Frances D. Tate, a local artist, grew up in Decatur, Alabama, attended local public schools and graduated from Athens State with a degree in psychology. As a dedicated community leader and advocate, she worked for over 35 years in the telecommunications industry. After retiring, Frances pursued a passion for art and painting. But soon after retirement, Frances was approached to become an equipment auditor for independent telephone companies throughout the United States. This job afforded Frances the opportunity to travel extensively to many cities and even Indian reservation. During her many assignments, some lasting for several weeks in one location, Frances was enlighted on how many communities preserved and promoted community heritage and legacies. From that enlightment, Frances was inspired to return home after leaving the auditor's position to begin reviving her community legacy in Old Town Decatur.