

HEMLOCK STUDIO GALLERY

Artists' Newsletter

September 27, 2025

Refocusing on Classes and Workshops

You may recall that in our last newsletter, we mentioned that one of the goals of the Gallery Committee in the most recent gallery refresh was to see if we could devote more space to classes in the back section of the gallery...while still maintaining the integrity of the display space. Our thinking was that this would permit us to offer some limited classes while keeping the gallery open for shoppers.

One of the unavoidable downsides of offering classes in the rear of the gallery while it is open is that many customers are reluctant to venture to the back, due to a feeling of intrusiveness. While we have been welcoming and have encouraged folks to browse even while classes are in progress, the reality is that the space is too small to accommodate more than a few students and still provide access to the wall space where most paintings are displayed.

When we relocated from our original location at 1392 Washington Street, we sacrificed workshop space for better natural light, a more prominent location on the Clarkesville Square, and cleaner air. However, we continue to receive regular inquiries about classes. Given that "studio" is in our name, in a recent meeting of the Gallery Committee, we have made the decision to close the gallery to shoppers on Tuesdays (in addition to Mondays) so that we can offer classes on two full days each week without concerns for customers.

Beginning next week (September 29th), the gallery will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Following the Christmas holidays, the gallery will also be closed on Sundays; we'll resume Sunday afternoons in May.

With this shift to refocusing on classes, I encourage you to think about whether you might be interested in teaching a class either on Mondays or Tuesdays (we can offer both morning and afternoon classes). Beginning in January, we will also be able to hold classes on Sunday afternoons.

Information for artists who wish to offer classes is available on the Artists' Reference page on our website:

<https://www.HemlockStudioGallery.com/insider>

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New Gallery Hours

Beginning this coming week (September 29th) the days and hours that we will be open will change:

Wednesday – Saturday

11 AM – 5 PM



Sundays

1-5 PM

Closed Monday and Tuesday

After the holidays, we will also close on Sundays until Spring.

Hemlock Legacy Circle

Since the establishment of Hemlock Studio Gallery in June of 2021, many local artists have displayed their artwork within our walls. In addition to their creative endeavors, we have befriended them, listened to their stories, and we have learned from them. As in other aspects of life, some of our artists and artisans have had life-changing events that have necessitated that they step back from full participation in our gallery.

On October 1st, we are launching the Hemlock Legacy Circle...an opportunity for folks who have walked among us to continue their connection to our artists' community.

Attached to this newsletter is the first edition of *The Legacy Newsletter*, which more fully describes the Legacy Circle. Additionally, a Legacy Circle webpage has been created whereby we will maintain a list of these fine artists and artisans (with links that will provide information about what these folks are doing currently). When you get a few moments, please check out this listing. If you notice that we have omitted someone, please email to let us know so we can be sure to include them.

<https://www.hemlockstudiogallery.com/legacy-circle/>



ONLINE SALES

In our last newsletter, I mentioned that if there were sufficient interest, we would pursue the possibility of selling artwork online. So far, there has been little interest in doing this, so we'll go to Plan B, which would be enhancing the capability of making artwork available via our Facebook page. This is less labor-intensive than developing an online store but will still expand our ability to reach potential customers. Stay tuned for more information.

You Are Invited to Participate in our Annual Holiday Sale

You may recall Hemlock's tradition of the holiday gift table when we were in the original gallery. We are bringing that back this year, and y'all – **including our Legacy Artists - are invited to participate.** The sale will begin on Black Friday (November 28th) and run through Christmas Eve. *Here are the particulars:*

Small items such as pottery, glass, jewelry, paper books and cards, and pictures (12 x 12" or smaller that can be displayed using tabletop easels) are examples of the kinds of things that have been popular in previous years.

You are welcome to bring in your item(s) on or before November 22nd so that we can arrange a display in advance of Black Friday (November 28th). (To help gauge the quantity that you might choose to display, think about what would fit into a 12 x 12 x 12" box.) Also, if you will need a small easel or easels to display any of your pieces, please bring those along, too. Thanks.

Please remember to tag each item and **clearly** write:

- ✓ Your initials and personal inventory number
- ✓ Dimensions
- ✓ Price

You are welcome to use your own tags or the printed gallery tags (we have a supply of these in a plastic basket at the desk in the gallery).

Please arrange to pick up unsold holiday items sometime during the week between Christmas and New Year's (when the gallery is traditionally closed).

Holiday Helpers

As we did last year, it is helpful to have more than one artist in the gallery on the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please think about volunteering a couple of hours and sign up using our online Google Doc. [Click here to sign up.](#)



The Legacy Newsletter

For members of the Hemlock Studio Gallery Legacy Circle

October 1, 2025

Greetings from Hemlock Studio Gallery!

After just beginning our fifth year showing and selling the creative works of talented, local artists, we at Hemlock Studio Gallery wish to celebrate this milestone by inviting you to be a part of the newly established Hemlock Legacy Circle. We are humbly aware that the success of our gallery rests upon the efforts of those who – like you - have come before us.

We are grateful to our two founders, Anne Short and Jane McFerrin, who, along with Sara Oakley and Mike Short, had a vision of establishing a studio gallery in Clarkesville and then recruited you and others to share your creativity with the folks in our northeast Georgia region.

We at Hemlock Studio Gallery are deeply grateful for your contributions to the life and spirit of our gallery. Your time here helped shape the creative community we continue to nurture today, and I am inviting you to remain connected as part of our extended Hemlock family. In that spirit, we're creating a casual group of former gallery artists—what we're calling our Hemlock Legacy Circle. This is simply a way to stay in touch, celebrate your ongoing creative journey, and keep you connected with the people and place that each of our artists has helped to grow.

As part of this circle, you'll be welcome to:

- √ Receive *The Legacy Newsletter* (including gallery updates and events)
- √ Join us for openings, socials, and special gatherings
- √ Participate (if you wish) in occasional alumni/legacy shows and sales
- √ Volunteer in the gallery
- √ Mentor newer artists
- √ Teach classes/workshops in our gallery

A special page on our website has been devoted to the members of our Legacy Circle. When you have a few moments, check it out. If you would like to have a Hemlock webpage (or reactivate your previous page), please let me know and I'll set this up for you (it will look like the individual pages for our current gallery artists). Additionally, if you would like me to add a link to your individual website or Facebook page, I am happy to do that as well.

Check this out: <https://www.hemlockstudiogallery.com/legacy-circle/>

I hope that you'll join us as a member of the Legacy Circle. There are no costs and no obligation, just an open invitation to remain part of the Hemlock community. Please let us know if you have ideas and suggestions.

Don Gnecco, Gallery Manager
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Legacy Circle Artists Are Invited To Participate in Annual Holiday Sale

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There are no rental or gallery fees for legacy artists; however, each sale will be subject to the gallery's standard 15% surcharge...the same as for all our current artists.

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(Email: hemlockstudiogallery@gmail.com)



Hemlock Studio Gallery relocated to a new space at 1441 Washington Street on the Clarkesville Square on July 1st, 2024

THE HEMLOCK COMMUNITY

In addition to providing a gallery with high-quality art in downtown Clarkesville, Hemlock Studio Gallery is also a community of artists and artisans. Each member brings prior life experiences and, together, we form a rich tapestry!

One way to learn about the artistic journey of our current artists is to view the bio on their Hemlock webpage on our website:

<https://hemlockstudiogallery.com/artists-artisans/>

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Check out our website...

With the transition and relocation of our gallery in the summer of 2024, we added a website that profiles our artists and provides information about who we are, when we're open, and what's happening. Check it out:

www.HemlockStudioGallery.com