

OUR MISSION

and our vision



To seek and foster the artistic talents of South Mississippians



To sponsor exhibits to promote public interest in the arts and to promote enjoyment and appreciation of the arts



To secure a permanent home with space to display the works of South Mississippi artists and to provide instruction in the arts



To generate support of the arts



OUR ROLE

in our community

The South Mississippi Art Association strives to play an active role nurturing the arts and artists in our community. To fulfill this role, we:

- ✦ **Hold** annual judged shows for SMAA members and other artists in south Mississippi.
- ✦ **Encourage** fine art collections by SMAA members and others through a patron and sponsorship program.
- ✦ **Collaborate** with area art organizations in the display, expression and performance of various art forms.
- ✦ **Participate** in Downtown Art Walks.
- ✦ **Engage** nationally-recognized artists to judge annual shows and to teach workshops in Hattiesburg to SMAA members.
- ✦ **Maintain** a public display of SMAA members' art at the S.H. Kress Gallery in the former Kress building in downtown Hattiesburg.
- ✦ **Provide** art on loan to local businesses upon request.
- ✦ **Support** art education through the Julie Schutze Memorial Fund.
- ✦ **Nurture** the development and expression of the artistic talents of new and continuing SMAA members through individual mentoring and formal classes taught by members.
- ✦ **Donate** artworks for auction to local organizations such as Art for Heart, Southern Pines Animal Shelter, Pink Ribbon Ball Cancer Fund, the AIDS Coalition, and others.
- ✦ **Inform** SMAA members of events and accomplishments of its members and the availability of exhibits and workshops through the SMAA website and monthly newsletter.
- ✦ **Assist** regional art associations, public museums and public galleries to restore viability lost through disaster.



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PATRONS

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LEVELS AND BENEFITS

JUNIOR - \$25

(18 years and younger) Junior members will be encouraged to participate in SMAA events and workshops.

FRIEND - \$50

Friends will receive the monthly newsletter

CONTRIBUTOR - \$100

Benefits include receiving the monthly newsletter plus recognition in event publicity.

ASSOCIATE - \$250

Benefits include receiving the monthly newsletter, recognition in event publicity and invitation to private viewings.

PARTNER - \$500

Benefits include receiving the monthly newsletter, recognition in event publicity, invitations to private viewings and discounts on workshops.

BENEFACTOR - \$1000

Benefits include receiving the monthly newsletter, recognition in event publicity, invitations to private viewings, discounts on workshops and a signed and numbered print by a local artist.

SUSTAINER - \$5000 OR MORE

Benefits include receiving the monthly newsletter, recognition in event publicity, invitations to private viewings, discount on workshops, a signed and numbered print from a local artist, and recognition at art shows. Corporate/ business sustainers will, if desired, have their logo and name with a link to their website from the SMAA website.

MEMBERS

experiencing the arts

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Adult: \$20

Spouse of current SMAA member: \$10

18 years old or younger: \$10

Member's child 18 years old or younger: \$5
(if both parents are SMAA members)

MEMBERSHIP PERIOD

Dues cover January 1 through December 31

If you join after October 1, the dues cover the balance of that year PLUS the upcoming year through December 31.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Monthly informative, educational, and inspiring meetings
- Association with artists who have common goals
- Promoting all phases of fine arts in our community
- Weekly informal opportunities to improve your skills by attending Tuesday Night Watercolor Class and Thursday Afternoon Painters
- Monthly newsletter that contains current events and information
- Exhibiting privileges at SMAA art shows, Hattiesburg Art Walk, Kress Gallery and other shows
- Inclusion on SMAA mailing list that is distributed to other groups and organizations that solicit artists
- Advance knowledge of classes and seminars
- Exhibiting at an ongoing display in the Downtown Kress Gallery

South Mississippi Art Association



Hattiesburg, Mississippi

"It is art that makes life, makes interest, makes importance, for our consideration and application of these things, and I know of no substitute whatever for the force and beauty of its process."

Henry James, July 10, 1915

The South Mississippi Art Association, a 501(c)3 organization, was established in 1964 by a group of Hattiesburg area artists who shared a passion to develop their talents and to display art to the public.

An abandoned fire station on West Seventh Street, called "The Firehouse Gallery," served as a meeting place and display space for many years until it was dismantled in the 1990s. Artists met there to paint, draw, and sculpt and to use the kiln for firing pottery.

Since the demise of The Firehouse Gallery, SMAA has sought a home in which to create and display art, store equipment, materials and records, and conduct classes and workshops.

Currently, SMAA shares space with various groups in the Lt. Ben McNair Recreation Center on 12th Avenue.

In 2006, membership had grown to 145 members meeting regularly to do what they enjoy — create artworks and to share their talents and enthusiasm with others. Members use all media in the visual arts including pottery, fabric art, sculpture, woodturning, stained glass, photography and painting. SMAA members share the belief that art "feeds the soul."



To become a patron or an artist member of the South Mississippi Art Association, please visit our website at www.southmsart.org

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