



Upstairs, in the Case...

Nov. 1 thru Dec. 31 – History of the Taylor-Brawner House

The Taylor-Brawner House Foundation was formed to save and restore one of Smyrna's oldest residences. The historic 1880's Taylor-Brawner house is located on the Brawner Hospital campus, and was home of Mr. And Mrs. Samuel A. Taylor. The home was later purchased by Dr. James N. Brawner. The Taylors retired to Smyrna after years of service as directors of the Methodist Children's Home in Decatur, and they are responsible for introducing the first jonquil bulbs to Smyrna. The display contains artifacts and memorabilia from the era, as well as current information about the on-going restoration and fund raising activities.

January 1 – February 28 – Dolls Designed by Ilia Owens Williamson

Ilia Owens-Williamson has been involved in the arts since she was a child growing up in Columbus, Georgia. While other kids were outside playing she could be found drawing, singing, writing, illustrating her own books or designing dolls. She began making armature dolls at the age of seven. Since then she's designed and copyrighted two lines of cloth dolls, completing her third design in the summer of 2005. Her love and knowledge of knitting, crocheting and beading are incorporated into this latest line. Her dolls have been displayed and sold at the 2002 Delta Sigma Theta National Convention and the Atlanta Black Arts Festival. They've been purchased by numerous art doll collectors spanning from Georgia to California. She hopes to have this latest line "Virtuous Woman" displayed in galleries across the country. Owens-Williamson has a B.F.A. in Drawing and Painting and is currently working on a second degree in Art Education.

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November 1 – December 14 – Paintings by Cleopatra Sorina Iliescu

Sorina was born and raised in Brasov, Romania. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in Wood Engineering in 1991 at University Transylvania, Brasov. Sorina then continued her studies in Psychology/Sociology at Spiru-Haret University, Brasov. Sorina came to the United States in 1996 to continue her education. She completed her Master's in Applied Psychology in 2000 at Christopher Newport University, VA. During this time Sorina continued to paint, write short stories and poems, and compose music. Though Sorina has painted for years she has only recently begun to publicly display her work. She works primarily in oils on canvas but has done mixed media, as well. Sorina is currently employed as a Special Education teacher and lives in Cobb County with her two children, 11-year-old Emanuel and 2-year-old David.

December 15 – January 15 – National PTA Reflections Program - Works Submitted by Cobb County Students

An arts recognition and achievement program, provides children in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 with an opportunity to express themselves in any of 4 areas: literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts. Now in it's 36th year, the Program attracts an average of 600,000 participants from the county. The goal of the program is to celebrate all children's gifts and talents, and to give children who have never tried creating a work of art a chance to experiment and increase their self-esteem. This year's theme "I Wonder Why ..." is sure to generate a vast array of entries.