

The Greater Augusta Arts Council

— *presents* —

2026

AUGUSTA

ANNUAL

ARTS AWARDS

& DINNER

—
June 19, 2026
—

St. Paul's River Room



Ceremony Schedule

Gather & Connect

Words of Welcome

Kigwanna Cherry, President, Greater Augusta Arts Council

Blessing

Leon Maben, VP Public Art, Greater Augusta Arts Council

Dinner is Served

A Family Affair Catering

Featuring the musical artistry of JaVonne Jones, Violinist

2026-2027 Board Member Slate

Mike Sleeper, Incoming President, Greater Augusta Arts Council

The Board Vote & Induction of New President

Presentation of the 2026 Arts Awards Honorees

M. Denise Tucker, Executive Director

The Vision Ahead & Closing Remarks

Mike Sleeper, Incoming President, Greater Augusta Arts Council



Connect, celebrate, and share joy with the community

2026 Honorees

The arts flourish because of those who dare to create, support, inspire, and believe. Each year, we celebrate the artists, makers, entertainers, advocates, patrons, and quiet champions whose contributions strengthen the creative spirit of the Greater Augusta River Region. Their work leaves a lasting imprint on our communities, reminding us of the power of art to transform lives and bring people together.

THE SCOTT SEIDL VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AWARD
Scott Seidl, posthumously honored for his visionary leadership

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Sala Adenike Jeter-Allen

PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Dennis Skelley & David Peltier
Presented by Kigwana Cherry

VISUAL ARTIST
Gerry Omeara

ARTS ENTERTAINMENT
Dirk Meyer

LITERARY ARTS
Cheryl Corbin

FASHION
Felina Martin

ARTS EDUCATOR
Raoul Pacheco

CULINARY ARTS
Charlotte & Thomas Hill

MEDIA
Frame by Frame (WJBF)

ARTS NON -PROFIT
Phinzy Nature Park

ARTS SPONSOR
Second City Distillery

KATH GIRDLER ENGLER PUBLIC ART AWARD
Emily Bender

DIGITAL ART, DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY
Amy Callan

HISTORY & PRESERVATION
Ransom Schwerzler (Meadow Garden Historic House)

ARTS VOLUNTEER
Keelyn Sleeper

EMERGING ARTIST
Seth Prior

Incoming Board of Directors

Executive Board

Kigwana Cherry - Outgoing/Past President

Mike Sleeper- President

Mickie Williford- VP

David Peltier- VP Development

Rhian Swain- VP of Programs

Will McCranie- Secretary

Andy Albright- Treasurer

Leon Maben- Public Art

Members at Large

Dorian Harris

Dennis Skelley

Gigi Smith

Michael A. Brown

Emmanuel Mitchell

Stacy Pulliam (Ad Hoc)

JOIN THE ARTS COUNCIL

The greatest gift you can give the Greater Augusta Arts Council is not attending an event. It is not buying a ticket. It is not liking a social media post.

It is becoming a member. Membership support is the foundation that sustains our work year-round. It allows us to advocate for artists, manage public art, support cultural organizations, provide professional development opportunities, produce community events, and serve as a voice for the arts throughout our region.

The reality is that the arts are taking a hit. Public funding is shrinking. Resources are becoming more limited. Yet the need for arts, culture, creativity, and community connection has never been greater.

When you become a member, you are making a statement. You are saying:

"We value the arts."

"We value creativity."

"We value the role artists play in shaping our community."

"We want this work to continue for generations to come."

Your membership is more than a transaction. It is an investment in the future of our community.

Thank you for believing in the power of the arts and for helping ensure that this work continues for decades to come. If you want to invest in the arts on a larger scale the Augusta Creative Legacy Fund is our permanent endowment that is housed at the Community Foundation of the CSRA.

GREATER AUGUSTA ARTS COUNCIL

As of June 2026

Membership Recognition

We gratefully acknowledge the following members for their support of the arts.

Golden Corporate Champion

Cumulus Controller
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Art Champion

Augusta Convention &
Visitors Bureau, Inc.
Mark Herbert

Pat Knox
Georgia Power
Tracy Stolarski
Grace Weller

Art Aficionado

Ryan Abel
Robert Bennett
Bennish Brown
Bryce Giboney
Kelyisha Hayden
Elgin Hobbs

Lynwood Holmes
Deven Jackson
Daniel Sapp Jr.
Zach Kelehear
Steven Kendrick
Infrastructure Systems Management
Trey Maxwell

Raye Robinson
Gennaro (Gigi) Smith
Joe Stevenson
Julie Stiefel
Devrick Thomas
Lydia Tidwell

Art Benefactor

Stephanie Abdon
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Ronnie Aiken
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Scott Allen
Trey Allen
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Jesus Ayala-Perez
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Cecilia Badger
Krys Bailey
Jeff Barrett
Tamika Bean
Rachel Shea Beck
Victoria Bedder
David Benson
Candice Berkshire
Roni Berkshire
Lori Best
Eugene Beverly
Renza Bing
Lindsay Black
Randy Bold
Regina Brejda
Beatrice Brown
Russell Joel Brown
Karen Bruker
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Janet Burch
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Kigwana Cherry
Menia Chester
Kylie Cobles
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Billy Colpaert
Randy Colvin
S. Boper9 Conklin
Tracy Conlon
Scott Connell
Jonathan Cook
Kevin Coombes
Crystal Cox
Jason Craig
Tommy Crawford
Dave Cruise
Leslie Cruise-Rahn
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Latoya Dent
Hiral Desai
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Whitney Dixon
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Carrie Everitt
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Lynn Gladney
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Art Gomez
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Leslie Hamrick
Nancy Hannan
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Neiko James
Tamika Jefferson
Kay Jesse
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Sheryl Jolly
Antonio Jones
Sheila Kamath
Jan Keen
Kevin King
Francie Klopotic
Marion Koger
Sanjiv Kumar
Alexa Larson
William Lawless
Stacey Leigh
Steve Lindamood
Lee Little
Margaret Peggy Lovelace
Linda Luoma
Rachel Mack
Jay Markwalter
Corey Martin
Angela Maskey
Mishunda Mathis
Lindsay McCranie
Sophia McDonald
Revellee McNeill
Tim McSherry
Stephanie McWhorter
Elizabeth Messulam
Patricia Minton

Art Benefactor (Cont.)

Jennie Montgomery
Lamar Morgan
Steven Morris
Iasha Nichols
Raoul Pacheco
Dylan Padgett
Mary Paschal
Rakhi Patel
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David Peltier
Cheryl Pickard
Philip Plantamura
Carla Platner
Saundra Plunkett
Matt Porter
Alexandria Powell
Carolyn Prater
James Price
Anne Proctor
Vicki Proefrock

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Angela Randolph
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Laura Rollins
Deb Rosenquist
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Karey Santos
Ian Scott
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Lourdes Sellars
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Jasmine Sims
Sanjeev Singhal
Dennis Skelley
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Gregory Smith
Jody Smith

John Snider
Quynh Spicer
Patrick Steranka
Alicia Stevens
Ralph Stewart
Rebecca Stiles
Raymond Sturkey
Rhian Swain
Vanessa Swartzbaugh
Molly Swift
Henry Syms
Pat Tante
Mat Thomas
Ana Thompson
Jim Thorpe
Annette Thurmond
Gary Tom
David Towles
Machere Denise Tucker
Diane Turner

Carolyn Tynan
Franziska Valerius
Angie Walker
Steve Walpert
Dakota West
Symphoni Wiggins
Franklin D. Williams
Bruce Williams
Evelt Williams
Jared Williams
Sarah McKettrick Williams
Mickey Williford
Ann Winter
Irina Wnorowski
Choppy Woodward
Warren Woodward
Kelley Zapata

Art Patron

John P. Batson
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Eddie Bussey
Taylor Davis

Deavon Drumgoole
Margaret Dunstan
Ed & Brenda Durant
Vanessa Harris
Rodney Herenton
Michael Higby

Justin Lien
Garland Minter
James Nord
Mukti Patel
Salvatore Rizzo
Tim & Mary Schroer

Jonathan Sharp
Joan Smith
Yvonne Trest
Tina Whitehouse

Art Enthusiast

Art the Artist Abdon
Lynne Abruzzo
Laurie Adamson
Miles Anderson
Lorraine Barlett
Christina Beckham
Emily Bender
Kenneth Benson
Colleen BEYER
Carmen Bindues
Susan Bland
Patrick Blount
Pax Bobrow
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Rebecca Brady
Edward Braun
Molly Braun
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ChaVonne Campbell
John Cannon
Peggy Capito
Chaltsy Carlton
Rose Castleberry
Jason Chambers
Angie Cox

Evy Danckers
Bill Daniel
Candy Davidson
Rick Davis
Steven Deitch
Brandon Dial
Beth droppleman
Robyn Wittenberg Dudley
Dwayne Elam
Rhiannon English
Anjela Eubank
Sarah Felz
Russell Foster
Joseph Fournier
Caitlin Fox
Matthew Fraser
Robert Giancroce
Karin Gillespie
Johanne M. Gimbrone
Kristina Gonzalez
Andrew Goss
Zoey Green
Katherine Groves
Kimberly Hale
Frances Grace Hall
Laura Hall

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Rich Howe
Jamie Lowe Jackson
Michael St. John
Henry Wynn Jr.
Bill Karp
Donatella Key
Brad King
Juliet King
Wesley Kisting
Robert Klensin
Hazel Lammie
Ray LeBlanc
Tommy Lyles
Fiona Lysse
Keyvia Mack
Evadene Madina
Judy Maxwell

Kortlyn McPeek
Michael Meissner
Jonah Miller
Lillie Morris
Raven Nobles
Chris Palmer
Bart Pennington
Caitlin Phibbs
Susan Poe
Randy Pratt
David Preiser
Matt Raulerson
Joy Ray
Scott Richard
Nathaniel Robinson
Jerry Rogers
Juana Rubio
Mary Rufo
Katie Scarborough
Katherine Schiller
Krystal Shao
Janice Sims
Ry Sparks
Emily Spencer
John Stafford
Peter Stitt

Art Enthusiast (Cont.)

Ann Sturkey
Laurie Sutton
Bonnie Taylor
Denice Traina

Jason Tudor
Sandra Vantrease
Len Walker
Hewie Waymer

Shayna Wheeler
Drake White
Janice Whiting
Roel Wielinga

Sarah Williams
Gerald Woods
Jausiah Xamir
Chloe Young

Art Friend

Maria Adams
Dania Alawir
Angela Bakos
Gregger Bass
Richard Beasley
Jessica Benavente
Lina Bennett
Cameron Bentley
Trex Bolick
John Brogan
Becky Brooker
Katie Brooks
Christian Von Buedingen
Audrey Burton
Barry Byrnes
Lindsey Carver
Lucinda Clark
Stu Cohen
Amy Crawford

Alicia Cully
Jeanette Glenn Cummings
Margaret Daniel
Susan Davies
Carolyn Dolen
Jack Dugan
Jeremy Fearneyhough
Barbara Fiebiger
Gerri Flemming
Frances Force
Kathleen Franey
Samantha Geoffroy
Bruce Gorsak
Dorian Harris
Sarah Harrold
Troi Hawkins
Johnathan Hendrickson
Carolyn Henry
Laura R. Hughes
Jared Hurta
Celestine James

Nancy Johnson
James Kitchens
Doug Law
Huon Le
Marsha Loda
Mickey Lubeck
Leon Maben
Clay Mitchell
Kyle Niederhauser
Anastasia Oliver
Ashley Panter
Tracie Parker
Amy Patton
Janie Terrell Peel
William Perry
James Pitzer
Kacee Reed
Christine Rhodes
Aaron Richardson
Lea Rigdon
Scott Shaw

Lonzo Smith
Shannon Sombar
Rachel Spaug
Addie Strozier
Dearly Dawn Studio
Gregorio Tarancon
Tshaka Thabiti
Lisa Anne Tindal
Rhamunda Walters
Kimberlyn Walthour
Ebony Washington
Laura Waters
David Watts
Lucy Weigle
Dia Whitaker
James Whitehead
James Whitfield
Naomi Williams
Katherine W. Yawn
Leonard Zimmerman

Art Non-Profit

Georgia Rehabilitation Institute (GRI)
Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art
CSRA Sequential Artists
The Jessye Norman School of The Arts
Arts and Heritage Center of North Augusta
Authors Club of Augusta
VOCE, The Young Voices of Greater
Augusta
Augusta Concert Band
Karen Brown
Sacred Heart Cultural Center
Augusta Georgia Chapter SPEBSQSA,
DBA Garden City Chorus
Augusta Junior Woman's Club

Colton Ballet Company
Harlem Arts Council
Artists Guild of Columbia County
Augusta University Art Department
LS Benevolent Events
Augusta Photography Festival
Poison Peach Film Festival
Augusta Chorale of Georgia
Kevin Grogan
CSRA Musicians Guild
North Augusta Artists Guild
Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History
Creative Impressions
Augusta Symphony Inc.
B&B Theatre Productions Inc.
Harry Jacobs Chamber Music Society, Inc.

MelodiousOne Educational Institute, Inc.
Storyland Theatre, Inc.
Suzuki Strings of Augusta, Inc.
Tuesday's Music Live, Inc.
Augusta Jewish Museum
Nicole Novak
The Augusta Players
Ebony Rivers
Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School
Waynesboro-Burke Concert Series
The Augusta Broadway Singers
Columbia County Choral Society
Imagination Station
Augusta Mini Theatre
Imperial Theatre
Westobou

Art Lover

Jade Abudia
Randal Adamek
Chelsea Adams
Tonya Agerton
Mark Albertin
Abstract Alexandra
Laurie Algar
Nanani Alicea

Brian Allen
Zachary Alvarez
Jezibell Anat
Rebecca Anchor
Darla Andrews
Dwane Aristide
Claire Armstrong
Julie Armstrong
Martha Arrington
Judy Avrett

Tamell Bailey
Amanda Baker
Chad Baker
Sally Balestrieri
Susan Barney
Caleb Barrett
Keandra Barry
Martha Baxter
Cassandra Bayer
Kim Beavers

Jasmine Beck
Summer Bell
Christina Berkshire
Adeana Berry
Brian Berry
Mary Besel
Rachel Bingaman
Randyl Bishop
Debbie Black
Paige Blackcloud

Art Lover (Cont.)

Braye Boardman	Ann Delorge	Tonia Gibbons	Deanna Jaugstetter
Marsha Boasso	Christina Dezutter	Leanna Gioia	Gwen Jenkins
Kimberley Bollinger	Sabrina Dickson	Mary Gordon	Joy Jenkins
Aquila Bookhart	Shannon McClellan Dixon	Beth Gore	Kerry Johnson
Rich Borden	Michael Drake	Kate Goss	Kristie Robin Johnson
Charles Bowen	Judi T. Dudley	Jessica Graham	Liz Anne Johnson
Diane Boyd	Stephanie M. M. Dunatov	Lauren Gray	Michelle Johnson
Jas Boyd	Heather Dunaway	Joanne Greene	Timothy L. Johnson
Jeffrey Boyles	J. Travis Duncan	Marlie Grilli	Daniel Jolly
Charmain Brackett	Matthew Duncan	Buddy Haddon	Crystal Jones
Julie Brackett	Kyrah Durden	Pamela Hahn	Keller Jones
Sarah Braxton	Jacki Mayo Van Dyke	Tierney Hall	Rickey Jones
Michelle Brittingham	Alana Dyson	Samantha Hamrick	Jenifer Josey
Kierra Brown	Kay Edenfield	Katie Hansen	Donald W. Small Jr.
Deborah Bruce	Linda Eidson	Stephanie Hardigree	Ron Baxley Jr.
Christine Bruner	Laylah Muhammad El	Linda Hardy	Rufus Cooper Jr.
Natalie Bryan	Greta Elam-Cobb	Theresa Harper	Francesca Kasper
Eric Bryant	Nathan Elliott	Aaliyah Harris	Katherine Kelly
Robert Bryant	Jane Ellis	Sunja Harris	Frances Kennedy
Ronda Bryce	Jennifer Ellis	Kelly Harvey	Lauren Kerbelis
Nong Von Buedingen	Donna England	Lynn Harvey	Cheryl Kesling
Dwalyan Bull	Cyndy Epps	Marian Hawk	Rakhi Kheraj
Elizabeth Burgess	Renea Eshleman	Glenn Hazelwood	Caitlyn Kingery
Susan Callaway	George Eskola	Meredith Healan	Rich Klein
Raven Ariana Carey-James	Shoshannah Estell	Betsy Doubledee Heatherly	June Klement
Jimel Carpenter	Debra Estep	Candice Henderson	Ryan Krafthefer
Kathrine Carr	Tiffany Evitts	Findley Henderson	Herman Kunis
Tony Carr	Albert Ewing	Milena Henderson	Randy Lambeth
Cathy Carter	Rainbow Factory	Tiphiknee De Herrera	Melanie Larsen
Donald Carter	Jeff Fanning	Nathaniel Hicks	Jennifer Lask
Melissa Cearley	Libby Fennell	Silvia Hickson	Linda Lavigne
Si-Long Chen	Diane Fennig	Anthony Hightower	Robert W. Lee
Ruby Childers	Karessa Kaye Ferguson	Lester Hinson	Rene Lemmons
Stephanie Clarke	Carla Fincher	Tracie Hinson	Allen Lewis
Jeremy Cohen	Sam Finnerty	Wayne Hoey	Michael Lindsey
Melody Collins	Crystal Fiquette	Constance Johnson Holmes	Cassandra Loftlin
Monique Colón	Joan Fishbein	Lisa Hopper	Kelley Logan
Frances Cooper	Timothy Fitzgerald	Vivian Hornsby	Devin Lovett
Cheryl Corbin	Miranda Floyd	Joseph House	Genevieve Lucas
Jean Covington	Alex Foltz	Jane Howington	Corinna Ludwig
Audrey Crosby	Shanita Fort	Zijuan Huang	Valdedric Lyons
Joanne Crouch	Rob Foster	A'men Hudson	Susan MacEwen
Jessica Crowe	Jade Fousek	Jeff Huff	Sheryll Maddox
Sandie Crowley	Sharon Fox	Betsy Hughes	Jacqui Magon
Arielle Crump	Melissa Fruit	Tricia Hughes	Deepti Malik
Miaomiao Cui	Kim W. Gaines	Kimberly Huttar	Megan Maloney
Jeremy Cully	Ralph Gaines	Dajeong Hwang	Tiffany Manriquez
Alissa Halpin/ Curtis	Clarissa Gainey	Kelley Igo	Charity Marcus
Holly Curtis	Denise Gale	Joshua Ingalls	Opal M. Markell
Justin Curtis	Joseph Galvin	Rev. Melvin Ivey	Elizabeth Markwalter
Matt Dahlheimer	Thomas Gardiner	Melvin Jackson	Felina Martin
A.C. Daniel	Elizabeth Gardner	Reginald Jackson	Kathryn Martin
Cheryl Dean	Brian Gavin	Tiffany Jackson	Yelitza Maura
Martha Deller	Davis Gavitt	Audrey Jacobson	Patty Mayer

Art Lover (Cont.)

Shanta Mayes	Rosetta Parker-Austin	Sharon Schroeder	Pam Thompson
Melanie McBride	Star Parks	Sherri Scott	Tamera Toogood
Linda McBurney	Erica Pastecki	Joshua Sepielli	Carol Trimble
Phillip Mccants	Jaila Petersen	Ian Shane Shiverick	Will Tullis
Edward McCranie	Max Peterson	Amelia Sides	Maygen Tuschen
Lakisha Mckeithen	Christina Petrides	Pauline Simpson	Guiller Valencia
Susan McKew	Jerri Phillips	Katherine Sioson	Suzette Verbeck
Linda McKoy	Lisa Pierce	Tara Skelley	Susan Verdecchia
Trey McLaughlin	Sindhu Pillai	David Smith	Heather Wagner
Chris Mcnamara	Patty Polasky	Mike Smith	Jenny Wagner
Devon & T.J. McSherry	Rachel Polvadore	Piccola Smith	Pat Warren
Terry Meek	Avery Prather	Terry Smith	Mary Washington
John Meeks	Blaine Prescott	Augusta Choral Society	Justin Watson
Mary Michau	Ren Quackenbush	Meher Soni	Larry Watson
Christina Miller	Muhammad Rafique	Harriet Speer	Monica Wells
Ethan Moore	Emily Rahn	Darby Spencer	Loren Werner
Angel Moreno	Robin Raymond	Janea Spillers	Eric Wessling
Elizabeth Moretz-Britt	Fredric Ready	David Stacks	Jai West
Jaylyn Morris	Alexia Redman	Jill Stafford	Gail Wheeler
Brodrick Mungo	Aort Reed	Sincerai Stallings-Castillo	Alexis White
Kiara Mustafa	Joe Ann Reinhardt	Amanda Stevens	Doris White
Taylor Newbeck	Ann Ribock	Brian StewART	Heather White
Lee Newman	Bernard Roberts	Deborah Stickney	Margot White
Shanita Newton	Stacy Roberts	Mollie Story	Anthony Whitehouse
Trina Nicastro	Amethyst Robinson	LaQuilla Streetman	Christi Wildes
Addison Niday	Kelly Robinson	Lala Streett	Nik Wilets
Rachel Niederhauser	Anna Romano	Margret Strickland	Darnese Williams
Gerry O'MEARA	Marsha Rowe	Janet Stulb	Hillary Williamson
Stacy O'Sullivan	Diana Royal	Sharon Sullivan	Stephanie Willingham
Kimberly Oakley	Kate Ruffin-Laponzina	David Swanagin	Yuliia Wilson
Kaylin Oldham	Michael Rushbrook	Shaunt Swint	Chanel Woodruff
Kathy Olson	Gail Russell	Patricia Tait	Cherelle Wright
Shirley Olson	Brian Rust	Gerald Tanksley	Destinee Wright
Mike Omeara	Billy S.	Tori Taylor	Jean Yarsawich
Chastan Owens	Aline Scarano	Laura Thomas	Gregory Young
Suzanne Painter	Ryan Schluter	Lucy K. Thomas	Lou Ann Zimmerman

Public Art Advisory Panel

Made up of 5 Richmond County residents, this diverse panel of artists and art supporters, manages public art commissions for the City of Augusta. The Panel functions as an advisor to the City of Augusta helping with decisions about public art. The panel meetings are attended by city employees from a variety of departments along with interested members of the Arts Council Board of Directors. At its most basic, public art is original works of art in public places. Public places are easily accessible and clearly visible to anyone, either outdoors or in government building common spaces. The artworks may exist briefly or for long periods of time. ADA compliance and public safety is inherently part of the design process.

Leon Maben, Chair & Vice President of Public Art

Voting Members: Laura Evans, Emanuel Mitchell, Morgan Hayes, Tia Johnson, Marian Hawk,
Dr. Darryl Nettles, Natasha Davis, Lynwood Holmes

THE ART OF

AUGUSTA & CO. GALLERY



MAR 26 -
JUNE 25, 2026.

On view in the Augusta & Co. Gallery



10 LOCAL MUSICIANS, 10 LOCAL ARTISTS, 1 SHOWCASE
Learn more at: <https://augustaarts.info/the-art-of-music>

MUSIC

An exhibition of works inspired by Augusta's unique architectural and interior designs.

On view in the City Gallery
April 23 - July 16, 2026
Reception June 12, 2026
from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

BUILT *in Augusta*

CITY GALLERY



VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE SCULPTURE ALONG THE AUGUSTA SCULPTURE TRAIL!

THE FAQs >>>



WHAT IS THE AUGUSTA SCULPTURE TRAIL?

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Augusta discovered the importance of outdoor experiences. Augustan's couldn't travel, but were able to explore their own city in new ways. The Greater Augusta Arts Council, as the City's Public Art Agency, proposed to create an outdoor public sculpture trail, featuring local to national artists, to give Augustan's and visitors something more to enjoy about our great city. An art trail that would highlight and add to the beauty of historic Downtown Augusta and the Riverwalk. So, in 2021, the first iteration of the Augusta Sculpture Trail was installed. Every two years, 10 sculptures are brought to Augusta, on loan from artists from across the US, with all sculptures available for purchase for permanent installation. Since 2021, Augusta has seen 3 iterations and has grown the trail to 18 sculptures with 8 being permanent installations.

WHY ARE WE VOTING?

Your vote helps the Public Art Advisory Panel determine which sculpture to put forth to the commission for approval of purchase and permanent placement within our city's public art collection. We want to hear from YOU on which piece or pieces you would like to see stay on the Augusta Sculpture Trail. Help us grow our public art scene!



WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC ART?

Accessible public art is important in a community because it brings art into everyday life in a way that everyone can experience, regardless of background or income. When art is placed in shared public spaces, it helps shape a community's identity, inspires pride, and creates opportunities for connection, whether its with the environment or each other. It also plays a meaningful role as an economic driver. Statistics prove that well-designed public art can attract visitors, support cultural tourism, increase foot traffic in local businesses, and contribute to the revitalization of public spaces. Over time, these installations can help strengthen a city's cultural profile while also generating measurable economic benefits through increased engagement and investment in surrounding areas. Art is for everyone, and that mens you too!



WHERE DO THE FUNDS COME FROM?

Funds used to purchase art come from multiple avenues; including grants the Arts Council applies for, private donors and collectors, and the City of Augusta. Artworks purchased from this trail are considered an investment into the city's cultural landscape and local economy. Where there is art, there is impact, whether its community or economic.



CAST YOUR VOTE IN PERSON OR ONLINE BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2026!

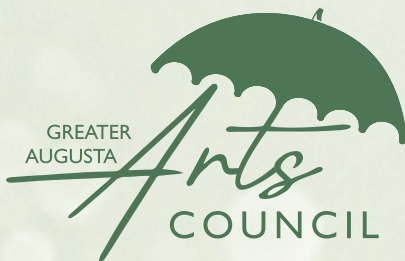
Scan the QR Code with your Smart Phone's Camera to visit <https://augustaarts.info/AST-Vote-2026>

Champions of the Arts

Recognizing the organizations and individuals whose support strengthens creativity throughout our community.



Pat Knox Hudson



The mission of the Greater Augusta Arts Council is to enrich the quality of life for citizens and visitors in Augusta River Region by advancing vibrant cultural arts.

AugustaArts.com
AugustaSculptureTrail.com
Events.AugustaArts.com
ArtsintheHeart.com