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**DOUGLAS COUNTY ART GUILD BIENNALE AT CAC --
Recent Works by Guild Members on Display**

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County presents recent works -- drawings, paintings, photographs, collages, prints, stained glass, turned wood, jewelry, ceramics and even decorated gourds -- by current members of the Douglas County Art Guild in its May exhibition at the Cultural Arts Center in downtown Douglasville. The pieces on display represent the diverse achievements of many local whose explorations of contemporary aesthetic directions present a wide range of artistic perspectives. The exhibition opens May 6th and will be on view through May 30th. Hosted by the Douglasville Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, the reception will be held on Thursday, May 6th, from 6 until 8 p.m. This event is free and open to the general public.

“This show combines the talents and energy of two of the Cultural Arts Council's most successful satellite groups,” stated CAC Director Laura Lieberman. “Under the leadership of Linda Britt, who became the Art Guild's President just a few years ago, the DC Art Guild has been revitalized and its membership has more than doubled. They have been exhibiting at the Douglas County Courthouse and in our local libraries, and they have many other shows planned for the next year. The local chapter of the American Business Women's Association who are hosting this exhibit's opening reception was chartered as a non-profit league to provide an avenue for the women of the Douglas County area to network and to gain information, training, and education through an organization of supportive women. This organization gives members the opportunity to become acquainted with entrepreneurs and businesswomen in the Douglas County area. The Arts Council is very proud to partner with them.”

The Douglas County Arts Guild is a membership organization of practicing artists and friends of the visual arts in Douglasville. An active satellite group of the Cultural Arts Council, the DC Arts Guild was founded more than twenty years ago, predating the establishment of Cultural Arts Council. Its members met at the Cultural Arts Center monthly. Guild activities include field trips to Atlanta arts centers, museums and galleries; special workshops like the recent stained glass session led by teaching artist Mack Porter, still life drawing studios, and a paper quilt project funded by the CAC's Grassroots Arts Program from Georgia Council for the Arts and now on permanent display at the Douglas County Courthouse; and slide lectures, gallery talks and other educational programs. The Guild uses miniatures and reproductions of their own works to decorate the Cultural Arts Center Christmas tree every holiday season. Their one-of-a-kind decorations have proved very popular -- and their sale has been a wonderful fundraiser for its activities.

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 organizations. 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., and Sundays, 1 until 5 p.m. For directions and more information, please contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770/949-2787 or visit our web site, www.artsdouglas.org.

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CALENDAR LISTINGS: EXHIBITS

TITLE: DOUGLAS COUNTY ARTS GUILD:
Recent Works by Current Members

PLACE: The Cultural Arts Center of Douglasville / Douglas County
8652 Campbellton Street
Douglasville, Georgia 30134

DATES: May 6 – 30, 2010

RECEPTION: Thursday, May 6th, 6 – 8 p.m.

GALLERY HOURS: Mondays – Fridays, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sundays, 1 – 5 p.m.

COST: Free and open to the public

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