

# Our Heartfelt Thanks!

## Ruby and Ernest McSwain Worthy Lands Trust

The Sanford Brush & Palette Club is honored to have received a Ruby and Ernest McSwain Worthy Lands Trust endowment in 2024 designated in part to help offset the costs associated with our 59th Annual Art Show.

Ruby McSwain was a longtime club member and benefactor.



The 59th Annual Art Show is also sponsored by the City of Sanford Tourism Development Authority

**This year's Art Show has been made possible thanks to the generous funding and support from our sponsors and donors. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each one of them!**  
**If you enjoyed the show, please thank the organizations, businesses, and individuals who helped make it happen!**

BETH BALE  
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FIREHOUSE SUBS  
FUNKY FROGZ INDOOR PLAYGROUND  
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WORSLEY GOLF CARTS

**We especially extend our gratitude to The First Presbyterian Church for graciously hosting our art show at the stunning Harper Center. Their support and assistance throughout the entire process has been invaluable.**



**Sanford Brush & Palette Club  
59TH ANNUAL  
ART SHOW**

**October 12 to 19, 2024 • Harper Center, First Presbyterian Church  
203 Hawkins Avenue, Sanford, NC • [www.sanfordarts.org](http://www.sanfordarts.org)**

# Welcome to the 59th Annual Sanford Brush & Palette Club Art Show

## About The Club:

The Sanford Brush & Palette Club (SBPC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that began in 1964 with just seven members. We have since grown to nearly 100 talented and diverse artists.

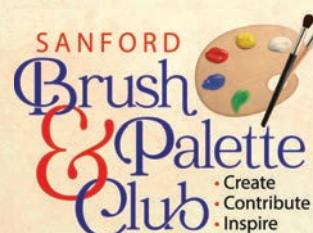
**Sanford Brush & Palette is celebrating their 60th anniversary in 2024.**

## SBPC's Mission Statement

- To foster an interest in the visual arts through programs, demonstrations, exhibitions, and community involvement.
- To provide opportunities for member artists to improve skills and to display and market their artwork.
- To help make art a part of the lives of the adults and children in the community.

## Art Angels and Student Scholarships

In 2011, through the efforts of Gael Hogan, SBPC launched Art Angels for Budding Artists. This initiative provides supplies and services to support visual arts projects for students in the Lee County school system. Since its inception, Art Angels has helped over 6,000 students express their creativity and explore the world through art. Additionally, SBPC awards scholarships to talented high school seniors each year.



## Become A Member!

We invite artists at all levels of their creative journey to join SBPC. For newcomers to Lee County, this is a wonderful opportunity to make friends, find support, and share ideas. Members enjoy chances to exhibit and sell their artwork throughout the year, culminating in our highly anticipated Annual Art Show every October. Join us in celebrating creativity and community!



# Ways to Support The Sanford Brush & Palette Club

## Become a Member or Give the Gift of Membership

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the SBPC, we would love to have you as a member. We encourage people (over age 18) with all levels of art experience to join the club. **Artist Members** will need to live, work or take classes in the Sanford/Lee County area. **Supporting Members** are art lovers, business friends or community groups who wish to support the club. Apply online at <https://sanfordarts.org/join>.

## Become a Patron of the Arts

Your participation in our "Patron of the Arts" program provides valuable encouragement to our artists. As a Patron of the Arts, you are invited to an exclusive preview of our Annual Art Show where you will have a first chance opportunity to purchase the artwork on display. The artist receives a special Patron Award ribbon and you'll receive recognition for supporting our show. If you would like to be included as a Patron of the Arts for 2025, visit [www.sanfordarts.org](http://www.sanfordarts.org).

## Become a Donor

Your donations enable us to continue our mission and to make beneficial contributions in the Lee County arts community. A commemorative gift is a meaningful way to recognize or remember friends, family or special occasions while supporting a variety of art programs in the community.

## Become an Art Angel

Your donations of money or supplies can be of great benefit to our community's art teachers and their students. Stop by the Art Angels table if you would like to make a donation, drop off some art materials or buy a ticket for the Art Angels Benefit Raffle. Contact us at [artangels@sanfordarts.org](mailto:artangels@sanfordarts.org) if you have art and craft supplies you would like to donate during the year.

### Donations may be made online

at [www.sanfordarts.org](https://www.sanfordarts.org)

or mailed to

Sanford Brush & Palette Club,

507 N. Steele Street, #8

Sanford, NC 27330

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# A Few Best in Show Winners Through the Years



2010 - Ruth Chandler



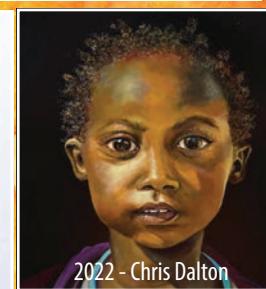
2012 - Patricia Fein



2021 - Doug Rowe



2019 -  
Mickey  
Pace



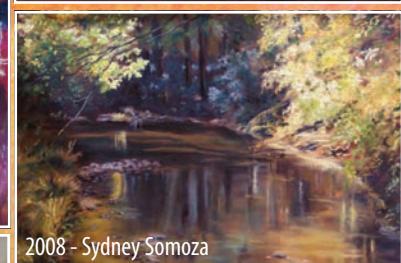
2022 - Chris Dalton



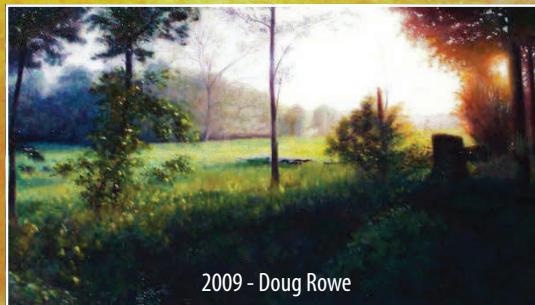
2011 - Patricia Fein



2014 - Karen Rushatz



2008 - Sydney Somoza



2009 - Doug Rowe



2007 - Victoria Hogan

# Show Highlights

## Main Gallery Show

All artwork displayed in the main gallery has been created by our club artists within the last two years. The pieces have been judged in 15 categories—be sure to check the insert in this program for the winners!

## Why I Love Sanford

This new category has been introduced this year in celebration of Sanford's 150th anniversary.

## Ruby McSwain Award

This year's show is dedicated to Ruby McSwain, a longtime member and benefactor. (See the next page for Miss Ruby's story.)

## Bowl & Vessel Show

The Bowl & Vessel Show is taking place alongside the Art Show once again this year. Artists from across the state were invited to showcase their best handmade bowls and vessels of all kinds.

## Sales Gallery

All artworks in the Sales Gallery are available for immediate purchase.

## Holiday Gallery

This year's Holiday Gallery features unique items from our artists with fall and winter holiday themes. Don't miss the chance to explore these special creations while you're here!

## Art After Dark

A very special 60th Anniversary **Art After Dark** event is being held on Friday the 18th from 6 to 9. This year, there is an auction with some very exciting items to bid on, food, drink, music and fun! Meet the artists and take another look at the art.

## Raffles & Door Prizes

Purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win original art! All prizes are generously donated, with sales proceeds benefiting Art Angels to support local art teachers. Plus, don't forget about our FREE daily door prizes!

## Artist Demonstrations

Watch talented artists in action as they demonstrate their creative processes.

## People's Choice Award

Don't forget to vote for your favorite piece of art! Our artists are excited to compete for the People's Choice Ribbon awarded at our annual meeting in November.

## Video History

Don't miss the large monitor on the stage showcasing a looping video that celebrates SBPC's history, featuring delightful photos of our artists, events, and artwork that honors our 60 year legacy.

## 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

JuliAnn Robinson: President • Wendy Bryant: Vice President  
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## 2024 ART SHOW COMMITTEE

Mickey Pace and Sabrina Currin, Co-Chairs  
Barbara Berman • Arlene Brencscons • Sarah Anne Hamilton • Sabrina Currin  
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# Ruby McSwain

*A club member for many years, Miss Ruby's artistic aspirations gave proof that a life, at any juncture or season, can be enriched and reinvigorated through the arts.*

Ruby Vann Crumpler McSwain, known to all as 'Miss Ruby,' motivated through her service to others and driven daily to impact many people for generations to come, was a Lee County artist, multi-venture entrepreneur, and North Carolina philanthropist. Born on March 31, 1918, in Sampson County, NC, and settling in Sanford, NC after her marriage to Ernest P.

McSwain in 1945, Ruby was a member of the Sanford Brush and Palette Club, a devoted member of Sanford's First Baptist Church, supporter of the Temple Theatre, board member for the Lee County Enrichment Center, and advanced many other North Carolina organizations through her legacy endowments.

Despite the difficult loss of her spouse, Ernest, in 1976, Ruby's ambition to become an artist led her to continuing education arts courses at Meredith College. Her artistic aspirations gave proof that a life, at any juncture or season, can be enriched and reinvigorated through the arts, and endowed Ruby with the confidence to join the Sanford Brush and Palette Club as an exhibiting painter of various mediums for many years. This new chapter would be the provenance of her growth as a mixed media painter and supporter of the arts within North Carolina.

Encouraged by her own growth as an artist, Ruby continued to promote the arts through her endowed scholarships at Meredith College, as well as her longtime service with the North Carolina Museum of Art's Board of Trustees. Most notably, she created a substantial endowment to fund the growth of the Museum Park. Span-



ning over 160 acres, the Park intersects her life-long interests of land conservation alongside the Arts.

From a small office in The Fireplace, her Sanford decorative arts and antiques store, Miss Ruby would continue to work until she was 95 years old. With the walls around her adorned with her own paintings, she often remarked that she would 'love to live forever.' Ruby understood the key to making that lasting, timeless impact in her community was to seek out others that shared a similar vision. With that in

mind, Miss Ruby firmly believed in the advancement of rural communities through their collaboration with educational institutions.

After Miss Ruby C. McSwain's passing in 2015 at the remarkable age of 97, her legacy carries on in Sanford through the efforts of the Ruby and Ernest Worthy Lands Trust. Their various need and merit-based scholarship endowments at numerous North Carolinian educational institutions offer advancement with first priority given to students of Lee County, NC, opening doors for Lee County students of all backgrounds. The Ruby and Ernest Worthy Lands Trust earnestly endeavors to carry on Miss Ruby C. McSwain's wish to 'live forever' through benefiting and sustaining her various beloved communities, such as the Sanford Brush and Palette Club, and impacting the lives of artists, of every circumstance and background, that are inspired to do the same.

by Lyndsey Blackmon

*The Sanford Brush & Palette Club is honored to have had Miss Ruby as a member for many years, and to have been chosen as a recipient of endowments from the Ruby and Ernest Worthy Lands Trust.*

# SBPC Artists of the Year 1965 to 2024

1965	Margaret Gross	1996	Billie Elmore
1966	Myrtice Locke	1997	Rebecca Von Canon
1967	Elsie Jordan	1998	June Trogden
1968	Pat Simpson	1999	MaryLou Crissman
1969	Ellen Palmer	2000	Helga Peiler
1970	Margaret Brafford	2001	Sharon Carlyle
1971	Florence Raynal	2002	Jeannine Reese
1972	Shirley Hand	2003	Cleo Wicker
1973	Mildred Choplin	2004	Ruth Chandler
1974	Maude Ferguson	2005	Arline Lockwood
1975	John Wicker	2006	Charlotte Hohenstein
1976	Mabel Jones	2007	Barbara Gobeille
1977	Bep Martin	2008	Sydney Somoza
1978	Anna Baldwin	2009	Sandy Scott
1979	Frank Cavadi	2010	Douglas Rowe
1980	Beryl Willet	2011	Susan Beal
1981	Alice Baxter	2012	Ann Milstead
1982	Carol Whitehead	2013	Joan Wagoner
1983	Marge Carney	2014	Beverly Brookshire
1984	Eloise Bizzarri	2015	Dorothy Hubbard
1985	Betty Mashburn	2016	Yvonne George
1986	Clay McPhee	2017	Susan Pope
1987	Dolly Miller	2018	Reggie Carde
1988	Beverly Bachmeier	2019	Ty Hooker
1989	Robert Simons	2021	Carolyn Chipman
1990	Will Knudsen	2022	Carolyn Rotter
1991	JoAnn Markham	2023	Edna Perkins
1992	Beverly Keith	2024	Karen Tatum

# Artist of the Year 2024: Karen Tatum

Karen Tatum is a self-taught multi-media artist who sees the world with strong colors and bold lines. Her paintings are created with acrylics, water colors, and mixed media – sometimes all in the same painting! Her work is known for being fun, expressionistic, and full of life.

Growing up as the middle child of a military family and living in many foreign places, Karen's rich diversity of experiences gave her a broad view of the world and led her to express herself in her unique artwork.

Karen's works has won numerous awards at The Sanford Brush & Palette

Club's Annual Art shows, where she has been a member since 2003 and served as the Sunshine Director, President 2015-2017, Treasurer 2006-2012, 2014-2015, interim 2021-2022, Art Angels Director, Education Chair, Art Show Chair, Vice President 2023 and Historian.

Karen has been very involved in Sanford and has shared her creative gifts generously over the years. Examples of her community connection include being a member of the Lee County Arts Council, judging art at the Lee County Fair and the Kaleidoscope program with the Lee County school system, conducting art sessions for summer camp with YMCA, and participating in downtown Sanford's 2nd Sunday. She also



created the public's first mural at the downtown Artoberfest in 2008. The mural now hangs in the Mann Center. She has shared her passion of painting with the patients of Liberty Commons Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Sanford and the Healing Ceilings

Organization that installs ceiling tiles in cancer treatment centers for cancer patients to enjoy during their treatments.

Her giving spirit is also evident in the number of causes where Karen has donated her work and time across the state of North Carolina including the Temple Theatre and The Stevens

Theatre and The Stevens Foundation in Sanford, Friends of Gateway Foundation in Greensboro, and the Annual Amanda Wall-Corey Haddon Memorial Walk to benefit the Melanoma Research Foundation in Apex.

When she cannot paint outside, Karen paints in the art studio she made in her home, which she shares with her husband Jim on their farm with the goats, horses, and beloved dog art enthusiasts.

Karen is currently co-founder and gallery director of Oxide Gallery of Fine Art in Sanford, NC and Lee County Fine Arts. This nonprofit serves to promote art tourism, artistic growth, and provide a fine art gallery for NC artists.



# SBPC 2024 Members

Janice Ailerson	Dora Fromer	Olivia Olavarria
Kate Annett-Hitchcock	Sam Gaskins	Mickey Pace
Shara Appanaitis	Wanda Geske	Shirley Pardue
Diana Atkins	Jane Godfrey	Joy Pearce
Jornell Bacon	Doris Gulley	Edna Perkinson
Charlotte Baggett	Louisa Heffelfinger	Stan Piestrak
Beth Bale	Alice Heins	Susan Pope
Alissa Barker	Hannah Hendricks	Ellie Ralston
Susan Beal	Charlotte Hohenstein	Jeannine Reese
Melissa Benson	Ty Hooker	Jeanne Rhea
Nancy Berliner	Margaret Hubbard	JuliAnn Robinson
Barbara Berman	Janine Iamunno	Shirley Rogers
Trisha Bone	Sharon Ingold	Carolyn Rotter
Jan Boydston	Wilma Irwin	Susan Ruark
Arlene Brencsons	Raymond Ivey	Len Ruemker
Beverly Brookhart	Diane Johnson	Karen Rushatz
Diane Brooks	Howard Keiser	Sarah Anne Hamilton Ryan
Beverly Brookshire	Henry Kennedy Jr	Sydney Somoza
Holly Brower	Kimberly Killian	Diana Stepanik
Jake Brower	Barbara LePage	Karen Tatum
Heidi Brown	Sandra Lett	Ashley Teal
Wendy Bryant	Dawn Louis-Jean	Cody Thompson
Vivian Byrd	Mary Post Loving	Emily Thompson
Reggie Carde	Debra Marshall	Charlotte Uchiyama
Amanda Carter	Lisa Mathis	Patricia VanErt
Sam Carter	Stuart Maynard	Karen Walker
Crystal Champaigne	Joey McDonald	Mary Wangen
Ginny Connolly-Manhardt	Kenny McNeill	Menessia Ward
Everett Cox	Michelle Meyers	Katrina Whitaker
Sabrina Currin	Barbara Miller	Doug Wood
Lisa Dark	Betty Mitchell	Carolyn York
Deanna Deaton		

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# 59th Annual Art Show Judges

## Judy Siler Boyette

Born in Sanford to Hal and Esther Siler, Judy graduated from Sanford Central High School in 1971. She began her teaching career in art at Lee County Schools before moving to Johnson County Schools, where she spent 26 years at Princeton High School. In 1994-95, she was honored as the North Carolina High School Art Teacher of the Year.

After retiring from teaching in 2011, Judy became actively involved in the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center's art studio and joined the Johnston County Arts Council, serving as president since 2013. Her artistic endeavors include painting murals, creating canvases, and working with mosaics, while she explores various art forms and learns from fellow artists.

Judy founded a group of artists who focus on community engagement, exploring galleries, thrift stores, and local cuisine together. Through the Arts Council, she organizes and participates in workshops and events that celebrate not only visual artists but also musicians, theater performances, and literary events. She manages and displays artwork for local artists and students across Johnston County.

Additionally, Judy initiated and facilitates Creative Connections, a weekly gathering for artists to share ideas, techniques, and information about opportunities and shows in the area. She has illustrated children's books for several authors, including two for Dr. Steve "Doc" Underwood from Sanford, Dot LaMotta from Garner, and Kay Surles from Four Oaks. In 2019, Judy was recognized as one of Johnston County's Citizens of the Year for her contributions to the arts.



## Judith McDonald

Making connections between the fine arts and daily life has always been the driving force of my passion for art education. With over 30 years of teaching experience in the Visual Arts, I continue to try to connect students through the arts by teaching at the O'Neal School in Southern Pines. Currently working on a research project supported by an E. E. Ford Grant, I am studying the impact of daily art exposure on brain function and creating opportunities for subject area teachers to support their lessons through art exposure.

Having taught in Lee County, worked at the Artist's Colony, and been a member of the Sanford Brush & Palette Club, I feel a close connection to the artists of the area. Members of the club will always hold my appreciation and respect for their support of arts education by supporting the creation of a gallery space at Greenwood Elementary School.

Creating art is a challenge when working full time, but when I have time, I have channeled my efforts into working with fiber, both 2 and 3 dimensionally.

## In Memoriam

### Joan Wagoner

Joan Johnson Wagoner peacefully passed away November 24, 2023. Joan was born and raised in Raeford, North Carolina. She attended Peace College and UNCG and moved to Sanford after marrying her beloved William where she remained since 1951. Most people know Joan as "Mrs. Wagoner" who taught Spanish at Lee County High School for many years. She was a passionate and vibrant teacher and her students loved her as much as she loved them. After retirement Joan began taking art lessons and quickly realized that she had a newfound passion and talent. She spent much of her free time honing this talent and belonged to the Sanford Brush & Palette Club.



### Sanford Brush & Palette Artist of the Year - 2013

### Sandy Scott

Sandra Kathleen (Sandy) Scott passed away on Friday, June 28, 2024. She loved to paint, sew and sing in the church choir at Rocky Fork Christian Church. She was very active in The Sanford Brush & Palette Club, including Art Show Chair and worked with Art Angels. Sandy was 2009-2010 President. Sandy was a well-regarded watercolorist and earned the honor of Signature Member of the Watercolor Society of North Carolina. Sandy introduced our members to alcohol inks before it was widely known or even accepted as an art medium. She held many demonstrations of her techniques.



### Sanford Brush & Palette Artist of the Year - 2009

### Marjorie Dale Waring Thompson

Beloved mother, grandmother, artist, teacher, and friend passed on August 31, 2024. Marge was born on November 26, 1948. For over four decades Marge painted and taught classes to countless students, friends and fellow painters. She was very involved in the Society of Decorative Painters, painting all the way up until August 2024, where she taught classes at the Oklahoma Painting Palooza. With an intuitive grace, and a quiet nature, Marge met people wherever they were in life, always ready to listen and share a kind word.



### Charlotte Miriam Hohenstein

Charlotte M. Hohenstein, 93, born on December 8, 1930, in Philadelphia, PA, passed away peacefully on August 31, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, creativity, and community involvement. A proud graduate of Temple University, Charlotte earned her master's in education in 1961, reflecting her lifelong passion for learning. She excelled in softball as a pitcher for a professional softball team in the 1940s, showcasing her strong love for sports. In 1981, Charlotte made Sanford her home, drawn by the vibrant golfing community in Carolina Trace. She became an active member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, where her melodious voice enriched the church choir. Additionally, Charlotte was a talented artist, a member of the Sanford Brush and Palette Club for many years and created many unique paintings that will be cherished by those who knew her. Charlotte had a profound love for travel, with her favorite adventure being a memorable trip to Germany. She leaves behind her beloved cat, Jazzy, and dear friends, Val Bianca, Dr. Joann Bowman, and Faye Schulz, who will miss her dearly. Charlotte's spirit will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate to know her. She will be remembered for her warmth, creativity, and indomitable spirit.

