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## City of North Charleston, SC

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storyteller, and visual artist and is perhaps best known for bringing Gullah culture to national and international television audiences through Nick Jr's Gullah Gullah Island. Her paintings have been featured in solo and group exhibitions throughout the state. Together with her husband, Ron, she was awarded South Carolina's prestigious Order of the Palmetto in 1996 and the 1997 State of South Carolina Folk Heritage Award.

Local artist Linda D'Elia will present *Child's Play*, a series of oil paintings using vibrant, fresh color to explore the everyday wonderment of a child's life. D'Elia's works capture kids, big and little, playing, experimenting, and discovering, with the hope that viewers may recognize moments from their own lives or from those of their children. "I started out painting landscapes, but found that unsatisfying. I enjoy painting still life, but have found my true love is in exploring figurative art, specifically children," she says. "Luckily I have many willing subjects in my great nephews and nieces."

D'Elia began painting in 2003 following a life-changing event. Although hesitant at first, encouragement from a friend pushed her to pursue this new passion. She studied at the Austin Museum of Art School, Williamson County Art Center and Scottsdale

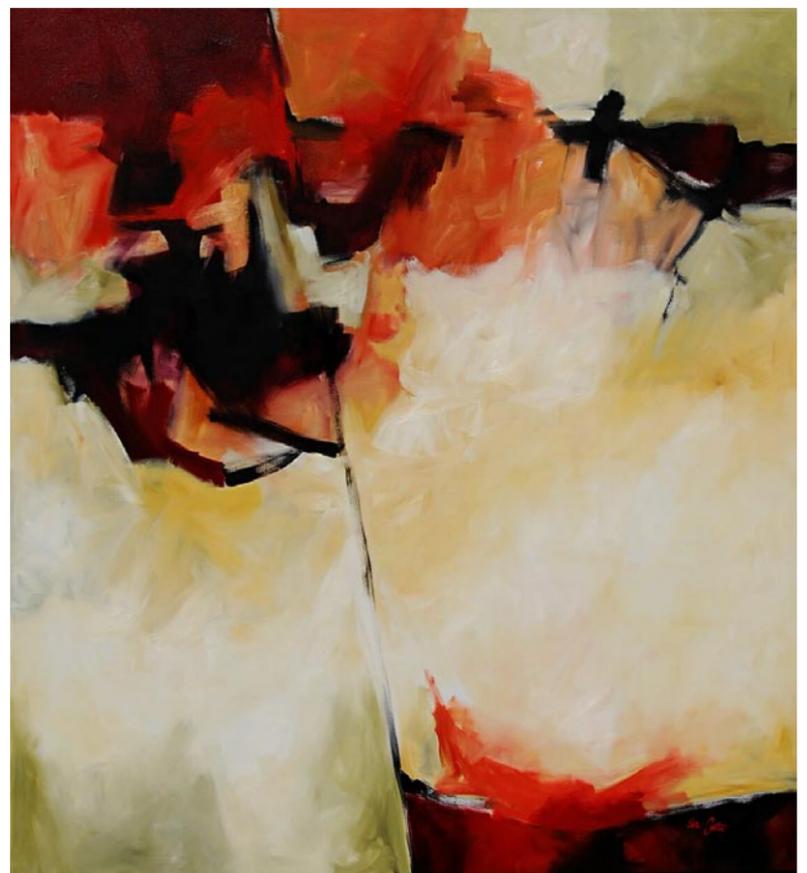


Work by Linda D'Elia

Artist's School and her work has been juried in to various shows in Texas, where she previously resided. Her work can be seen locally at the Charleston Art Guild Gallery in Downtown Charleston. D'Elia currently lives and paints in North Charleston, SC.

The North Charleston City Gallery is situated in the common areas of the Charleston Area Convention Center, located on Coliseum Drive in North Charleston. The gallery is staffed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday only. Inquiries regarding the artists or purchase information may be directed to the North Charleston Cultural Arts Department at 843/740-5854.

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