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Robert and Susan Doyle stand beside their 1959 remodeled Corvette as part of the Coastal Corvette Association's car show.

Sidewalk show brings artists, cars to Landings

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The streets became lined with dozens of booths as artists descended upon Skidaway Village Walk near The Landings on Skidaway Island with their wares and crafts for The Landings Art Association's annual show and sidewalk sale.

This year's show was bigger and better, according to co-organizer Peggy Hale.

"This year, we invited artists from all over the Lowcountry," said Hale. "Our show will include work in fine art, graphics, jewelry, clay, glass, metal, wood, textiles, leather and photography."

In the past, the sidewalk show and sale were used to showcase the artists that call Skidaway Island home.

"We have quite a large group of artists that live out here," Hale said. "But we want

to expand our shows to include anyone who would like to exhibit."

The association is hoping to join up with other art associations in the area to further expand their shows.

"People regard The Landings as insular," Hale added. "We are trying to make it more off-island for everyone to participate and enjoy. We are hoping to encourage more Savannah artists to come and show with us."

More than 50 exhibitors participated in the Oct. 27 event, including one of the Landings Art Association favorites, Paulette Cliff. Cliff also hosts various workshops keeping in the theme of expansion.

"I love bringing outside artists in, like a fellow we had that came from China. We also have some very talented artists that do our workshops that come up from Florida. Anyone can attend these workshops and get



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Visitors lined Skidaway Village Walk for The Landings Art Association and Smith Brothers IGA's Fall Festival.

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a new perspective on a variety of mediums."

Also featured was a Coastal Corvette Association show, with cars ranging from just out of the 2007 showroom to vintage remodels. One team, the Doyle family, which consists of Robert, Susan and their son Ian — all Corvette enthusiasts — decided they wanted to restore a 1950s-era model. Finding one proved difficult. They found a 1959 model in Indiana, but it was in pretty bad condition.

"It took us six years to get it back up to showroom quality," Robert Doyle said. "Through the years, it was like going on a treasure hunt finding original parts and photos on how this model once looked. The restoration was lengthy, but worth it."

In addition, Smith Brothers IGA sponsored the event and provided a festive atmosphere with the help of the Rotary Club, which served barbecue plates with



Artwork, such as David Ryden's pallet-knife paintings, filled the street.

all the fixings and barbecue butts and ribs to take home and a raffle for vacation destinations. Children enjoyed a "Moon Bounce" and a ride on an antique fire engine. The LOCOS motorcycle enthusiasts also were in attendance displaying their bikes. In addition, the Village Library again offered a wide selection of discounted books.