

NEWSLETTER

LATEST ART NEWS

Hello Chastain Community,

Every New Year is the beginning of new ideas and new projects. In 2022, The Chastain team is planning to offer more classes throughout the year, introduce new instructors with new creative offerings, and have the return of the widely anticipated Spring Show & Sale!

2021 was another year of living through a global pandemic while trying to find some semblances of comfort and routine. Chastain offered our first series of in-person classes that began in September. We are thankful for an overall successful Fall 2021 Session! While we are not out of the woods yet, we will continue to implement our strict COVID protocols with daily temperature checks, mask mandates, and limited class sizes. We hope everyone continues to stay safe as we make it through the Winter together.

Keep an eye out for the Spring 2022 Catalog and Registration dates coming in February. We look forward to seeing what we can create together in this new year. Thank you, as always, for being a part of our vibrant creative community.

Wishing all students, patrons, and instructors a happy and prosperous new year!

Warm Regards, Team Chastain

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday — Friday
9 A—5 P

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Winter 2022 Session Begins on January 10th!

January 10th — March 18th, 2022

There are still a few spots for you to Join us for the Winter 2022 Session!

Class offerings from Painting, Drawing, Pottery on the Wheel, Handbuilding, Jewelmaking, and Framemaking!

Visit our Website to view the catalog & register

www.OCAAtlanta.com/chastain or
email chastainarts@atlantaga.gov



Chastain Arts Center

WINTER 2022 SESSION Begins Monday

January 10th - March 18th, 2022

There are still a few spots available
in pottery, jewelry and metalsmithing,
& various painting styles

COVID Protocols
Masking Inside the Building
Daily Temperature Checking
Limited Class Sizes

Call for more information 404-252-2927
View the Catalog on
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Ben Smith Retrospective Memorial

Thank you to everyone for your contribution and attendance to Ben Smith's Retrospective Memorial.

On December 17th, 2021, we were honored to host a memorial, in the Chastain Gallery, for our beloved late instructor, Ben Smith.

With contributions from our community, we were able to showcase numerous works on paper, ceramic works as well as three portraits of Ben created by Jim Yarborough (1969), Ouida Canaday (1971), and Philip Carpenter (2021). A slideshow of his work through the years was projected on the gallery wall.

Students of Ben had their work displayed in the Gallery Studio including an oil painting portrait of Ben by a student, Judy Merlis. Another slideshow was projected on the Gallery Studio wall with interviews of Ben, pictures with his students, as well as quotes from the community about the impact he had on their lives. Much appreciation to Marie Matthews for putting these digital compellations together. If you would like to view the slideshows that were on display during the Memorial, you can view them [HERE](#) on our website at OCAAtlanta.com/Chastain

Outside, on our Grand Gallery Porch, we sipped warm beverages and had delicious homemade snacks provided by friends of Ben while people shared their stories of his quirky personality. Thank you to everyone for being patient with our limited capacity and following our mask mandates within the indoor spaces. It is a challenging time and we are getting through the best way we can.

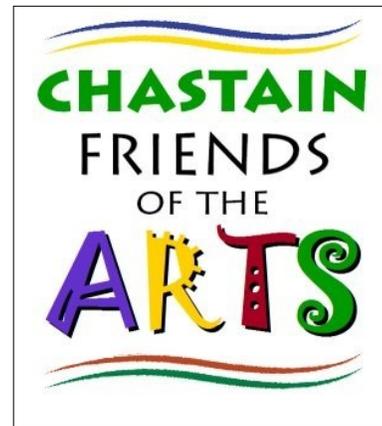
We have a Memorial Guest Book available for anyone to leave notes, memories, quotes by Ben, etc. for his family. Since many people were unable to attend the Memorial, we will have the Guest Book available in the Break Room through the Winter Session for people to share their personal thoughts.

Thank You, CFOTA!

A special Thank You to our Chastain Friends of the Arts (CFOTA) in their assistance, suggestions, and financial contributions for Ben Smith's Memorial! The newly updated Kiln Yard now has garlands of string lights illuminating the previously dark walkway between the Main & Gallery buildings, as well as additional lighting along the walking path.

CFOTA was started by a group of instructors and students in 2012. The Friends' mission is to foster education, awareness, and appreciation of the arts in our Chastain Community. If you would like more information or would like to join as a member of CFOTA please let us know or check them out at

facebook.com/ChastainFriendsOfTheArts



Center CLOSED Monday, January 17th in Observance of MLK, Jr. Day

Chastain Arts Center will be CLOSED on Monday, January 17th in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Let us honor the achievements of Martin Luther King, Jr., who advocated for nonviolent resistance against racial segregation.



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