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Week of January 05, 2020

Arts Council plans community art support events for 2020

By Arts Council President Robert Blanton

The Board of Directors and membership of the Arts Council of Clinton take pride in the distinction of being Clinton's officially designated art support group since 1983.



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The new year represents an opportunity to move ahead with growth in our membership and enthusiastic support of a variety of programs. The Arts Council has been described as "a best-kept secret." That's not the purpose or intent of this art-support group at all. So often when we ask someone to join with us, the response is, "I'm not an artist." So many of our active board members and members are not artists, but they do support the arts.

One of the most enthusiastic responses to our efforts is in June, when Thacker Mountain Radio comes to town, with a sparkling program featuring writers and musicians. Plans are underway for a 2020 radio hour, which will mark the fifth show held in the Clinton High School auditorium. Thacker is broadcast on Mississippi Public Radio at 7 p.m. on Saturdays. Enthusiastic audiences have enjoyed the Clinton show as

professional entertainers including folk and blues musicians, writers, cartoonists, writer and radio personalities take the stage and microphone with master of ceremonies Jim Dees.

Arts Council exhibits at local events attract interested boys and girls who are invited to paint rocks or design jeweled flower pots and are encouraged in their artistic efforts. They have also been offered the opportunity to "throw" a clay pot or paint a picture.

We promote area artists and support arts programs and educational efforts through such events as Taste of the Arts and Artists Showcase in the fall. The Taste and Showcase event is in collaboration with the Episcopal Church of the Creator.

The Clinton Fire Department and the Arts Council sponsor the October Fire Safety art competition for boys and girls in the area schools. The winners are announced at a program and reception at Fire Station 2, and their winning paintings are framed and on display at the station throughout the next year.

Arts Council monthly board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at Northside Baptist Church. The various Arts Council activities are reviewed in a quarterly newsletter. A website is available for interested persons to visit www.ArtsCouncilOfClinton.org. We encourage any art supporters as well as artists to be a part of the Arts Council in 2020.

CHS receptionist wins DOVE Award

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Hundreds of children, parents and visitors come to the Clinton High School front office on any given week, where they are greeted with a smile and a kind word.

"She is always respectful to anyone who enters the front office," said CHS media specialist Loran Taylor. "She compiles the Arrowhead, our online announcements, promptly every day."

Her words and actions have not gone unnoticed; Amy Emerson is the recipient of the Clinton Public School District's Dedication of Our Valued Employees — or DOVE — customer service award for the month of November.



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Amy Emerson

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"She is a great example of the customer service the district offers to students, parents, teachers and the community," Taylor said.

The DOVE Award is given to one CPSD employee per month who demonstrates excellence in customer service. The award is based on nominations from the public.

"One of our top priorities as a school district is customer service, and we appreciate employees like Mrs. Emerson, who are making a difference in the lives of the students we serve," said Dr. Tim Martin, superintendent of schools.

To nominate an employee for the DOVE Award, fill out the online form on www.clintonpublicschools.com.