

ART SANDY SPRINGS

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News from Art Sandy Springs

Dear Member,

Fall is in the air and with it comes many fun and exciting opportunities to experience and appreciate the wonderful arts in Sandy Springs. The Sandy Springs Festival was this past weekend and the Art Sandy Springs booth generated much interest in our exciting 2011-2012 year, including our Playable Arts Park, our plans for the beautiful planters on Roswell Road, as well as our traditional ArtSSpring with daily art and cultural full activities and our annual Gala.

We will distribute this newsletter throughout the year in an effort to keep you informed about our organization and arts in the City. If you have a contribution, please email Teri Cloud, and be sure to forward this newsletter to your friends and family and encourage them to participate in promoting arts in Sandy Springs!

Warmest regards,

Cheri Morris
President



As many of you know, [The Abernathy Greenway](#) is under construction and giving Sandy Springs a "fresh new face lift" in its location on a mile long stretch of Abernathy Road between Roswell Road and Johnson Ferry Road.

The [Sandy Springs Conservancy](#) and [Art Sandy Springs](#) formed a joint venture to create [The Playable Art Park at Abernathy Green](#), a children's sculpture park as an innovative and fun way to introduce children to art through play. Funded by Northside Hospital, the *Playable Art Park* will help children experience art by encouraging them to climb on it, jump from it, crawl through it, move it, and just plain play around it. This unique play space will inspire children on many levels.

[Visit our Web Page to learn more about the Playable Art Park.](#)

The sculpture competition to fill the Playable Art Park is under way! For details on the sculpture competition or for information about how to submit a sculpture for consideration, see our Web page on the Playable Art Park

Here are some key dates:

- October 1, 2011 - submission deadline for all proposals
- January, 2012 art jurors select finalists
- March 2012 maquettes of the winning sculptures will be presented to City Council for formal acceptance under the City Gift Policy
- April - September 2012 winning artists fabricate sculptures, deliver to site
- October 2012 site preparation, installation
- Fall 2012 dedication TBD

* * * Share Your Photos on Flickr * * *



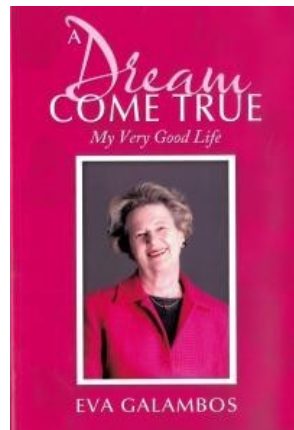
Photos from our first annual spring Gala Cirque du Spring are here. Take a look and add your own, and stay tuned for the announcement of the 2012 ArtSS gala date and location!

[VIEW PHOTOS ON OUR PHOTO ALBUM PAGE](#)

*** ARTSS Members Gather for Mayor's Book Signing Event ***

Last month, Art Sandy Springs (ArtSS) members gathered with art enthusiasts and community leaders for a book signing and special night with Sandy Springs Mayor Eva Galambos to hear about her new book, *[A Dream Come True - My Very Good Life](#)*.

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ArtSS co-founder Jan Collins gets her book signed by Mayor Galambos.

* * * ArtSSpring 2012 Planning Already Under Way! * * *



Planning is already under way for a dazzling **ArtSSpring 2012** next April and May! Look for many exciting events to be announced in upcoming months for this month-long early spring celebration of the arts in Sandy Springs.

We are delighted to announce that **ArtSSpring 2012** will kick-off with the wildly popular **Courtenay Collins** Cabaret at Sandy Springs' **Act 3 Productions**. **ArtSSpring 2012** will close with an **ArtSS Spring Gala**, a razzle-dazzle celebration of art and music in the community.

Visit our Photo Album Web Page to view photos from last year's **ArtSSpring** festivities, and please feel free to add your own!

Be sure to periodically check the **ArtSSpring page** of the **ArtSS website** for updates.

* * * Home Depot and City Make Big Plans * * *
for ARTSS Planters on Roswell Road



ArtSS member Joan Plunkett adds to the beauty of the planters on Roswell Road.

ArtSS is very appreciative of Mayor Eva Galambos and the City of Sandy Springs for their support in arranging for **OpTech** to water our beautiful planters on Roswell Road.

Enjoy our handsome, flourishing planters as Cyndee Lucia, the horticulturist at the **Peachtree Dunwoody Home Depot**, adds a wide arrangement of flowers and greenery -- all generously donated by Home Depot -- to all 32 of our planters.

All planters now have sponsors, including our final three sponsors **The Sally and Peter Parsonson Foundation** at Comwell Square and **The Sandy Springs Shopping Center**, as well as **Cynthia and Jerre Swann** at Cromwell Square.