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About the Decatur Arts Alliance

Founded in 1989, the Decatur Arts Alliance (DAA) is a nonprofit partnership of artists, business owners, residents, and government dedicated to supporting and enhancing the arts in the city of Decatur. The DAA sponsors the annual Decatur Arts Festival as well as other free art events in Decatur throughout the year.

The Decatur Arts Alliance provides a collaborative environment to coordinate the interests of artists, gallery owners, dance groups, and performance venues within Decatur and helps the city build a strong arts community.

Decatur Arts Alliance

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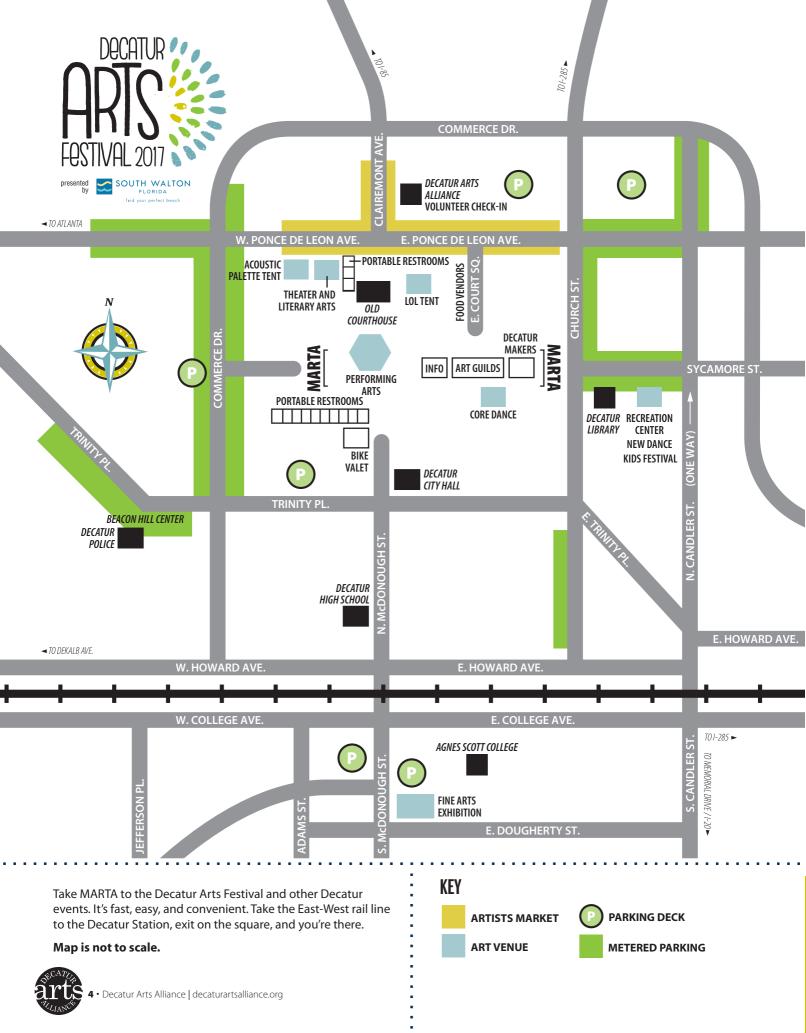
Check in with us to get updates on happenings around downtown Decatur throughout the year and share your experiences.







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THE ARTS FESTIVAL POSTER

he Decatur Arts Festival commissioned this year's poster artwork from MILAGROS Collective artists Felici Asteinza and Joey Fillastre. If their work seems familiar, it's because they're the artists who recently painted the MARTA overpass mural on West Trinity Place, adjacent to Decatur Police headquarters.

Felici and Joey have extensive mural experience, including a Public Art Commission for the New Orleans Public Library, murals in Greensboro, N.C., hosted by the Elsewhere museum and funded by ArtPlace America, an Art in Public Places mural on the Yates Parking Garage in Jacksonville, Fla., and others.

"What sets the MILAGROS Collective apart," according to Angie Macon, director of the Decatur Arts Alliance, "is their extensive community engagement experience in creating their murals and other pieces. They have a commitment to and an excitement for the community engagement process around their projects."

Visit milagroscollective.com to learn more.



POSTER UNVEILING

The Decatur Arts Festival poster for 2017 was unveiled on May 4 at the Solarium in Oakhurst. The artsy springtime party was presented by the Decatur Arts Alliance with refreshments provided by Three Taverns, Arches Brewing, Steady Hand Brewing, and Decatur Package Store, décor by Swagalicious, and food from Bennett's Market and Deli and Gigi's Treats. Jimmy Galloway provided music.

Poster Unveiling Committee: Faye Sykes, Mari Atwell, Tonya Burkett, Mitzi Hill, Julie Rhame

TAKE THE POSTER HOME WITH YOU!

Visit the Information Tent on the MARTA plaza during the Artists Market and check out the T-shirt selection and poster with this year's artwork. See the map at left for the tent location.



Kick off Arts Month and celebrate the start of summer with the Decatur Lantern Parade, presented by the Decatur Arts Alliance and Decatur Education Foundation. Gather at Color Wheel Studio, 508 E. Howard Ave., after 8 pm, then parade to the downtown square along with the Black Sheep Marching Ensemble.

Sign up for a variety of lantern-making workshops – lantern hats, illuminated parasols, globe lanterns, and more – hosted by Chantelle Rytter at Color Wheel Studio in the two weeks preceding the parade.

Find out more at decaturlanternparade.com.

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DECATUR CIVIC CHORUS

Sunday, June 4, 3 pm Oak Grove United Methodist Church

1722 Oak Grove Rd.

The Decatur Civic Chorus performs its 66th annual spring concert, "On Top of the World," at nearby Oak Grove United Methodist Church. Free and open to the community.

Visit decaturcivicchorus.org or call 770-388-9536 for more information.





Best-Selling-Author READINGS AND BOOK SIGNINGS

Presented by the Georgia Center for the Book

in the Decatur Library Auditorium, 215 Sycamore St. Visit georgiacenterforthebook.org for more information.

Chuck Klosterman

X: A Highly Specific, Defiantly Incomplete History of the Early 21st Century

Monday, May 22 | 7:15 pm

Chuck Klosterman's tenth book collects his most intriguing pieces, accompanied by fresh introductions and new footnotes throughout. Klosterman presents many of the articles

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in their original form, featuring previously unpublished passages and digressions. Subjects include *Breaking Bad*, Lou Reed, zombies, KISS, Jimmy Page, Stephen Malkmus, steroids, Mountain Dew, Chinese democracy, The Beatles, Jonathan Franzen, Taylor Swift, Tim Tebow, Kobe Bryant, Usain Bolt, Eddie Van Halen, Charlie Brown, the Cleveland Browns, and many more cultural figures and pop

phenomena. This is a tour of the past decade from one of the sharpest and most prolific observers of our unusual times.

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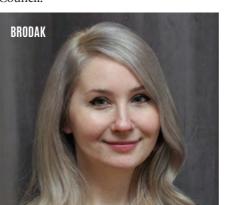
The Lemon Jell-O Syndrome

Tuesday, May 23 | 7:15 pm

A two-time Georgia Author of the Year winner returns for an on-stage conversation with Teresa Weaver to discuss his latest novel, *The Lemon Jell-O Syndrome*. Martin is the author of *Days Of*



The Endless Corvette, Paradise Dogs, and a daily comic strip, Inkwell Forest. Weaver is the former book critic for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and a member of the Georgia Center for the Book Advisory Council.

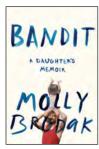


Molly Brodak and Cory Martin

Bandit: A Daughter's Memoir and Love Sick: A Memoir

Thursday, May 25 | 7:15 pm

Brodak and Martin will appear in conversation to discuss their latest memoirs and conflicts behind them: absent fathers, unworthy men, loss and longing. Edgy and modern, both stories deal with the failures and frustrations in modern life. In addition to her memoir, Brodak is a poet with several published collections including A Little Middle of the Night, winner of the 2009 Iowa Poetry Prize.





Martin's essays have appeared online at XOJane, The Mighty, and Elephant Journal. She is a yogi, the writer behind the documentary film "Titans of Yoga," and the author of *Yoga for Beginners*.





CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATORS GALLERY SHOW

May 26-June 16 | Decatur Library, 215 Sycamore St.

Reception on Friday, May 26, during ArtWalk | 7-9 pm

Hosts: Southern Breeze Chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the Georgia Center for the Book

The Southern Breeze Chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators hosts its annual gallery show at the Decatur Library. The exhibit focuses on children's book illustration and the power of visual art and the written word in storytelling. The illustrations on display are accompanied by a copy of the book or publication in which the art appears. The show runs through mid-June in the main lobby of the Decatur Library.

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the creation and availability of quality children's books around the world. The Southern Breeze Chapter covers Alabama, Georgia, and the Florida panhandle. Visit schwi.org to learn more.

The Georgia Center for the Book is the state affiliate of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. It is headquartered at the Decatur Library. To learn more, visit georgiacenterforthebook.org.

Walk

a site-specific performance by core dance

Saturday, May 20 | 8:30 pm Decatur Square, adjacent to 139 Sycamore St.

SHARING SPACE. WALKING IN RELATION.

The soul that sees beauty may sometimes walk alone. —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

The artists of CORE Performance Company, under the artistic direction of Sue Schroeder, create a performance work, in tandem with the community, in and around the Labyrinth. "Walk" contemplates the changing nature of the individual within our briskly changing world with the Labyrinth offering the sacred space for this community experience. Artistic collaborators include Chantelle Rytter (lantern design and creations for the labyrinth), Jay Staley (labyrinth design and construction), Chip Epsten and Grady Cousins (live music score and composition).



festival events



ARTWALK

Friday, May 26 | 5-11 pm | all around Decatur | free and open to the public

1. Agnes Scott College Fine Arts Exhibition

141 E. College Ave. Dalton Gallery, Dana Fine Arts Building 404-471-6000 agnesscott.edu

This juried multimedia exhibition features a diversity of artistic viewpoints.

Agnes Scott College is a private liberal arts college in downtown Decatur, Georgia.

2. Aimee Jewelry and Fine Art Gallery

335 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., Suite B 404-371-0099 aimeejewelryandgallery.com

This exhibition highlights the art and talent of artists who study with internationally known Wayland Moore. These artists, like Moore himself, are dealing with problems of heart disease and enjoy the relaxation and self-expression that painting and art afford. The proceeds from this exhibition go directly to the artists and the cardiac rehabilitation centers at Emory and St. Joseph's.

Aimee Jewelry and Fine Art Gallery specializes in unique design and repair. We carry jewelry from all over the nation and around the globe. We also have an in-house resource for jewelry design and redesign. Our fine art is eclectic in style and media, running the gamut from realism to abstraction.

3. CORE Dance

139 Sycamore St. 404-373-4154 coredance.org

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Decatur's largest one-night art experience returns with a fire twirler and other art-tastical experiences. Stroll around town to see exhibits at various shops and galleries and enjoy complimentary snacks and drinks. Beer will be on sale at **East Court Square** so drop by to visit

beer sponsors Steady Hand Beer Co., Arches Brewing, and Decatur's own Three Taverns Brewery (which has brewed up a batch of an arts-fest-only beer).



dance made for the silver screen is copresented by Core Dance and brings together a collection of original dance works for screen from around the world. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. The program lasts approximately 90 minutes and repeats two additional times throughout the evening. First screening begins at 5 pm, ongoing throughout the Decatur ArtWalk until 10 pm. Be our guest. Be a part of the audience, grab a chair and enjoy watching what our local filmmakers and international counterparts are up to!

Core Dance creates art, facilitates artmaking, and engenders art engagement for those seeking to connect with what makes us uniquely human: our intellect, our emotional body, our spiritual center. The body is our playground, movement our building blocks. Within our bodies resides the whole life, every truth. Through dance and the process of creating it we activate that which makes us individually unique and connect it to that which makes us indivisibly one.

4. Furry Tails Pet Shop

228 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-205-5049 furrytailspetshop.com

Claire Christin is an artist who makes handmade towels, magnets, and cards.

Furry Tails is a dog and cat food and supply shop that sells all-natural products and fun gifts for pet lovers.

5. Georgia Center for the Book – Decatur Library

215 Sycamore St. 404-370-3070 x2285 georgiacenterforthebook.org

The Southern Breeze Chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' annual gallery show at the Decatur Library focuses on children's book illustration and the power of visual art and the written word in storytelling. Featured illustrators include Gregory Christie, James Dean, and E.B. Lewis.

The Georgia Center for the Book is chartered with a mission to support libraries, promote literacy and literary arts, and preserve the literary heritage of Georgia.

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6. HomeGrown Decatur

412 Church St. 404-373-1147 homegrowndecatur.com

Georgia Art, Past, Present, and Future features the work of Howard Finster (1916-2001), James Dean and his iconic Pete the Cat, and the emerging Georgia artists of HomeGrown Decatur. Hard cider tasting with Atlanta's Urban Tree Cidery and delicious treats from Georgia's Byrd Cookie Company.

HomeGrown Decatur is a community of 100+ talented regional artists, craftspeople and small regional producers offering art, pottery, jewelry, local foods and more.

7. The Newell Gallery (Different Trains Gallery)

432 E. Howard Ave. 404-939-2787 differenttrainsgallery.com

This inaugural exhibition showcases paintings, drawings, photography, works on paper, textiles, sculpture and ceramics by local and global artists and artisans, curated by gallery owner Sarah Newell Garvin and partner Shawn Vinson, in a beautifully arranged space that encourages exploration of different art forms in a relaxed atmosphere.

Different Trains Gallery presents four to six exhibitions annually plus pop-up dinners, wine tastings, artist talks and more. We offer full-service art consulting, art sourcing, installation, delivery, conservation, restoration and framing.

8. Salon Red Kids

123 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-377-6230 salonred.com

Meet a local artist and discuss the work on display.

We are a children's salon located in the heart of downtown Decatur. Attached to the salon is our kids boutique, with tons of cute gifts.

9. Sq/Ft

149 Sycamore St. 404-373-6607 sqftdecatur.com

View and discuss artwork on display with local artists.

Clothing, home and gift boutique. Something for everyone.

10. Squash Blossom

113 E. Court Square 404-373-1864 squashblossomboutique.com

Meet a local artist and discuss the work on display.

Squash Blossom is an eclectic boutique full of beautiful things for beautiful women. Stop in for earthy, whimsical clothing, shoes, accessories, and more.

11. Sycamore Place Gallery

120 Sycamore Pl. 404-660-9967 decaturartclasses.com

Join the 13 working artists and students at Sycamore Place Gallery for a visual and phonological experience during the Decatur Artwalk. Take a tea and dance along with the music Wade spins on his vintage vinyl. Peruse the urban courtyard and gallery filled with offerings from the gang at Sylvia's gallery. Live music and chalk drawings enliven the scene for every age

Sycamore Place Gallery offers art studio and art classes for children and adults yearround. The gallery hosts local, national, and international shows throughout the year.



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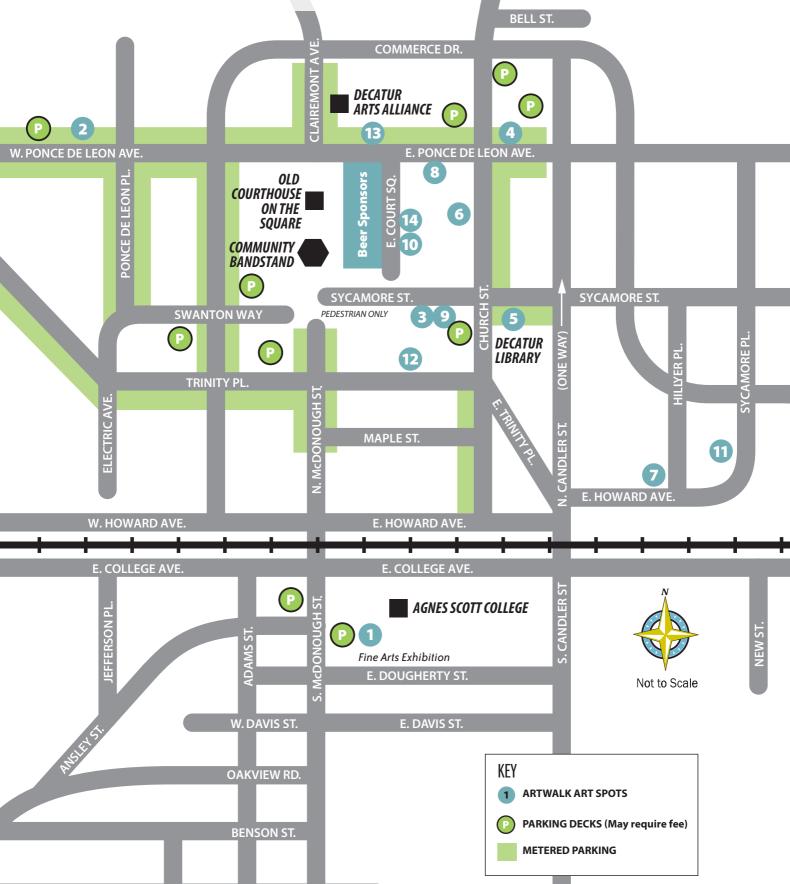
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12. Trinity Mercantile & Design

116 E Trinity Pl. 404-378-0197 trinity-decatur.com

Trinity Mercantile & Design showcases the work of three painters – Averill Jones, Liefje Smith, and Parker Owen. Decatur resident Averill Jones works in many media, including oils, watercolors, and pastels. She is influenced by the natural world. Liefje Smith is an abstract painter who comes from a family of artists, sculptors, and architects. Her 25 years of experience in design and interior architecture influence her artwork, as do several years spent in Japan. She creates vibrant paintings that evoke spontaneity, freedom, and

joy. Atlanta native Parker Owen is self-taught and has been painting for more than 30 years. His paintings are usually acrylic and of figurative subject matter. He has also done work for zines such as *Glitter Snipe*. A former teacher and currently a librarian, he exercises his artistic side primarily on weekends and holidays.

Trinity Mercantile & Design offers upholstery, home furnishings, lighting, custom window treatments, rugs, beds, linens, and one-of-a-kind accessories from local artists. Full design services available.

13. Wild Oats & Billy Goats

112 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-378-4088 wildoatsandbillygoats.com For this year's ArtWalk, Wild Oats & Billy Goats is pleased to feature special exhibits and demos from our very own family of artists. Join us to meet these local artists, enjoy refreshments, and participate in hourly giveaways.

Wild Oats & Billy Goats is a whimsical art gallery and artisan boutique that offers handcrafted goods from local and regional artists.

14. Worthmore Jewelers

117 E. Court Square 404-370-3979

worthmorejewelers.com

Group show featuring local Decatur artists.

Fine art, imaginative jewelry and watches (plus repairs) in a shop and gallery with an avant-garde vibe.









Saturday, May 27, 9:30 am-2 pm | Decatur Recreation Center, 231 Sycamore St.

Join us on Saturday for a parade, art, music, clowns, inflatables, and more!

The Kids Arts Festival kicks off with a parade. Lineup begins at 9:30 am at the corner of Commerce Drive and Church Street. Marching begins at 9:50 am. Dress up your kids and decorate your strollers, bikes, and



trikes. Join the parade and show your artistic spirit. The coolest decorated ride wins a prize!

After the parade, enjoy arts and crafts, music, balloon artists, juggling, clowns, inflatables and new this year, a rock wall. We will also have a great new toddler area for kids up to 5 years old. Activities are free, or for a small donation, thanks to our partners: Decatur Animal Crackers, Decatur Makers, Color Wheel Studio, the Waldorf School of Atlanta, Holy Trinity Preschool and our amazing volunteers.

Committee: Heather Flury, Vandy Vail-Dickson, Lee Williams, Portia Langley, Lori Heemann, Jim Dickson, Adam Harris, Greg Williams, Cheryl Burnette, Winn Flury, Wyatt Flury



PERFORMING ARTS STAGE

Saturday, May 27 | Sunday, May 28 | Community Bandstand Free performances all weekend







SATURDAY, MAY 27

ConunDrums | 11:15 am

An Atlanta women's percussion group that brings West African rhythms guaranteed to get your feet moving. Come early and bring the kids to participate with this high energy act. *conundrums.org*

The Ain't Sisters | Noon

The Ain't Sisters transcended their origins as outlaw street performers to grace the stages of the Southeast with their funkinfused, blues-driven Americana. They blend tight harmonies and smart lyrics with soulful, booty-shakin' acoustic melodies. *theaintsisters.com*

Underhill Rose | 1 pm

This boot-wearing trio from Asheville is one of the most promising rootsy women groups on the Americana scene. They combine country soul and acoustic strings with soaring three-part harmonies and will release their new live recording at the Decatur Arts Festival. *underhillrose.com*



Paul Melancon | 2 pm

A singer/songwriter whose unique brand of indie pop combines melodic hooks with witty lyrics and a remarkable tenor voice. Think the Beatles meet Elvis Costello. *paulmelancon.com*

Chelsea Shag | 3 pm

Chelsea is a talented Canadian born singer/ songwriter/guitarist who brings a mix of pop, jazz, blues, R&B, soul, funk and hip hop, all wrapped up in a dynamic stage presence. facebook.com/chelseasound

Hollis Brown | 4 pm

These hard-driving road warriors of rock and roll from Queens, N.Y., close out our Saturday program with their energetic brand of Southern-blues-based rock and British-invasion-influenced pop. They conjure up what you love about rock, yet sound exactly like no one else you've ever heard. Don't miss this feature band! hollisbrown.com

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Sehwe Village Percussion | noon

A high energy African drum band to start things off with a bang. Join the party!

Tray Dahl & the Jugtime Ragband | 1 pm

The music of the prohibition era comes alive through an energetic amalgamation of 1920s/30s jazz, blues, swing and a pinch of gospel. The combo of tenor banjo, trumpet and powerful vocals will get your feet stomping in a roaring twenties kind of way. *jugtimeragband.com*

Cody Matlock | 2 pm

At the tender age of 21, this guitar slinger has been a fixture on the Atlanta blues scene for almost a decade. Cody will be bringing his incredible stage presence, killer vocals and stellar guitar work to the performing arts stage for a show you'll talk about for a long time. facebook.com/cody.matlock.31

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PERFORMING ARTS STAGE continued



Davin McCoy | 3 pm

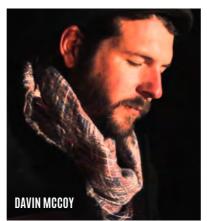
This gifted singer/songwriter has worked with a number of Georgia musical icons, including Chuck Leavell, Randall Bramblett and Yonrico Scott. Soulful vocals and lyrics that tell a tale guarantee a performance sure to captivate our festival audience. davinmccoy.com

Grant Green Jr. 4 pm

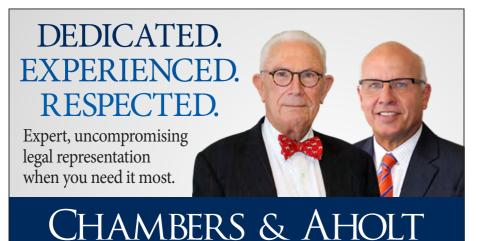
Esteemed jazz guitarist and master of groove closes out the program Sunday with a bebopping set of soulful, funky jazz played on his big, bad signature electric archtop guitar.

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ACOUSTIC PALETTE

Acoustic Palette Tent | Music and Art – unplugged expression!

Saturday, May 27, noon-6 pm | Sunday, May 28, noon-6 pm













Kellv Hill Hall

Brian Revels

Allen Cook

Kyshona Armstrong Wyatt Espalin

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Kelly Hill Hall | noon

Kelly is honored to be a part of the Decatur Arts Festival for his fifth year. An Atlanta native, Kelly has been playing music for more than 20 years in and around the Atlanta area as well as some neighboring states. His style when playing the Acoustic Palate is Americana mixed with a bit of reggae flare, covers and original music. Accompanying Kelly will be the phenomenal percussionist, Romley Leon Hardy; and on the bass, Scott "the Birdman" Tart. This trio loves to jam and that is exactly what they will do.

Brian Revels | 1:30 pm

Brian is probably most recognized as the brazen voice behind Atlanta's City Mouse, a bourbon-barreled version of an Avett Brother's tribute with its own unique canon of songs. If you know him, you may tend to picture him holding a banjo. But, long before the birth of this rowdy band of folk-singers, he was scribbling lyrics on scrap paper restaurant order pads, receipts, check stubs and picking a well-loved six-string confidante.

Baatin | 3 pm

The latest CD release from Baatin, *You Can't Lose with the Blues*, explores his raw guitar technique and Southern-Baptist-preacher style vocals. It is a mix that varies from traditional to progressive blues. Baatin's performance in the Decatur arts festival this year will be an unplugged tribute to Jimi Hendrix and the blues.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Allen Cook | noon

Allen joins us again this year. Fans say he crosses genres with ease. Think Al Jarreau, Sam Cooke, James Taylor. Contemporary jazzy, old school soulful, and smooth. A high originality index.

Kyshona Armstrong | 1:30 pm

Kyshona began her career as a music therapist, writing music with her patients and using music to redirect behaviors and emotions. Audiences often find a common thread of overcoming, hope and empowerment in her songwriting as she uses her emotional intelligence to create her unique bluesy and soulful style of music.

Wyatt Espalin | 3 pm

Wyatt has entertained audiences since he was a Hiawassee boy of 11. He and his brother Matt were known as The Fiddling Brothers. They have worked professionally for years, sharing the stage with Patty Loveless, the Greencards and Chris Barron of the Spin Doctors, and have released two successful albums, *Run* (2008) and *The Gospel of Hurt* (2010). The eight haunting tunes on Wyatt's solo album provide a glimpse into the joy, excitement, fear, courage and uncertainty that comes with life's transitions and the freedom of discovering your new self.

BIKE VALET





Ride your bike to the festival!

Hop on your bike, ride it to the festival, and park it in the bike valet area at North McDonough Street at the square. It's free! A valet attendant is on duty throughout the event to park and monitor bikes. When you arrive, look for signs to direct you to the bike valet area. Then enjoy the festival knowing that your bike will remain secure.

The bike valet service is sponsored by the Decatur Downtown Development Authority. The Decatur Arts Festival works with the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition to provide the service. We hope to reduce the event's impact on traffic congestion and carbon emissions by supporting bicycle transportation.



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ARTISTS MARKET

Saturday, May 27, 10 am-6 pm | Sunday, May 28, 11 am-5 pm • Downtown Decatur

The Artists Market features more than 150 artists selected through a competitive jury process. The annual market is known for its high quality of artwork and attracts artists from all over the Southeast and beyond.

Welcome back your favorite artists and visit the many new artists who have joined us this year. The works of several accomplished area artist guilds are featured as well. Don't miss the collections from Georgia Goldsmith's Guild, Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, and Atlanta Glass Guild.

Booth numbers are listed next to each artist and guild.

Committee: Ann Finley, Mary Flad, Dawn Kinney Martin, Julia Snell, Diana Estrella, Alex Bell, Sensei Larsen-Scott, Hannah Amado, Marty Wood

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NEW DANCE

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 26-28

Presented by Beacon Dance and Core Dance and the Decatur Recreation Center

Breaking New Ground: New Dance at the Decatur Arts Festival is in multiple venues again this year, including Core Studios on the Square at 139 Sycamore St., the Decatur Recreation Center at 231 Sycamore St., and Breen's Alley, between 133 Sycamore and 139 Sycamore. Programming includes learning opportunities in addition to entertaining and thought-provoking performances.





ENCORE DANCE ON FILM FESTIVAL

Friday, 5-10 pm | Core Studios, 139 Sycamore St.

A social gathering for the arts and celebration of Dance made for the Silver Screen, copresented by Core Dance. EnCore brings together a collection of original dance works for screen from around the world. Doors open at 4:45 pm. The program lasts approximately 90 minutes and repeats two times throughout the evening. First screening begins at 5 pm and is ongoing throughout the Decatur ArtWalk until 10 pm. Be our guest. Be a part of the audience, grab a chair and enjoy watching what our local filmmakers and international counterparts are up to.

DANCE FOR FILM ON THE SQUARE

Saturday, 9-11 pm, Breen's Alley (between Core Dance offices and Core Dance Studios), Decatur Square

The Dance for Film performance consists of eight dance films in a program that repeats once. Most works are five to six minutes, and feature local and international artists. Pull up a seat under the stars and watch one, two or all dances on films.

PERFORMANCES

Saturday, 4-6 pm Sunday, 3-5 pm Decatur Recreation Center Dance Studio, 231 Sycamore St.

Both performances feature the same program, which includes these works, but not in this order:

Tribute (excerpt), choreography by D. Patton White (20 minutes)

Stop in the Name of Love, choreography by the Dancing Flowers for Peace (seven minutes)

Suitcase of Memories, choreography by Alex Spitzer (five minutes)

The Social Justice Dance, choreography by the SoulPrint Players (10 minutes)

effusion, choreography by Heidi Baila (six minutes)

Works on Paper, part II, choreography by D. Patton White (10 minutes)



CLASSES

Decatur Recreation Center Dance Studio, 231 Sycamore St.

Awareness Through Movement

Saturday, May 27, 10-11 am

A one-hour class in the Feldenkrais Method, with Louise Runyon. Ingenious, gentle movement sequences are designed to bring mobility, ease and efficiency to all forms of physical activity, through heightened awareness of how the body – and mind – can function together as an integrated whole.

"The Feldenkrais Method is the most sophisticated and effective method I have seen for the prevention and reversal of deterioration of function." – Margaret Mead, Ph.D., Anthropologist

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Bounce and Sway: An exploration of tribal fusion dance with Heidi Baila

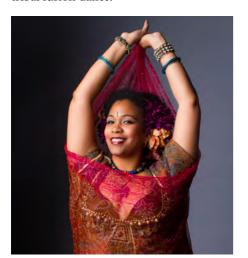
Saturday, May 27, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

"Imagine this: there was a time in history, a long time ago, where the bounce and sway of a woman's hips was considered so beautiful that they set it to music and made a dance out of it..."

- Carolena Nericcio-Bolhman (creator of American Tribal Style)

All are welcome to explore the wonderful world of tribal fusion belly dance, a form rooted in the dance traditions of nomadic

tribes. Stemming from the need to soothe the body and to pass on stories and traditions, these moves inadvertently captivated audiences. We'll explore the moves of many tribes that are inspired by everyday movement. These are the foundation for tribal fusion dance.



Stop in the Name of Love with the Dancing Flowers for Peace

Saturday, May 27, 1-2 pm

"Stop in the Name of Love" is a movement improvisation workshop exploring resistance and flow, inclusivity, and power within. All movers are welcome.

Flamenco Dance as Communication with Julie Baggenstoss

Saturday, May 27, 2:30-3:30 pm

Building from a rhythmic base, students engage in age-appropriate (including adult) games in which they interact through percussive footwork, rhythmic hand clapping, and cheers of "Olé!" The class is taught in a circle to facilitate the communal nature of Flamenco and its communicative functions. All movement and rhythm is taught at the beginner level.

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Sunday, May 28, 1-2 pm

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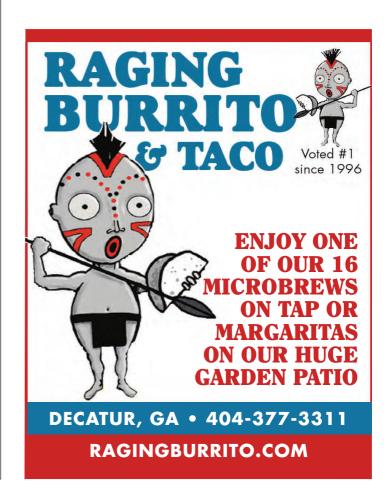


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BOOK SALE

Saturday, May 27 | 9 am-3 pm Decatur Library, 215 Sycamore St.

The Friends of the Decatur Library host their annual Memorial Day holiday book sale on the lawn in front of the Decatur Library. Proceeds provide funds for library materials and children and adult programs. If it rains, the sale will be in the front lobby of the library.



THEATER AND LITERARY ARTS

Saturday, May 27 | Sunday, May 28 | Theater and Literary Arts Tent

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Jerry G. White | 11-11:45 am

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Adam Komesar | 2-3 pm

Get Ready to Laugh and Learn! Adam Komesar weaves a hilarious blend of magic, music, and comedy with a jungle and safari theme that is guaranteed to make kids ages 3-8 laugh like hyenas.

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Ken Scott | Noon-1 pm

Ken Scott has more than 25 years of experience, performing more than 350 shows a year. He is a three-time winner of the Greater Atlanta Magician of the year award. Ken was also featured on CNN Headline News, where he headlined the segment on "A Day of Magic." Ken also recently appeared on ABC's *America's Funniest Videos*. He performs yearly in Hollywood at the world famous Magic

Castle, which is home to the Academy of Magical Arts. Ken has performed five times at the White House. He performs in elementary schools across the country promoting reading, math, and science with his assembly programs. During the summer months Ken travels through Georgia performing in more than 100 libraries where he promotes reading in the summer to young students. *kenscottmagic.com*

Miracle Plays | 2-3 pm

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Adam Boehmer | 4-5 pm

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Saturday, May 27, 1-5:15 pm | Sunday, May 28, 1-5:15 pm Comedy Tent by the Old Courthouse on the Square

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Host: Lew Lefton

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and experienced comedian who has done stand up and improv comedy for more than 30 years. Perhaps his talents are best summed up by his business card that reads:

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SATURDAY, MAY 27

Improvius Prime | 1-1:45 pm Whole World Improv Theatre's teen performance group has performed for nearly 25 years. Come witness these comedybots roll out a hilarious show for kids of all ages.

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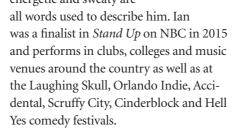
Join us for a new take on an old classic. "15 Minutes of Fame!"

Krystal Pierce | 2-2:15 pm

Krystal Pierce is a fresh new voice in the Atlanta comedy scene. She's an Atlanta native and has performed all over the area, leaving audiences laughing.



lan Aber | 2:30-2:45 pm Ian Aber mixes traditional stand up and fastpaced storytelling, drawing the audience into his outsider view of the world. Smart, engaging, energetic and sweaty are



Joel Byars | 3-3:15 pm Joel Byars has years of experience performing and teaching sketch, improv, and stand-up. He is the host of *Creative Loafing's* Best of Atlanta Podcast, *Hot Breath!*, and



emcee of Funny Monkey at Java Monkey, voted Atlanta's Best Local Comedy Show. His most recent achievements include writing for Comedy Central's *Roast Battle* at the prestigious Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal and being crowned the 2016 National Champion of Search For The One Comedy Competition. For Joel, stand-up comedy is an outlet to examine the fine print of life and he will continue to provide authentic entertainment until deemed illegal.

David Perdue | 3:30-3:45 pm David Perdue has been on *Kevin Hart Presents: Hart of the City*"on Comedy Central, and *Uproarious* on Fuse TV. In 2016 he was the Laughing Skull Festival's Set List Tournament Champion and was a 2016 Laughing Skull Festival semi-final-



ist. He was selected by *Creative Loafing* as one of 2017's People to Watch as well as one of comedyhype.com's comedians to watch in Atlanta. He co-hosts a weekly sports/comedy podcast called *Forth and Ten*, and is a co-producer for the awardwinning *1AM Secret Show*.

Trey Braun | 4-4:15 PM Trey Braun is an Atlanta transplant, moving from the warmth and safety of North Florida to study mechanical engineering and play football at Georgia Tech. He has



been doing stand up comedy around Atlanta for the past four years and works as a network engineer at AT&T. Trey likes to spend his time in Decatur wandering around buying fancy and expensive soft drinks from the local market.

Amanda Marks | 4:30-4:45 pm

Not your typical anything, Amanda Marks is a Jewish girl raised in Alabama, who has performed stand-up comedy at such venues as The Punchline, Joystick Gamebar, Laugh-



ing Skull and Highland Inn Ballroom Lounge. She hosts and co-produces Highwire Comedy's *Off the Grid Standup Showcase* and is part of the bimonthly *Nerdlanta Live* pop-culture talk show. Amanda is also a Decatur resident. Watch her webseries *Mom Cam in the Minivan* at mallofamanda.com.





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Thelma Wyttenbach | 5-5:15 PM

The 2016 Open Mic winner, preteen Thelma Wyttenbach has performed standup comedy since she was seven, when she won the 2016 Decatur Arts Festival



open mic comedy contest. Previously, she performed original songs at Big Tex (before it closed) and Burnt Fork Barbecue (before it closed) with her music teacher Moira Nelligan (before she moved away.) She also is a balloon artist, twisting and selling balloon animals at Woodlands Garden's M.A.Y. Fair. For this year's performance, she will combine comedy with the art of balloon twisting.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Highwire Comedy

1-1:45 pm and 4:30-5:15 pm



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15 Minutes of Laughter!

Samm Severin 2:30-2:45 pm Samm Severin can be seen on Viceland's *Flop-house*, Funny or Die's *Crafts R Qute*, as one-



half of PBR's live sketch show Samm and *Jen's Big Adventure*, and all around Atlanta doing stand-up comedy. In 2016 she opened for Janeane Garofolo, Creed Bratton, Barry Crimmins, and Kyle Kinane. The rest of the time, she scrolls endlessly through Facebook.

Open Mic | 3-3:30 pm

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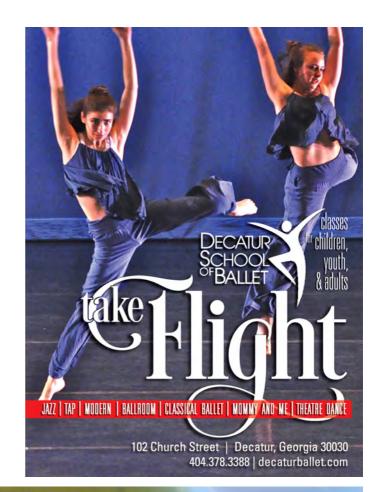
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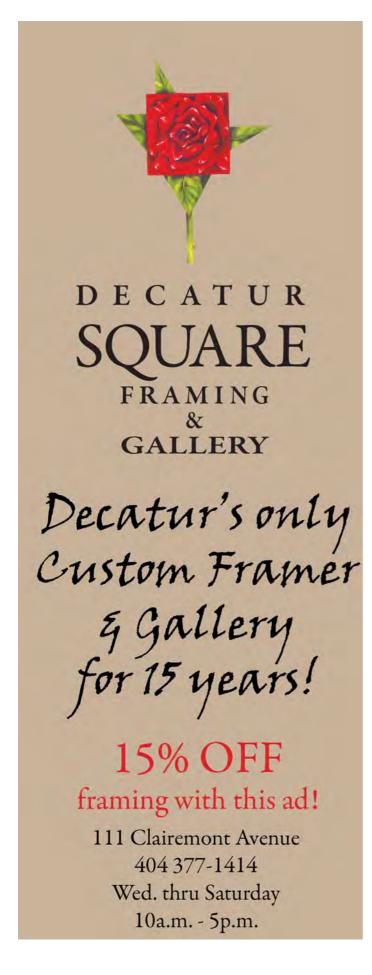
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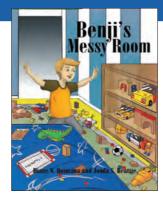
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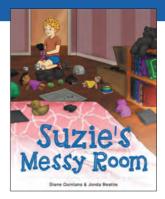


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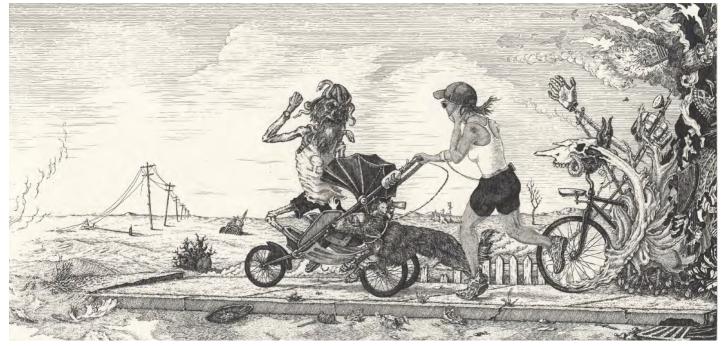
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Opening Reception

Tuesday, May 23 | 5:15-7 pm

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The exhibition attracts submissions from regional and national artists and is reviewed by respected members of Atlanta's arts community. This year's jurors are Yu-Kai Lin, Phil Proctor, and Anne Collins Smith.

'Last Call' Closing Reception

Sunday, June 11 | 4-6 pm

Join the Decatur Arts Alliance and selected artists for brief discussions of the artists' works.

Fine Arts Committee: Lockey McDonald, Dot Moye, Leah Owenby, Judy Parady, Nancy Snell

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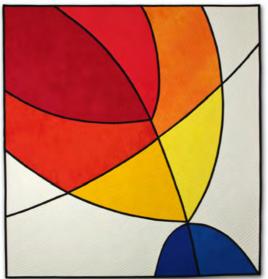


Owens Daniels, "Brown Paper Bag," photography, 40" x 30"

Noah Saunders, "Boy with a pearl earring," galvanized steel wire, 32" x 32" x 2"



Lisa Flowers Ross, "Leaf Stack #23," fabric, thread, 38" x 36"







Janis Wilson Hughes, "Harvest Totem," stoneware, 37" x 10" x 10"



Julie Mazzoni , "Natalia," mosaic, 22.75" x 38.25"

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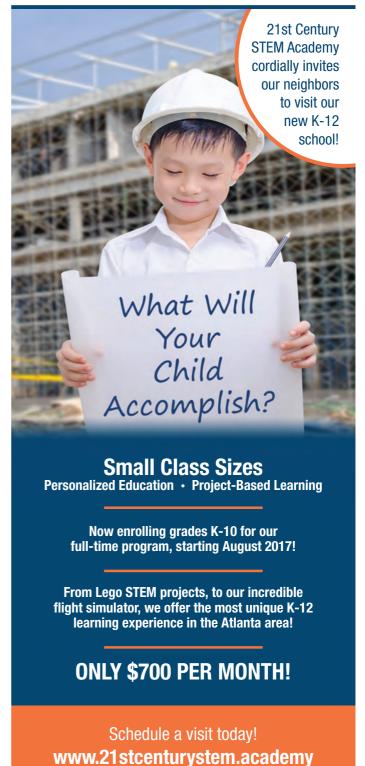






Joe Dreher, "Red," carbon transfer wash on paper with watercolor, 24" x 36"





DEKALB HISTORY CENTER EXHIBITS

Open Daily: Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm Saturday, May 27, 10 am-5 pm | Sunday, May 28, Noon-4 pm Old Courthouse on the Square | Main Floor

The DeKalb History Center has four exhibits on the main floor of the historic Old DeKalb County Courthouse.

Reclaimed by Nature: the Historic Davidson Quarries of Arabia Mountain

This new photography exhibit, by Virginie Drujon-Kippelen, features historic and contemporary photos of a former granite quarry at what is now the Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve. These quarries were historically an important part of DeKalb County's economy. Lithonia granite was used in paving and construction projects, including the Historic DeKalb Courthouse. In the 1970s the Davidson family donated more than 500 acres of this land to DeKalb County for conservation and preservation. Since this land is no longer quarried, it is slowly being reclaimed by nature, although traces of its industrial past remain.

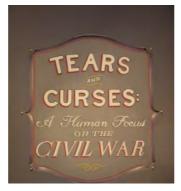
The Mid-Century Ranch House: Hip and Historic!

The ranch house has reached the age (50 years or older) that makes it eligible for the National Register. Citizens of DeKalb County see many, many examples of the ranch house around them. They are so common it is almost easy to disregard the patterns of history these houses illustrate.

Visitors to this exhibit will learn why this house type was so popular and the reason DeKalb County was the epicenter of this mid-century construction boom. There are a number of variations found in the ranch house, but here you will learn their major characteristics. We have al-









ready heard reports from people who now "see them everywhere!" And if you think you already know everything about the ranch house because you grew up in one, we might have few surprises for you!

Tears and Curses: A Human Focus on the Civil War

This exhibit presents an intimate opportunity to view a small portion of our Civil War collection and consider the impact of the war on a local scale. We present artifacts with personal meaning to help you feel the point of view of an individual. The title is from a letter in our collection written by Private Dewitt C. Morgan to a woman who may have been a sweetheart.

Angry at the Union forces, he wrote, "They sow tears and curses – they shall reap infamy and overthrow."

Decorative Arts from the Permanent Collection

This exhibit features a sampling of pieces from the DeKalb History Center's holdings, acquired over the nearly 70 years since the organization was established. The emphasis is on antique furniture, with some items previously owned by prominent DeKalb County citizens such as author Caroline McKinney Clarke, Judge Charles Whitefoord Smith, and Bishop Warren Akin Candler. Most objects date from the early 19th century to the early 20th century.



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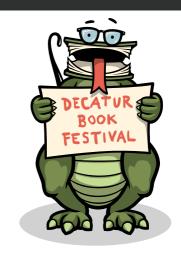
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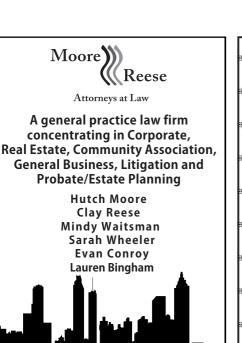












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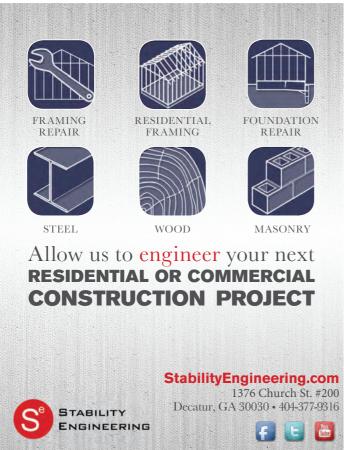




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