

GO! an events calendar for the Rome area

Ongoing

- **Guadalupe Robinson's** exhibit is in the Shorter College Arnold Gallery through March 22. Call 706-233-7247.
- The High Museum of Art in Atlanta will host "**Decorative Arts of the Kings,**" with special guest Marie-Laure de Rochebrune, curator of Decorative Arts at Musee du Louvre, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Sept. 2. Call 404-733-4585 for more information.
- During March, the **Lavender Mountain Quilt Guild** will show off its works of art at the Rome-Floyd County Library. There are 68 quilts on display, with antique quilts in glass cases. The quilts may be viewed any time the library is open. Call 706-295-5107 for more information.
- The Rome-Floyd County Library will be showing "**Bad Guys**" films in March at 2 p.m. on Sundays in the Coosa Room. Admission is free, but popcorn and sodas are available for 50 cents each. "Superman Returns" will be shown this Sunday, and "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" will be shown March 25. Call 706-236-4609.
- The Bartow History Center is hosting the exhibit "**Designs of the Times,**" celebrating the art of sign making, through June 25. For more information, call 770-382-3818 or visit www.bartowhistorycenter.org online.

Today

- Cobblestone Shoppe, 7 E. Second Ave., will host **Open Poetry and Coffee Night** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. Anyone interested in reading will have 10 minutes and should sign up at the checkout counter. Call 706-378-8848 for more information.
- The Rome Area History Museum will host **Cathy Kaemmerlen**, author of "General Sherman and the Georgia Belles: Tales from Women Left Behind," at 5:30 p.m. for an event titled "General Sherman and the Georgia Belles." Call 706-235-8051 for more information.

Friday

- Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home will present "**Cherokee Women and their World,**" an exhibit honoring women in the Cherokee culture, through June 16. Call 706-291-9494 for more information.
- The Rome Georgia Mineral Society will host its 30th annual **Valley and Ridge Gem and Mineral Show** through Sunday at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church on Kingston Road. Admission is free. Friday and Saturday's hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday's hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 770-386-0576, ext. 401.

Saturday

- **Emma Baker**, jewelry artist, will present "Making Polymer Clay Beads" at Cobblestone Shoppe, 7 E. Second Ave., from 1 to 5 p.m. Parking and the entrance are behind the gallery. Call 706-378-8848 or visit www.cobblestoneshoppe.com for more information.

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Fanfare to help RACA celebrate the big 3-0

By Severo Avila
Staff

At A Glance:

Who: Rome Area Council for the Arts
What: Fanfare
When: March 24, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Coosa Country Club, 110 Branham Ave.
How much: \$125 per person

Turning 30 is always a big deal. Hopefully you're more mature and responsible than you were in your 20s, yet you still retain youthful vigor and confidence.

Rome Area Council for the Arts celebrates its 30th birthday this year, and just like any other 30-year-old in Rome, it's got a few more responsibilities while maintaining its enthusiasm for fostering the arts in Rome.

So this year's Fanfare should reflect the grace and dignity of the occasion while still holding on to the agelessness of art. But it's still a fundraiser, and according to RACA officials, they'd like to see an improvement from last year's numbers.

"We raised approximately \$200,000 at last year's Fanfare," said RACA Director Allen Bell. "That was significantly lower than the previous year. For some unknown reason sales were down, and bidding was lower than usual."

But Bell remains hopeful that art patrons throughout the community will support the event, which is the largest annual fundraising event for RACA and features wine tasting, dinner, entertainment, a silent auction, an art market and a live auction.

The money helps RACA fulfill its mission of supporting the visual, performing and literary arts in Rome and Floyd County through a network of patrons, students and artists.

RACA hosts gallery exhibits, organizes poetry readings and book signings, supports performances of music, dance and theater, and sponsors school programs and summer art camps.

Coosa Country Club provides the backdrop for the event.

"We'll have wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, a cocktail buffet dinner and live entertainment," Bell said.

Music will be provided by jazz combo The Notables as well as entertainment by Harry Musselwhite, Wendell Barnes and Russell McClanahan.

The silent auction includes art chairs and chair-themed art created and donated by more than 30 local artists, while the live auction will include work by artists from throughout the Southeast.

There will be a preview party Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Coosa Country Club, where patrons can preview the art that will be on sale at Fanfare.

Another special event is a Young Collectors party March 23 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Coosa Country Club where art patrons in their 20s, 30s and 40s have the opportunity to purchase artwork as well as enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Fanfare takes place March 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Coosa Country Club. Tickets are \$125 per person. Tickets are available at the RACA office, located at 248 Broad St.



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LEFT: Derek Bell helped Rome Area Council for the Arts set up for last year's Fanfare, which celebrates local artists' work and is a fundraiser for the organization.

This year's event will help celebrate Rome Area Council for the Arts' 30th year of supporting the arts in Floyd County. Call 706-295-2787 for information on how to help.