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Thursday, May 10
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at the Solarium in
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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.

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Take MARTA to the Decatur Arts Festival and other Decatur events. It's fast, easy, and convenient. Take the East-West rail line to the Decatur Station, exit on the square, and you're there.

Map is not to scale.

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- ART VENUE
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POSTER ARTIST: Dawn Kinney Martin

The Decatur Arts Festival commissioned Decatur painter Dawn Kinney Martin to create this year's poster artwork.

“Color is the driving passion behind my art. I love that I am constantly learning! I enjoy studying color and using it to create the sense of a three-dimensional scene on a two-dimensional surface. It absolutely fascinates me. In recent years, I've added a new dimension to that passion through plein air painting.

“Painting plein air is a welcome challenge. It is exhilarating to be in tandem with nature, to venture out with my paints and see the beauty the natural world has to offer, to race the clock as I seek to capture light and wind in a continually changing landscape. Light and color in nature are alive and changing. I still enjoy studio painting, relying on memory, imagination, as well as thick applications of oil paint with palette knives to convey a sense of movement. Painting on location adds to my ongoing discovery of new possibilities, to impart a sense of time and space onto a two-dimensional plane.

“Life is so busy, we forget to pay attention to the world around us. Through my paintings, I strive to elevate the ordinary and encourage the viewer to notice the moments of beauty in the day to day.”

— Dawn Kinney Martin



POSTER UNVEILING

The Decatur Arts Alliance unveiled the 2018 festival poster May 10 at the Solarium in Oakhurst. Three Taverns, Arches Brewing, Steady Hand Brewing, and Decatur Package Store provided beverages. Swagalicious handled décor, and Bennett's Market and Deli and Gigi's Treats provided food. Thanks also to musician Jimmy Galloway.

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.

pre-festival events

Decatur Lantern Parade

Friday, May 11 | 9 pm | Downtown Decatur



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.



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.

Tony Grooms: *The Vain Conversation*

Monday, May 21 | 7:15 pm

Inspired by true events, *The Vain Conversation* reflects on the 1946 lynching of two black couples in Georgia from the perspectives of three characters – one of the victims, a presumed perpetrator, and a ten-year-old witness to the murders.

In *The Vain Conversation*, Grooms seeks to advance the national dialogue on race relations. With complexity, satire, and occasional levity, he explores what it means to offer and receive redemption, and the broader issues of oppression and violence everywhere.

Winners of the Lillian Smith Book Award, Groom's novels *Bombingham* and *Trouble No More* were selected as Books All Georgians Should Read by the Georgia Center for the Book. He currently teaches writing and American Literature at Kennesaw State University.

Secrets of the Southern Table: A Gallery Show

May 20-June 3

This exhibit features the food photography of Angie Mosier from Virginia Willis's new book, *Secrets of the Southern Table: A Food Lover's Tour Of The Global South*. Willis takes you on a tour of today's American South, rich in history and cultural diversity, and shares well-known southern recipes like pimento cheese tomato herb pie and "cathead" biscuits, and explores the area's many global influences that result in dishes like catfish tacos with avocado crema, Mississippi-style Char Siu pork tenderloin, and Greek okra and tomatoes. Mosier's stunning photographs from the book highlight these stories and the delicious recipes that accompany them, celebrating the rich and ever-evolving heritage of Southern cooking. Willis will give a lecture and book signing at the Decatur Library on May 30. The exhibit runs through June 3.

Southern Poets

Featuring Kimberly Simms

Tuesday, May 22 | 7:15 pm

Kimberly Simms's debut book of poems, *Lindy Lee: Songs on Mill Hill*, chronicles the lives of textile workers in the Piedmont region, blending history and insight with sorrow, joy, and redemption. An award-winning poet and 2016 Carl Sandburg National Historic Site Writer-In Residence, Simms is a Pushcart Prize nominee whose work is included in the South Carolina Poetry Archives at Furman University.

YATL

Wednesday, May 23 | 7:15 pm

The brain-child of writer and artist Jessi Esparza, former bookseller and author Kimberly Jones, and author-photographer-writer Vania Stoyanova, YATL is a zany live talk show that exposes readers to diverse voices in young adult literature. Featured guests for May are S. Jae-Jones, author of *New York Times* best seller, *Wintersong*, Nashville-based author Amanda K. Morgan; and Georgia-based author Rebecca Ross.



pre-festival events

CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATORS

Gallery Show

May 25-July 1 | Decatur Library, 215 Sycamore St.

Reception on Friday, May 25, 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 July 1 in the main lobby of the Decatur Library.

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators is a non-profit 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 scbwi.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 georgia-centerforthebook.org.

Experience EnCore Dance for Film, a social gathering for arts and celebration of dance made for the silver screen. EnCore brings together a collection of original dance works for the screen that are performed, choreographed, and directed by local artists as well as their regional, national, and international peers. Join us during the Friday evening ArtWalk.

Core Dance, a contemporary dance organization, creates, performs, and produces compelling original dance that ignites the creative spirit and actively encourages participation and conversation by and with the community. Creating a context for dance that is relevant in both our home cities and around the globe, Core Dance uses dance to illuminate, educate and question. In essence, Core Dance is an artistic incubator and convener.

ENCORE DANCE ON FILM



ArtWalk

Friday, May 25 | 5-10 pm | all around Decatur | free and open to the public

1. Fine Arts Exhibition at Agnes Scott College

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

Juried multimedia exhibition features a diversity of artistic viewpoints. The exhibition runs May 22-June 10.

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.
404-371-0099
aimeejewelryandgallery.com

Russian-born artist Galina Herndon's work is powerful in its emotions and expressiveness. Trained as a technical illustrator, she began painting artistic oils in 1999. She primarily paints profiles of women and cityscapes.

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

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

4. Different Trains Gallery 1

432 E. Howard Ave., No. 24
404-939-2787
DifferentTrainsGallery.com

M.C. Escher +, an exhibition of original prints by the legendary Dutch graphic artist, plus prints and 2D and 3D works by contemporary math artists. This show continues through June 9.

Different Trains Gallery offers original and affordable art by local and internationally recognized artists, and personalized art and interior design consulting services.

5. Different Trains Gallery 2 at Cornerstone Bank

125 Clairemont Ave., No. 100
404-939-2787
DifferentTrainsGallery.com

Decaturscapes is a collection of works by local artists paying homage to Decatur, Georgia.

DTG2 at Cornerstone Bank is a satellite gallery of Different Trains and the only functioning art gallery in a bank in the United States (that we're aware of).

6. 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.

7. HomeGrown Decatur

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

Monica Martino of Lemon Zesty chronicles the absurdity and weirdness of everyday life in all its glorious and perplexing messiness. Her drawings and paintings are humorous, provocative, thought provoking and political. Previously a television producer, Monica now devotes herself to her art full time and brings a fresh and snarky perspective to her depictions of modern life.

A retail artist market showcasing 125+ regional artists; from paintings, pottery and woodworking to jewelry, soaps and artisan foods, HomeGrown is where local art lives.

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ARTWALK *continued*

8. Little Shop of Stories

133 E. Court Square
404-373-6300 | littleshopofstories.com

Stephanie Van Parys creates books from scratch. She cuts the paper, sews the pages, and binds them into a book. Her specialty is her reading journal, printed on a 1950s Vandercook letterpress. The books are popular with readers who like to keep track of what they've read. Stephanie's books feature bright and colorful covers.

Little Shop of Stories is a big independent children's bookstore featuring multiple reading areas and regular kids' story hours.

9. Sq/Ft

149 Sycamore St.
404-373-6607 | sqft-decatur.com.com

Stop by to visit with Kinsey Coffey of Moon Goddess bath products. She's local and makes incredible scrubs and bath bombs using relaxing essential oils, organic sugar, coconut oil and various herbs and teas. All natural and absolutely divine.

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10. Squash Blossom

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

Martha Douglas was born in Homerville, Ga., and has spent most of her life in the rural South. She currently lives in Decatur with her husband, Jed, and two boys, Jude and Frank. She is a graduate of the Lamar Dodd School of Art at the University of Georgia. She primarily works with watercolor, ink, graphite, pastel, and acrylic and focuses on portraiture, nature, and still life. Her work is heavily influenced by her roots in the South.

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

Drop in 7-10 p.m. to celebrate the art and music of the late Whit Connah, former front man for Atlanta band Hair of the Dog. The band and special guests will pay

homage to Connah's unique brand of Cajun, blues and roots music in a live tribute performance. Beverages and light fare will be served. The evening kicks off a two-week exhibit, *Legacy of a Legend*, featuring works by Connah and 13 resident artists.

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

12. Trinity Mercantile & Design

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

Trinity Mercantile & Design showcases the work of two painters – Gabriella Ibarra and Parker Owen, along with storyteller C. Dawn Davis. Ibarra paints in acrylic but also loves collage and linoleum printing. This colorful floral series on display is inspired by song lyrics and the strength we gain from human interconnectedness. She lives in Decatur with her husband, two kids, and dog Tommy.

Parker Owen is a self-taught artist who has been painting for more than 30 years. This Atlanta native has been developing his diverse, bold and unique style into a compelling and sometimes amusing figurative genre. A part-time artist and full-time librarian, Parker is a Trinity favorite.

C. Dawn Davis is a born storyteller, and says that the rich Southern tradition of storytelling, particularly Southern Gothic storytelling, is in her blood. She combines elements of surrealism, fantasy art, Victorian photography, symbolist painting, and Hollywood baroque to tell stories uniquely her own.

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.

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- P PARKING LOTS AND DECKS (May require fee)
- METERED PARKING

ARTWALK *continued*

13. Wild Oats and Billy Goats

112 E. Ponce de Leon Ave.
404-378-4088
wildoatsandbillygoats.com

Wild Oats and Billy Goats will feature Southeastern artist Lucy Thomas for a limited-time exhibition of her artwork and an art demonstration. Come meet

Lucy and learn about her beautiful and colorful art, her joyful inspiration, and the journey that led her to painting.

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

14. Worthmore Jewelers

117 E. Court Square
404-370-3979
worthmorejewelers.com

Drop in to see a group show of local artists featuring *The Art of Abandonment* by Walter Arnold, who will be on-hand to share his inspiration for the series.

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KIDS ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 26, 10 am-2 pm | Decatur Recreation Center, 231 Sycamore St.

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

Enjoy arts and crafts, music, balloons, juggling, clowns, inflatables and – new this year – Four Minutes of Fame! Kids will have four minutes on stage with lights and a mic to do whatever inspires them – tell jokes, dance, sing, whatever brings them joy. There will be hot dogs, popsicles, and snow cones for sale as well. Most activities are free or for a small donation, thanks to our partners: Decatur Animal Crackers, Decatur Makers, The Sand Art Cart, Steel City Pops, ColorWheel Studio, Kaleidoscope Studios, and our volunteers!

Committee: Katie Abel, Lee Williams, Portia Langley, Greg White, Cheryl Burnette

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Performing Arts Stage

Saturday, May 26 | Sunday, May 27 | Community Bandstand Free performances all weekend



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CONUNDRUMS



THE BREEZE KINGS

SATURDAY, MAY 26

ConunDrums | 11:15 am

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

Tray Dahl & the Jugtime Ragband | noon

Jazz, a little blues, a bit of swing and a pinch of old time gospel and even some classic showtunes – all performed in an early 20th century New Orleans sound. Guaranteed to get your feet stomping in a roaring '20s kind of way. jugtimeragband.com

Michelle Malone | 1 pm

Slings and Arrows, the latest album from this Atlanta-born, Grammy-nominated singer, songwriter, and guitarist, is packed with passionate vocals, wailing guitar solos and killer songs. Guitar Player Magazine proclaims Michelle a “master of mixing blues and Americana.” michellemalone.com



The Breeze Kings | 2 pm

Whether you prefer your blues from Chicago, Texas, Memphis or the Delta, The Breeze Kings have got you covered. Blues superstar Tinsley Ellis says, “This band has got it. Musical talent, song selection, strong sincere vocals and a great show.” breezekings.com

Leah Calvert | 3 pm

This singer, songwriter, fiddle player and fixture on the Atlanta bluegrass scene debuted her solo album, *Satellite*, this year. Leah stretches beyond her acoustic roots to incorporate elements of rock, pop and some jazz into unique compositions that will stay with you. leahsatellite.com

AJ Ghent [j-ent] | 4 pm

Ghent was born into a legacy of famous “sacred steel” guitar players, and his music fuses R&B, funk, soul, rock and pop, delivered with expressive vocals and guitar wizardry. He has shared the stage with national acts such as Zac Brown, the Allman Brothers, Derek Trucks, Robert Cray, and Gov’t Mule, and his latest album, *The Neo Blues Project*, debuted this spring at number 7 on the Billboard charts. Do not miss this tour de force for live music lovers. ajghent.com

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Sehwe Village Percussion | noon

A high-energy African drum band to start things off with a bang. Bring the kids and join the party! facebook.com/sehwevillage

Nubian Sounds | 1 pm

This group weaves folk, funk, soul, hip hop and rock into a unique blend of lyrics and music to entertain and move you. nubiansounds.com

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festival events

PERFORMING ARTS STAGE *continued*

Tamara Goldinella | 2 pm

Drawing from Jamaican and New York roots, Tamara delivers a high energy, soul music fusion with a jazzy, folk, bluesy grit. She is a fresh face on the Atlanta music scene, and we are excited about her first Decatur appearance. goldinella.com

Heather Gillis Band | 3 pm

Heather is the complete package as a guitar player, lap steel player, singer and arranger. Just 23, she is talented beyond her years, having been a part of Butch Trucks

and the Freight Train Band, and sitting in with The Allman Brothers, North Mississippi All-Stars, Col. Bruce Hampton and others. heathergillisband.com

Cody Matlock | 4 pm

At the tender age of just 21 years old, this guitar slinger has been a fixture on the Atlanta blues scene for almost a decade. Showmanship, killer vocals and stellar guitar work – what a way to close the festival! codymatlock.com



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Acoustic Palette

Acoustic Palette Tent | Music and Art – unplugged expression!
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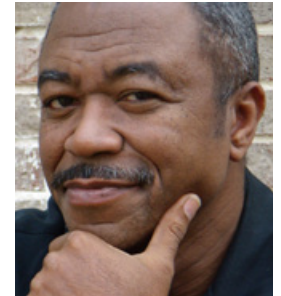
Decatur First United Methodist Church



Amy Andrews



Veronika Jackson



Baatin



Jimmy Galloway



catherine the great



Wyatt Espalin

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Decatur First United Methodist Church | 11 am
 The DFUMC Music Ministry seeks to build relationships through music. It enhances the congregation's worship experience by singing, playing eclectic and inspirational music, as well as taking music into the world to share the love of Christ.

Amy Andrews | noon
 Born in Baltimore and raised on Sinatra, Motown, show tunes, and country music, Amy is known for brilliant performances, stunning vocals, wit, charm, and candor on stage.

Veronika Jackson | 1:30 pm
 Veronika Jackson has taken the acoustic folk guitar and the history of her culture as an African-American woman, and generated her own original, authentic and exciting style of music. Her clear, simple rhythmic piedmont blues-style guitar picking complements her performances.

Baatin | 3 pm
 Baatin, ex P-Funk player and music director for Otis Redding III will play an unplugged version of his tribute to Jimi Hendrix and the blues.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Jimmy Galloway | noon
 Infused with various world music elements and electronic manipulation, Galloway draws on influences such as Richard Thompson, Mark Knopfler, Michael Hedges, and Chet Atkins.

catherine the great | 1:30 pm
 catherine the great is the solo project of Catherine Backus (the Skipperdees). Her songwriting has drawn numerous accolades, and earned her a feature on the NPR Music Tiny Desk Contest blog and a win at the prestigious Merlefest Chris Austin Songwriting Contest.

Wyatt Espalin | 3 pm
 Songwriter/singer/fiddler Wyatt Espalin, from Hiawassee, released *The Last Leaf* this year. It's his second collection of songs full of humor and passion just like his live performances. He has shared the stage with Indigo Girls, Patty Loveless, Shawn Mullins and many more.

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 on 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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The Friends of the Decatur Library
MEMORIAL HOLIDAY SPRING
Book Sale

Saturday, May 26 | 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.



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Artists Market

Saturday, May 26, 10 am-6 pm | Sunday, May 27, 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 and Callanwolde Fine Arts Center.

Booth numbers are listed next to each artist and guild.

Committee: Ann Finley, Mary Flad, Dawn Kinney Martin, Julia Snell, Diana Estrella, Sara Belbase, Maura Mullaney, Marty Wood, Anna Carnes

Sponsors: City of Decatur, Decatur Downtown Development Authority, Decatur Arts Alliance, Decatur Tourism Bureau, Lampe-Farley Communications

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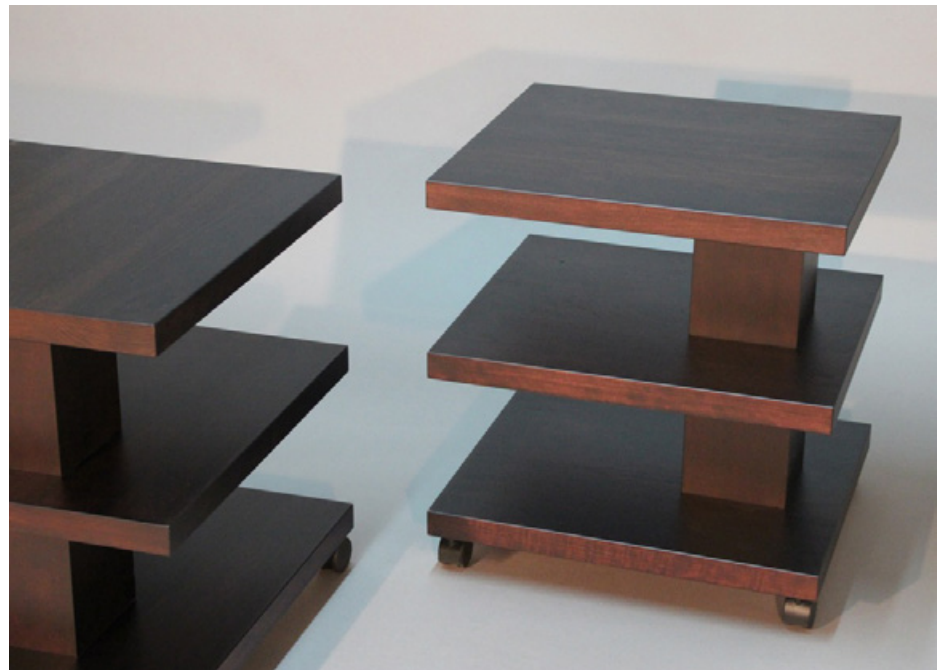


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New Dance

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.



FLAMENCO YOUTH PERFORMANCE

Saturday, May 26, 10-10:30 am
Decatur Recreation Center, 231 Sycamore St.

Fiesta Flamenquita en Café Olé

The morning starts with a little ruckus at the Decatur Arts Festival when 20 mighty flamenco dancers bring the Spanish art form that they love to the Children's Arts Festival. Performers aged 5-16 will showcase flamenco songs and dances that they have studied in Decatur, including at Glennwood Elementary. This show is by kids for kids, and families are encouraged to gather around to capture some inspiration and to cheer "Olé!" as they clap and stomp and twirl.

DANCE ON FILM UNDER THE STARS

Saturday, May 26, 9-11 pm, Breen's Alley (between Core Dance offices and Core Dance Studios), Decatur Square

The Dance on 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 film.

NEW DANCE PERFORMANCES

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

Both performances feature the same program, which includes these works:

- 1-2-3-4-5*, choreography by Julie Baggenstoss (10 minutes)
- You Gotta Move*, choreography by the Dancing Flowers for Peace (7 minutes)
- To Live*, choreography by Alex Spitzer (5 minutes)
- moonstruck*, choreography by Amanda Sieradzki (10 minutes)
- Jump/Rope*, choreography by D. Patton White (15 minutes)

DANCE CLASSES

Decatur Recreation Center Dance Studio • 231 Sycamore St.

Flamenco and Sevillanas with Julie Baggenstoss

Saturday, May 26, 11-11:45 am



Study basic flamenco technique for the upper body, including arm and hand work, while learning the popular dance “sevillanas.” This is the festive regional dance and song that people of all ages and abilities participate in at fairs, festivals, and celebrations in southern Spain. It’s a one-minute dance for couples, but anyone can attend as a single and find a partner in the class. Men and women, boys and girls are welcome to laugh and smile with us as we move in this typical fiesta style of Andalucía.

InterPlay: movement, storytelling, voice and community connection!

Saturday, May 26, noon-12:45 pm

The simple forms of InterPlay invite participants of all ages and abilities to free the stories, movement and voice within. It is taught in an incremental and affirming environment where the unique creative expression of each individual is honored and celebrated. InterPlay invites creativity

and connection (with oneself and others) in a joyful and accessible atmosphere. interplay.org

Dance and Diversity with Alex Spitzer

Saturday, May 26, 1-1:45 pm

A modern dance class in which students will learn a small combination and develop a small improvisation. Then after learning the combination, instructors will give each student a limitation to see how they would still perform the combination and improvisation. And finally, students perform the combination and improvisation again without the limitation and see the differences.

Flower Power with the Dancing Flowers for Peace

Saturday, May 26, 2-2:45 pm

Flowers are given, planted and received for almost every occasion of our lives. This workshop explores the moods and

sentiments we can imagine and articulate. What is the body saying when we want to transform self and others: Meet hate with dignity and anger with love.

Swing and Salsa with D. Patton White

Sunday, May 27, 1-2 pm

Come learn the basics of six-count east coast swing and the salsa in this class geared towards all levels. If you know a bit of swing or salsa, you can add to your repertoire of moves. No partner is necessary. Everyone will have a chance to dance with someone else.

Traditional African Dance from Ivory Coast with Samba

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

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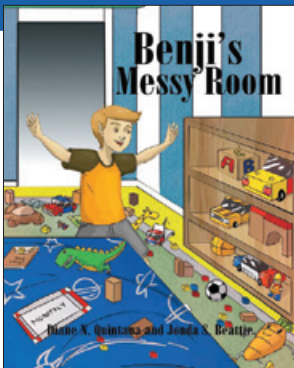
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Theater & Literary Arts

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SATURDAY, MAY 26



Mr. Damon's Shadow Puppet Theater | noon-1 pm

Let your imagination soar through the magical art of shadow puppetry with Mr. Damon. Take an adventure through Leonardo Da Vinci's life and work as a multifaceted genius of art, invention, and inspiration. theaterartsandpuppets.com

Will Keating | 2-3 pm

Will Keating's family-style entertainment features ventriloquism, puppets, and loads of laughter with his cast of unique and fun-loving characters.



Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia | 4-5 pm

Nancy Sims (above) and Gwendolyn J. Napier, a.k.a. Miss LuvDrop (below), will weave folktales and fables with puppets and props. They'll share interactive stories with drumming, singing, and musical rhythm movement – story fun for the entire family.



SUNDAY, MAY 27

Ken Scott | noon-1 pm

Performing more than 350 shows a year, Ken Scott is a three-time winner of the Greater Atlanta Magician of the Year award. Ken performs in elementary schools across the country, promoting reading, math, and science with his assembly programs. During the summer months, Ken travels throughout Georgia performing in libraries to promote recreational reading to young students.

kenscottmagic.com



PICCADILY PUPPETS | 2-3 pm

Since 1969 The Piccadilly Puppets Company has entertained and educated children all over Georgia. Each year they perform for thousands of children in all sorts of venues, from schools and libraries to birthday parties and festivals. Butterfly Ballad was developed for the opening of the Callaway Gardens Butterfly Center.



Adam Boehmer | 4-5 pm

Adam Boehmer of the famous Boehmer Family Jugglers has traveled throughout the country and abroad appearing on national and international television including ESPN, FOX Sports, ABC TV, and the Discovery Channel. He has performed at more than 65 NBA halftime exhibitions. *USA Today* named the Boehmers one of the most creative families in America.

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Saturday, May 26 | Sunday, May 27 | Theater and Literary Arts Tent

Host: Lew Lefton

Lew Lefton is not your ordinary geek. Sure, he's a mathematician and assistant dean of IT at Georgia Tech, but he's also an accomplished 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:



Mathematician / Comedian
"He's funny and he can prove it"

SATURDAY, MAY 26

**Whole World Theatre
Improvius Prime** | 1-1:45 pm

The infamous teenage comedy bots from Atlanta's Whole World Improv Theatre, Atlanta's best since 1994, plan to roll out a hilarious show for kids of all ages. Let the power of comedy transform you.



Rachel Eppstein | 2-2:15 pm

Atlanta-based Rachel can be seen performing comedy at various indie comedy venues and showcases like Grrrls Nite Out and Underwear Comedy



Party. She also is the host of a very weird small comedy open mic in Decatur every Thursday night at 9:30 at The Imperial. She is known for her honest and unique comedic voice.

Olive Lynch | 2:30-2:45 pm

Proud foster parent to half a dog, Olive Lynch is a comedian and actor who has appeared on Vice's FLOPHOUSE and in *Creative Loafing*, which are chill and tight (respectively). Olive produces several shows in Atlanta, and tries not to cry more than once a fiscal quarter.



Julie Osborne | 3-3:15 pm

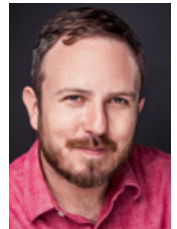
After spending many years using her wit and humor in working with prison inmates in her job as a corrections officer, Julie Osborne went to work with the crazies as a manager in corporate America. In 2011 she started doing stand-up comedy. In 2012 she started hosting comedy shows for the LGBTQ community, creating opportunities for herself and other like-minded comedians.



Joe Pettis | 3:30 -3:45 pm

The self-proclaimed "Mayor of Atlanta Comedy," Joe Pettis started performing in 2008 in hopes of one day gaining enough

relevance to warrant a Wikipedia page. As the founder of 1UP Comedy, he is well regarded for producing some of Atlanta's best comedy shows. His monthly Underwear Comedy Party at the Village Theatre was named one of the "9 Most Unique Concept Shows in the Nation" by Laughbutton and one of the "13 Naughtiest Things to do in Atlanta" by Thrillist. His 8-Bit Comedy show at Joystick Gamebar was named one of "5 Cool Things to Discover in Atlanta" by *Rolling Stone*. He is also the host of the longest running brewery show in the country, Beer and Comedy Night at the SweetWater Brewery. He played Boston Joe on Adult Swim's Daytime Fighting League, has appeared on *Getting Doug with High*, and is a regular on *Doug Loves Movies*. He is also proud to admit that he is an avid wrestling fan and often bases his touring around live WWE events.



Deb Cole | 4-4:15 pm

Cerebral sarcastic storyteller Debra Cole will be performing in the comedy tent this year. Some of you may remember the days when she was all around town and with the comedy group Mixed Nuts, and then hosted the Funny Fridays Series at the Aurora Theatre. Over the years, she's also performed at Eddie's Attic, Hotlanta



DECATUR LOL *continued*

Roundup fundraisers, Laughing Skull, Girls Night out at the Highland Inn, and the Star Bar.

A long-time Atlanta resident and former teacher, Debra's performance style combines old-school comedic structure with sharp-tongued wry wit as she covers topics such as Atlanta history, parenting, relationships of all types, life as an artist, current events, and more.

Annie Lockwood | 4:30-4:45 pm

Known for her biting and personal jokes and scarfing down wings with lipstick and long acrylic nails, Annie Lockwood is a stand-up comedian and show producer in Atlanta. She has been running Comedy on Draught at Three Taverns Brewery in Decatur for two years. She co-produces 8-Bit Comedy at Joystick Gamebar in Edgewood – one of *Rolling Stone's* "Coolest Things to Discover in Atlanta." Also, Annie curates and co-produces A Burlesque Comedy Drag Show at the Laughing Skull in Midtown. Annie has performed all over Atlanta and the country. She has been a part of Sweetwater 420 Fest, Devil Cup in NYC, Hell Yes Fest in NOLA, and Laughing Skull



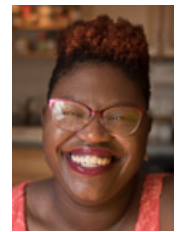
Comedy Festival. Annie's credits also include being bumped from a show to make room for Amy Schumer.

Hayley Ellman | 5-5:15 pm

The Atlanta Journal Constitution calls Atlanta-based Hayley Ellman's comedy "cerebral and sardonic." She was inspired to start writing and performing after watching the likes of Bill Cosby, Woody Allen, Louis CK, and other talented perverts; she still hasn't figured out how to tell people who her biggest influences are anymore. She charms audiences with her balance of sincere and silly.



Amber North has consistently performed onstage for four years and is recognized as one of the city's top comics. She also is the creator, producer, and host of *Wake Up!*, a social awareness variety show, and *Grrrls Nite Out*, a monthly female-centric stand-up comedy showcase.



Open Mic | 3-3:30 pm

The first three people to sign up starting at 2:30 pm will each get to do a 5-minute set. The "winner" chosen by the audience applause will be awarded a slot at next year's LOL tent at the Decatur Arts Festival.

Whole World Theatre Main Cast | 4:30-5:15 pm



If you missed their 1 o'clock show, or really enjoyed them, they're back for more of the same, only different.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Whole World Theatre Main Cast | 1-1:45 pm

Are you ready to play? Whole World Improv Theatre, Atlanta's Best since 1994, performs a hilarious set of improv based entirely on audience suggestions. Come be part of the experience!

Amber North | 2:30-2:45 pm

Recently named co-host of *Ladies Night*, one of the city's most popular monthly comedy showcases, Atlanta comedian



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Ariel Gardner, "For the Culture," acrylic on unstretched canvas, 53.5" x 88.5"



Fine Arts Exhibition

May 22-June 10 | Dalton Gallery at Agnes Scott College, 141 E. College Ave.

A multimedia presentation of work by regional and national artists

OPENING RECEPTION

Tuesday, May 22 | 5:15-7 pm

Be among the first to view an intriguing collection of paintings, prints, photographs, sculpture, and mixed media selected by this year's distinguished jury. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments. Held in conjunction with the May meeting of the Decatur Business Association.

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 Angus Galloway, Ann Rowles, and Fred Yalouris.

'LAST CALL' CLOSING RECEPTION

Sunday, June 10 | 4-6 pm

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

Fine Arts Committee: Lockey McDonald, Dot Moya, Leah Owenby, Judy Parady,

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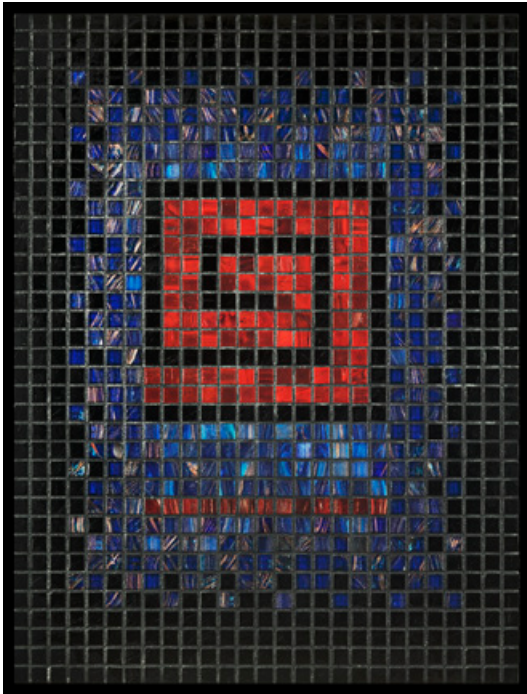
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May 25 (ArtWalk): 2-10 pm

May 26-27: noon-6 pm

June 10 (last call): 4-6 pm

Lynda Clark Adelstein, "Signs & Symbols: Greek Key,"
mosaic glass tiles on wood panel, 16" x 12" x 2"



Owens Daniels, "Brought and Sold in America,"
photography, mixed media, acrylic paint, 40" x 48" x 1.5"



Jess Self, "Rosa Toxico," wool, 53" x 25" x 23"



Lynette Henderson, "Elk with Pink Ash," acrylic on canvas, 17" x 24" x 1.5"

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Carlos Gamez de Francisco, "Portrait of a Woman Without a Basket of Spindles," Chromaluxe print on aluminum 24" x 36"

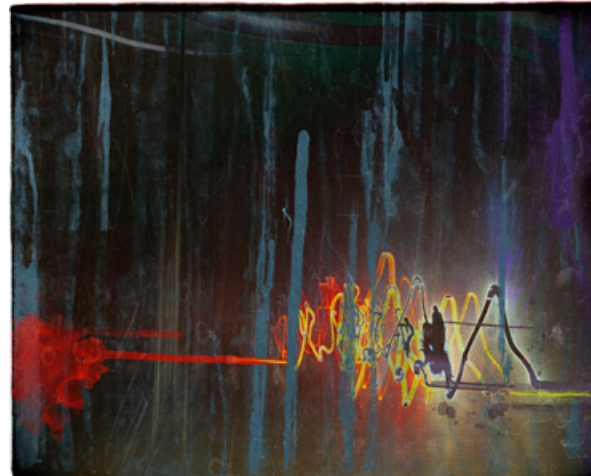


Philip Carpenter, "UZI," color pencils on paper, 20" x 20"



Alyssa MacQueen, "Dreamscapes," photographic collage, 18" x 27"

David Avery, "Das Narrenschiff," etching, 14.25" x 7.5"



Gary Mesa-Gaido, "Point of Departure: Puerto Rico #1," mixed media digital print on aluminum, 20" x 16" x 3"

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- Michael Bryant
- Philip Carpenter
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- Ronald Sullivan
- Karen Tunnell

DeKalb History Center Exhibits

Open Daily: Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm

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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.

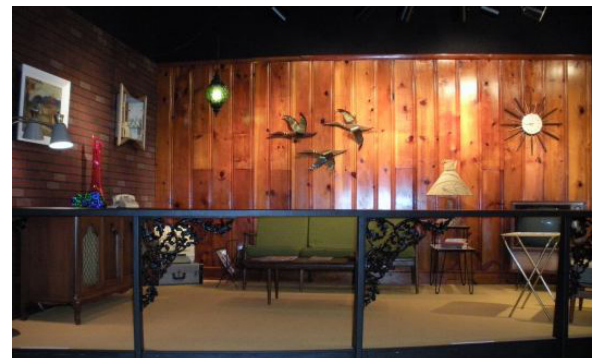
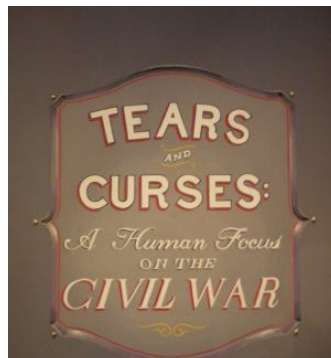
Reclaimed by Nature: the Historic Davidson Quarries of Arabia Mountain

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.

The Decatur Arts Festival is just part of what the Decatur Arts Alliance does. In addition to gallery shows year-round at the Decatur Visitors Center gallery at 113 Clairemont Ave., the alliance works to make Decatur a collaborative environment for artists, gallery owners, theater and dance troupes, and the public. And it helps to make cool things happen in the city, as you can see on these pages.



DECATUR'S MARTA OVERPASS MURAL

Spanning W. Trinity Place at the Beacon Municipal Center, this lively and colorful mural painted by the Milagros Collective reflects hundreds of hours of effort, numerous community input meetings, and teamwork among different government agencies, neighborhood groups, and nonprofits. Enjoy the art-inspired playscape Milagros created under the bridge, too.

... and a Cool Mural at the Recreation Center, too

This mural, on a retaining wall at Scott Park behind Decatur Recreation Center (231 Sycamore St.), was painted by two-time Caldecott winner Chris Raschka and graphic artist Bob Staake, as

part of an effort to encourage children to turn off the TV and go outside to play. The project was spearheaded locally by Decatur Active Living and Little Shop of Stories.



art in Decatur

DREAMSICLE, NATHAN PIERCE

DECATUR ARTWAY

The Decatur Artway sculpture exhibit, a joint project of the City of Decatur and Decatur Arts Alliance, places 10 works around the city for two years each. Find them all around the square and throughout Oakhurst. Get the inside scoop on each work and where you can find them at decaturartsalliance.org.

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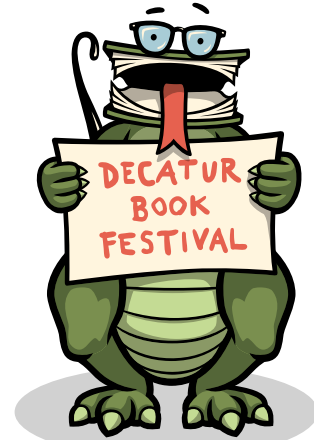


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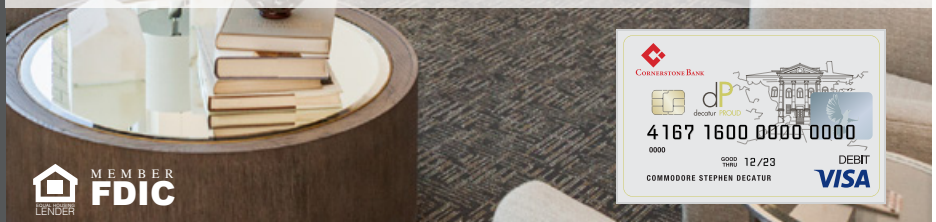
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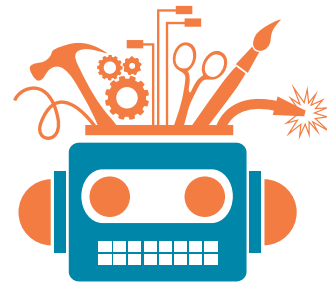
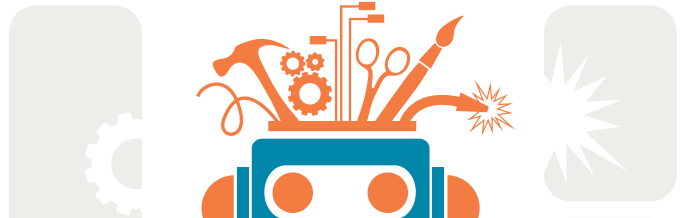
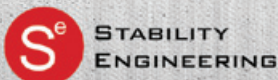
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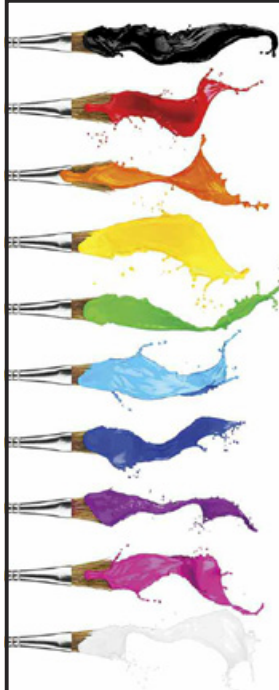
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