

HEMLOCK STUDIO GALLERY

Artists' Newsletter

August 10th, 2024

Art Classes

Although Fall is six or seven weeks away, it's time to give some thought to re-instituting art classes. (We had a few scheduled prior to our relocation in June and, of course, needed to cancel those.) We have had several inquiries about classes and have put those folks off while we figure out how to make it all work.

Although we do not have the physical space to conduct classes in our gallery, we do have a few spaces nearby. We have been in contact with folks at Fresco's Restaurant, Yonah Coffee (in Demorest), and at Appalachian Gap (on the other side of Fresco's Restaurant). I've provided a description of each of the spaces on the right. The way to move forward, I think, is to first solicit interest in offering classes from our artists and artisans. Then, depending upon the activity/medium and the projected number of participants, we can work with the folks in the various venues to identify a space that will work for you and can comfortably accommodate the participants.

Once we develop a schedule of classes, we will list these on a table tent on the counter at the front of the gallery, as well as on our website and Facebook page. Registration and payment can be handled easily through Square...either at the front desk or online (we will have a link on our website and Facebook page (they'll receive an invoice for payment, much like the one you receive for your gallery rental).

For now, give some thought to whether you'd like to offer a class or classes, and then send a short email (hemlockstudiogallery@gmail.com) with ART CLASS in the subject line. Your email can be something like:

"I'd like to offer a three-session Beginning Watercolor series for 4-8 people beginning in early or mid-September on a weekday (I'd prefer Tuesday or Thursday) from 1-4 PM."

Once we have this basic information, we can select the venue that might be most suitable and make contact. Then, together, we can move forward with more precise plans, at which time we would ask you to complete the class offering form. As described above, participants can register and pay at the gallery, by phone, or via email.

Here's a description of the various venues that we can use, depending upon day of the week/time of day, etc.:

Fresco's Restaurant (Next-door to the gallery)

They have a "Party Room" at the back (on the left) that could accommodate up to 20 people. We can group tables and cover them with drop cloths. Participants could order beverages or snacks (at the instructor's discretion).

Appalachian Gap (Immediately to the left of Fresco's)

Gene Pease has opened this shop recently that features art and crafts from local artists. She has space in the back of her shop to comfortably hold classes for up to 4-5 participants. Gene's shop is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, so those would be good days for small classes.

Yonah Coffee (In Demorest, near the hospital)

Ben has said that he can make their coffee shop available after hours (we could hold classes beginning at 4 PM) and participants could order coffee and other beverages. Depending upon the rearrangement of tables (we could cover them with drop cloths), classes of 12-15 participants could be accommodated. (Nancy Ackerman has taught classes at Yonah in the past.)

-Don

FYI: Reference for Hemlockians

In addition to the newsletters like this one that will be sent periodically via email, I have developed an internal Hemlock Studio Gallery Artists' webpage where you can go to access information about the gallery. (Only those with the URL can access this.) Items that you will be able to view and/or download include:

- A link to the schedule of who works when
- Forms (like the one we use in advance of offering classes)
- Processes and procedures (these are also included in the red notebook at the desk)
- Contact information for Hemlock artists

It is anticipated that there will more things added as we move forward. In the meantime, check it out (and bookmark it in your web browser):

www.hemlockstudiogallery.com/insider/

Where to Find Things

Given that each of our artists generally works one day a month in the gallery, it's going to take a while before new processes and procedures are cemented in our consciousness. Also, we are still settling in our new space and we're still figuring out where things are going to be kept. Your patience with this is appreciated.

For the time being, here is where you will find....

The ladder: Just inside the front closet door, on the left, behind the trash can, up against the wall. If you use the ladder, please return it to this location.

Extra bags and bubble wrap: These items are in the closet, atop the cubbies. There are three sizes of brown kraft paper bags (S, M, L). There is a manila envelope with Hemlock cone labels beside the boxes of bags (to the left of the copier). Bubble wrap is straight ahead as you open the closet door.

Hooks: Hooks for the black grids as well as for the hanging wire system are in the closet, in a bin beneath the printer.

Tags, Tape, Clips, Jewelry Bags, etc.: Check the tall wooden multi-drawer cabinet behind the desk.

Tools: There is a black toolbox on the floor, just inside the closet door.



About Trash

There are wastebaskets in several places around the gallery for paper and other dry trash. Additionally, there are larger trash cans in the closet and to the right of the sink in the bathroom (wastebaskets when they become full can be emptied into either of the two larger cans).

Food and drink waste should not be placed in any of the wastebaskets or trash cans. Please take food and drink waste outdoors to the trash can beneath the tree in front of the gallery. *We don't want a repeat of the rat infestation that we experienced in the other gallery!*

GIFT CARDS

We have ordered plastic gift cards and will be making these available shortly. Gift cards can be purchased just like any other item in the gallery, however there is no sales tax on gift cards (that is taken when folks make a purchase using the card). There is an item in the SQUARE system library to process gift cards. Don't panic... step-by-step instructions for processing will be posted above the SQUARE printer and added to the red Gallery Reference notebook.



Recently, I purchased a couple of forest green polo shirts with the Hemlock logo and immediately got an inquiry from a fellow artist about how to get one.

A friend of Miss Nancy's makes these...they are the Port Authority brand. If you would like to order, they are \$22 each and come in both men's and women's sizes. Send an email to hemlockstudiogallery@gmail.com with POLO SHIRT in the subject line. Tell me how many and the size(s) (Men's or women's SM, MED, LG, X-LG, etc.). I'll place the order on August 25th and will send you an invoice and you can pay online.

Don

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HABERSHAM COMMUNITY

The Family Resource Center (FRC) of Northeast Georgia's mission is to prevent child abuse by strengthening families, nurturing families, and building resiliency through five programs: (1) In-Home Visitation, (2) Supervised Family Visitation, (3) Parent Education, (4) First Steps, and (5) the Community Counseling Program.

Part of FRC's annual fundraising is a dinner – entertainment -auction event on **September 21st** at Piedmont University. FRC is soliciting artwork for the auction. *If you would like to make/donate a piece, please contact Harriet Hudson (Text: (845) 304-9525.)*

Family Resource Center is a nonprofit United Way organization that does important work in our community. **Please think about donating a piece for the auction.** Hemlock Studio Gallery will also make a monetary contribution.

Clarkesville History Harvest

The 2nd Annual Clarkesville History Harvest will be held in conjunction with the City of Clarkesville's Annual Downtown Fall Festival on October 5th. They are looking for artists/artisans to do demonstrations during the festival. See details about the festival and how to participate below:

**2ND ANNUAL
CLARKESVILLE
HISTORY
HARVEST**

OCTOBER 5, 2024

**HISTORIC MAULDIN HOUSE
AND GARDENS**

458 JEFFERSON ST.

**LIVE MUSIC, FOOD
TRUCKS, ARTISAN
DEMONSTRATORS,
LOCAL AUTHOR
BOOK SIGNINGS,
CRAFTS, HAYRIDES,
PRIZES AND MORE!**

**2ND ANNUAL
CLARKESVILLE
HISTORY
HARVEST**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR ALL TYPES OF ARTISAN
DEMONSTRATORS FOR OUR HISTORY-CENTERED FALL EVENT!**

YARN SPINNING BASKET WEAVING WOODWORKING

**THIS YEAR'S CLARKESVILLE HISTORY HARVEST WILL BE HELD INCONJUNCTION WITH
THE CITY OF CLARKESVILLE'S ANNUAL DOWNTOWN FALL FESTIVAL!**

**PLEASE CALL THE HISTORIC MAULDIN HOUSE AND GARDENS:
706.754.2220.**

**OR EMAIL: MAINSTREET@CLARKESVILLEGA.COM
AND TITLE THE EMAIL SUBJECT AS: HISTORY HARVEST ARTISAN
TO LEARN MORE OR TO BE ADDED TO THIS YEAR'S ARTISAN LINEUP.**