



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 27, 2026

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
5:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
 - a. **Election of the Cultural Arts Commission Chair for 2026**
 - b. **Election of the Cultural Arts Commission Vice Chair for 2026**
 - c. **Welcome Susan Hanna to the Cultural Arts Commission**
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. **Approval of Cultural Arts Commission Minutes from September 23, 2025**
Approve, as written, the Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes from September 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. **Approval of Cultural Arts Commission Work Session minutes from December 2, 2025**
Approve, as written, the Cultural Arts Commission Work Session meeting minutes from December 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
5. **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. **Cultural Services Monthly Report — January 2026**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives of the Cultural Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
7. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Sarah Bausano

Meeting Date: January 27, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Approval of Cultural Arts Commission Minutes from September 23, 2025

Approve, as written, the Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes from September 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve, as written, the Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes from September 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Administrative Office Coordinator, Sarah Bausano, prepared a synopsis of the pertinent information that occurred during the Cultural Arts Commission meeting on September 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance - September 23, 2025, Cultural Arts Commission Meeting:

Cultural Arts Commissioners - Present

- Melody Cookson (Chair)
- Sumita Patel
- Dianna Smeal
- Shital Foster
- Sabine Genet

Cultural Arts Commissioners - Absent

- Luis Gonzalez
- Michael Barsky (Vice Chair)

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CAC Minute 9.23.25 (UNOFFICIAL)



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 6:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. *Note the votes were placed by hand and not computer during the meeting.

II. ROLL CALL

- **Cultural Arts Commission Members - Present**
 - Melody Cookson (Chair)
 - Sumita Patel
 - Dianna Smeal
 - Shital Foster
 - Sabine Genet
- **Staff**
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Kim Zane, Cultural Services Division Manager – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Sarah Bausano, Administrative Office Coordinator – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Lara Haddadin, Cultural Services Staff – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - David Palmieri, Cultural Services Staff – Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes from August 26, 2025

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the minutes.
 - Commissioner Smeal offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the August 26, 2025, Cultural Arts Commission Meeting.
 - Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Procedural Protocol – Director Rodgers

- ❖ Director Rodgers came forward to explain to the Commission that the Ordinance for the Cultural Arts Commission only applies to City property. Any non-City property and private development the Cultural Arts Commission has final vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Public Art Application – Alpharetta Greenway Manhole Murals

- Kim Zane gave a background of the project. City of Alpharetta is partnering with the Rotary Club of North Fulton.
- Thomas Nolfi, with Rotary Club of North Fulton came forward to do the presentation of the 14 different manhole murals.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A:

Q How many more murals are there? (Foster)

A We thought we would do 8-10 murals per year. We are going to test our resources to see if we can keep it going. (Nolfi)

C Totally excited, thank you for going out of your way to educate the kids. (Genet)

C Blown away at how you are running this program. (Cookson)

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to approve the Public Art Application, Alpharetta Greenway Manhole Murals.

- Commissioner Patel offered a motion to approve the Public Art Application, Alpharetta Greenway Manhole Murals.

- Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

b. Public Art Application – Alpha Loop Bridge Mural 3 – Rainwater Location

- Nancy Murphy came forward to present on behalf of Arts Alpharetta. Also, Kim announced Nancy's retirement.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A:

C Really lovely, like the location. (Smeal)

C I think it's great. (Cookson)

Q Curious with the other two on bridge murals, how is the maintenance. (Genet)

A No, we haven't had to do anything yet. The paints that are selected are meant to last. (Zane)

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to recommend the Public Art Application, Alpha Loop Bridge Mural 3 – Rainwater Location.

- Commissioner Smeal offered a motion to recommend the Public Art Application, Alpha Loop Bridge Mural 3 – Rainwater Location.

- Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

- ❖ The motion was recommended unanimously (5-0).

VII. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

a. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – September 2025

- Kim Zane, Cultural Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

- Director Rodgers came forward to give Kim Zane a shout out on all of her hard work on the Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan. He also notified the Commission that Wacky World is closing on Monday, September 29th and the last day to play is Sunday, September 28th. With the closing of Wacky World, there will be approximately 50 trees that will need to come down for the new playground, stormwater, and restroom. Director Rodgers stated that he is trying to make the community aware of the amount of trees and the fact that only 3 are healthy specimen trees, the rest of the trees are either not specimen or in decline and in need of coming down.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION Q & A:

RE: Staff Presentation

Q Is there an update on the sculpture tree on Thompson? (Smeal)

A No, I will get one. (Zane)

VIII. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Chairwoman Cookson mentioned that moving forward the Cultural Arts Commission will meet at 5:30 pm to keep in line with the rest of the Boards and Commissions. She also stated that there will be a Proclamation taking place at the October 6th City Council meeting and she would really like for the Commission to come to the meeting.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

X. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- ❖ Commissioner Patel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Genet seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairwoman Cookson adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bausano

Sarah Bausano
Administrative Office Coordinator
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Sarah Bausano

Meeting Date: January 27, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Approval of Cultural Arts Commission Work Session minutes from December 2, 2025

Approve, as written, the Cultural Arts Commission Work Session meeting minutes from December 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve, as written, the Cultural Arts Commission Work Session minutes from December 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Administrative Office Coordinator, Sarah Bausano, prepared a synopsis of the pertinent information that occurred during the Cultural Arts Commission Work Session on December 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance - December 2, 2025, Cultural Arts Commission Work Session:

Cultural Arts Commissioners - Present

- Melody Cookson (Chair)
- Michael Barsky (Vice Chair)
- Shital Foster
- Sabine Genet
- Luis Gonzalez

Cultural Arts Commissioners - Absent

- Sumita Patel
- Dianna Smeal

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 12.2.25 Work Session Minutes



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
WORK SESSION
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2025
ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM 121 | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Chairwoman Cookson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- Cultural Arts Commission Members - Present
 - Melody Cookson (Chair)
 - Michael Barsky (Vice Chair)
 - Shital Foster
 - Sabine Genet
 - Luis Gonzalez
- Staff
 - Morgan Rodgers – Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Kim Manning – Cultural Services Division Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Sarah Bausano – Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. WORK SESSION ITEMS

a. Arts Alpharetta Lamp Post Project

- Nancy Murphy, with Arts Alpharetta introduced the item.
- Nancy stated that this is a project to bring Art to the East side of 400. The project would start at Kimball Bridge Road.

Arts Alpharetta Q and A

Q Great idea!! Will it be a rotation? (Foster)

A It will be on an annual rotation, leave them up for a year. We are responsible for replacing any damaged ones. (Murphy)

Q Where on Kimball Bridge Road? (Barsky)

- A Kimball Bridge Road and North Point Parkway on the black lamp posts. Stopping at Waters Road. (Murphy)
- C They are tight along there right now. (Barsky)
- C We will be doing every other lamp post. (Murphy)
- Q Are you going to carry into the parks? (Barsky)
- A Focusing on the road only for now. (Murphy)
- C The City's role is to get permission to use the lamp posts. There will be no cost to the City, we will just need to make Public Works aware. Down in Midtown they have over 300 of these down Peachtree. (Zane)
- C The problem I have is I think it will look out of place because it is primarily residential. (Barsky)
- C North Point does not have the right lamp posts and Haynes Bridge has less lamp posts. (Murphy)
- C The recommendation would be to look at other locations. (Zane)
- C I do not understand how it is being funded. (Gonzalez)

b. Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan

- Kim presented the Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan Action Plan.
- Kim wanted to start the dialogue with the Commission to discuss the Action Plan items within the Arts & Culture Master Plan. There are some immediate actions that need to be addressed. Kim stated that she is not getting a lot of help from the Art Leader Groups and would like to have some help from the Commissioners to engage them. I know we have A2O as a fundraising group. Kim also stated that the creation of a plan to catalog, maintain, curate, and promote public arts and cultural resources is almost complete. As for establishing a clear process for private development to contribute to arts and culture by involving Community Development and developers. We are also trying make things clearer for the Community as well as the potential for a membership program.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairwoman Cookson adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bausano

Sarah Bausano
 Administrative Office Coordinator
 Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Kim Zane
Meeting Date: January 27, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Cultural Services Monthly Report — January 2026

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives of the Cultural Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for the Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Greenway Manhole Murals – Rotary of North Fulton
- The Spotlight Community Stage

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Matildas Music at The Spotlight – 3 Events / Listening Room
- Volunteers - Point App
- Black History Month
- New Arts & Culture Guide – 2026 Spring & Summer
- Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan – Next Steps
- Wacky World Community Mural
- Wills Park Sculpture Repair & Update– Circle of Friends

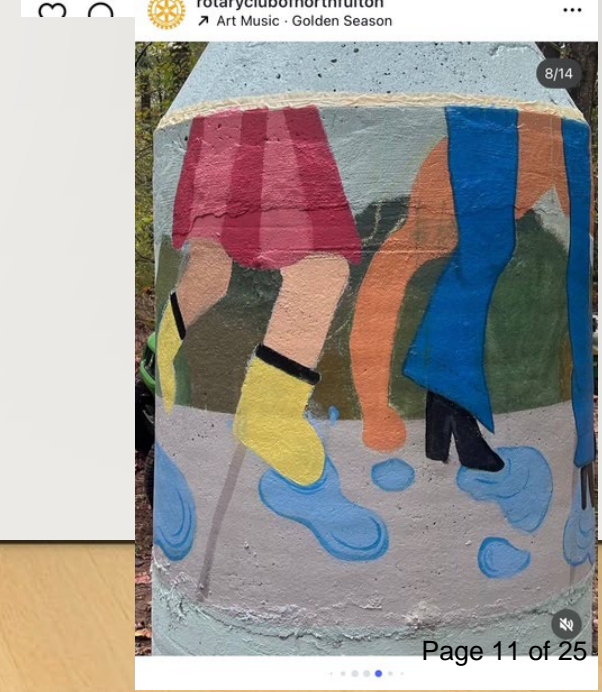
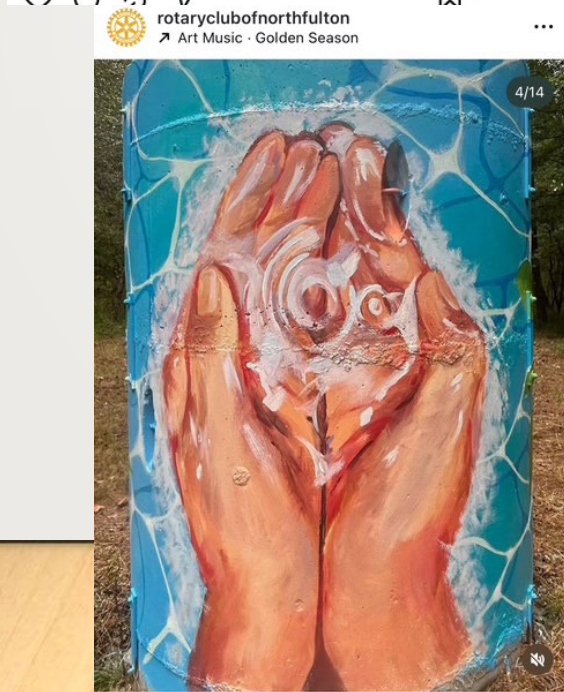
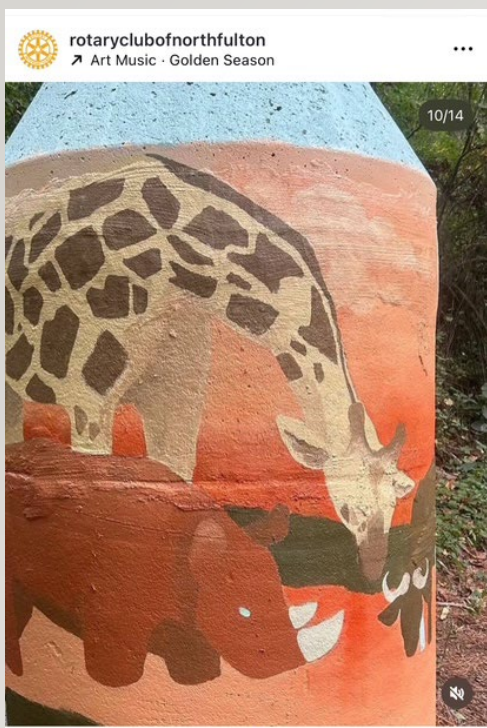
MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- a. Arts & Culture Online Calendar <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreationparks/cultural-services>
- b. Alpharetta Music City -- Live Music Calendar <https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/category/alpharetta-music-city-live-music/>

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Staff Presentation_Arts and Culture_01_2026

Alpharetta Arts & Culture Cultural Services Report January 2026



Events Nov & Dec 2025

11/6/25 - Kalaakuncha Inc. Performance- Classical Indian Music Recital - Open to public

11/7/25- Leap To Shine - Stand Up Comedy Rehearsal - Closed to Public - Private Event

11/14-11/23- Steel Magnolias - Arcadia Theater - Ticketed

12/5/25- Alpharetta Chorus Nighttime Sing-along - Free and Open to Public

12/6/25 - Tippi Toes Recital - Dance Recital - Open to Public

12/13/25 - Clay Model Academy Showcase - Closed to Public

12/19-21 - Holly & Harmony Cabaret - By Arcadia Theater - Ticketed

12/22/25 - The Elves' Holiday Sing-along - Free and Open to the Public





Spotlight May – Dec 2025

**30 Total Performances & Bookings
(4 City Performances; 26 Rental
Performances)**

33 Rehearsal Days

**3,417 People and Attendees onsite for
Rentals, Rehearsals, & Performances**

\$11,085 Total Revenue

187 Tours During Office Hours


LIVE MUSIC · GOOD VIBES · LIGHT EATS · CASH BAR

Matildas

MUSIC AT THE SPOTLIGHT

LISTENING ROOM SERIES

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



★ TICKETS ★

JAN 31 ☆ FEB 13 ☆ MAR 7

Americana Roots Jazz Club Nashville Circle

ALPHARETTA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY

Time: 7 - 9:15 pm

Where: The Spotlight at North Point Mall

What: Matildas Music Under the Pines is moving to the Spotlight Community Stage for the winter. We'll have the lights glowing, mouthwatering eats from Never Enough Thyme, and tables & chairs set up. Swing by the cash bar for a signature cocktail, mocktail, wine or beer — then sit back and enjoy the show.

Parking: Parking for the Spotlight Stage is located by the Food Court Entrance adjacent to JCPenney. Click this link for google map directions. Look for The Spotlight a-frame sign in front of the entrance. Directions:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/7oNGA2NevUkPt2oA9>

Tickets Include: Music, Light Eats, Cash Bar, Tables & Chairs, and Parking

Link to Buy Tickets:

<https://www.matildasmusicvenue.com/matildas-milton>

Matilda's
MUSIC AT THE SPOTLIGHT

LISTENING ROOM SERIES

AMERICANA ROOTS
JAN 31

FEATURING SINGER SONGWRITERS:
BETSY FRANCK
CLAIRE CAMPBELL &
JESSE WILLIAMS

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Matilda's
MUSIC AT THE SPOTLIGHT

LISTENING ROOM SERIES

JAZZ CLUB
FEB 13

WITH THE JAZZ LEGACY PROJECT

PRESENTING
BILLIE HOLIDAY:
GOD BLESS THE CHILD

FEATURING
MARIA HOWELL

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Matilda's
MUSIC AT THE SPOTLIGHT

LISTENING ROOM SERIES

NASHVILLE CIRCLE
MAR 7

FEATURING SINGER SONGWRITERS:
ANNA SHINHOLSTER
JORDAN BARRY
ROCCO GORRLIK

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NEW Volunteer Process – Point

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 **Kim Zane**
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CELEBRATING
**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

FEBRUARY 2026

Honoring the past and inspiring the future

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER

FEBRUARY 2026

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

Visit our
Online Calendar
for more info

Dec 12 - Feb 28. A Journey in Bloom, Solo Exhibition featuring Chané Bolden. Open during business hours. Alpharetta Arts Center Studio Gallery. <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/316/Arts-Culture>. Free and open to the public

Feb 7. Music Match Performance featuring Yoshihanaa
7:30 - 9:30 PM. **Spotlight Community Stage, North Point Mall.**
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/316/Arts-Culture>. Free and open to the public with reservation: Tickets available for purchase at: <https://bit.ly/YoshihanaaSpotlight>.

Feb 1-28. Free Music Match Performances around Alpharetta. For musician, location and time details follow us on [@alpharettartsandculture](https://www.instagram.com/alpharettartsandculture) for details

Jan 28 - Mar 31. Bailey-Johnson School & Community Exhibit at the Community Gallery. Open during business hours. Alpharetta City Hall. <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/316/Arts-Culture>. Free and open to the public

Feb 11. BAILEY-JOHNSON SCHOOL & COMMUNITY DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
7:00pm. Roswell Cultural Arts Center

Feb 21. BAILEY-JOHNSON SCHOOL & COMMUNITY DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
1PM. Matinee. Alpharetta Arts Center
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/316/Arts-Culture>

Feb 2. FAMILY FUN ART TIME at Alpharetta Arts Center. 10:30-11:30 am.
All ages. Alpharetta Arts Center, \$5 drop in per family. To Register: <https://bit.ly/FAMILYARTTIME>.

Feb 7. LEARN HOW TO PUBLISH YOUR BOOK with Ashley King
11am-12pm. 18+ years. Alpharetta Arts Center. To Register: <https://bit.ly/PUBLISHYOURBOOK>.

Feb 17. BLACK HISTORY PRINTMAKING with Greg Stone.
4-7pm. 13+ years. Alpharetta Arts Center. To Register: <https://bit.ly/BLACKHISTORYPRINTMAKING>.

CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ALPHARETTA & OLD MILTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FILM SCREENING
Showing at two locations

BAILEY JOHNSON SCHOOL & COMMUNITY
Trailblazers forging a path for the next generations

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

SATURDAY
Feb 7
6:30-8:30pm

CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THE CITY OF
ALPHARETTA
ARTS & CULTURE

ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY

Live Music Match
PERFORMACE BY
Yoshihanaa
AT THE SPOTLIGHT
Alpharetta Community Stage

MONDAY
FEB 02
START: 10:30 AM
END: 11:30 AM

CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

FAMILY FUN ART TIME
Bonding through ART

\$5 drop in per family

All Ages

CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

trailblazers forging a path for the next generations

Bailey-Johnson School & Community Exhibit
EXHIBITION DATES: Jan. 28-Mar. 31

ALPHARETTA & OLD MILTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
www.aomhs.org

TUESDAY
FEB 17
START: 4:00 PM
END: 7:00 PM

CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

BLACK HISTORY PRINTMAKING
with Greg Stone
Activity # 35299

Ages 13+

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Live Music Match
ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY



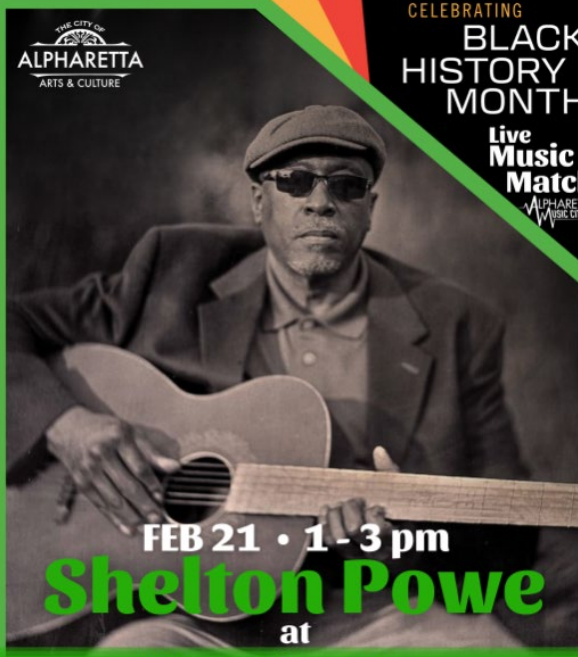
FEB 10 6.30 - 8.30 pm
Oliver Kidd
at

Hilton
ALPHARETTA ATLANTA

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ARTS & CULTURE

CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Live Music Match
ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY




FEB 21 • 1 - 3 pm
Shelton Powe
at

Boarding Pass
COFFEE
(Old Milton Pkwy location)

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Live Music Match
ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY



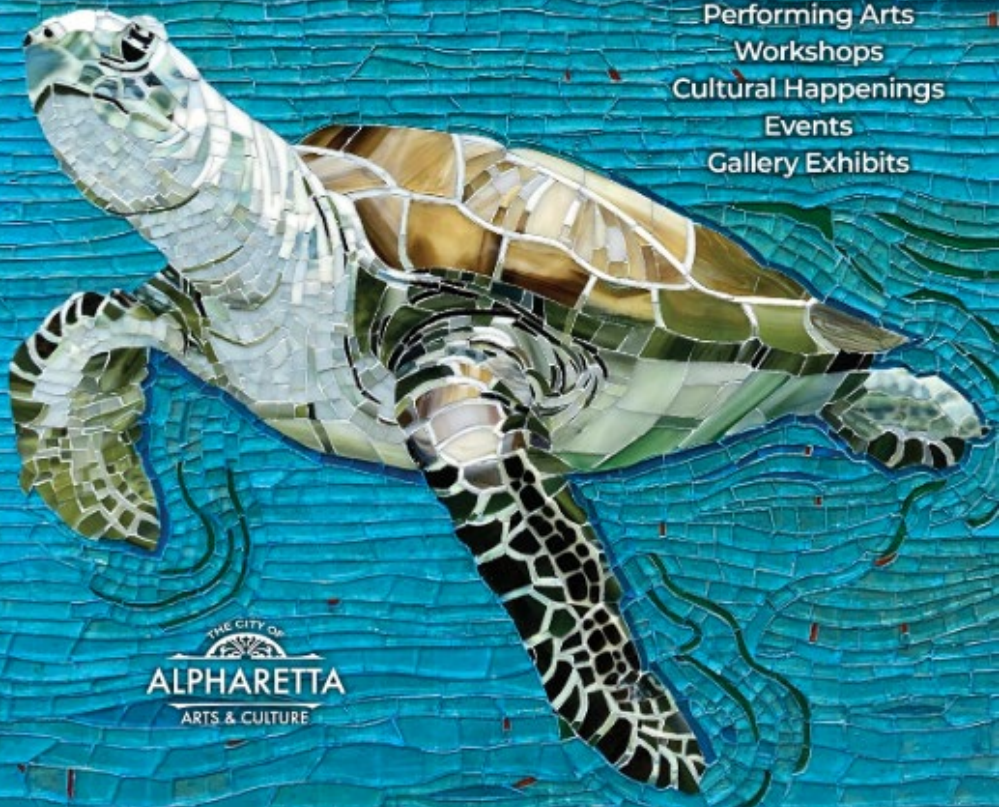
FEB 22 1 - 3 pm
Riley Dennis
at

Boarding Pass
COFFEE
(Commerce St location)



SPRING-SUMMER
MARCH-AUGUST 2026

Art Classes
Performing Arts
Workshops
Cultural Happenings
Events
Gallery Exhibits



THE CITY OF
ALPHARETTA
ARTS & CULTURE

LITERARY ARTS



GROWN-UP & ME SONGWRITING with Sonia Emore | AGES 5-8
Join us for a heartwarming Grown-Up & Me Songwriting workshop, where a special adult—parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or caregiver—and their little one will create an original song together. Through guided songwriting, children learn to express their emotions while their grown-ups connect, support, and share in their creativity. This fun and meaningful experience encourages open communication, strengthens bonds, and creates lasting memories through music.
▶ **Mar 7 Sa 10:30a-12p \$42/\$2NR #3872x**
▶ **Aug 15 Sa 10:30a-12p \$42/\$2NR #3872s**

HEARTSTRINGS HONNY & ME SONGWRITING with Sonia Emore | AGES 5-8
Celebrate Mother's Day with a special Mommy & Me Songwriting workshop! Moms and their little ones will create an original song together, capturing their love and connection through music. Guided songwriting helps children express their emotions while moms support and share in their creativity. This joyful experience encourages open communication, strengthens your bond, and creates a beautiful memory to cherish for years to come.
▶ **May 9 Sa 10:30a-12p \$42/\$2NR #3872x**

DADDY & ME SONGWRITING with Sonia Emore | AGES 5-8
Celebrate Father's Day with a special Daddy & Me Songwriting workshop! Dads and their little ones will create an original song together, capturing their love and connection through music. Guided songwriting helps children express their emotions while dads support and share in their creativity. This joyful experience encourages open communication, strengthens your bond, and creates a beautiful memory to cherish for years to come.
▶ **Jun 20 Sa 10:30a-12p \$42/\$2NR #3872x**

8 Spring-Summer 2026 Guide

CERAMIC ARTS

BIG ARTIST, LITTLE ARTIST CLAY BLUEY with Libby Dunkin | AGES 4-8
Little artists and their grown-ups will get a chance to play with clay while creating a ceramic Bluey sculpture. After we finish sculpting, we will paint our pieces and they will be kiln fired and ready for pick up about 2 weeks after the workshop.
▶ **Mar 21 Sa 10:30-11:30a \$25/\$7.50NR #38777**

GIRL SCOUT ART AND DESIGN BADGE WORKSHOP with Libby Dunkin | AGES 7-10
Students will explore the process of creating a ceramic work of art from brainstorming, sculpting and glazing to a kiln-fired finished piece—all while earning their Art and Design badge. Pieces will be ready for pick up about 2 weeks after the workshop.
▶ **Mar 21Sa 12:30-2:30p \$35/\$2.50NR #38780**

BIG ARTIST, LITTLE ARTIST CLAY FLOWER DISH with Libby Dunkin | AGES 5-8
Little artists and their grown-ups will get a chance to play with clay while creating a ceramic flower dish. After we finish sculpting, we'll paint our pieces and kiln fire and ready for pick up about 2 weeks after the workshop.
▶ **May 16 Sa 10:30-11:30a \$25/\$7.50NR #38778**

BIG ARTIST, LITTLE ARTIST CLAY PIZZA with Libby Dunkin | AGES 5-8
Little artists and their grown-ups will get a chance to play with clay while creating a ceramic slice of pizza sculpture. After we finish sculpting, we'll paint our pieces and kiln fire and ready for pick up about 2 weeks after the workshop.
▶ **Aug 22 Sa 10:30-11:30a \$25/\$7.50NR #38779**

CLAY SCULPTING FAIRY GARDENS with Libby Dunkin | AGES 5-8
In this beginner-friendly class, students will learn essential sculpting techniques, including pinch, coil, and slab methods, as they create their own whimsical ceramic fairy gardens. Complete with miniature characters and vibrant decorations!
▶ **Aug 5-8 Mar 4-25 W 3:45-4:45p \$80/120NR \$20 fee #38781**
▶ **Aug 9-12 Mar 4-25 W 6-6:30p \$100/150NR \$20 fee #38783**



CLAY SCULPTING THE MISMATCHED ZOO with Libby Dunkin | AGES VARY
In this beginner-friendly class, students will learn basic sculpting techniques while

TEEN & ADULT

VISUAL ARTS

PAINT LIKE BOB ROSS with Jeremy Rogers | AGES 13+
Complete a Bob Ross painting in just one class—even if you've never painted before! That's the magic of the techniques used by Bob Ross in his popular TV series, *The Joy of Painting*. Bob Ross Certified Instructor Jeremy Rogers walks you through step by step how to paint a stunning Bob Ross landscape (or seascape), complete with "happy trees"! No prior experience needed. This is a light-hearted painting class totally focused on creating beauty and having fun! (Only Bob Ross supplies are used to give you an authentic experience.)
▶ **Mar 7 Sa 10:30a-12p \$65/97.50NR \$20 fee #38704**
▶ **Aug 15 Sa 10:30a-12p \$65/97.50NR \$20 fee #38705**

PAINT YOUR PLATE - A TERRACOTTA ART EXPERIENCE with Reena Vashist | AGES 13+
Paint your plate workshop is an engaging workshop painting beautiful terracotta wall plates using traditional and contemporary styles. Perfect for art lovers and curious beginners alike, the workshop offers all materials and step-by-step guidance from an expert artist. Each participant leaves with a hand-painted wall plate and an appreciation for handcrafted art.
▶ **Mar 28 Sa 10:30a-1:30p \$40/60NR \$20 fee #38755**
▶ **Aug 1 Sa 10:30a-1:30p \$40/60NR \$20 fee #38756**



CREATIVE COLLAGÉ with Greg Stone | AGES 16+
Collage is an accessible and underrated medium - a process that is used in a variety of industries, from design, film, and music, and of course, visual art. It's a major part of the creative practices of celebrated artists like Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and Eric Carle. In this workshop, students will explore various methods of image making through collage and mixed media while discovering all the interesting things that happen when juxtaposing diverse imagery, both found and original, to create unique artworks. Materials included, but participants are free to bring old books, magazines, and other materials to use. No experience necessary, just bring your ideas and creativity!
▶ **Mar 31 Tu 5:30-8:30p \$85/67.50NR #38797**



HOW TO: DRAW HUMAN FACES WITH LIVE MODEL with Leena Joshi | AGES 16+
Join us for an immersive drawing class focused on capturing the beauty and complexity of the human face using a live model. This class is designed for artists of all skill levels, whether you're a beginner looking to improve your foundational skills or an experienced artist seeking to refine your technique.
▶ **Jun 13 Sa 10:30a-1:30p \$45/67.50NR \$15 fee #38721**

HOW TO: BASIC FIGURE DRAWING WITH LIVE MODEL with Leena Joshi | AGES 16+
Join us for an engaging and hands-on class focused on the fundamentals of figure drawing using a live model. This course is designed for artists of all skill levels who want to improve their observational skills, understanding of human anatomy, and drawing techniques. Throughout the class, participants will have the opportunity to work from a live model in various poses, learning to capture the essence of human form.
▶ **Aug 22 Sa 10:30a-1:30p \$45/67.50NR \$15 fee #38720**

HOW TO: COLORED PENCIL SHADING with Leena Joshi | AGES 15+
Learn the basic skills of shading (i.e. consistencies, tones, and more). Join the workshop designed for those who wish to improve their pencil shading skills. Our step-by-step demonstrations will help you understand how to sketch and shade with colored pencils for beginners to intermediate students.
▶ **Aug 29 Sa 10:30a-1:30p \$45/67.50NR \$15 fee #38710**

PERFORMING ARTS CAMPS



ROCK BAND CAMP

with Metro Music Makers | AGES 8-13
Camps will learn the basics of performing in a rock band, including stage presence and how to work together. Campers will rehearse songs as a group and individually. Students are encouraged to bring their own instruments (guitar, bass, etc) and keyboards will be provided. Instruments will be provided if you do not have one. Campers should bring a bag lunch. Camp concludes with a Rock Show on Friday afternoon.
Location: Alpharetta Art Center, 238 Canton Street
▶ **May 20-29 Tu-F 9a-3p \$375/472.50NR \$12 fee #38940**
Bring a sack lunch and your instrument if you have one (guitar & bass). All instruments are provided including drums and keyboard if you don't have one.

WORLD EXPLORER DANCE CAMP with Sideways Dance Company | AGES 7-12
Pack your imaginary passport and get ready for a dance adventure around the globe! Each day, campers will "visit" a new country—discovering its cultural traditions, trying themed crafts, and learning dances inspired by that region's unique rhythm and story. From the lively beats of Latin America to the graceful movements of Asia, dancers will expand their horizons while building creativity, confidence, and teamwork. The week concludes with a special Friday showcase where campers perform for family and friends, sharing the highlights of their world travels through movement and art. Join us for a week of culture, creativity, and global fun—no plane ticket required!
Location: Spotlight Community Stage, North Point Mall
▶ **May 25-29 Tu-F 10:30a-1:30p \$250/375NR #38852**

PERFORMING ARTS CAMP with Building Characters LLC | AGES 8-10
Take the stage this summer! Campers will explore the exciting world of performing arts through musical theatre, improv, movement, stage combat, comedy, and more. The week wraps up with a fun showcase where campers share their new skills and shine in the Spotlight!
Location: Spotlight Community Stage, North Point Mall
▶ **Jun 1-5 M-F 10:30a-2:30p \$280/403.50NR #38853**



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MAGIC CAMP with Jeffrey Williams | AGES 7-12
In this camp you will learn magic tricks and stage presence. The instructor will start by performing the curriculum of the day. Campers will be shown secrets and props. First practicing, then performing. Friday's magic show is for parents, campers will perform all the tricks they learned.
Location: Spotlight Community Stage, North Point Mall
▶ **Jul 13-17 M-F 10:30a-1:30p \$200/300NR #38855**

ROCK BAND CAMP ALL STARS with Metro Music Makers | AGES 11-15
Campers, new or returning, continue to learn the art of performing in a rock band, including stage presence and how to work together. Campers will rehearse songs as a group and individually. Students are encouraged to bring their own instruments (guitar, bass, etc) and keyboards will be provided. All instruments provided if you do not have one. Campers should bring a sack lunch. Camp concludes with a Rock Show on Friday afternoon.
Location: Spotlight Community Stage, North Point Mall
▶ **Jul 20-24 M-F 9a-3p \$375/682.50NR \$12 fee #38850**

MOVIE STAR CAMP with Popcorn Media | AGES 5-14
Experience the fun of starting in a movie! Students learn the art of on-camera acting, improvisational acting, and scriptwriting while starring in a short, professional, and imaginative family movie. Developed by a Disney and Nickelodeon producer, curriculum focuses on developing core elements to an actor's palette. In addition, the Oscar class will be an opportunity to write, storyboard, and direct their own short movie. Family and friends are then invited to attend our annual VIP red carpet movie premiere starring your children up on the big screen!
Location: Alpharetta Art Center, 238 Canton Street
▶ **Jul 27-31 M-F 10a-4p \$295/442.50NR \$56 fee #38842**



Immediate Actions (Next 12 Months)

To implement the Arts & Culture Master Plan, the City should begin with tasks that signal immediate momentum to stakeholders, along with key actions that will serve as the foundation for the rest of the plan.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS	POTENTIAL LEAD	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	COST	POTENTIAL SOURCE
<p>Create an initial schedule for arts and culture convenings. Signal readiness to engage with the arts and culture community by scheduling an initial set of convenings, such as networking opportunities or listening sessions. The City should plan future events based on the group's feedback and interest areas.</p>	<p>Recreation, Parks & Culture staff</p>	<p>Arts and culture organizations, arts educators, arts-related businesses, cultural and historic heritage organizations</p>	<p>Staff Time</p>	
<p>Assess and bolster the Arts Alpharetta partnership. Many key elements of the Master Plan rely on a more robust partnership with Arts Alpharetta. Work with the organization to determine its current and future capacity, identify areas that require more support from the City and/or community partners, and lay the groundwork for increasing staff and resources. Consider working with an outside consultant to develop a strategic plan for the organization's elevated role in the City's future arts ecosystem.</p>	<p>Recreation, Parks & Culture staff, Arts Alpharetta leadership</p>	<p>Outside consultant</p>	<p>Additional funds needed</p>	<p>City of Alpharetta General Fund, Arts & Culture Department, Community Development, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services</p>



City of Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan



3 Workshops for Arts Leader Groups & Alpharetta Non-profits

Participating in a Board of Directors – Thursday, February 12 from 12-1:30pm

Equip your leadership with the facilitation tools needed to transform board meetings into strategic powerhouses.

- Strategic Agendas: Maximize high-level discussion and minimize rote operational reporting.
- Conflict & Consensus: Practice effective

Future-Proofing Your Development Program - Thursday, February from 12-1:30pm

Build a resilient, modern fundraising engine that thrives in a changing economic landscape.

- Diversify Funding: Mitigate risk by moving beyond a single revenue stream.
- Digital-First Tools: Deliver a frictionless donor experience through mobile optimization and recurring giving.
- Values-Driven Storytelling: Transition to narratives that demonstrate measurable impact.
- The Outcome: An analytical framework to identify your highest-return growth areas.




Leveraging AI as a Tool for Nonprofits Thursday, March 12 from 12-1:30pm

Demystify artificial intelligence by identifying practical, low-cost tools that enhance efficiency without compromising ethics.

- Low-Cost Tools: Identify immediate ways to use AI for data analysis, grant drafting, and donor segmentation.
- Ethical Framework: Develop a strategy for data privacy and mitigating bias in decision-making.

Wacky World Playground & Community Mural



ANSWER:

2,673 people volunteered to help build Wacky World in 1997.

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Circle of Friends Repair & Update



September 22, 2006

INVOICE

To: Lynn Pierson
City of Alpharetta Community Development
287 S. Main Street
Alpharetta, GA 30004

From: April Woodard
CherryLion Studios Inc.

Re: Children Playing Sculpture

DESCRIPTION

Design and execute an original figure sculpture of a group of twenty one children playing. Sculpt eight original children in clay over a wood armatures, create urethane rubber molds and produce 21 bronze composite casts with welded steel armatures. Finish with acid patinae and carnauba wax.

COSTS		
Sculpt clay original	8 @ \$3,800	\$30,400
Rubber mold	8 @ \$1,200	\$ 9,600
Bronze Composite Cast	21 @ \$1,700	\$35,700
	Total	\$75,700
	Deposit	\$37,850

TERMS 50% deposit
25% with approval of original clay
Balance with delivery

TIMING 5 - 6 months
Timing reviewed upon receipt of deposit

APPROVAL Approval of design
Approval of original clay
Approval of casting material

DELIVERY & INSTALLATION Estimated Delivery and Installation \$2,500
Provided at cost, invoiced separately

All work to be as specified above. Deposit is non-refundable. Any alteration or deviation from the above / or specification involving extra costs will be executed upon written approval and will become an extra charge over and above this invoice. All agreements subject to delays beyond our control.