

Rotary

Club of Homewood



Homewood Keynotes 03.07.2024

Speaker

Steve R. Skipper

Internationally Renowned Artist
2023 Sports Artist of the Year

Steve Skipper is one of America's most prolific and honored artists. His works have hung in the Professional Football Hall of Fame, the U.S. Capitol, the International Motorsports Hall of Fame, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the Paul W. "Bear" Bryant Museum, the National Art Museum of Sport, NCAA headquarters, and many other venues nationwide. They also grace the walls of private collectors and sports icons worldwide. Additionally, his inspirational Christian art has been purchased by and inspired thousands, and he has been commissioned to do numerous important historical and Civil Rights works.

But there is so much more to this highly talented artist's story. First, though praised for his technical skill and creativity, he is entirely self-taught. Secondly, he became one of the first African Americans to gain acceptance and financial success in the art world. Even more amazing is the fact that this gentle, soft-spoken man was once a member of a violent street gang, its chief enforcer, the fierce collector of drug debts.

The big transformation in Steve Skipper's life--one that almost certainly saved his life--came at a simple church revival service, one he attended on a dare, more to mock than to listen. There, he experienced a deeply religious experience that altered his self-destructive path completely. He left the gang the very next day, even though that almost certainly meant death.

Now, at the command of God, he has embarked on a new and even more important artistic path. Today, with Steve Skipper's message, his success, and his talent, he inspires millions. And now, with this powerful documentary film, his amazing, true story and his powerful testimony will reach even more who so desperately need to hear his message of determination, salvation, strength through Christ, and deliverance from the demons that hold them back.

With no formal training, Skipper openly gives credit to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for his gifts and for every opportunity that he has been given. An ex-gang member and drug addict, Skipper was transformed into an internationally respected fine artist. Specializing in oils, pastels, acrylics, and pencil, his style of super-realism requires thousands of easel hours per painting.

Over the years, he has also mastered the science of Lithography as well as the French method of Giclee Reproduction. Steve continues to accept the challenges placed before him and reach for every goal that God puts in his path, including his current pursuit of historical commissions showcasing the faces of the [fearless leaders of the Civil Rights Movement](#).



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Club Meeting

Homewood
Meets at Homewood
Library Main Auditorium.
Third Thurs service or
social - call 205-566-
8693 for info.
1721 Oxmoor Road
Homewood, AL 35209
Time: Thursday at 12:00
PM

District Leaders

2024 ST PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER

What a fun evening of Celtic music from Hooley, Irish themed buffet and drinks! A huge shout out to all who attended, invited friends to join them, and especially to those who put in many hours beforehand or at the event to make it a successful evening.

So far, it looks like we will exceed last year's funds raised and net proceeds. A few folks still have to settle up, and we have a few auction items still up for grabs. Check them out below - make an offer at our meeting:

Bicycle Helmet from Bob's Bikes - valued at \$120 - can I have a bid of \$50?

Ritual + Shelter Gift Card \$100 - I have a bid for \$40 so far - anyone want to raise it?

Momentaker Portrait Package - valued at \$900 - can I get a bid of \$250?

White Oak Family Dentistry - In-Office/Home Whitening treatment - valued at \$870 - can I get a bid of \$250?

Lakeshore Foundation 1 Year Premium Membership - valued at \$700 - can I get a bid of \$200? Lakeshore is a full-service gym with fantastic pools and classes. A particular favorite amongst seniors. Buy for a relative!

Save the date:

Saturday, 3/9, 9am-noon - Global & District Grant Qualification Training, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Friday 3/22, 9am-noon - club service at Ruffner Mountain - replanting the entranceway

Saturday, 4/5, 9am-3pm - District Training Assembly, Gardendale Civic Center (club pays registration)

Breakouts 1A/1B/1C - 10:10 - 11:20

Secretary & Treasurer Roles & Responsibilities

Youth Services: Interact, RYLA & Youth Protection

Engagement & Membership Leads

Breakouts 2A/2B/2C/2D - 12:30-1:45

Secretary & Treasurer: Status, RI compare & Calendars

Public Image

Developing Successful Fundraisers

Leading Your Club Committees

Birthdays: 3/5 Ben Johnson, 3/8 Crystal Lee, Robert Sprain 3/25, Mary Lou Reynolds 3/25

Club Anniversaries: Mike Hathorne 3/25/1999 - 25 years



Mary Grace
Evans
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Governor

Events

March 7th

Homewood Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Steve Skipper

Subject: Homewood Honoree as Local Artist

March 14th

Homewood Weekly Club Meeting

March 20th

Homewood Club Board Meeting (virtual)

March 21st

Homewood Club Social

March 22nd

Homewood Service Project

March 28th

Homewood Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Chuck Holmes

Subject: Alabama Humanities Alliance

April 4th

Homewood Club Assembly

Speaker: Club Assembly