



Art on display at Southern Arts Society's new home, the former Kings Mountain depot.

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Arts Society opens new depot home

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The Southern Arts Society opened the doors publicly to its new facility for the first time Sunday afternoon.

Over 200 people visited the Depot Arts Center, purchasing the calendars the organization is well known for.

"We stayed busy," said Johnsie Reavis of the Southern Arts Society.

Along with the calendar sale, work by several area artists was displayed in the gallery. Most of the paintings, prints and pottery is for sale.

SAS volunteers hand printed the silk screen calendars. The 13 designs, all by area artists, feature mountains. The artists have used a torn paper method to create the images.

This year's calendar honors the memory of A.B. Snow who was a vital part of Kings Mountain's arts community for many years. She died earlier this year.

"I just wish A.B. could have seen this dream come true," Reavis said of the Depot Arts Center.

While the center's gallery is complete except for refinishing the floors, other parts of the building still need work.

Volunteers are now painting the room which will become a library. Mrs. Snow's family has donated her collection of art books to

the effort.

"We're just blessed by the community coming together," Reavis said.

The office and combination board room and kitchen also is being renovated. A large portion of the building will be used as an arts classroom. It will require limited renovation.

The depot was built by Southern Railroad in 1925. It will be furnished in the Craftsman style which was popular in that era.

The railroad owns the land the depot sits on though the City of Kings Mountain owns the building itself. The city renovated the building in 1977 for use as a senior center.

After the senior center built its new building on Business 74, the city leased the depot to the arts society.

The group hopes to have all renovations completed by spring.

"It's coming together," Reavis said.

She said the organization received positive feedback Sunday on what has already been done.

The gallery will be open Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. through Christmas.

A limited number of calendars are available. Those costs \$20 each.

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Watts Store & Grill, Hwy. 226N, 96.

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