall operate as a collective group to manage and oversee both the day-to-day operations and the long-term strategy to ensure the smooth functioning of the organization.

Section 2 – Board Membership

Board Members shall consist of:

- 4 Elected Officers (refer to Article 3, Section 5 and Article 4 for details on the election of officers)
- 1 Immediate Past President
- 3-10 Chairpersons (aka Directors) of the Standing Committees (refer to Article 6, Section 1)

The Board of Directors shall not be less than 8 and no greater than 15 members.

Section 3 - Term of Office

Directors shall serve for one (1) year to run concurrent with the immediate President's term of office. Individual members may serve for additional terms if elected to a different office, re-elected to the same office or elected to chair a Standing Committee. Term limits for officers are set forth in Article 4, Section 3.

Section 4 – Election of Board Members

- Any member in good standing shall be allowed to be elected as a Board Member.
- Officers shall be elected by the Members at the October Member Meeting.
- Standing Committee Chairpersons shall be elected by the Officers at a Board Meeting.
- Newly elected Board Members shall assume their duties on January 1, of the upcoming year and be introduced at the first Member Meeting of the year.
- Board Members shall be required to attend at least 50% of the scheduled board meetings.

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Section 6 – Board Meetings

- Board Meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the President or by the request of two or more Board Members.
- The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly at a minimum.
- The SAA President shall preside over the Board Meetings.
- Board Meetings shall be open to SAA members in an observer capacity.
- Members wishing to address the Board must provide a written request to the Board Secretary prior to the Board Meeting.
- Two-thirds of the Board Members (present in-person or via proxy) shall constitute a quorum for holding the Board Meeting.
- Board Members wishing to vote in Proxy must provide a written request to the Board Secretary prior to the Board Meeting.
- Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all Board Meetings.
- Minutes of Board Meetings will be reported at the next SAA Board meeting.

Section 7 – Board Voting

Board Members shall have the right to vote on the following matters:

- Approval of the Annual Budget
- Approval of Treasurer requests to disperse funds over the agreed amount
- Approval of the committee plans
- Formation of a Nominating Committee (3 persons)
- Draft of any proposed By-Law changes before they are presented to the members

A two-thirds vote of those Board Members present at the voting (or proxies) shall be required for a vote to pass.

ARTICLE 6: TYPES OF COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Standing Committees

Standing committees are organizational bodies whose function is continuous throughout the year. Committee chairpersons are elected by the Officers and serve as Board Members. Committee chairpersons may ask additional members to serve on committees, however, only the committee chairperson will be a member of the Board of Directors. Chairpersons are responsible for ensuring expenditures are in line with the funding limits provided by the Treasurer.

Section 2 – Ad Hoc Committees

Ad hoc committees are groups appointed to perform a specific task. Upon completion of their assignment they are dissolved. The President may appoint such committees as necessity dictates.

Section 3 - Nominating Committee

By August 31 of each year, the Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of a chairperson and two members. This committee will submit the names of candidates for new officers. Candidates will be announced in September and voted on at the October meeting and installed in November.

ARTICLE 7: VOTING

Section 1- By-Law Amendments

Any matter pertaining to the By-Laws shall be determined by a two-thirds majority of those present at a regularly scheduled Member Meeting after all members have been given a month's notice via email that a vote is pending. Members shall be notified at least 1 month prior to the vote and shall be supplied with voting information, including date and time.

ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS

Section 1- Regular Meetings

Starting in January of each year regular meetings will be held on a day and a time convenient to the majority of the membership. The place of the meeting will be designated by the President.

Section 2 - Special Board Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or two members of the Board of Directors. Board Members shall be given a days' notice of the meeting; the notice shall contain the purpose, date and time of the meeting; a two-thirds vote of those members present at the meeting shall be required for a quorum. A two-thirds vote of those members present at the voting (or proxies) shall be required for a vote to pass.

Section 3 – Member Meetings

Member Meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the President.

ARTICLE 9: REPORTS

Section 1- Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall begin January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.

Section 2 - Financial Reports

A financial report shall be made by the Treasurer during each regular monthly meeting. The immediate past Treasurer will prepare and distribute to the membership a financial report for their year of service as soon as the financial records for that year are complete. A copy of the report will be kept on file by the current year's Treasurer.

Section 3 - Annual Reports

The immediate Past President shall present an Annual Report in January to the total membership. This report will review the past year and present a reasonable forecast for the coming year. This summary of the year will be placed on file with the minutes and a copy given to the current President.

Section 4 - Audit

The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited by a person or persons appointed by the Board of Directors by March 31st of each year and at such other times as deemed by the Directors to be expedient. Any errors should be corrected. This report should be brief and made a part of the Treasurer's final report and a copy given to the President.

ARTICLE 10: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The new and Revised Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all Association meetings.

ARTICLE 11: RESTRICTED FUNDS

In the event funds are received for restricted purposes with the requirement that principal shall remain intact, the Board of Directors shall provide for the designation of an outside corporate trustee to receive the funds and shall authorize the proper officers of the corporation to execute a Trust Indenture governing the use of these funds in such forms as may be approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 12: DISSOLUTION

Pursuant to Article Nine of the Articles of Incorporation of Sawnee Association Of The Arts, Inc. In the event of dissolution, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for payment, of all of the liabilities of SAA, dispose of all the residual assets of the organization by distributing those assets to one or more organizations which seek to promote the arts and which themselves are exempt organizations described in Section 501 c3 and 170 e2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of a future United States Internal Revenue law or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE 13: ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS

Now withstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 c3 of the Internal Revenue of 1954 or the corresponding provisions to the future United States Revenue Law or b) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 c2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

These bylaws were reviewed by the Board on 4/8/2019 and approved by the Members on 05/13/2019.

By-Laws Committee

Mike Ziomek – Chair
Charlotte Gardner – Treasurer
Jean Sullivan – Secretary
Scott Eckley – Director
Carole Kjellsen – Director
Kristine Weeden – Director



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2025 EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

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JANUARY 15TH - MARCH 1ST

"Resolutions" Art Exhibit

Theme: Resolutions: Glance Forward, Look Back
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MARCH 5TH - APRIL 26TH

"Color!" Art Exhibit

Theme: Color -- bright, bold, moody, muted & expressive
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APRIL 30TH - JUNE 28TH

"Windows to the World" Art Exhibit

Theme: Let us take a look into your world!
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JUNE 7TH

World of Art Festival

Explore the arts from around the world: art, music, dance & more
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JULY 2ND - AUGUST 23RD

"Summer in the City" Art Exhibit

Theme: Anything goes! Showcase what summer means to you!
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AUGUST 27TH - OCTOBER 25TH

"Medley of Mediums" Art Exhibit

Theme: Think outside the box & show off different mediums!
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OCTOBER 29TH - NOVEMBER 29TH

Forsyth Schools Art Exhibit

Artwork by the students & teachers of Forsyth High School
Cumming Arts Center - SECOND FLOOR

OCTOBER 29TH - JANUARY 2026

"Muse: An Inspiration" Art Exhibit

Theme: What or who inspires you?
Cumming Arts Center - FIRST FLOOR

OCTOBER 29TH - DECEMBER 20TH

Christmas Market

Artisanal gifts by local artists
Cumming Arts Center

NOVEMBER 8TH - NOVEMBER 9TH

Christmas Arts & Crafts Festival

Artisanal gifts by local vendors & artists, food, Santa & more!
LANIER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NOVEMBER 12TH - DECEMBER 20TH

Festival of Trees

Artist decorated trees, ready to take home
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