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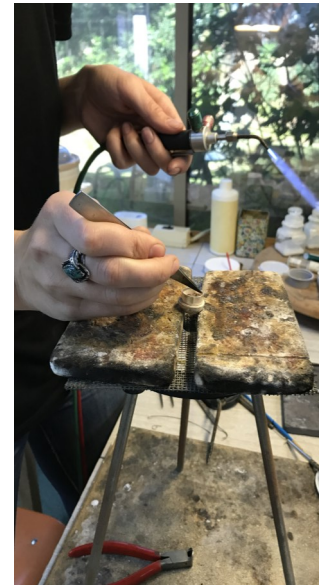
Local Business Spotlight: Dreamcat Studio



[Dreamcat Studio](#) founder and lead instructor, Christina Taylor, has been on a lifelong journey to learn all she can about metalwork. She started her career as a production assistant for a fashion line, and with continued education and fortunate opportunities, she found herself at a jeweler's bench setting gorgeous gemstones and designing custom pieces in Portland, Maine. Christina holds a B.F.A. from the Savannah College of Art and Design and a M.Ed in Art Education from Martha Berry College.

At the [Savannah Entrepreneurial Center](#), Christina enrolled in the "Entrepreneurship 101" and "Marketing Your Business 101" classes to hone her business skills. In addition to the knowledge and experience of the course instructors, Christina was impressed by the [selection of classes](#) to help small businesses and emerging entrepreneurs.

For more information or to book a workshop, visit [Dreamcat Studio](#) online. To browse Christine's unique work, check out her [Etsy](#) shop or visit the [Savannah Arts Association Gallery](#) located on Chippewa Square at 232 Bull Street.



Business News



[Request for Proposals Community Partnership Program](#)

The City of Savannah is seeking to purchase programs and services to be provided under the Community Partnerships Program (formerly the Social Services Grants Program) for fiscal year 2018. The City is seeking proposals that assist in achieving the goals and priorities identified in the City's Strategic Plan to benefit the residents of Savannah.



[City Partners with Edgemere-Sackville to Launch Savannah Shines](#)

The City of Savannah launched a new program to help improve the quality of life for its citizens. Savannah Shines is a multifaceted, coordinated approach to neighborhood revitalization and will address four areas: Private Property, Public Property, Public Safety, and Community Engagement. A kickoff ceremony was held on August 11.




[Rousakis Riverfront Plaza Celebrates 40 Years](#)

For many visitors and residents alike, it's hard to image River Street without Rousakis Riverfront Plaza. Since its dedication in 1977, the half-mile long plaza, named for former Mayor John P. Rousakis, has given visitors a unique view of the historic buildings along the street and a front row seat to the massive cargo ships that glide up the Savannah River.


Healthy Savannah

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[Healthy Savannah](#) is dedicated to making Savannah a healthier place to live. During the summer of 2007, Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson launched the Healthy Savannah initiative with an aim to increase opportunities for citizens to engage in physical activity and consume a nutritious, balanced diet.

Healthy Savannah is now accepting applications for their [Mini Grant](#) program which intends to fund proposals that result in sustainable environmental and/or policy change that promotes physical activity or improves nutrition. For more information or to apply, visit [Healthy Savannah](#) online.

Upcoming Events

[Upcoming Business Courses and Workshops](#)

Savannah Entrepreneurial Center

[1 Million Cups at The Creative Coast](#)

Wednesday, August 16, 9:00am
Bull Street Labs, 2222 Bull Street

[Small Business Financing Forum](#)

Friday, August 25, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Bull Street Labs, 2222 Bull Street

[South of Derenne Association Luncheon](#)

Wednesday, September 6, 11:30am-1:00pm
Barnes Restaurant, 5320 Waters Avenue

[The Chamber Power Hour](#)

Tuesday, September 12, 11:30am-1:00pm
Savannah Morning News Auditorium

[Hispanic Heritage Parade and Festival by the Savannah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce](#)

Saturday, September 16, 10:00am-12:30pm
Historic Downtown and Savannah Civic Center

Featured Resource: Economic Opportunity Authority



Economic Opportunity Authority
For Savannah-Chatham County Area, Inc.

The [Economic Opportunity Authority for Savannah-Chatham County Areas, Inc.](#) (EOA) is a private non-profit agency created by joint resolution of the City of Savannah, Chatham County Commission, and the Board of Public Education in 1964. The EOA strives to provide community-based services to empower local citizens to attain economic independence and a higher quality of life. The organization is known for its collaborative effort as an agent for social change and its leadership of anti-poverty programs in Savannah and Chatham County.



The EOA Board of Directors, Mrs. Ruby Lipscomb, Chair, has a new vision to move the organization forward by changing lives, one family at a time. EOA programs are available to assist low to moderate income residents of Savannah and Chatham County. Such programs include: Head Start/Early Head Start, Employment, Job Training and Development, Home Buyer Education Classes and Counseling, Foster Grandparent Program, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Tom D. Austin House/Homeless Services, Peeler House for Veteran Families, SRO Housing Services, Energy Assistance, Payee Program, Computer Learning Lab, and many more.

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“To facilitate economic development activities that foster a strong local economy, spur business and job growth, and provide for a better quality of life in Savannah.”