



Staunton Augusta Art Center  
MIDSUMMER & NIGHT'S  
GALA

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024  
6 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

STAUNTON AUGUSTA  
ART CENTER GALLERIES



# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Staunton Augusta Art Center would like to thank Marc Borzelleca for his HUGE contribution to the Art Center over many years. Marc has been the creative force behind our logo and every postcard, rack card, poster and invitation that you have each received. Not only has Marc provided graphic design services to the Art Center, he has also been a creative force on the fundraising committee as a dedicated volunteer, decorating for our events and providing amazing gift baskets for our auctions. Marc and his partner Joey have been an integral part of all that is wonderful about the Art Center. Thank you doesn't begin to express our gratitude.

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Sarah Lynch of Baja Bean and Rebekah and Rich Saunders of the new Collins Market have generously been the sponsors of the wine and beer being served tonight for your enjoyment. Their support, year after year, has been instrumental in helping the Art Center be the destination for the visual arts in our community. We are very grateful for the new support from Rebekah and Rich as well.

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Michael Tusing of Michael B. Tusing Gallery and owner of The Frame Gallery is no stranger to the Staunton Augusta Art Center having been a past board member and supporter for many years. Michael reached out to a lot of his contacts who provided numerous experiential live and silent auction items for this Gala. He also organized and sponsored a pre-Gala "Thank You Champagne Toast" to our Midsummer Night's Gala sponsors. We extend a big thank you for all his support past and present.

A very special Thank You to Sarah and Tracy Wilkins who generously hosted the SAAC "Thank You Champagne Toast" cocktail gathering for our sponsors at their beautiful loft apartment, located in Downtown Staunton.

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Catering for this event provided by:





The Staunton Augusta Art Center  
Presents the 21st Biennial  
Art Auction and Gala  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Chair Brigitte Cowan and her committee members Amber Ocasio, Madison Mattfield, Sage Hastert, and Candace Christy welcome you and wish you a fun and exciting evening. Please let us know if we can be of assistance throughout the evening. Thank you for your support of the Staunton Augusta Art Center, celebrating 63 years of enriching our community through visual arts.

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**6 pm**

Guest Arrival and Check-In, R. R. Smith Center  
for History & Art

Open Bar in SAAC Gallery

Appetizers and Silent Auction in the Augusta County  
Historical Society Gallery

Live Auction items in Historic Staunton Foundation  
Research Room, Main Floor

**7 pm**

Salutations

**8 pm**

Silent Auction Closes

50/50 Raffle Winner Announced

**8:15 pm**

Live Auction in the SAAC Galleries

**9 pm**

Music and Dancing in the SAAC Galleries

*Successful bidders retrieve their items from the  
auction tables and take items and "Successful  
Bid Certificates" to the check-out table.*





# SPECIAL THANKS

## PHILANTHROPISTS

Brigitte Cowan  
Chris and Betsy Little  
Tommie and Bob Duke

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## BENEFACTORS

Chris Smith and Bob Jochen  
Jennifer and Chip Clark, Yelping Dog  
and CFO Trading Co.  
The Depot Grille, Erin Boyle

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## SUPPORTERS

ALBOG Giving Circle  
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Barb and Dave Shue  
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and Tease  
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Dennis Ward  
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Kelly and John Grantier  
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Phil and Cheri Moran





# SPECIAL THANKS

## IN-KIND DONATIONS

Accordia Wine Bar  
American Shakespeare Center  
Anne Hanger  
Anonymous  
Anthea Smith  
Barbara Holt  
Blupoint Seafood Co. & Zynodoa Restaurants  
Brigitte Cowan  
By & By Café and Beer Garden  
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Hershey Tire and Auto Repair  
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Latitudes  
Linda Holden, Fashion Gallery  
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Mary Ann Vessey  
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Mill Street Grill  
Omni Hotel Charlottesville  
Ox-Eye Vineyards  
Paddy Hughes Photography  
Peterson Enterprises  
Peterson's Car Wash  
Pizza Luca  
Queen City Bistro  
Quirk Hotel Richmond  
R. R. Smith Center for History and Art  
Rebekah and Rich Saunders  
Remedy Burger  
Reunion Bakery and Espresso  
Richard Christy  
Rob Mertins  
Sage Hastert  
Sarah and Bryan Plemmons  
Sarah Lynch, Baja Bean  
Saul Harris  
Seed to Tail Kitchen and Market Sole Focus Running  
Staunton Plant Company  
Visualite Cinemas  
Wilderness Adventures



## 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets will be sold the first two hours of this event.

Winner will be announced prior to the start of the live auction.

An arms-length of raffle tickets will be sold for \$20.

## TERMS OF THE AUCTION

1. All guests must check in before entering the galleries. At check-in, guests will receive a program with their bid number on the back. If you lose your program, please go to check in desk.
2. To place a bid, write your bidding number or your name on the bid sheet accompanying each item. Do not cross out previous bids; use a new line to write your number and enter your bid. **Starting bids and established bidding increments must be observed.**
3. Please bring your “Successful Bidder Certificates” to the check out desk at the conclusion of the auction. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted. Turning in the “Successful Bidder Certificate”, paying for the item, and taking the item from the galleries by the conclusion of the event are mandatory unless prior arrangements are made with the office.
4. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made. There are no expressed or implied warranties made by the item donor or the Staunton Augusta Art Center and all items are sold “as is.” Despite good faith efforts of the donor and the Art Center to accurately describe all items in this catalog, neither the donor nor the Art Center shall be responsible for the description, authenticity, or condition of property or services. By purchasing an item, the purchaser waives any claims of liability against the item donor or the Staunton Augusta Art Center for any personal injuries or damages to property that may result from the use of property or services sold.





# LIVE AUCTION

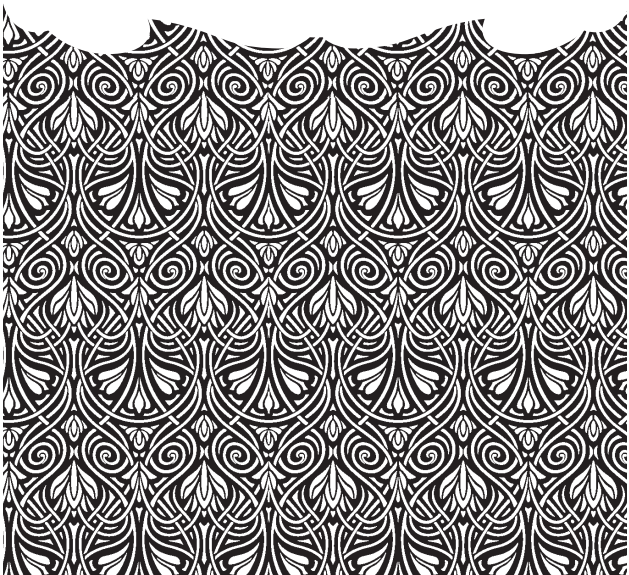
BEGINS AT 8:15 PM IN THE GALLERIES

Thanks to all of the generous donors for this live auction.

*Special thanks to Col. Jack Bowman of Bowman Auctions  
for his talent and services this evening.*

- 101 Paint by Numbers “Fall Mountain Scene with Deer”, 26” X 20” framed  
Value: \$80 *Gift of Anthea Smith*
- 102 3-D Sculptural Painting by artist Joshua Yurges, 27” x 23” framed  
Value: \$500 *Gift of Joshua Yurges*
- 103 One night stay for two at The Inn at Virginia Tech with breakfast included at Preston’s Restaurant  
Value: \$250 *Gift of Damon Strickland, Crestline Hotels*
- 104 Gift Certificate (\$200 value) for The Fashion Gallery and two hour fashion consultation in your home by top wardrobe stylist  
Value: \$350 *Gift of Linda Holden*
- 105 Weekend stay at the Turkey Roost in Headwaters, VA. A two bed, 1 bath Cabin surrounded by hiking trails and close proximity to Monterey, VA  
Value: \$350 *Gift of Sarah and Bryan Plemmons*
- 106 Paint by Numbers “Fall River Scene”, 39” x 30” framed  
Value: \$300 *Gift of Anthea Smith*
- 107 Taste of Dordogne, France Six Course Dinner French Cuisine for 6 with Wine pairings  
Value: \$750 *Gift of Brigitte Cowan*
- 108 Untitled Creation by artist William “Bill” Hardy, 40.5” x 48.5” framed  
Value: \$2500 *Gift from the estate of Dr. Harry Bruce Rinker III*

- 109 R. R. Smith Center Event Rental Space for your special event  
Value: \$750 *Gift of the R. R. Smith Center*
- 110 Church Street I bedroom Air BnB for up to 2 guests for 2 nights, including a Reunion gift card for breakfast and Bluepoint/Zynodoah gift card for dinner  
Value: \$475 *Gift of Marc Borzelleca and Joseph Miska, Reunion Bakery & Espresso and Blupoint/Zynodoa Restaurants*
- 111 “Bubble Up” Acrylic on canvas by Sage Hastert, 38” x 48”  
Value: \$1200 *Gift of Sage Hastert*
- 112 Rock-N-Creek Cabin in Montebello, VA for a 2 night stay for up to 4 people, bonfire night weather permitting with local wine and charcuterie  
Value: \$750 *Gift of Richard Christy*
- 113 3 Night Stay at Kingsmill, Williamsburg 3 bedroom condo includes pull out sofa in large living room, sleeps 12  
Value: \$3400 *Anonymous Gift*
- 114 Marc Chagall print original signature by the artist on back, 18.5” x 22.5” framed  
Value: \$500 *Gift from the estate of Dr. Harry Bruce Rinker III*
- 115 Original Oil Painting by Martin Geiger of the R. R. Smith Center for History and Art, 30” x 36” unframed  
Value: \$2500 *Gift of Martin Geiger*







# SILENT AUCTION

BEGINS AT 6 PM IN THE ACHS GALLERY

Thanks to all of the generous donors for this live auction.


- 001 “Holding Up the World” by sculptor Fred Garbotz, two tables with glass tops, approx. size 29” tall x 51” and 17” tall by 36”  
Value: \$500 *Anonymous Gift*
- 002 Untitled painting by William “Bill” Hardy, 31” x 40” framed  
Value: \$600 *Gift of the estate of Dr. Harry Bruce Rinker III*
- 003 Set A of 6 aluminum masks each 10” x 6.5” by artist Christopher Royal  
Value: \$120 (6) *Anonymous Gift*
- 004 Gift Certificate from Mill Street Grill and two Movie Passes from Visulite Cinemas for an evening in Downtown Staunton  
Value: \$70 *Gift of Mill Street Grill and Visulite Cinemas*
- 005 Gift Certificate from Queen City Bistro and two Movie Passes from Visulite Cinemas for an evening in Downtown Staunton  
Value: \$75 *Gift of Queen City Bistro and Visulite Cinemas*
- 006 “An Evening in Downtown Staunton” with two tickets to American Shakespeare Center, Gift Certificate to Latin Soul Restaurant and Gift Certificate to Accordia for two  
Value: \$125 *Gift of ASC, Latin Soul Restaurant and Accordia*
- 007 Untitled acrylic medium painting, 48” x 36”  
Value: \$250 *Gift of Karen Hurt*
- 008 Untitled acrylic medium painting, 48” x 36”  
Value: \$250 *Gift of Karen Hurt*

- 009 18” Pearl necklace, matching bracelet and sterling silver studs with matching pearls  
Value: \$200 *Gift of Crown Jewelers*
- 010 12” pendant and earrings by jewelry artisan Julia Vessey  
Value: \$95 *Gift of Julia Vessey*
- 011 Pendant earrings by jewelry artisan Julia Vessey  
Value: \$120 *Gift of Julia Vessey*
- 012 Gift Certificate from Latitudes in Downtown Staunton  
Value: \$40 *Gift of Latitudes*
- 013 Gift Certificate from Heirloom Home in Downtown Staunton  
Value: \$100 *Gift of Heirloom Home*
- 014 Three Gift Certificates each valued at \$20 by MADE; By the People, For the People in Downtown Staunton  
Value: \$60 *Gift of Corrie Park*
- 015 “Eye to the Future” mixed media by Dr. Earlynn Miller, 39” x 23” framed  
Value: \$750 *Gift of Brigitte Cowan*
- 016 Two \$50 gift certificates to the Conservatory at The Omni Hotel, Charlottesville  
Value: \$100 *Gift of The Omni Hotel*
- 017 “Richmond Weekend” with a one night stay for two at the Quirk Hotel in Richmond plus a 1-year membership to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Value: \$370 *Gift of Quirk Hotel*
- 018 Gift Certificate to Seed to Tail Kitchen and Market in Terry Court  
Value: \$50 *Gift of Seed to Tail Kitchen and Market*
- 019 “Dalhart, Texas” manipulated false color satellite image of pivotal irrigation farms. Dye-sublimation onto aluminum by Jeremy Starn, 30” x 40”  
Value: \$600 *Gift of Jeremy Starn*
- 020 “Chimney Sweep” photograph by Saul Harris, 18” x 14” framed  
Value: \$140 *Gift of Saul Harris*

- 021 “All Your Planting Needs” Gift Certificate from Staunton Plant Company  
Value: \$250 *Gift of Staunton Plant Company*
- 022 “Lunch and Dinner on Beverley Street” with Gift Certificates from Remedy Burger and By and By Café and Beer Garden in Downtown Staunton  
Value: \$50 *Gift of Remedy Burger and By and By Café & Beer Garden*
- 023 Handmade switch plates by artist Barbara Holt  
Value: \$50 *Gift of Barbara Holt*
- 024 Gift Certificates from Peterson Enterprises for Chicano Boy, Pizza Luca and Klines  
Value: \$100 *Gift of Peterson Enterprises*
- 025 Gift Certificate for Michael Tusing Gallery/The Frame Gallery  
Value: \$100 *Gift of Michael Tusing*
- 026 “Earth, Oil and Fire” by artist Janly Jaggard, 13” x 13” framed  
Value: \$235 *Gift of Hugh and Connie Westfall*
- 027 “Excavation 02” by artist Terri Long, 7” x 8” framed  
Value: \$150 *Gift of Terri Long*
- 028 “Paths” by artist Billie Rosenberger, 7” x 10” x 3.5”, painted puzzle forms 6 unique paintings  
Value: \$235 *Gift of Hugh and Connie Westfall*
- 029 “Ox Eye Winery Tasting Room” by artist Cheryl Bragg, 12” x 15” framed  
Value: \$150 *Gift of Cheryl Bragg*
- 030 Antique 1800’s Valley ladder back chair, refinished and split by artist Georganne Ludt, 36” high from back x 15” seat height  
Value: \$85 *Gift of Georganne Ludt*
- 031 “My Town” by Mary Ann Vessey, 14” x 17” framed  
Value: \$195 *Gift of Mary Ann Vessey*
- 032 Antique Brass Iron  
Value: \$50 *Gift of Margaret Armstrong*


- 033 Gift Certificate from Sole Focus Running and one of their T-shirts and a Gift Certificate from Wilderness Adventure Value: \$90  
*Gift of Sole Focus Running and Wilderness Adventure*
- 034 Photographic Portrait of Your Dog by Paddy's Photos Value: \$850  
*Gift of Paddy Hughes*
- 035 "Auto Maintenance" with Gift Certificates from Hershey Tire and Auto Repair and Peterson's Car Wash Value: \$50  
*Gift of Hershey Tire and Peterson's Car Wash*
- 036 Gift Certificate from Magdalena Bakery and Coffee Shop in downtown Staunton Value: \$25  
*Gift of Magdalena Bakery and Coffee Shop*
- 037 Paint by Numbers (008) "Red Lighthouse in Tropical Setting", 13" x 17" framed Value: \$40  
*Gift of Anthea Smith*
- 038 Paint by Numbers (010) "Rocky Shoreline", 9" x 11" framed Value: \$25  
*Gift of Anthea Smith*
- 039 Paint by Numbers (018) "Winter Farm Scene with Red Barn", 21" x 17" framed Value: \$80  
*Gift of Anthea Smith*
- 040 Paint by Numbers (019) "Making Maple Syrup", 21" x 17" framed Value: \$80  
*Gift of Anthea Smith*
- 041 Paint by Numbers (020) "Fall Scene with Rushing Brook" pair, 9" x 11.5" framed Value: \$50  
*Gift of Anthea Smith*
- 042 Paint by Numbers (021) "Fall Scene with rushing Water" pair, 9" x 11.5" framed Value: \$50  
*Gift of Anthea Smith*
- 043 Paint by Numbers (023) "Mountains with Rolling Brook", 16" x 12" framed Value: \$50  
*Gift of Anthea Smith*
- 044 Paint by Numbers (026) "White Farm House in the fall Season", 17"x 13" framed Value: \$45  
*Gift of Anthea Smith*

- 045 Paint by Numbers (037) “White Lighthouse”,  
23” x 19”  
Value: \$75 *Gift of Anthea Smith*
- 046 Paint by Numbers (038) “Summer Farm Scene  
with Hills, “27.5” x 21.5”  
Value: \$80 *Gift of Anthea Smith*
- 047 Set B of 6 aluminum masks each 10” x 6.5” by  
artist Christopher Royal  
Value: \$120 (6) *Anonymous Gift*
- 048 Creation by artist Ann Hanger, 20” x 24” framed  
Value: \$380 *Gift of Ann Hanger*
- 049 Creation by artist Rob Mertins, 24” x 30”  
Value: \$350 *Gift of Rob Mertins*
- 050 Untitled painting, 16” x 20”  
Value: \$400 *Gift of Sarah Jones*



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# DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING ART CENTER EVENTS!

***Jane Skafta and Laura Thompson***

Running through June 22

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***Raymond Burns and Todd Messegee***

June 28–August 3

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***Arts in Action: A mini Artist Residency***

August 9–September 14

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***Piper Groves and Kathleen Johnston***

September 20–October 26

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***57th Annual Art in the Park***

IN HISTORIC GYPSY HILL PARK

LABOR DAY WEEKEND, 2024

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 10AM - 5PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 11AM - 5PM

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***Art For Gifts***

November 15–December 31

*The Staunton Augusta Art Center is a non-profit organization devoted to providing area children and adults, as well as visitors to the region, diverse experiences in the creation and appreciation of the visual arts.*

*The Art Center supports artists and artisans by providing opportunities to exhibit and sell their work and by providing them employment opportunities through teaching.*

*Thank you for attending this event and for your support of the Staunton Augusta Art Center.*



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**This program will serve  
as your bidding paddle**



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