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What Happened in June

Women's Market: Glow and Grow Event

On June 8th, our first small-business market was a huge success! With 14 vendors each bringing unique goods and services to their tables, the gallery was bustling with activity. We were happy to be able to provide the community with the opportunity to discover a variety of local small businesses they may not have heard of yet. The vendors took full advantage of the event with raffles, prize wheels, and free samples to present their goods and services in fun ways. Our DJ kept the party going all day as visitors took their time browsing the various goods before leaving with at least a small trinket if not a new dress, piece of jewelry, food item, or contact information of an insurance or real estate agent. What really took this event to the next level was the free champagne and finger foods that barely lasted to the end of the day! Thank you so much to our vendors and visitors for making the market such a success!



Kids Classes

This month, our young artists transitioned from the acrylic medium to watercolor! Many people find this medium very difficult as it is much harder to control where the paint goes onto the page as water flows more freely than acrylic. Their first lesson with watercolor explored value - a great way to introduce what it takes to control the watercolor medium. They each made a value scale with rich dark pigment on one end of the page and little to no pigment at the other end. This exercise made them really think about the ratio of water to pigment used as well as the precise location of where to place the medium. Each class session provides the kids with the opportunity to learn a new technique, effectively developing their skills quickly while having fun! Your child can join our class today! Just register through our website or call us and we will get everything set up for you and your little one.



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Art of the month

Mahsa Amini

This pastel pencil portrait by Sanaz Noori, rendered on sanded cart, was created in honor of the first anniversary of Mahsa Amini's death and the emergence of the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement in Iran. The artwork captures Mahsa with a gentle yet powerful expression, draped in the pre-revolutionary Iranian flag — a symbol of national identity and resistance. She is surrounded by angelic figures, evoking a sense of peace, protection, and the spiritual weight of her legacy. The soft yet vivid texture of pastel pencils enhances the emotional depth and warmth of the composition, making it both a tribute and a visual voice for a movement rooted in courage and hope.



Did You Know?

Pastel pencils combine the vibrancy of soft pastels with the control of a pencil, making them a favorite among artists for detailed work. They're perfect for blending soft textures while still allowing for precision in portraits, hair, or fine lines. To get the best results, many artists use them on sanded paper, which grips the pigment and enhances layering. A helpful tip: keep your pastel pencils sharp using sandpaper blocks rather than regular sharpeners to avoid breakage and preserve their shape!

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Adult Class Instructor: **Elio Guevara**



In light of our adult art classes beginning recently, we would like to introduce our adult class instructor: Elio Guevara! Elio is a distinguished art educator and professional illustrator with over 18 years of experience in both academic and industry settings. He has served as a professor at The Art Institute of Atlanta, where he designed and taught a diverse range of courses, including Portfolio Foundation, Advanced Drawing for Animators, Storyboarding and Animatics, and Concept Design & Illustration. His pedagogical approach emphasizes fostering technical proficiency while encouraging students to develop their unique artistic voices. Check out some of Elio's works below.



Fundamentals and Beyond: Drawing and Painting

Our adult students have been steadily progressing with their representational drawing and painting skills! With a mixture of beginner and advanced students, it is interesting to see their works side-by-side progressing in different ways. With our small-group approach, Elio is able to cater to each student's needs and preferences, so everybody can learn something new each class. Something specific our students have enjoyed is choosing their own subject matter. As representational art is often composed from reference photos, we have handy cell phone stands attached to our easels so you can look at any photograph you want without even having to print it out! Providing this creative freedom is something that sets us apart from other studios and makes the creative process more meaningful to our students. If you are ready to begin your artistic journey or refine your current skills, our Fundamentals and Beyond class is for you! For more information and registration visit our website!

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What's Coming Up?

One Year Anniversary Celebration

In August we will be celebrating our anniversary of being open for one full year! With free food, drinks, and a DJ, it will certainly be a night to remember. Preceding the main celebration, we will have a live auction of our artworks and collectable antiques. Our past clients, artists, and customers will have advance notice on the details of this auction as a gesture of appreciation for their support. More details will be released on our website, social media accounts, and July newsletter as the occasion draws near so stay tuned!

Seasonal Small Business Market

Since our Women's Market was such a success, we are making it a seasonal occurrence! Moving forward the market will not be limited to women owned businesses as we want to offer this opportunity to the entirety of the community. If you are interested in renting a table at our next market, reach out to us now! We need ample time to advertise this event, and we make a point to highlight each vendor throughout the process. Participating in this event is not only an opportunity for you but also helps support your local art community! For more information you can call us at 770-561-4564, email us at Info@noorsag.com, message us on Instagram @noorstudioandgallery, or come visit the gallery at 390 N Main St, Alpharetta, GA.