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### **SAAC's Art in Public Places Exhibit: Laurie Burton**

#### **STARKVILLE, MS -**

Starkville Area Art Council's next Art in Public Places Exhibit will highlight award-winning local artist Laurie Burton. A kickoff reception is scheduled for March 14, at 5:30 – 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Partnership in downtown Starkville.

Burton works with mixed media and found objects, landscape and surreal painting, and occasional furniture making. Burton has a BBA from Mississippi State University where she majored in marketing and minored in fine art, and she is the owner of WildRose Studio & Gallery, a renovated 1930's bungalow on S. Jackson Street in Starkville. The gallery is open by appointment only, and a visit will include Burton's energetic and scruffy little dog, Ripley, and possibly her elusive six-toed cat, Lefty.

Some of Burton's honors include a Merit Award at SAAC's own 2017 CDAF Juried Art Show, and 3rd place at the 2007 Prairie Arts Festival Juried Art Show. Burton's work has been featured in many exhibitions and shows across the state and was recently featured in an exhibition called "Before Their Time: A Del Rendon Foundation Legacy Series" in the Colvard Student on the MSU campus.

"SAAC's AiPP program strives to bring a gallery experience to Starkville while also introducing artists to the community," says SAAC E.D. John Bateman. "We want this program to expand and benefit both artists and the community."

Works will be available for purchase. This show will run through April 8.

#### **About SAAC**

Now commencing its third decade, SAAC sponsors the Cotton District Arts Festival, runs art education programs, and awards almost \$25,000 each year in grants and scholarships throughout Starkville and Oktibbeha County in its mission to build a strong, creative, connected community through art. SAAC appreciates the support of the City of Starkville, the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi Arts Commission, Visit Mississippi, Del Rendon Foundation, 4-County Electric Foundation, and local businesses and individuals. For additional information, please visit [www.starkvillearts.org](http://www.starkvillearts.org).

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