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**SAC'S GALLERY**  
Montgomery, AL.

**SOCIETY OF ARTS & CRAFTS**

**2001 MULBERRY STREET**  
**MONTGOMERY, AL 36106**

**www.sacsgallery.org**

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If you are interested in upcoming classes or would like to hold a class at the gallery please call us at 265-9931.

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**SAC's 30<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS ART & CRAFT SHOW**

December 4-6 at the Montgomery Convention Center at the Renaissance Hotel and Spa

**Applications received before September 1<sup>st</sup> get a \$25 discount on full booths and \$15 on Half Booths, So act now!!!**

**Last Chance for Discount**

Booth assignments will be made on a first come first serve basis.

Applications are available at [www.sacsgallery.org](http://www.sacsgallery.org) or at the Gallery.

**Special Membership Update!!!**

Starting immediately all lifetime members will receive a 10% discount on purchases at the Gallery.

So, when you join or upgrade your membership to Lifetime you get: a *Montgomery Sketchbook* \*; A set of limited edition note cards featuring the work of SAC's exhibitors (16 note card set;) first opportunity to sponsor purchase awards at SAC's Competitions; and a 10% discount on purchases. Lifetime Memberships are only \$200--What a deal!

Other Memberships: Annual \$25, Family, \$40, 2-yr. \$50

\* Comparable substitution may be made when supplies run out.

**MARK YOUR CALENDERS: ARTREK is September 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Our guest artist will be Eloise Elaine Schneider with mixed media found objects art on antique wood and tin. Paintings on canvas and floor clothes.**

**Most of the Montgomery Art Galleries will be open.**

**Welcome Back to Our Newest Exhibitor—Mary Ann Goodhue.**

**Paintings, clay and bead Jewelry, silkscreen, woodblock and other types of original prints, non-objective watercolors, and wheel thrown pottery. You will really enjoy her work.**

**Get Ready for the WATERFRONT SHOW!!!!**

Make your plans for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Waterfront Show and Competition at the Montgomery Visitor Center. Works need to have a downtown or water theme. Entries are due October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 at the Visitor Center. Reception and Awards, Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2-4.

**Works need to be ready to hang so please plan now!**

**/// Have SAC's Establish a Gift Registry for You ///**

That's right! Getting married, having a baby, have a birthday or anniversary coming up? Register for art and fine crafts at SAC's Gallery. We will be happy to put your selections on our website as well as allowing folks to select in the Gallery. Come by the Gallery for details.

**Guest Speaker Pool:**

Have an event that needs a guest speaker on the arts? We have a pool of talented and knowledgeable artists & craftsmen that can talk and/or do demonstrations on a variety of subjects from watercolor to basket weaving—outdoor sculpture to herbs for cooking. Whether you need a speaker at your event or want to add your name to our pool of guest speakers and demonstrators, give us a call at 265-9931

**CLASSIFIED ADS:** To run an ad in SAC's newsletter: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Contact the Gallery before 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before.

**Stained Glass Art:** Over 300 stained glass dog, cat and other animal designs. Military insignia and unit patches converted to stained glass art. Contact Ladonna at 395-6526. We ship worldwide.

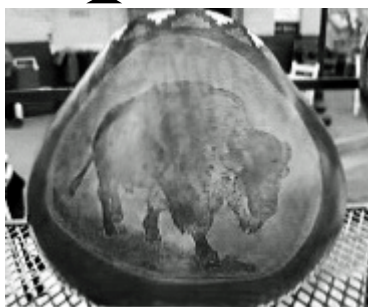
The Society of Arts and Crafts invites you to make your charitable donations through an EBay Auction. Check out EBay's Giving Works Auctions and Designate the SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS (SAC'S) OF MONTGOMERY, INC. as your Charitable Works recipient.

If you would like to make a charitable donation to the Society of Arts and Crafts, a 501 (c) (1) organization, please send donations to Society of Arts and Crafts, 2001 Mulberry St, Montgomery, AL 36106.

You are cordially invited to a reception for



## **“Turquoise River Designs”**



### **SAC’s welcomes Turquoise River Designs Artists**

Fran Hudson, Cynthia Kenney, Mark Kenney, Stephanie Thurmond, David Thurmond, Karen Perez, and Ty Coker.

Turquoise River Designs is a collaboration between two sisters, Fran Hudson and Cynthia Kenney, born out of a creative spirit and love for natural art forms. Inspired by their mother, who was a multifaceted artist, and their father, who loved nature, history and the Southwest, they blended elements from their heritage to create this unique company. As the first gourd seed sprouted up from the earth on the family property along the Tallapoosa River in Montgomery, so grew a budding gourd farm and a whole new medium of art. With Fran as the matriarch, Turquoise River Designs showcases gourd art, natural art forms, and handmade jewelry. Though they are family, the artists in the company come from varied backgrounds, and each one offers a unique twist to creating exciting and naturally beautiful art.

Stephanie Thurmond’s artistic flair began to blossom as a child when she created hand painted Christmas Ornaments. Today, she uses a multitude of media to design her signature mini-gourd ornaments and dolls, particularly with a pyro pen, acrylic paints, and markers. She is also an avid gourd grower with a green thumb! Stephanie and David are both Georgians.

David Thurmond is an automobile painter by trade. He began growing gourds and soon became inspired to use them as a unique and beautiful canvas. His creative designs spring from the individual size and shape of each gourd, which all seem to tell their own story. He has a talent for blending unusual and multiple designs with the right media to create unique Southwestern motifs.

Karen Perez became a Georgian at the age of 2. She was born with a gift of true color and has developed a flair for artistic creation from fashion to interior design. A career in retail and fashion, as well as travel throughout Europe and the United States have afforded her a broad perspective of line, color, and multiple uses for gemstones.

Mark Kenney is a true Texan with a love of nature and wide open spaces. His travels in the Air Force led him to many inspiring locations with unusual art forms—many of those captured in his creations. He incorporates Southwest designs with natural materials. From gourd art to woodworking, his creations often incorporate materials gathered in the woodlands around his home in Montgomery.

Ty Coker is also from Georgia. His expertise included designing beautiful wooden floors and unique wood working. Within the past year, his talent took on a creative twist when he branched out into the field of gourd art. His love of nature and Southwest style is apparent in his harmoniously blended specialized gourds with majestic subjects such as the American Bison, wolf, and bear.

The Turquoise River Designs have been shown at the Pike Road Arts and Crafts Festivals for the past 2 years, the 2008, SAC’s Christmas Show, and the 2009 Prattville City Fest.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2 TO 4 PM**

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**EXHIBIT WILL BE ON DISPLAY THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST.**

**Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10-4:30; Saturday, 10-3**