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### **Visiting Artist Program**

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One normally thinks of Spring as the season for new beginnings; however, the advent of Fall heralds those bright, new beginnings at Sampson Community College, as a new school year brings a new professional Visiting Artist to our campus.

Rebecca Freeman Forhan, a painter, is our current artist-in-residence. Rebecca's credentials are impressive: BFA – the Atlanta College of Art, Atlanta, Georgia; MFA – Ohio University, Athens, Ohio; and a broad, varied work experience. She has served as an Assistant Gallery Director, has taught art at Ohio University and Eastern Montana University, served as the artist-in-residence in the Great Falls, Montana Public School System, and most recently as a Jr. High Art Teacher in Stafford, New Hampshire. Solo exhibitions and special juried exhibitions have included: The Courthouse Gallery, Lake George, New York; Northcutt Gallery, Billings, Montana; and the International Women's Art Exhibition, United Nations Building, Copenhagen, Denmark.

We are very fortunate to have this outstanding young artist in our county. Program plans for this year include working with the city and county schools, providing workshops for art teachers, programs in our Nutrition Centers for our elderly and also developing art murals for the College. Rebecca will also serve as a resource person for other groups and

agencies that may need technical, artistic instruction such as the Sampson Community Theatre and Sampson Arts Council. We will also develop an art studio that will be open to the public on special days so that area residents may visit and see work in progress.

Rebecca resides in the Visiting Artist Apartments, located in the Victor R. Small Cultural Arts Center in Clinton, with her husband, Chris Forhan, a gifted poet/writer, Chris is teaching English and Creative Writing at Clinton High.

We welcome the Forhans to Sampson County and feel sure our lives will be greatly enhanced with their artistic talents! Fall is, indeed, a new beginning!

Other art ventures on the Sampson Community College drawing board include our One-Person Art Show to be held in December on the main campus. This show will hand for a period of one week after the opening on Sunday. During this time, arrangements will be made for student viewing from both the city and county systems and any other interested groups.

The Third Juried Arts Show will be held at the Victor R. Small Cultural Arts Center on College Street in May. This show is limited to Sampson County artists and cash awards are made to the winners. The show is sponsored by the Sampson County Arts Council. SCC has a strong program for the visual arts offered each quarter. The current quarter began the week of September 14 and ends the week of November 30<sup>th</sup>. Classes are offered both on the Continuing Education Campus and in the communities of Suttontown, Roseboro, and Newton Grove. Anyone interested in taking an art or painting class should call SCC-CEC 592-7176 for further information. Courses in Country Crafts, Porcelain Dolls, and Tatting will be offered if there is sufficient enrollment.

If you would like additional information about our Visiting Artist Program, contact Ann Glover, on the Main Campus.



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