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**WINNERS CELEBRATED**  
**Annual Holiday Card Competition at the Cultural Arts Center**

*Douglasville, Georgia* – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County presents more than 100 holiday card designs created by elementary, middle and high school students from 20 Douglas County Schools in its annual competition. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5 until 6:30 p.m. for participating students, teachers and their families. Former Douglas County Schools music specialist and current music teacher with the Cultural Arts Council, Nancy Whittenburger will play Christmas carols and seasonal music on the piano during the festivities. This event is free and open to the general public.

The designs of students from South Douglas and Winston Elementary Schools, Chapel Hill Middle School and Douglas County High School were selected to be reproduced as holiday cards this year. The winners of the annual holiday card competition are: Julia Sheehan (1st grade, South Douglas; Nancy Clavier, art teacher); Jorge Rejon (5<sup>th</sup> grade, Winston; Tabitha Antonovich, art teacher); Lydia Sewell (8<sup>th</sup> grade, Chapel Hill; Melody Chambers, art teacher); and Nghia Vo (10<sup>th</sup> grade, Douglas County High School; Judy Callaway, art teacher). Their prize-winning printed cards are available for sale at the Cultural Arts Center.

“This year we wanted to do something really special for our winning students,” stated Laura C. Lieberman, director of the Cultural Arts Council. “The winning high school student will receive a scholarship for a 6-week class of their choice (valued at \$95 dollars) and the winning middle and elementary students will receive scholarships to one of our camps, either our Spring Break Art Camp (valued at \$75 dollars) or our Summer Art Camp at Hunter Park (valued at \$75 dollars).”

“We are delighted with the quality of the designs entered this year and the level of school participation,” commented June Keen, Chair of the CAC Arts Education Committee. Every student in this show is a winner – they were selected to represent their schools, and they should be very proud of themselves. We are proud of them!”

The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite groups. The Cultural Arts Council and its exhibitions at the Cultural Arts Center are supported in part by the City of Douglasville, the Douglas County Commission, and the Georgia Council for the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia. Hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1 until 5 p.m. For directions and more information, please contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770/949-2787.