



Championing the Arts in North Georgia

Agenda for September 10, 2013

Welcome back from summer vacation! We look forward to sharing ideas and paintings at this first fall meeting.

100 Somerby Drive

Alpharetta, GA 30003

*See last page for directions and
info on parking.*



6:00 Come early for refreshments in the Alpharetta Room (2nd floor) to visit with each other and take a tour of members' artwork in the main hall downstairs.

7:00 Meeting

Welcome from our president, Kim Scruggs

Treasurer's report: Barbara Sumrell

7:20 Introduction of our speaker, Deanna Sirlin, author of She's Got What It Takes, American Women Artists in Dialogue.

This work is a critical yet intimate look at the lives and work of nine noted American women artists who have been personally important to artist and author Deanna Sirlin. Having followed and drawn inspiration

from their work for over thirty years, she decided to visit and talk with each of these artists in their studios. Her goal was to find out how these women think about making art, how they view their place in history, and what it means to be a woman artist today. In documenting these meetings, this book captures the continuing vitality of a group of women who have committed their lives to their respective artistic visions. It also conveys the deep sense of kinship Sirlin has come to feel with them, and the way these encounters have added meaning to her own sense of herself as an artist.

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Italy. Available at Amazon.com

Deanna Sirlin was born in Brooklyn, New York, and currently has a studio outside of Atlanta. As a painter who works in multiple mediums and creates site works, commissions, and projects, she passionately blends many disciplines in her work. Her work is a playful abstraction of forms that become eyes, mouths, planets and other curvilinear signs and shapes. www.deannasirlin.com

She is also Editor-in-Chief of The Art Section: An Online Journal of Art and Cultural Commentary. www.theartsection.com

Short Break

Art Share Please bring some of your work to show! Be sure to tell us of any

opportunities or successes that have come your way.

Adjournment (between 9 and 9:30)

Important Notices and Reminders

Remember to bring your works to **Somerby** on **Wednesday of this week**. Susan will be there from 4-7 to collect them.

Brenda Heath will be at the **Alpharetta Library** on **Monday, Sept. 9** to collect paintings for the next exhibit. (If you have some works with fall colors or themes, this would be a great time to bring them.)

AAG FIELD TRIP!!

"The Girl with the Pearl Earring" will soon be leaving the High Museum. We are planning to meet at the High at **2 p.m. on September 24**, so be sure to save the date. (We're going to arrange a time and place to meet for those interested in carpooling. We'll send all the details in a reminder.)

Congratulations

Two of our members, Ben Allgood and Craig Ford were exhibitors in the Metro Montage Show at the Marietta-Cobb Museum. This was a very fine exhibit of regional artists. On the second floor is an outstanding exhibit of African-American folk artists, one of the finest of this kind in our area. Don't miss these two exhibits!

Craig Ford was spotlighted recently in *Family Living Magazine*. Kim Scruggs was also approached for an interview...thanks to our wonderful website... www.alphaartsguild.com... managed by Danita Grant. (And don't forget to "like" us on Facebook.)

Future speakers include Mike Brown, a wildlife artist; Mike Noa, a photographer; and Camille Ronay, director of Georgia Made, Georgia Grown.

Directions/Parking

[Somerby of Alpharetta](#) is located at 100 Somerby Drive, just off the Westside Parkway, near Verizon Wireless Amphitheater at Encore Park. View our location map.

Directions coming from Atlanta Area:

- Take GA 400 North
- Take Exit 8 - Mansell Road
- Turn right onto Mansell Road
- Turn left onto North Point Parkway
- Turn left onto Encore Parkway
- Go approximately one-half mile on Encore Parkway through the light at Westside Parkway

- Somerby of Alpharetta is on the left

Visitor parking is available in the garage on the main level. Underground parking spaces are available (just past "reserved" parking). Parking is also available in back of the building (follow signs and park in unreserved parking areas). An elevator is available to the 2nd floor for your convenience.