

Charlotte Art Collective Spring Show arrives April 29

By Nancy Williams

Springtime in Charlotte will soon be here. Mark your calendars for a delightful event! The Charlotte Art Collective Spring Show returns to the Dilworth/Freedom Park area on Saturday, April 29.

Held in the spacious Family Life Center at Avondale Presbyterian Church, from 10am to 4pm, this lively event will showcase a wide variety of distinctive handcrafted art made by artists who live and work in the Charlotte area. Parking is ample and free.

The show provides an opportunity to explore both functional and decorative art – as well as find special gifts for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, graduation, and other occasions – or even treat yourself to art that enriches your own life and home.

The Charlotte Art Collective seeks and offers a mix of high-quality artwork produced by artists who like participating and help make CAC shows enjoyable and inspiring. The upcoming show features painting, printmaking, mixed media art, photography, pottery/ceramic art, a wide variety of handcrafted jewelry, wood art, handmade books, handmade papers, glass art, hand-milled soaps, crafted essential oils, whimsical sculptures of all sizes, and more.

The event introduces new artists along with favorite ones returning – all chosen by a jury of fellow artists.



Attendees to the Charlotte Art Collective Spring Show will be greeted by Amy Hart’s unique garden art sculptures.

CAC Spring Show participating artists include:

Amy Hart – garden art sculptures

Celena Burnett – ceramic mugs and wall hangings

Eva Rizzardi – prints and etchings

Gena Van Dyke – decorative and functional pottery

Hilde Deprez – wooden hand-painted Lazy Susans

Janet Borchardt – fused glass

Janie Jones – handmade glass jewelry

Nancy Fuller – honey hand cream

Nancy Williams – Charlotte photographic notecards and prints

Patrick Robertson – detailed mixed media miniatures

Renee Calder – found art vessels

Rosemary Peduzzi – handmade paper and books

Other artists to be added by exhibition time.

As a continuing tradition, show visitors can participate in a raffle to benefit a local nonprofit organization. This year, the beneficiary is the Youth Group of Avondale Church which will help to further the mission efforts of these young people.

Since 2014, Charlotte Art Collective’s raffles have raised over \$9,000 for area charitable causes, including The Relatives, Dilworth Soup Kitchen, Dilworth School, Freedom School Partners, Charlotte Family Housing, Friendship Trays, and Pat’s Place.

The prizes are baskets full of artwork made by CAC members and participating show guest artists.



Hand-painted wooden Lazy Susans by Hilde Deprez.

The Charlotte Art Collective came into existence in the early 2000s as an informal group for artists to gather, socialize, and present their work. The original collective consisted of seven artists. Today many of the 25 CAC artists are full-time professionals – some of whom are represented in galleries, some of whom teach – and all stay extremely busy working in their own studios.

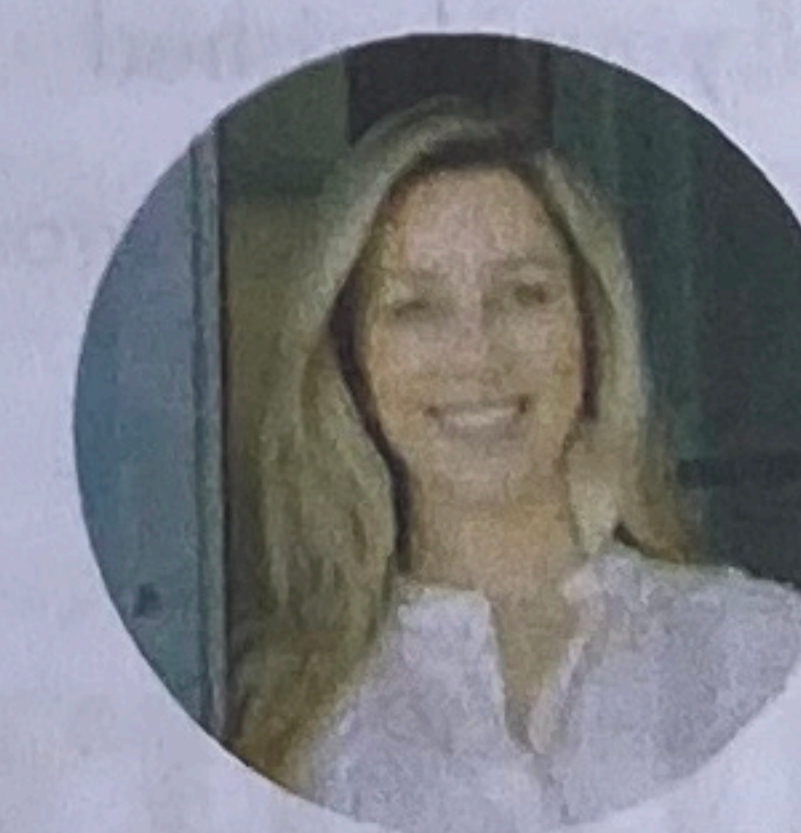
All CAC members are committed to making art and offering it for sale whether that be one-to-one sales, gallery/retail sales, online sales, or a combination of these avenues. Many CAC members have received commissions, some have also received awards in numerous art shows, and some have sold their works to national and international collectors.

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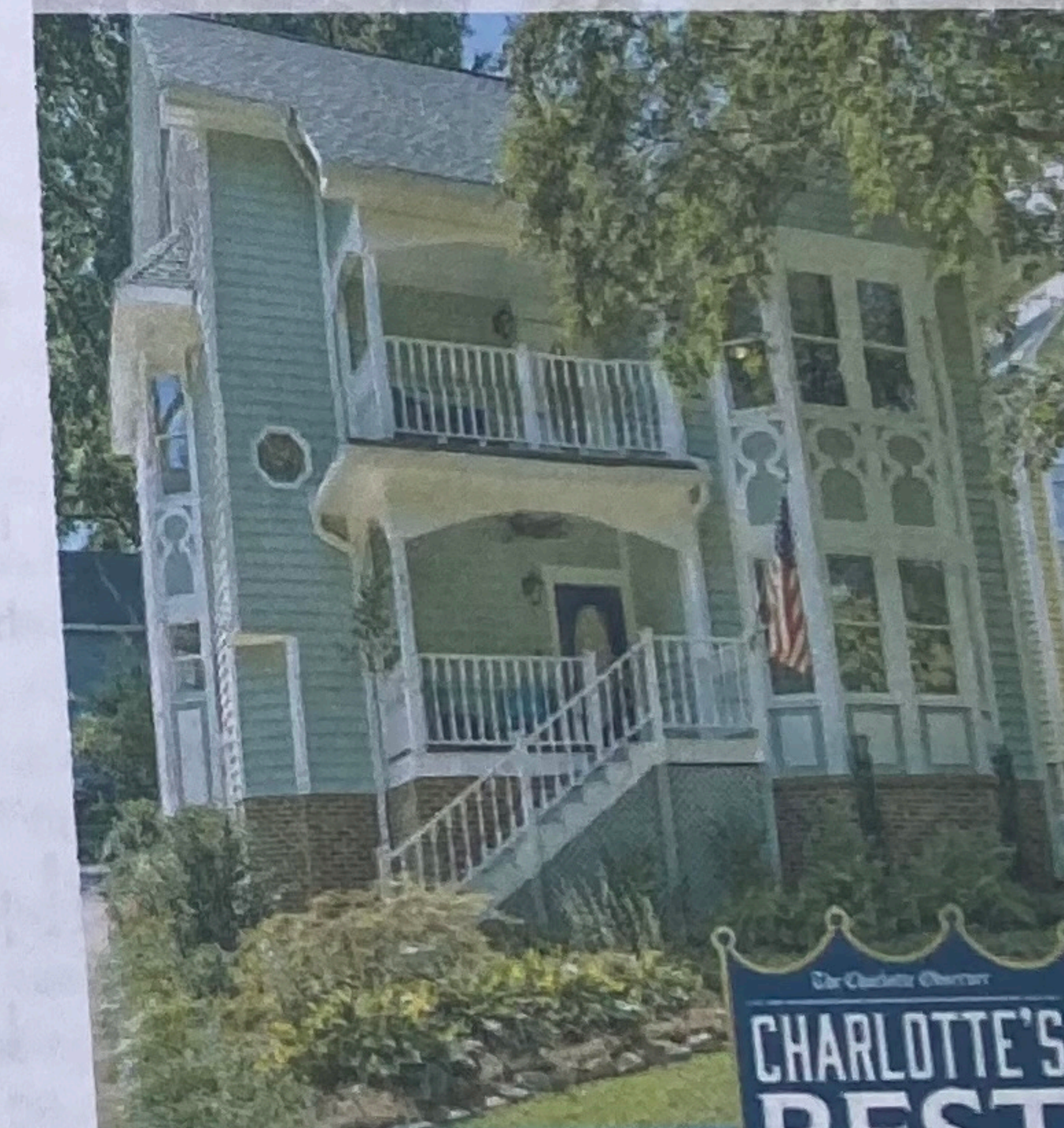
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Gena Van Dyke crafts decorative and functional pottery.

CAC members are excited to make their art accessible to the public through its lively, upbeat, and enjoyable shows. Numerous show visitors have commented that the Charlotte Art Collective Show is one of the best high-end art and craft shows around and not to be missed.

Learn more about the group, the individual artists, and the CAC mission on its website: charlotteartcollective.org and via @charlotteartcollective on both Facebook and Instagram. ■



Discover one-of-a-kind glass jewelry created by Janie Jones.

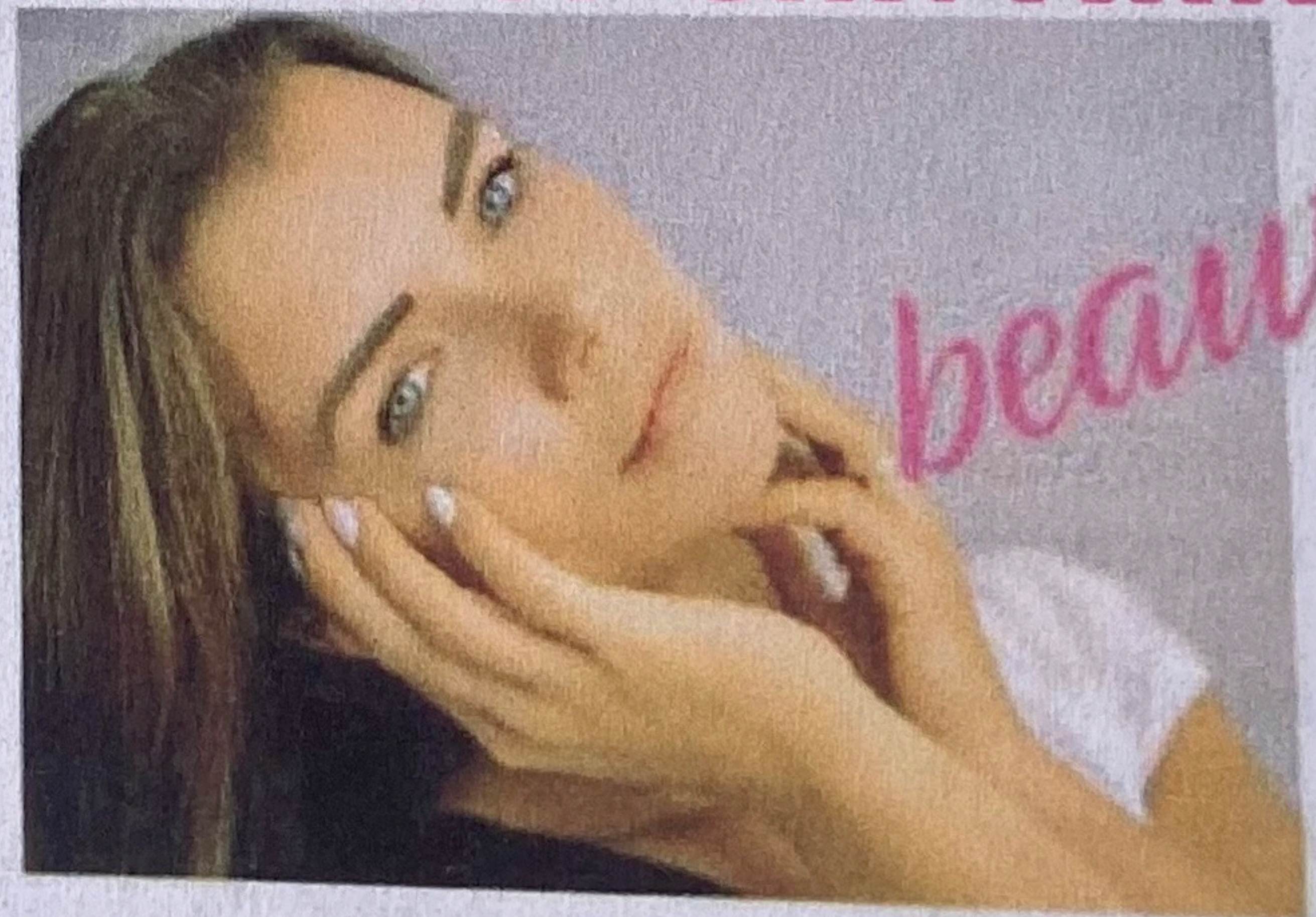
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