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**Pine Lake shows its artistic side**

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Speed traps have long been **Pine Lake's** claim to fame, but lately the tiny town off Rockbridge Road made headlines with a nasty political fight that went all the way to the Georgia Supreme Court.

But the town has another **side**, say supporters: It's an artists' colony.

Painters, musicians, ceramicists and photographers live there, said Judith Weisberg Thomas, a **Pine Lake** councilwoman married to a musician.

"It's a very beautiful community," she said. "And houses are very affordable. It's a bungalow community. People are taking houses which are 50 years old and restoring them."

**Pine Lake** will host an art show at the city clubhouse off Rockbridge between Memorial Drive and Hairston Road, from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The show opens with a catered reception and features more than a dozen local artists, most with work for sale.

Decatur tour of homes. Another DeKalb city, Decatur, has **its** annual Holiday Candlelight Tour Friday and Saturday, featuring seven homes and three other points of interest. Decatur also can boast a heavy **artistic** presence.

One stop is the old federal building and post office, now the studio and offices of Terri Teague Photography. The interior, gutted during restoration, now has "a New York loft feel" with a 20-foot ceiling, floor-to-ceiling windows and hardwood floors.

Also featured is a newly renovated warehouse at 508 E. Howard Ave. with 2,000 square feet of gallery and classroom space and 7,000 square feet of studio space. A former furnace factory, the warehouse is the brainchild of Deborah Miles.

At the Beacon Hill artist studio at 125 Electric Ave., 17 artists will display everything from pottery to porcelain to jewelry.

Tickets, which are \$10, can be bought at any tour spot or, in advance, at the following locations: Maud Baker Flower Shoppe, 250 W. Ponce de Leon; Final Touch Gallery and Books, 308 W. Ponce; By Hand South, 112 E. Ponce; Seventeen Steps, 205 E. Ponce; and Rice's on the Square, 111 Sycamore St. Information: 371-8386.

Popular job. Five candidates are now vying to be sheriff of DeKalb County. Martin Brown, a 14-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, is the latest candidate. A captain, he worked closely with the building of the new jail and department headquarters. An Army veteran and former dental technician, he joined the department in 1981 as a guard in the old county jail. He later worked in inmate rehabilitation and jailer training. The election to replace Pat Jarvis, who resigned to take a state job, will be held March 5.

PRISM'S birthday. Pride Rings in Stone Mountain (PRISM), a coalition of business and community groups aiming to revive the Memorial Drive area, is a year old this month. It now

boasts involvement by some 200 neighborhoods and recently was asked to expand **its** efforts to the Avondale Mall area.