

Gaston County
MUSEUM
of Art & History



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Schedule of Events and Exhibitions

- January 14 – April 22, 2017
Human Canvas: The Art of Tattoo
Anne Biggers Furr Learning Station

Explore the intriguing history of tattooing and how this form of artwork became so celebrated in modern culture. *Human Canvas: The Art of Tattoo* features artwork by several artists along with tattooing equipment from the 1920s to present day.

- April 1, 2017
Easter Egg Hunt
Free Event, 1:00 p.m.
Location: Cloninger Park, 225 S. Oakland St., Dallas

The Gaston County Museum in partnership with the Town of Dallas will host its Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Cloninger Park on April 1. Thousands of eggs will be placed in the park for kids ages 10 and under. The egg hunt begins promptly at 1 p.m. -- so don't be late! Immediately following, children will have the chance to catch an official "Running Bunny" during the Great Bunny Run. Special thanks to Town of Dallas, Gaston County Wellness Committee, and CaroMont Health for making this event possible.

- Saturday, April 22 • 1 p.m.
Gaston County Legacy Series: The Negro Baseball League
Dallas Historic Courthouse
Free Event /Reservations Requested

Participate in an eye opening, round table discussion about the Negro Baseball League and its significance in Gaston County. Led and moderated by historian Michael Turner Webb, former players Edward "G.G." Burton, Bill Cathcart, and Carl Edward "Satch" Forney will share their memories with guests. This event is part of the Museum's *Gaston County Legacy Series* that explores historic figures from local history and examines their impact on the region.

- April 29 – June 7
Yellow: Gaston College Annual Art Show
Anne Biggers Furr Learning Station
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Gaston College Visual & Performing Arts Club (GCV PAC) is partnering with the Gaston County Museum for the 11th year to host its annual juried contemporary art show. Themed “Yellow,” the show includes paintings, sculptures, ceramics, photography and graphics. GCV PAC’s goal is to create exhibitions that feature local artists and students within a larger contemporary context. The dialogue between local and regional artists created by the show is critical to the success of the local arts community and plays a key role in positioning Gaston County as an important regional artists’ community.

- May 2 – August 12
Strokes of Color: Artwork by Beril Cakir
Museum’s Third Floor Bullpen

Beril Cakir, a trained medical professional, uses her experiences at work to fuel her passion for art. “The act of painting started as a hobby for me, as a way to release the stress and sadness I witness daily at work.” Although her only formal art education was a class in acrylic painting at Gaston College, she has been exposed to art throughout her life growing up in Turkey and traveling widely throughout Europe. “Impressionist paintings have struck a particular chord for me, allowing me to see the exceptional color palette that surrounds me here at home in North Carolina.”

- May 13, 2017
MayFair on the Square
Free Event, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Location: Dallas Historic Court Square

- May 27, 2017 – March 3, 2018
Cabinet of Curiosities
Museum’s Second Floor Galleries

What is a cabinet of curiosities? The term “cabinet” originally described a room rather than a piece of furniture. These rooms, formally started in the sixteenth century, held large collections of unique objects. They served to demonstrate a person’s wealth and power, as well as provide entertainment for people to experience the strange and different. Some collections served a more scholarly function and were used as teaching and research tools.

This exhibit is a throwback to the early cabinet of curiosities. Highlighted are some of the Museum’s collection objects that have never been seen before, some unique, some a little odd, and some common items that look a little different today.

2017 Court Square Summer Concert Series and Cruise-In

The Gaston County Museum of Art & History in partnership with the Town of Dallas is excited to announce its *2017 Court Square Summer Concert Series*. Held on the Dallas Historic Court Square, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., each FREE concert will feature amazing talent (rain or shine). Enjoy the car show along Main Street and local craft beer from Ole Dallas Brewery.

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- **Saturday, June 10 • Midnight Allie**
 Out of North Myrtle Beach and lead by Allie Privette, Midnight Allie kicks off the series with some swinging beach music and a mix of rhythm and blues.
- **Saturday, July 8 • The Whiskey Gentry**
 The Whiskey Gentry, out of Atlanta, is set to release its third full-length studio album entitled *Dead Ringer* this spring. The husband and wife duo of Lauren Staley and Jason Morrow and bandmates incorporate deep country, Americana, honky-tonk, bluegrass and a stiff shot of gritty rock 'n' roll in their music.
- **Saturday, August 12 • Almost Vintage**
 Morganton-based, classic-rock groove-masters Almost Vintage brings the feeling of a carefree Woodstock afternoon to any venue they play! Steeped in the sounds of the 60s, 70s and 80s, they transport listeners to a simpler time when music spoke for a generation.
- **Saturday, September 9 • The Catalinas**
 Since its creation in 1957, over 60 accomplished guitarists, keyboardists, trumpet players, drummers, bass players and singers have been part of The Catalinas. The band owner, Gary Barker of Statesville, has performed with the band since 1965 and attributes their long success to the ongoing popularity of beach music and the tunes the band has composed, particularly "Summertime's Calling Me" in the 70s.