

# Art Hop exhibit; Halloween is spooky fun for kids and adults

It's October, and that means it is National Arts and Humanities Month. I am very fortunate that my work life allows me to focus on the arts, and lucky also to be able to find some time in my personal life for art as well. National Arts and Humanities Month is a collective celebration of culture, and a time to consider the importance of the arts. It's a time to see a play, view an exhibit, hear a concert and acknowledge the artists and organizers whose hard work brings those resources to Georgetown.



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Dana Hendrix

### Art Hop

This month's exhibit in the library is the annual Art Hop, a competitive statewide exhibit organized by the Georgetown Art Center. The 159 works of art that were accepted into the competition this year are on display in two locations: 68 pieces are in the art center on Main Street and 91 are in the library. It's a wonderful explosion of variety, vision and technique that everyone should come out to see.

Now in its eleventh year, the Art Hop awards more than \$5,000 in cash and prizes to artists competing in four categories. The awards were presented at a reception last week-

piece in the library and two at the art center. "I was thrilled when I received the notification, and I feel honored to be part of this highly regarded Georgetown tradition," she said. "Both of the Art Hop locations are outstanding venues for exhibiting and viewing art."

Asked what her advice would be for other artists who are considering entering next year's Art Hop competition, Donna said, "Get in the game! Be prepared by having artwork ready to enter. Make art a priority in your life and develop an art practice. These steps will lead to your having a body of work from which you can choose to enter into art shows. Then, be willing to take a risk and learn from your experience."



The "GPL Puppet Collective" is library staff puppeteers Bethni King, Jaime Gould, Melissa Mote and Elisabeth Aulwurm. The group will perform October 26 at the Monster Mash Bash at the Georgetown Public Library.



Donna Lewis

*Inn of the Mountain Gods* (acrylic and collage) by Georgetown artist Donna Lewis is on display at the Georgetown Public Library in the Art Hop exhibit, which runs through October 27.

end, and winning pieces are marked by a placard. Be sure to pick up an Art Hop catalog at the art center or the library. The artwork in the library is in the lobby, on the walls near the Red Poppy Coffee Co., and upstairs around the bridge and in the hall.

This year, 19 local artists have 34 works of art in the exhibit. One of those local artists is Donna Lewis, who had three pieces accepted this year — one done in watercolor, one in mixed media, and one acrylic and collage. Donna has one

### Halloween

This is October, so a good horror movie with plenty of popcorn to offset the suspense a bit is timely. Our Adultish team has chosen *Get Out*, which will screen on October 5. The film stars Daniel Kaluuya and Allison Williams. It tells the story of a black photographer who accompanies his white girlfriend to visit her family and discovers a disturbing secret at the family home. The film won the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay.

Kristina Zepeda, cataloging librarian, coordinates the library's Adultish programs. She explained why the staff selected this film: "Get Out transcends the genre. It's one of the very few horror films to ever be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture. It's beautifully shot and directed. The writer/director Jordan Peele is best known for his comedy sketch show *Key and Peele* and the film contains a heavy dose of comedy and satire... the movie is just a perfect example of something that breaks the mold of typical horror fare."

The kids also will enjoy lots of Halloween events this month. The October 13 tween Halloween Cupcake Wars program filled up fast, and it already has a waiting list. Advance registration was required, so there won't be any drop-ins at this one. The teen Mad Hatter's Halloween Ball Murder Mystery gives participants the opportunity to solve a murder with an Alice in Wonderland theme.

Snacks and drinks will be provided and costumes are encouraged.

The kids' party October 26 will be a Monster Mash Bash featuring a puppet show performed by the GPL Puppet Collective (more commonly known as library staff Bethni King, Jaime Gould, Melissa

Mote and Elisabeth Aulwurm). The show will be followed by a dance party and treats for all ages. Costumes are encouraged. And then on October 31, the

10 a.m. storytime will be followed by a Spooky Storytime Halloween Party. Bring snacks to share, and we encourage everyone to wear a costume. Whether you are more inter-

ested in art or spooky fun, we'll see you in the library!

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### Upcoming Library Events

- Exhibit: Art Hop XI September 28-October 27 at Georgetown Public Library (First and Second floors) and Georgetown Art Center
  - October 5, 6:30 p.m. *Get Out* movie screening (ages 18+)
  - October 13, 1 p.m. Tween Halloween Cupcake Wars (ages 9-12; registration required)
  - October 13, 3 p.m. Teen Mad Hatter's Halloween Ball Murder Mystery (ages 12-18)
  - October 21, 2 p.m. Live Music at the Library: Inversion Ensemble
  - October 22, 9:15 a.m. Music with Mar (ages 0-6)
  - October 26, 6 p.m. Monster Mash Bash (all ages)
  - October 31, 10 a.m. Spooky Storytime Halloween Party (ages 18 months-5 years)
  - Exhibit: Worth a Thousand Words October 30-November 30, Second floor
- Consult the Library Events Calendar at [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org) for more information about these and other library programs such as kids' storytimes and regular teen and adult programs.

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