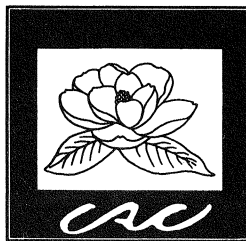


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**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF ON O'NEAL PLAZA  
RESCHEDULED TO OCTOBER 30TH**

*Douglasville, Georgia* – Presented in partnership with the City of Douglasville's Downtown Development Authority and the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County will now present the 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF at O'Neal Plaza on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6 until 9 p.m. This annual family fun event and fundraiser for the Cultural Arts Council is free and open to the general public.

Three prizes will be awarded by our panel of celebrity judges to our volunteer chili cookers – “Best Presentation” for the most creatively decorated booth, “Best Tasting” to the most delicious recipe, and “Most Sold” to the most popular variety being served. Tickets will be sold in \$1 increments; prices are: \$1 for A Taste of Chili; \$3 for A Bowl of Chili; \$2 for hot dogs; and \$1 for desserts, cotton candy and drinks. The proceeds benefit the exhibition program at the Cultural Arts Center, educational outreach programming including artists in our schools, and the CAC's popular spring and fall concerts series, also presented on O'Neal Plaza in Douglasville's historic downtown. In the spirit of the season, there will also be a Children's Halloween costume contest; and all children wearing costumes will receive gift bags, available on the “Trick or Treat Trolley,” during tours of historic downtown Douglasville offered throughout the event.

“Even if we had to reschedule due to more rain predictions, we are really looking forward to our lucky 13<sup>th</sup> Chili Cook Off,” said CAC Director Laura Lieberman. “And we are also delighted that we have more chili cookers than ever before! Our Office Manager Sara Ray has had to start a waiting list because so many people wanted to participate this year. We are looking forward to tasting chili made by past prize winners like Randy Daniel and Lane Blair, but there are lots of new participants too, which is always exciting. We hope everyone will join the fun!”

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 programs are supported in part by the City of Douglasville, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, and the Georgia Council for the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art. For more information, please contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770/949-2787 or visit our web site --- [www.artsdouglas.org](http://www.artsdouglas.org).

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