

First ArtWorks! Gwinnett Awards List of Nominees
For Time Period of Dec. 1, 2010 – Dec. 1, 2011

Artist (working artist in any discipline)

Winner: Vickie Johnson, visual artist

Honorable Mention: Latifah Shakir, visual artist

Other Nominees:

Ashley Jones, actress

Brandon McCormick, filmmaker

Chuck Mason, actor

John Laszlo, actor

Lee Bivins, visual artist

Mavis Stevens, visual artist

Max K. Grimm, poet

Theresa Kelly, actress

Vernon Smith, visual artist

Arts Educator (K-Higher Ed)

Winner: Robert Andrews, Gwinnett County Schools

Honorable Mention: Debi West, North Gwinnett High School

Other Nominees:

David Cook, Georgia Gwinnett College

Heidi Creed, Glenn C. Jones Middle School

Kay Fairchild, Lakeside High School & Pope High School & Emory University

Marie Thomas, Brookwood High School

Marissa Yurko, W.C. Britt Elementary School

Arts Ensemble or Collective (non-profit arts ensemble or collective)

Winner: The OTC Comedy Troupe

Honorable Mention: New Dawn Theater Company

Other Nominees:

Northeast Atlanta Ballet

Arts Leader (individual in non-profit arts)

Winner: Teresa Osborn, Executive Director, Hudgens Center for the Arts

**Honorable Mention: Denise Brinson, Economic & Community Development Manager, City of Suwanee,
Suwanee Public Art Committee & SculpTour**

Other Nominees:

Ann Carol Pence, Associate Producer, Aurora Theatre

Anthony Rodriguez, Producing Artistic Director, Aurora Theatre

Jennifer Gordon, Northeast Atlanta Ballet

Mark Knott, Owner, Suwanee Clayworks Studio & Visual Art Instructor, Creative Enterprises, Inc.

Sherry Ingbritsen, Artistic Director & Board President, New Dawn Theater Company

Vernon Smith, Visual Art Instructor & Ceramics Studio Manager, Hudgens Center for the Arts

Arts Presenter (non-profit organization presenting arts of any discipline)

Winner: Aurora Theatre

Honorable Mention: Gwinnett Ballet Theatre

Other Nominees:

Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center
New Dawn Theater Company
Suwanee Performing Arts

Creative Business (commercial, for-profit creative enterprise)

Winner: Accent South Media

Honorable Mention: Mighty 8th Media

Other Nominees:

Biscardi Creative

Luv for Art

Treesounds Studio

Zephyr Music, Inc.

Arts Partnership (at least one partner must be an artist or non-profit arts organization)

Winner: Barefoot in the Park and Various Artists and Community Partners

Honorable Mention: Hudgens Center for the Arts and Gwinnett County Library

City of Duluth and Duluth Fine Arts League

City of Norcross and Norcross Arts Alliance

Georgia Gwinnett College and Aurora Theatre

Suwanee City Council and Suwanee SculpTour

Community Arts Program (open to schools, festivals, libraries, municipalities, neighborhood and arts associations, economic development programs, non-arts non-profits and Community Improvement Districts)

Tie Winner: Gwinnett Public Libraries Arts Programs

Tie Winner: Suwanee SculpTour

Honorable Mention: North Gwinnett Arts Association

Other Nominees:

Barefoot in the Park

Duluth Fine Arts League

Gwinnett Ballet Theatre

New Dawn Theatre Camp Program

Norcross Arts Alliance

Corporate Arts Citizen of the Year - Individual (Time Period - Dec. 1, 2010 – Dec. 1, 2011)

Two Honorees:

- 1- **Karen Fine Saltiel**, Executive Vice President, Primerica Financial Services; President, Primerica Foundation; and Board Member, ArtWorks! Gwinnett
- 2- **Theresa Bullock**, Owner and Corporate Officer, Metro Waterproofing, Inc. and Chair, Aurora Theatre Board

Corporate Arts Citizen of the Year- Corporation (Time Period - Dec. 1, 2010 – Dec. 1, 2011)

3 Honorees

Small Business Category - Chocolate Perks

Mid-size Business Category - *Gwinnett Daily Post*

National Business/Big Business Category - Primerica Foundation

Arts Volunteer of the Year (Time Period - Dec. 1, 2010 – Dec. 1, 2011)

Winner: Holley Calmes

Honorable Mention: Charlie Riehm

Other nominees:

Cynthia Sutt

Stan Hall