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**MEDIA ALERT –
Annual Ice Cream Social at Cultural Arts Center**

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is pleased to announce its annual Ice Cream Social, hosted by the Historical Society of Douglas County and showcasing the summer exhibit, *The Flower Show*, an invitational exhibit of recent works by 18 West Georgia-based artists who explore floral imagery in a wide variety of artistic mediums and from a diverse range of aesthetic perspectives, at the Cultural Arts Center on Sunday, July 11th, from 2 until 4 p.m. Red, white and blue ice creams from ColdStone Creamery will be served. Along with the cool treats and original artworks, cowboy poet, musician and author David Fillingim will perform traditional western ballads on guitar and recite poems by Georgia cowboy poets to enliven this summer tradition. The event is free and open to CAC members and “not-yet-members,” the general public.

A professor of Philosophy and Sociology at Shorter College in Rome, Georgia, David Fillingim is an award-winning author and editor whose books include *Redneck Liberation: Country Music as Theology* (Mercer University Press, 2003), *Extreme Virtues: Living on the Prophetic Edge* (Herald Press, 2003), and *More than Precious Memories: The Rhetoric of Southern Gospel Music* (Mercer University Press, 2004) as well as his most recent volume, *Georgia Cowboy Poets*, published by Mercer University Press this year. As editor of *Georgia Cowboy Poets*, Fillingim featured the work by several Douglas County-based cowboy poets including Joel Hayes, Charlie Holloway and Doc Stovall. Fillingim has written scholarly and reference articles on a variety of topics in religion and popular culture. He often performs programs of traditional country, western and gospel music, especially for nursing home and senior adult groups, where he says audiences who are slightly hard of hearing really enjoy his yodeling and singing. Autographed copies of *Georgia Cowboy Poets* will be available for sale during the Ice Cream Social at the Cultural Arts Center.

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 and visitors. The Cultural Arts Council and its exhibitions at the Cultural Arts Center are supported by its members, sponsors, the City of Douglasville, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, and Georgia Council for the Arts through appropriations from the State General Assembly. The GCA is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art.

The Cultural Arts Center of Douglasville/Douglas County is located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, about 20 miles from Atlanta and just off I-20 west (exit 36). Hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions and more information, please contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770/949-2787 or visit our website, www.artsdouglas.org.