



STARKVILLE AREA ARTS COUNCIL

Annual Report FYE June 2020

FROM THE DESK



John W. Bateman, Executive Director



What a delirious ride we've had for the year ending in June 2020! With CDAF and summer programs interrupted due to COVID-19, SAAC had to think quickly. We partnered with the Del Rendon Foundation to give micro-grants to artists, while encouraging our summer scholarship applicants to look for online programming. Fundraising will be a challenge for a while, and, although our giving at the individual and patron level increased significantly, we face an uncertain year ahead. Nonetheless, a formalized Fundraising / 25th Anniversary Committee has some exciting ideas as we adapt and flex to continue building a community through art. Thank you for joining us, and don't hesitate to give us a call!

Mary Switzer, Board President



I am happy to remain your board president during these challenging times. Like all of us, SAAC has made adjustments to the "new normal," finding ways to keep our community engaged in the arts in a safe way. Although we have seen a lot of success despite having to make programs as socially distanced as possible, we, like all arts and non-profit organizations, are feeling the impact of COVID-19. Now more than ever, we appreciate and need your continued support. We are incredibly thankful to the many sponsors, donors, and patrons that make our events and programs possible and to our Officers and Board of Directors, to all of the volunteers, committee and event chairs, SAAC members, and to our wonderful Executive Director John and AmeriCorps VISTA Juliette. As always, let's continue with our mission to build a strong, creative, connected community through the arts.



SAAC looks to the public for input

Brad Robertson Starkville Daily News
Dec 17, 2019

The Starkville Area Arts Council is hosting a survey for members of the community to complete and provide feedback about the organization and its events.

SAAC Executive Director John Bateman said the survey is 20 questions long and should not take participants much time to fill out.

In 2015, the SAAC Board of Directors put together a strategic plan for the organization. Bateman, who joined SAAC in 2017 as its first executive director, said the plan has guided him but an update was due.

"Most of what was on the plan has been fulfilled or is longer relevant," Bateman said.



John Bateman, right, thanked Supervisors for the contribution to the Starkville Area Arts Council at a meeting.



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MMSA AWARDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

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JACKSON, Miss.—The Mississippi Main Street Association (MMSA) has awarded the following Main Street Communities with Community Development Grants to incentivize development, improvement, and revitalization in their historic downtown business districts throughout Mississippi.

MMSA Designated Communities were able to apply for individual funds of up to \$1,000 with a required matching investment for shovel-ready brick and mortar projects as well as consulting services they can carry out a Designated Community's program of work.

The Community Development Grant may be used for a wide range of projects as long as the project



Area teens learn drama, music and more at MSU Summer Scholars camp

By Leslie Criss Daily Journal Jul 18, 2019



Students attending MSU Summer Scholars program on tuition scholarships from the Toyota Well Springs Foundation through CREATE are Meg Goussett, front left, of Tupelo High School, Janiya Rutherford, of New Albany High School, R.J. Rutherford, back left, Ema Reid and Alandeo Gates, all of New Albany High School.

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Welcome to SAAC's Annual Report for FYE June 2020!

The mission of Starkville Area Arts Council is to build a strong, creative, connected community through art. We accomplish this through 2 primary program areas: Art Education & Outreach and Economic Development Through Art (The Creative Economy).

This annual report summarizes how we fulfill our mission. For detailed information, please visit www.starkvillearts.net and www.cdafestival.com.



COMMITTEES

SAAC is supported by hundreds of volunteers each year, organized into several planning committees (both formal and informal). In FYE 2020, these included:

- Art in the Park (Allison Julien, Mary Switzer, Alex Bostic CoChairs)
- AiPP (Exhibits) (Walter Diehl, Chair)
- Art Partners (Allison Julien, Chair)
- Community Events (Ashia Gandy, Chair)
- Cotton District Arts Festival (John Bateman, Emily Corban, CoChairs)
- Finance (Nancy Lifer, John Bateman, CoChairs)
- Forks & Corks (Duston Price, Rachael Potts, CoChairs)
- Fundraising (Jon Turner, Chair)
- Grants (Callie Ellis, Jon Turner, CoChairs)
- Summer Scholarships (Christine Rogers-Kelly, Chair)
- #StayAtHomeFest (John Bateman, Andrew Rendon, CoChairs)

SAAC and CDAF are both supported by a number of subcommittees and community partners, who are not listed here.

WHO WE ARE



Board Members: 2019-2020

Alex Bostic
 Rosa Dalomba
 Walter Diehl
 Callie Ellis
 Ashia Gandy
 Aimee Gaston
 Heather Hudson
 Allison Julien
 Thomas LaFoe
 Nancy Lifer
 Rachael Potts
 Duston Price
 Christine Rogers-Kelly (starting Jan 2020)
 Mary Switzer
 Cheikh Taylor
 Jon Turner

Board Members: 2020-2021

Alex Bostic
 Emily Corban
 Patricia Cox
 Rosa Dalomba
 Walter Diehl
 Callie Ellis
 Ashia Gandy
 Latalla Harris
 Allison Julien
 Thomas LaFoe
 Nancy Lifer
 Rachael Potts
 Duston Price
 Christine Rogers-Kelly
 Mary Switzer

John W. Bateman, in capacity as Executive Director

STAFF

Executive Director, John W. Bateman



John is an award-winning writer and filmmaker, who brings 15 years of experience in philanthropy and 5 years of legal practice to his position. Raised in Starkville, John returned to Mississippi after 17 years as an ex-pat Southerner.

AmeriCorps VISTA



Juliette is SAAC's AmeriCorps VISTA Member. Her role is to build capacity by coordinating volunteers for programming needs, streamlining and managing communications and promotions, and securing financial resources through grant writing.

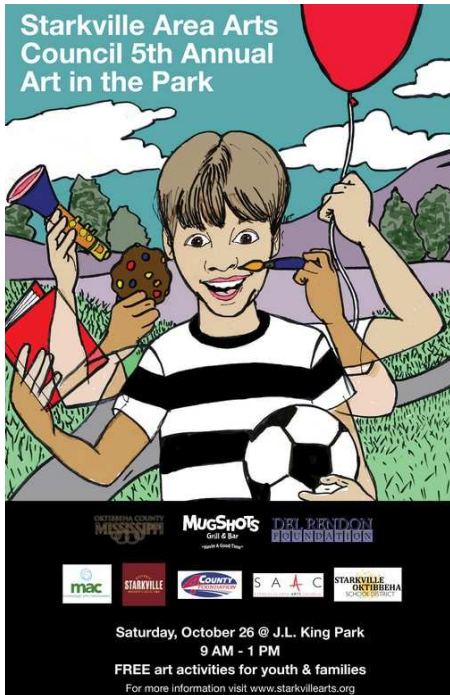
SAAC is honored to have been approved as a site location for The Maroon Volunteer Center AmeriCorps VISTA Project at Mississippi State University in Fall 2019.



ART EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Equal access to arts and arts education builds well-rounded thinkers and creative problem solvers. Initiatives in this program area provide early educational opportunities, summer scholarships, and create access through FREE public events.



ART IN THE PARK

is a free annual event that provides hands-on exposure for children (and families) to chalk, beads, clay, paint, drums, drawing, writing, theatre, dance, and more.



ART PARTNERS

is our after-school initiative that provides hands-on extracurricular art classes taught by working artists in collaboration with existing programs at four site partners: 1) J.L. King Center, 2) Pecan Acres, 3) Sudduth Extended Day, and 4) Youth Explosion.



Teaching Artists

Gerard Woods (Spring 2018-Spring 2020)
Bonnie Renfroe (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)

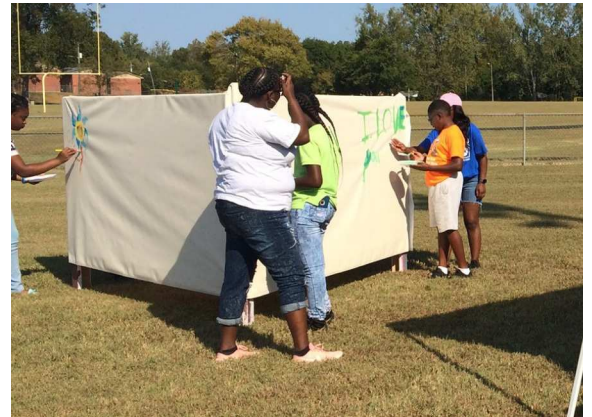


COMMUNITY OUTREACH

PumpkinPalooza is an annual family-oriented event sponsored by the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, held downtown each October, that includes trick-or-treating with merchants, pumpkin painting, and live music. SAAC sponsors the popular pumpkin painting booth.



Starkville Community Day is an annual event organized by various community members to provide a day and night of festivities and outreach at J.L.King Park. SAAC hosts its mural wall during the family-oriented part of the day.



SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

SAAC offers merit and need-based scholarships for youth ages 11-18 for summer art programs. Over the past decade, more than \$40,000 has been awarded to youth for programs hosted by a number of organizations, including:

- American Ballet Theatre
- Controllers 4-H Club Summer Camp (D'MAP)
- MasterClass
- Mississippi School of the Arts
- MSU Summer Scholars OnStage
- MS Lions Band
- Northwestern University
- Southeastern Summer Theatre Institute
- Starkville High School for the Virtual International Thespian Convention

From: [REDACTED]
To: John Bateman
Subject: Re: Former Summer Scholarship Recipients

Dear Starkville Area Arts Council

I have received your summer scholarships in the past to go to the Summer Scholars on stage program. There a group of students write and perform a three act musical. Everything from writing with deadline and teamwork to building sets and lights are required of these students. I gained skills, friends, memories, knowledge, and countless other assets from this program, which was a possible opportunity for me because of the scholarship that SAAC provided.

I am looking forward to putting these skills and connections to good use. These assets — good friends, a drive to work, striving for excellence, and support system like no other — make up the foundation for success. I'm now building on it. I am attending Grinnell College this fall on 108,000 dollar merit scholarship. I will participate and help build the theater community there by applying to special skill jobs in the theater, since I have experience working lights, building sets, organizing sound, and running sound at summer scholars. Overall, I will spread the love and joy of Starkville Summer Scholars in Grinnell Iowa, thanks to the SAAC scholarship program.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ART (Creative Economy)



ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (AiPP)

Art in Public Places is our exhibit series, highlighting a wide-range of talent and media, including a number of award-winning Southern artists.



Picnic Table, Dominic Lipillo
September 2019



Gerard Woods
January 2020



Noxubee Refuge:
Artist In Residence
March 2020

BUSINESS SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Business Skills Workshops offers real-world, practical advice on treating art like a business. This series returns in FYE2021 as part of a collaborative \$kills for the Creative Economy partnership with YAC (Oxford).

COTTON DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL

The Cotton District Arts Festival, consistently named Best Fair/Festival by Mississippi Magazine, showcases the best talent in arts, music, food, and more, from across the Southeast. Although disrupted by COVID-19, CDAF2020 explored a new partnership with MSU and Humphrey Coliseum for a condensed, inclement-weather alternative. Because CDAF uncoupled from Super Bulldog Weekend in April (due to the Easter Weekend scheduling), we had the rare opportunity to use an unoccupied Hump. We are extraordinarily grateful for this effort.



PUBLIC ART

Public art creates a sense of character and creates clear visibility for Starkville and the arts. SAAC continues to collaborate with the MSU Department of Art, the city, and other partners on public art.



Main Street Planters
Spring 2020



SUNDAY FUNDAY

Sunday Funday: This grassroots community event, created by artists, is a former SAAC grantee. SAAC now serves as “fiscal sponsor”: Sunday Funday controls its program and SAAC provides financial oversight, which, in turn, gives donors a potential charitable deduction.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS AND AWARDS

Funds are used to support art and art education projects that fall outside of our customary program areas, like the mural service project created by Rotary’s Oktibbeha County Young Leaders Program or microgrants to teachers.

- KMG Creations & Dance Fitness \$400 (Dancing in the Park 2019)
- Magnolia Film Festival \$700 (General Operations)
- Moving in the Spirit \$1,000 (dance workshops - pledged due to postponement)
- MSU Department of Art \$1,300 (Mohammad Hafez Art Exhibit and Award for Student Juried Exhibition)
- Starkville Public Library \$1,000 (Wonder Robot STEAM Project)
- Starkville MSU Symphony \$400 (Children’s Concert)
- Brandi Burton \$500 (SPARK Art - Art Education)
- Deborah Mansfield \$2,800 (piano street art - regranted from private donation)
- Deborah Oakley \$200 (Smart Music subscription for Homeschool Music Coop - Art Education)
- Graham Carraway \$3,300 (Main Street Planters - regranted from Main Street and private donations)
- StayAtHomeFest \$3,150 (microgrants to 30+ artists for public performances)
- Stephanie Montgomery \$331 (Radical Roberts - Art Education)
- Del Rendon Foundation (Arts in Excellence Award 2019)

SPECIAL



STAY AT HOME FEST MS

In response to COVID-19, SAAC reopened its grant pool. In collaboration with the Del Rendon Foundation and other community partners and arts organizations, this endeavor created free public arts programming and education opportunities on Facebook through the Stay At Home Fest MS.

Artists from all over MS provided all sorts of artistic content (performances, readings, workshops, demonstrations, etc.) that showed their craft and/or serves artistic and/or educational purposes.

As of June 30, 2020, SAAC and DRF have awarded more than \$3,000 to 25+ locally-based artists.



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Visit www.starkvillearts.net for more information.

PROJECTS



ARTS GO DARK

In collaboration with other MS arts organizations, SAAC joined the statewide Arts Go Dark project: an advocacy campaign designed to highlight the economic impact that arts create on communities.

FREE LITTLE LIBRARIES

Thanks to the help from Barbara Runnels Coats with Modern Woodmen of America and Junior Auxiliary of Starkville, SAAC distributed art and school supplies and books (thanks to Book Mart & Cafe for the super sweet deal) to several Little Free Libraries around Starkville.



OKTIBBEHA COUNTY WIC HEALTH CLINIC

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in April 2020, SAAC donated cleaning supplies from our Art Education & Outreach program to the Oktibbeha County WIC Health Clinic.

How do we support ourselves?

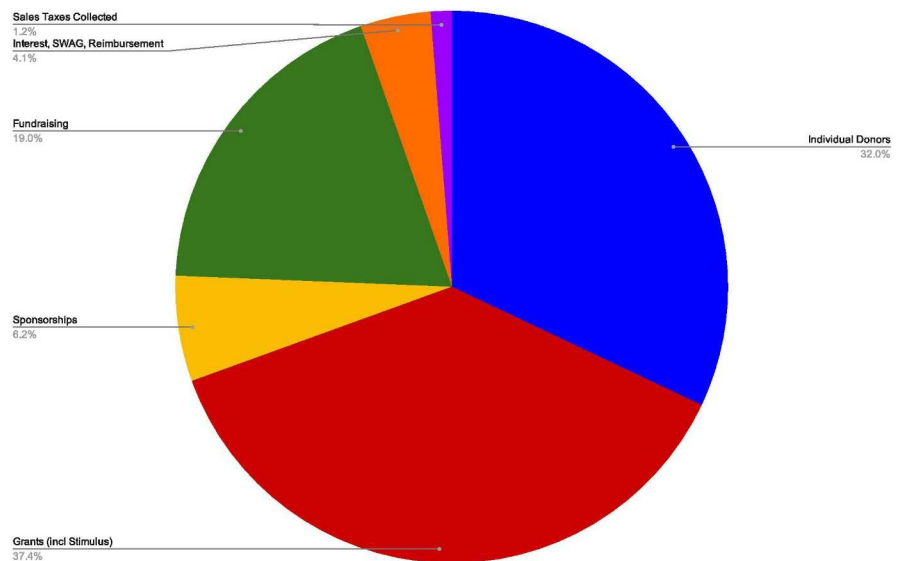
Revenue comes from individuals, business sponsorships, grants, and fundraising efforts. Fundraising events make up the balance of critically needed revenue and provide tremendous advertising potential for sponsors.

Profit & Loss FYE June 2020

Income	Amount
Individual Donors	\$43,999.66
Grants (incl Stimulus)	\$51,394.75
Sponsorships	\$8,479.77
Fundraising	\$26,097.72
Interest, SWAG, Reimbursement	\$5,652.17
Sales Taxes Collected	\$1,705.01
	\$137,329.08

Expenses	Amount
Administrative & General	\$13,849.95
Advertising, Printing & Copying,	\$4,820.46
CDAF Booth Refunds	\$3,704.47
Cost of SWAG	\$1,489.00
Fees, Dues, Permits, Subscripti	\$6,112.08
Grants, Prizes & Payments to A	\$24,112.00
Payroll & Labor	\$61,161.36
Professional Fees	\$9,079.52
Rent/Lease	\$8,814.41
Sales Taxes Payable	\$1,412.22
	\$134,555.47

Net Revenue **\$2,773.61**



Arts Day at the Capitol



Queer Art Market

Visit www.starkvillearts.net for more information.

FUNDRAISERS

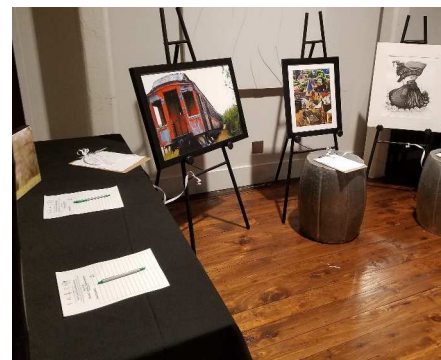


FORKS & CORKS 2019

This annual fundraiser showcases the culinary arts in a casual, festive environment. In FYE 2020, this event raised approximately \$10,000 for art and art education programs in Oktibbeha County.



SPONSORS



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & ANNUAL MEETING



Each summer, SAAC hosts its Membership Drive and Annual Meeting to report to the public on past activities, while also connecting with existing donors and recruiting new donors.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

In December 2019 and May 2020, SAAC participated in Giving Tuesday and Giving Tuesday NOW. #GivingTuesday was created to encourage people to give back to their communities. #GivingTuesdayNOW was created in response to COVID-19 to support non-profits. Through these two fundraisers, SAAC raised almost \$2,100!



OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT



Funder	Requested	Amount Awarded	Purpose
4County Electric Power Association	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	CDAF 2020 International Village
4County Foundation	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	Art in the Park & Art Partners
A Greener Clean	\$250.00	\$250.00	Forks & Corks 2019
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	endowment grant
ATMOS Energy (Community Involvement)*	\$3,000.00	See Footnote	Art Education & Outreach Program
BankCorp South	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	CDAF 2020 West Stage
BankFirst	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	CDAF 2020 East Stage
Barnes & Noble @ Ms State	no amount specified		CDAF 2020
Bell Building Supply			Public Art (INKIND discounts on supplies)
BookMart & Cafe	no amount specified	\$325.00	Art Education & Outreach (INKIND discount on books)
Brunner Heating & Air	\$500.00	\$300.00	Pumpkin Palooza 2019
Cadence	\$1,000.00	See Footnote	CDAF 2020 / General
Cadence	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	Summer Scholarships
Chalet Arts		\$520.00	Printing (INKIND discounts)
City of Starkville	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00	General Operating Support
Clark Beverage		\$300.00	Forks & Corks 2019
Clark Distributing	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	CDAF 2020 Taste of Starkville
Columbus Brick	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	CDAF 2020 Potter's Village
Del Rendon Foundation		\$1,300.00	StayAtHomeFestMS
Dick Blick Art Supplies		\$500.00	Art in the Park 2019 (INKIND art supplies)
Dollar General Literacy Foundation	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	Art Partners Literacy is this for 2021
DreamTeam Realty	\$250.00	\$250.00	Forks & Corks 2019
Dreyfus Foundation*	\$8,000.00	See Footnote	Art Education & Outreach
ERA Town & Campus Realty - Cory Lucius	\$250.00	\$250.00	Forks & Corks 2019
Foundation for the Mid South		TBD	Art Education & Outreach
Glo Cubes (VIBE, LLC)	\$500.00	\$500.00	Public Art
Homestead Education Center - Keep it Local	\$500.00	\$500.00	CDAF 2020
Hotel & Restaurant Supply			Forks & Corks 2019 (INKIND)
MasterClass	200 licenses	TBD	Art Education & Outreach
MaxxSouth	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	CDAF 2020
Mississippi Arts Commission	\$20,000.00	\$13,400.00	General Operating Support
Mississippi Arts Commission	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00	MAC Cares Funding
Mississippi Development Authority	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Forks & Corks 2019
Mississippi Development Authority	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00	CDAF2020
Mississippi Hills Heritage Area Alliance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	CDAF2020 Writer's Village
Mississippi Presenter's Network		\$94.75	Giving Tuesday
Modern Woodmen		\$1,000.00	CDAF 2020 Children's Village
Modern Woodmen		\$179.77	Starkville Community Day
MS Humanities Council	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	Artist Talks (asked to apply again)
MSU Humphrey Coliseum			CDAF 2020 (In-kind reservation of venue)
Mugshots			Art in the Park 2019 (IN KIND snacks)
Network for Good		\$0.00	
Oktibbeha County	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	General Operating Support
PACCAR Foundation	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Art Education & Outreach
Parker McGill		\$0.00	
Prestige Event Rentals			Forks & Corks 2019
Reading 2 Succeed	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Art Education & Outreach
Regions	\$10,000.00	\$250.00	CDAF 2020
Regions	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	Art Education & Outreach
Renasant Bank	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	CDAF 2020
Renasant Bank	\$13,500.00	\$10,800.00	PPP Loan Program
Shelter Insurance - Cory Lucius		\$250.00	Forks & Corks 2019
SOAR (Create Foundation)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	AEO (Art Partners & Summer Scholarships)
Spruill Property Management	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	CDAF Pet Parade
Starkville Convention & Visitors Bureau (GS)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	General Operating Support
Starkville Main Street Association	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Public Art
Starkville Sportsplex		\$100.00	Art in the Park 2019 (INKIND venue discount)
Starkville Women's Club		\$200.00	General Operations
State Farm (McCaskill)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	CDAF
Synergetics	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	CDAF 2020 South/Community Stage
The Flower Company			Forks & Corks 2019 (INKIND)
The Mill		\$5,000.00	Forks & Corks (IN KIND linens + venue discount)
Tom Smith Land & Homes			Forks & Corks 2019
U.S. Small Business Association	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Stimulus Funding
Wal-Mart Community	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	Art Education & Outreach

FOOTNOTE: Application pending as of 6/30/2020 (ATMOS, Dreyfus)

FOOTNOTE: Event Canceled before payment (Cadence, Renasant, Spruill, Statefarm McCaskill)

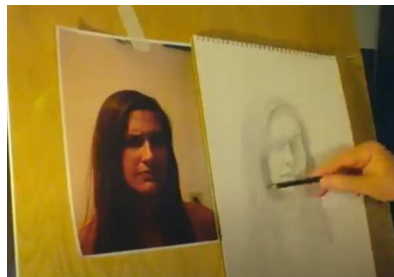
These grants and sponsorships reflect all cash awards and all formal written requests that were either declined or remained pending as of June 30, 2020. This list includes a partial listing of all in-kind support received from the community. Informal requests of support that were declined are not included in this list.

Visit www.starkvillearts.net for more information.

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 WEB DESIGNERS
 GRAPHIC DESIGNERS
 INSURANCE CARRIERS
 CATERERS
 JANITORS
AS WELL AS:
 PAINTERS, WRITERS, DANCERS, FILM MAKERS, MUSICIANS, ACTORS, POTTERS.....

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VOLUNTEERS



HOW DO WE SAY THANK YOU LOUD ENOUGH?

THANK YOU!

SAAC would like to thank our many volunteers for their help in making all our programs and events a SUCCESS!

Joshua Aka
Jaylon Ashford
Susan Barlow
MAry Stuart Barrentine
Vanessa Beeson
Nick Bell
Bella Bingham
Alex Bostic
Bob Bresnahan
Peyton Brigham
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Mayor's Youth Council
MSU Department of Art
Starkville Academy
Starkville High School Art Club
Starkville High School National
Honor Society
Starkville Junior Auxiliary
Starkville Kiwanis

Did we miss you? Please email SAAC at arts@starkvillearts.org.



It takes a village, and we could not function without the volunteers who help us every year. Want to ensure the longevity and success of programs and events like the Cotton District Arts Festival? Many of our volunteer opportunities are perfect for group efforts - give us a call!

Visit www.starkvillearts.net for more information.

ANNUAL DONORS



Thank you to everyone who donated during FYE June 2020. Please contact us if you are interested in joining the SAAC family! Those households that donate \$1,000+ each year are Patrons. Current Patrons are listed in the separate Patrons graphic on the next page.

THANK YOU!

SAAC would like to thank the following individuals who donated during FY2020. Patrons are recognized on the Patron's graphic. Please contact us if you are interested in joining the SAAC family.

Cynthia Allison	MJ Etua	Shelton and Ginger Jones	Catherine Pierce
Mais Ammari	Doug and Bonnie Feig	Cheryl Justice	Joyce Polk
Brian Anderson and Kelly Marsh	Richard and Bettye Forbes	Susan Keith	Rachael Potts
Margaret Bateman	William Fox	Brian Kelley	Lydia Quarles
John Bateman	Brent and Debby Funderburk	Kris Lee	Juliette Reid
Julie Benson	Ashia Gandy	Nancy Lifer	Vanessa Shaffer
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- **Amazon Smile:** When you shop from smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates to the charity you designate.

- **Facebook Birthday Fundraiser:** If you create a birthday fundraiser on Facebook, you can choose SAAC as your charity.

- **PayPal Giving Fund:** Donate to SAAC using your PayPal. Search for "Starkville Area Arts Council" on www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub.

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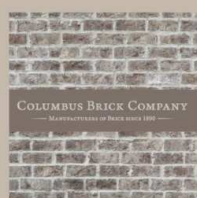
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Dancing in the Park to celebrate 10th anniversary



Members of Montage Dance Theatre will perform at Dancing in the Park Saturday, at McKee Park in Starkville. Photo by: Courtesy photo



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Saturday will mark the 10th anniversary of Dancing in the Park at Starkville's McKee Park located at 405 Lynn Lane. The annual celebration of movement and music for all ages and abilities is presented by KMG Creations Dance, Fitness and Production LLC. This free family event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. will promote disability awareness and honor the memories of organizer Kayla Gilmore's late sister and late niece, Alecia and Brandie Tyler-Gilmore. They lost their lives in a 2007 auto accident.

"Creating this program 10 years ago has been a definite help with coping with the loss of my sister and niece," Gilmore said. "It has also allowed me the opportunity to continue to give back to the community -- a day to celebrate the love of dance for all. ... Whether someone is sitting or standing, a person can enjoy the moment of dancing themselves. I love to see people come together in a positive and creative way."



Kayla Gilmore

Saturday activities begin a Walk, followed by dance performance. The schedule, as presented by Gilmore, with visual artist Dance Ministry of Brookhaven College/MSU Chinese dance, Mark Coblenz (11:30), special performance by Hinds Community College, "LaLa" Evans Umbrella Company.

Montage Theatre of Dance will perform, including ballet and acrobatics. The dance company



Starkville Public Library receives grant for robotics kits

By Emma Moffett-Taylor Starkville Daily News
Jan 2, 2020



The Dash robot can be programmed to move in different patterns and with the assistance of a new Sketch Kit, can draw different shapes and images.



Area quilter accepted into national competition

SPECIAL TO THE DISPATCH

Quilt artist Julia Graber of Brooksville has been accepted in the 2020 Stitch Your Art Out Quilt Competition at the 31st annual Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival. Produced by Mancuso Show Management, the festival will take place in Hampton, Virginia, Feb. 27 - March 1.

Graber's quilt, "My Mother, Margaret Heatwole," will be on display at the show along with many other quilts, all competing for prize money. Winners will be selected at the show and announced on the website quiltfest.com on Feb. 27.

Every quilt displayed at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival takes great skill and talent to make it come to life. This quilt competition incorporates



Julia Graber of Brooksville shows her quilt, "My Mother, Margaret Heatwole," at the Cross City Piece Makers Quilt Guild show in Corinth in 2019. Courtesy photo

