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PORTRAITS OF HOPE

On Thursday, October 18, Main Street Covington and Newton Medical Center hosted a reception for breast cancer survivors at Southern Heartland Art Gallery from 5—7 PM.

The event was the brain child of the Newton Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary and the Women's Diagnostic Center as a celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Twenty-five portraits of breast cancer survivors were displayed by downtown merchants. Southern Heartland displayed the portrait of Mrs. Peggy Gainer, an active, well known member of our community and a true role model for her fellow survivors.

The Gallery was an ap-



Above: Pumpkins painted by Southern Heartland Artists. Below: Mrs. Gainer gets hug from fellow survivor and Southern Heartland's own Diana Brown with Survivor Watercolor Art.



propriate choice for the event locale, as several members, or members wives, are themselves survivors. Ms. Diana Brown, an experimental watercolorist, painted and dedicated a piece of artwork (lower right) for the celebration. Lillian Trau, another talented member artist is a survivor who counseled others. Tina Herring, a member artist from Conyers, is another. These women are but a few survivors in our very own art guild.

The community owes its gratitude to Martha Taylor, Executive Director of the Hospital Auxiliary, The Women's Diagnostic Center, and to Josephine Kelly for all their hard work in painting these courageous "Portraits of Hope."

Southern Heartland Members at Lion's Club Barbecue

Some members of Southern Heartland Art Guild displayed art at the Lion's Club Barbecue October 13th at Legion Fairgrounds. Gallery Artists painted Lions' Brooms to raise money for the Gallery Classroom, and Art Guild Members painted children's faces, for vol-



untary donations. Proceeds of face painting totaled \$263 and will go into the guild instructional fund to provide additional scholarship money for students interested in careers in the arts. Children in attendance painted pumpkins supplied by Southern Heartland Arts, Inc. under the supervision of guild artists.

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Calendar of Events

- November 1: Xmas Tree and Windows for Xmas, Come Help!!!
- November 5: Gallery Meeting, 4:00 PM.
- November 15: Christmas Open House
- December 1: Xmas Parade.
- Beginning November 1, gallery will close at 5 PM except Thursdays, open til 8 PM.

Georgia artist wins 2007 National Wolf Awareness Week Poster Contest

Elise McCauley Hammond, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, received her art degree from Auburn University, Alabama in 1967. During the past forty years

Elise has created art works in various media for many corporate and private collections, such as, General Mills, Oxford College of Emory University,

The Bank of Covington, The Newton County Chamber of Commerce, The Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. and The Red Wolf Recovery Program. Elise presently displays her work and conducts art classes from the Southern Heartland Art Gallery in Covington, GA where she currently serves as Gallery Director.

Fascinated by a magazine article concerning the recovery of the red wolf to the southeastern United States, in 1992 Elise embarked on a study of the red wolf. With her husband, Bob, she traveled to various breeding facilities located in Tennessee, North Carolina and Missouri. A series of drawings and paintings followed using the reference material gathered from these studies. Elise's pastel rendering of a red wolf in, "May Morning Hunt", was selected for the 1999 National Wolf Awareness



poster.

Renderings of animals and landscapes continue to be favorite subjects for Elise's paintings. For more information concerning Elise's art, you may visit www.elisehammond.com



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NEWS

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ASHLAND, Wis. – Wolves are returning to portions of their historical range around the country. To recognize the importance of wolves, Wolf Awareness Week is celebrated the third week of October 19 every year, Oc-

tober 14-20. Timber Wolf Alliance, a program of the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute of Northland College, Ashland, Wis., develops unique informational Wolf Awareness Week posters and distributes them to schools, libraries, nature centers and to the interested public.

Artist Elise M. Hammond has won the 2007 National Wolf Awareness Week Poster Contest. The poster features Elise's painting, "Red Wolf Refuge," and includes current information about wolf packs across the United States. The 2007 poster highlights the two decades of work to recover the red wolf to portions of the southeastern portion of the United States.

During the past forty years, Elise M. Hammond has created art works in various media for many corporate and private collections around the country, and her favorite subjects are animals and landscapes. Fascinated by a magazine article concerning the recovery of the red wolf to the southeastern United States, in 1992 Elise embarked on a study and subsequent artwork of the red wolf. Hammond's pastel image, "May Morning Hunt" won the 1999 National Wolf Awareness Week contest.

This year's posters will be available Oct. 1 and are free to the public. To order a poster by mail, send a \$6 check or money order for shipping and handling to the Timber Wolf Alliance, Sigurd Ol-

son Environmental Institute, Northland College, 1411 Ellis Avenue, Ashland, WI 54806. Timber Wolf Alliance is commemorating its 20th anniversary of providing science-based information about wolves to the general public of Wisconsin and Michigan. The Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at Northland College has worked since 72 to facilitate solutions to environmental problems in the North Country through education, research, and citizen involvement. For more information about the Institute or Timber Wolf Alliance, call (715) 682-1223, or visit our website at: <http://www.northland.edu/soei>.

Southern Heartland & Covington Downtown Marketed at Social Circle Visitor's Center

Several members of Southern Heartland Gallery recently hung art at the Social Circle Visitor's Center. Gallery Brochures, Maps to Covington Historic Square, and Southern Heartland Newsletters and guild applications are on hand at the Visitor's Center, with the goal of marketing Covington's historic sites and the downtown business district and square to the many visitors coming



from the Blue Willow Inn. Artists volunteer time at the center, in order to provide tourists with directions to Covington, and interesting landmarks they might see along the way. Pictured left is Southern Heartland Guild President Margaret Warfield, Gallery Director Elise Hammond, and Board Member and Grant Chair, Sharon Chandler.

CAROL RAINEY FOX OCTOBER ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Carol Fox has this philosophy... "Why paint and be creative if we can't follow our impulses and instincts?" This belief is reflected in her fearless utilization of vibrant color. Her subject matter varies from People to Pears to Pigs. She paints with oils and acrylics when working on canvas. Of



late, exploring the use of wood and tin is a new endeavor and is in keeping with much of her folk art subject matter.

Carol's desire to be an artist developed as a young child and led her to a BFA in drawing and painting at University of Georgia. Post graduate training and experience came while living in Africa and Spain, and during extensive travels in Cambodia and Europe.

Carol displays her work in Southern Heartland Gallery and Frame Shop. She is also featured at the James Madison Inn and O'Hara's Restaurant in Madison, Genuine Georgia in Greensboro, Bella Salon in Athens, and at the Visitors Center and Gallery in Social Circle Georgia.



SHA, Inc. to Hold Monte Carlo Fund-raiser in February...Save the Date

Southern Heartland has set February 9, 2008, as its 2008 fundraiser. The event will be sponsored by Air Conditioning Specialists and held at the Oaks Golf Club from 6—10 PM. Save the date notices will be sent out the end of this month to members of the community who are not guild members. In an effort to save postage and printing costs, guild members will be reminded and receive their invitation via email. It should be noted that **reservations will be limited to the first 200 ticket purchasers so make yours early and include your check.**



Cost of the event is \$65.00 per person, and includes a cocktail buffet, two drink tickets (beer or wine, only), a raffle ticket, \$5000 in play money, dealers, gaming tables, followed by a live auction and raffle prize drawing. An example of prizes are as follows:

Firecracker 500 Tickets & Pit Passes, a night at Chateau Elan w/ Dinner, Breakfast and 18 Holes of Golf, a Week End at Frapp Island, a Chinese Dinner Party for 6 with tour of the Lofts of Porterdale, a Log Cabin Week End at Sautee and a Business Telephone System.



GEORGIA GOING GREEN AWARD TO VELLIOTIS



Southern Heartland Gallery artist, Carol Veliotis, was recently given the "Georgia Going Green" award and was featured in a WSB television special about recycling and other environmental issues. Carol's art has won numerous prizes and awards for her recycling of everyday trash and throwaways into objects d'art, and she was se-

lected for this award from several hundred Georgia artists whose names had been submitted for this statewide recognition.

Carol is active with Keep Covington-Newton Clean and Beautiful and has coordinated with art instructors the annual Trash to

Treasure" contests held within the art curriculum in Newton County Schools.

Ms. Veliotis has art in international collections, having lived in Greece for a number of years. Locally, her work may be seen at Southern Heartland Gallery on Covington's historic square, and in Social Circle Visitor's Center.