

Guild Gazette

2018 BARGAIN SALE

Fifteen Years of Fabulous Finds!

March 3, 2018 marked the 15th annual Junior Guild Bargain Sale. As in previous years, the Guild hosted this awesome event at the Rocky Mount Farmer's Market, located at 1006 Peachtree Street. The ladies of the Guild were tasked with picking up, sorting and pricing a wide variety of items, including furniture, appliances, electronics, art and various decor.

The Fundraising Committee worked tirelessly preparing the space to ensure the event went off without a hitch!

This year's Provisional Class jumped in to work Friday evening's "Sip & See" presale for sustainers, members and their guests. The total amount raised from the two-day event was \$5,462.



New Year, New Roles!

In preparation for the upcoming year, our active members voted for the 2018-2019 officer positions. In order to be considered for an officer role, an active member must be recommended by their peers, via straw ballot. This year's winners are...

Whitney Shearin, President; Nikkie Allen, Vice President; Christie Webb, Recording Secretary; Kristeena Beasley, Corresponding Secretary; and Michelle Chewning, Treasurer.

We are very excited about the experience and commitment to the community that our new officers will bring to their positions. Congrats ladies!

Wear It Loud, Wear It Proud!

Due to increased demand, we are placing another order for short and long sleeved t-shirts, and sweatshirts! The shirts are unisex sized, and range from XS to 3XL. These are perfect to wear during service and fundraising events, or just around town! Pricing ranges from \$12-\$20, depending on the item. All orders, including payment are due by May 3rd.

Contact Maria Newcomb for more information, at marianewcomb@allstate.com.

We Get By With A Little Help From Our Friends...

Thanks to Maria Newcomb and her company, we have been able to apply for a \$1000 donation from Allstate, called the "Helping Hands Donation". If this is accepted, it can be renewed as long as Maria is an active member of the Guild! We have also grown our sustainer support by 50% since the beginning of the year. This support will be a tremendous help in our efforts to give back and grow our local community involvement!

Small Town Gals, Doing BIG THINGS!

Many of our members are involved in multiple community based organizations, and we are so proud of their dedication and the impact they are making outside of the Guild.

Amanda Bell, who is in her seventh active year with the Guild has recently put together the Twin Counties Sugar Run, to support Diabetes awareness. It will include a 5K run, a 1 mile fun run, and celebrity speaker- two time Superbowl winner, Kendall Simmons.

Second year member, Kristen Brabble is one of the minds behind the Rocky Mount Rotary Club's Tackle the Tar 5K, obstacle race and mud run. Think "Ninja Warrior" on a local level.

This event raises money for local students to attend local colleges. Tackle the Tar gave out over \$51,000 in scholarships, in 2017 alone!

First year active, Lauren Outlaw recently teamed up with Eric Ghiloni, owner of Koi Pond Brewery, and Michael Allen, of Boone, Hill, Allen, & Ricks Real Estate, to help a friend and local business owner in his time of need. Lauren spearheaded the fundraiser, A Jam for Jeff, that included 12 hours of live music, a silent auction, food and local craft beer. The team was able to raise over \$14,000 to present to their friend, to help with his unplanned medical bills.

2017-2018 OFFICERS



President - Tiffany Delano

Third year active Junior Guild member who enjoys giving back to her community while meeting and serving with like-minded local women. "I believe in the Junior Guild mission of serving the needs of our community through volunteerism." Our community is greatly enriched by the support of the Junior Guild of Rocky Mount. Prior to being President, she served as Vice President and on the Fundraising Committee. She is married to Trevor with an eight-year-old named Evan. She is also the Membership Secretary of Preservation Rocky Mount, Volunteer coordinator for Tackle The Tar, Faith Christian School's Patriotettes Cheerleading Coach and a board member of several upcoming local events planned for 2018.



Vice President - Whitney Shearin

Whitney is a third year Junior Guild member who is serving in her first year on the Executive Board. She joined the Guild in 2014 after moving back to her hometown after working in Raleigh for five years. Following in the footsteps of her mom Deborah Shearin, a Sustaining Member of the Junior Guild, she joined in order to get involved in the local community and work together with other women in order to make an impact in Rocky Mount. Prior to being Vice President, she served on the Fundraising Committee for two years. Whitney works with her family's HVAC company Shearin Heating & Cooling, LLC. Her family has been serving the Rocky Mount community for over 50 years. In addition to her position in the Junior Guild, Whitney is also the Treasurer of Preservation Rocky Mount and Chairman of the Finance Committee at First Baptist Church.



Corresponding Secretary - Kelly Anne Mudd

The 34-year-old, fifth year Guild member serves as the principal at Spring Hope Elementary. She joined the Guild to give back to her community with fun, like-minded women. "What I love about Junior Guild is the opportunities to have a positive impact on our community while getting to know some amazing ladies!" Prior to being selected for her current post, she has served on the fundraising committee, was co-provisional chair and was a Senior Bingo rock star! "My husband and I moved to Rocky Mount a little over 10 years ago, and we can't imagine making our home, with our two hound dogs, anywhere else. We love it here and we are excited for all the growth and potential we see.

**For the last sixty-nine years, the Junior Guild members have produced and staged puppet shows for the entertainment and enlightenment of our local school aged children.
This is the longest running project in the Guild!**

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Recording Secretary - Emily Watson

Emily, 34, has been living in Nashville for the past 8 years and the Junior Guild was one of the first organizations she joined. She has served on the community service committee as well as several terms as social chair and recording secretary. Emily will finish her last year in the Junior Guild this year as your recording secretary. Emily and her husband, Chris, are expecting a little girl due early February. Emily currently works as a fitness instructor and her hobbies include traveling, cooking and trying new restaurants.



Treasurer - Michelle Chewning

She is in her fifth active year as a JG member. The 43-year-old works as a controller at Boice-Willis Clinic. She joined the Junior Guild to meet other women, learn more about the community, and volunteer. Her career as a controller and CPA led to her placement as Junior Guild treasurer. She likes to read, sitting on the beach and spending time with my family.



PastPresident/Parliamentarian -Katie Keeter

Katie is in her fourth year with the Junior Guild, joining as a Provisional in the Fall of 2013 after she moved her from Washington, DC and married her husband, Ryan Keeter, a Rocky Mount Native. Katie has worked for Deloitte and Touche LLP for 10 years and is currently a Manager in Deployment and Operations for their Audit Practice nationally, working from home. "My coworkers and I call ourselves people managers. Our part of the Talent organization is responsible for ensuring all 8,000 of our Audit professionals are effectively staffed on our clients. It's one giant puzzle of people." Katie joined the Guild as she does not work local to Rocky Mount and wanted to be able to engage and give back to the local community. Additionally, her mother-in-law, Kathy Jenkins Keeter is a Sustaining Member. "I had always been an active member in my small town community growing up in Upstate NY. After living in DC for 10 years, I had lost that feeling of making an impact being in such a large city. Joining the Guild has really enabled me to get back to those service opportunities and meet other people and organizations in our community that I wouldn't meet otherwise not being employed locally."

FUN FLASHBACK FACT:

The Guild's original scholarship was to NC Wesleyan College.

We pledged \$1,500 initially, and contributed \$100 annually to the Foundation Fund. There was also a \$450 annual scholarship available to a Rocky Mount student entering NCWC.

Today, we award \$1,500 annually, for four years, to an outstanding local, young woman to attend her college of choice.

DEADLINE TO APPLY HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL MAY 1ST. GO ONLINE FOR MORE INFO!

THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD

Puppets

In 2017-2018, the Junior Guild puppeteers present

The Little Engine that Could

Performing live in the Puppet Theater at the Rocky Mount Children's Museum & Science Center

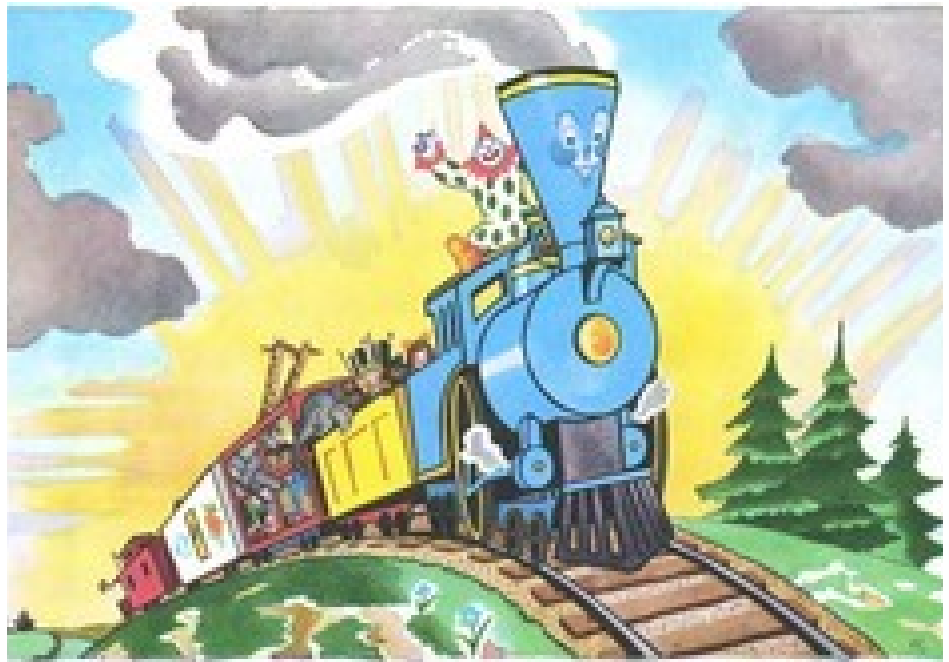
Debuted December 10th at the Imperial Centre's Winter Wonderland Event.

Shows will be held February – April 2018

1st Fridays at 6:15p & 6:45p,
2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:30p and 2:30p

**I THINK I CAN
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I THINK I CAN**

Special showings can be scheduled on 1st Fridays at 10:15a, 10:45a, or 11:15a. For more information or to schedule a show, please call 252-557-9886 or email jrguildpuppets@gmail.com.



2017-2018 COMMUNITY TRUST RECIPIENTS

- United Community Ministries
- Christian Fellowship Homes
- Association for Learning Disabled and Handicapped
- Mental Health America of the Tar River Region
- My Sister's House
- Meals on Wheels of Rocky Mount
- Boys & Girls Club of the Tar River Region
- Down East Partnership for Children
- Rocky Mount Family YMCA
- Hope Initiative

- Resolve It Together Nash/Edgecombe Counties
- Peacemakers
- Communities in Schools
- Faith Christian Ministries of Nash County
- The Wright's Center
- Christian Adoption Services



Featured Scholarship Recipient



2016 Scholarship Recipient Magan Edwards

Magan is currently a sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill and is absolutely in love! She has jumped feet first into her campus community, by participating in the Tarheel Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, as well as by joining Phi Beta Chi Sorority. Through those organizations, she has been able to participate in several philanthropic events and fundraisers.

Magan is majoring in Human Development and Family Studies and hopes to attend graduate school. She is so thankful for the Junior Guild's support of her education through the annual scholarship.

Magan said the Junior Guild has served as a motivator in her community service endeavors at UNC, and she hopes to join after she finishes her college career.

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The Main Course
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of Rocky Mount & Tarboro
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Mark Your Calendars!

TALES OF AN EDUCATED DEBUTANTE



Adrian Wood

<http://www.talesofaneducateddebutante.com>

The Junior Guild of Rocky Mount
Dinner Meeting
June 7th, 6:15 pm, Social with Adrian
Benvenue Country Club
Active and Sustaining Members
Dinner: \$32 (Check, Cash, Venmo)

RSVP By: May 25, 2018 to
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"The future is far away
and scary but today is lovely."
- Adrian H. Wood, PHD

Junior Guild of Rocky Mount

April

Sugar Run, April 14

Bids & Bottles, April 26

May

Derby Day at The Mills,
May 5

June

Tales of an Educated
Debutante, June 7

Anytime Opportunities

Peacemakers of RMT
needs volunteers for
their afterschool
programs,
Monday-Friday from
3:30-5:30 pm.

INJOY Thrift Store:
members may volunteer
any time Mon – Sat from
9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

**PEACE
MAKERS**
COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY



BIDS & BOTTLES

*Goat Island
Bottle Shop*

Sustainer Spotlight

Some of our fantastic members, from twenty years ago!



**Scrapbook
'97-'98**



Member Spotlight...

Lizzy Clapsadl



I am in my 3rd active year. My favorite food is a tie between Mexican and Cadbury Crème Eggs, but never mix the two! My favorite hobby is spending time with my husband David, and daughter, Anna James. The best part about Junior Guild is setting up for the annual Bargain Sale. A fun fact about me: I get super offended when Netflix asks me if I'm still watching. It's so judgy!

Class of 2015

I am the owner of The Tanner Agency, LLC with Allstate Insurance Company. I also am a registered nurse. I have three children each born in a different decade of my life. I love spending time with my family and friends. I watch more Disney than regular TV shows!! My husband is the cook in our family and that truly is a blessing for all of us!! I love being a part of the Junior Guild and making Rocky Mount a better place to work and live.

Maria Newcomb



Member Spotlight

Nikkie Allen

This is my second active year in the Junior Guild. My favorite food is anything with Avocado! My favorite thing about the Guild is engaging with other members, while giving back to our community! My favorite hobby is traveling to new places with my husband. A fun fact about me is that I'm an Event Coordinator in my spare time. The Bargain Sale is my favorite activity with the Guild!



Lori Harrell

I have a 10 year son, Thomas, who is a 4th grader at Faith Christian. I'm single; however, I have been seeing a guy, Matt Buck, for almost a year. For fun, I like to be outside with my son and 1 year old dachshund, Sam. In the summer, the pool is a must for relaxation! My favorite thing about the Guild is all of the friendships I have made, especially with my provisional class. One fun fact about me is that I've fallen in a snow-covered man hole walking down Western Blvd in Raleigh. I caught myself with my arms and my roommates had to pull me up!

Upcoming Meetings

April 5 @BCC
6:15 p.m. (Social & Dinner)
6:45 p.m. (Meeting)

May 3 @BCC
11:00 a.m. (Meeting only)
6:15 p.m. (Social & Dinner)
6:45 p.m. (Meeting)

June 7 @BCC
6:15 p.m. (Social)
7:00 p.m. (Meeting)

Guest Speaker:
Adrian Wood: Tales of an
Educated Débutante

Class of 2018

Provisional Project Update

This year's Provisional Class has partnered up with the Down East Partnership for Children, to assist them with the updating and revamping of their Discovery Park Playhouses. The Down East Partnership for Children is no stranger to the Junior Guild, as they are a Community Trust recipient, and they have also benefited from Provisional projects in the past.

The Down East Partnership for Children was incorporated in 1993, when a group of citizens and leaders from Nash and Edgecombe counties came together to call attention to and address the needs of children and their families in our local community. Their vision is that all children and families can reach their full potential when surrounded by a united and supportive community.

We are so excited to see the improvements that our Provisional ladies will embark on over the next month. They have committed to updating four playhouses in the park! These updates will provide local children a clean and safe place to play and use their imaginations. These updates will surely serve the Down East Partnership for many years to come!

Follow along with their efforts on the Junior Guild's Facebook and Instagram pages, and look for before and after photos in the next edition of the Guild Gazette!

Stay in Touch

Items for newsletter?

We would love to hear your ideas!

Items for correspondence?

Please help keep us informed of births, deaths, and marriages involving our members and Sustainers.



Check social media for pop-up socials throughout the year.

www.facebook.com/jgrockymount

@JGROCKYMOUNT on Instagram

And be sure to tag “Junior Guild of Rocky Mount” in any posts you make of JG events or photos!

For more information, go to <http://www.jgrockymount.org>

Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2018

Administrative Balance: \$25,443.56

Discretionary Balance: \$7,541.34

Community Trust: \$97.07

Correspondence

Notes of Congratulations sent to:

Emily Watson, for the birth of her daughter, Blakely Gray

Kristen Brabble, on her recent engagement

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