

THE ARTS COUNCIL GIVES YOU AN *ART@TAC!*

ART@TAC GALLERY
Von Braun Center
700 Monroe Street, SW
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- What:** “Huntsville” Art Exhibit and art@TAC Gallery opening
- Where:** Von Braun Center, 700 Monroe Street, SW; downtown Huntsville
- When:** Sunday, 13 July (*exhibition continues through October*)
- Admission:** FREE
- Call:** (256) 519-2787 (ARTS) for information

The Arts Council’s new **art@TAC Gallery** started as a means to benefit the public attending **Von Braun Center** activities, as well as **VBC** employees, by beautifying the walls with local art. Thanks to cooperation between **TAC** and **VBC** personnel—and a welcomed grant from the **Jane K. Lowe Foundation**—it has transmogrified into both a service to the visual arts community, a greater public presence for the council, and an “**Arts in Education**” component. The gallery will house from three to four shows annually, with representatives from professional and emerging artists; in addition, works from children involved in such youth outreach programs as the **Boys** and **Girls Clubs** will be included. For these community youth-centered organizations, a variety of art activities or supplies can be provided to assist in producing art for the gallery. Furthermore, **TAC** will provide framing—for the shows only—for the children’s works that are selected.

Initially **art@TAC** will house two-dimensional works. Meanwhile, funding will be sought for sculpture cabinets and/or vitrines. Work from professional and emerging artists will be available for sale, which will also assist with the gallery’s upkeep. All gallery shows will be open to the public during special receptions, regular business hours, and as patrons attend VBC performances and events.

All **art@TAC** shows will be juried for quality and content, with the selection process eventually based on digital images. On average, **TAC** can house 50-70 pieces of art depending on size (no smaller than 16” x 20” and no larger than 8’ x 10’). Each year, one show will partner with the

Alabama Tourism Bureau/Huntsville Convention and Visitors Bureau's "Year of Alabama" promotion and be themed accordingly. The inaugural show is themed "**Huntsville**" (person, place, or thing). Generally the rest of the shows will be open in content.

The opening **art@TAC** reception will be held in the hallways of the **VBC** near the **TAC** offices on **Sunday, July 13** from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Included in "**Huntsville**" will be such area artists as Sam Tumminello, Katrina Weber, Alan Davis, Johanna Littleton, José Betancourt, Brandon Gardner, and Kara Fuller. The next show prospectus will be out around August, with the next open show slated for October. Pictured here is one of the selections for the opening show, "**Chasing Meaning,**" by **Dana Brown**. For further information, call **(256) 529-2787 (ARTS), ext. 207**.