

Pickens County Museum of Art

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mission, which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

For further information check our SC

Institutional Gallery listings or call the Museum at 864/898-5963.

Spartanburg Art Museum Offers Works by Tarleton Blackwell

The Spartanburg Art Museum (SAM), located in the Chapman Cultural Center in Spartanburg, SC, is hosting the exhibit *The Hog Series*, featuring paintings by the popular South Carolina artist Tarleton Blackwell, on view through Feb. 16, 2013. The exhibition features 20 paintings of hogs in unique settings.

The Hog Series began more than 28 years ago, while Blackwell was a graduate student at the University of South Carolina. It has evolved into an ongoing suite of approximately 290 works on paper and canvas. This series explores the rich iconography of the rural southeastern United States, incorporating elements of art history, children's tales, persistent stereotypes, and even commercial imagery.

As a native of Manning, SC, Blackwell's visual world is populated with hog farms, opossums, foxes, roosters, wolves, pit bulls, and cats but also with images inspired by his experiences as an art educator, embalmer/funeral director, and as a devoted fan of the 17th Century Spanish School of painting.

The essence of *The Hog Series* is related to the series of worked crate by Diego Velasquez (1599-1660), depicting the court jesters and dwarves of King Philip IV. The



Work by Tarleton Blackwell

court painter portrayed the subjects as equal to their master. Blackwell has focused on portraying hogs with the underlying theme of dignity and respect, while at the same time revealing and sharing some of his past personal experiences.

SAM is located on St. John Street in Spartanburg. It is a regional museum promoting the visual arts by supporting creative educational programming; sponsoring diverse exhibitions; and providing appropriate places for outreach opportunities.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call 864/582-7616 or visit (www.spartanburgartmuseum.org).

Artists Guild Gallery of Greenville in Greenville, SC, Offers Jewelry for the Holidays

The Artists Guild Gallery of Greenville in Greenville, SC, will present a special exhibit of jewelry for the Holidays by local artists, on view from Dec. 1 - 31, 2012. A reception will be held on Dec. 7, from 6-9pm.

Local jewelers participating include: Gerda Bowman, Colleen Brown, Patricia Colsher, Suzie Grant, Stella Grove, Jennifer Henderson and Eileen Piccoli. They are all making exquisite pieces of handcrafted jewelry from beaded work to hand-blown glass pieces, silversmithing to beautiful gems and wire-wrapped minerals. What perfect gifts for loved ones or yourself! Come and see these fashionable and unique pieces of wearable art at the Artists Guild Gallery through the whole month of December.

Charlie Slate will also be joining us again

this year with her elegant collection of Shibori and block-printed silk scarves and holiday wraps. What a great opportunity to find unique gifts for Christmas this year!

Also on hand will be works by the gallery's member artists: Nancy Barry, Dottie Blair, Laura Buxo, Gerda Bowman, Dale Cochran, Robert Decker, Kathy DuBose, Edith McBee Hardaway, Chris Hartwick, Kevin Henderson, Randi Johns, Diarmuid Kelly, John Pendarvis and David Waldrop. Consignors: John Auger, Don & Sharon Boyett, Kathryn W. Copley, Jennifer Henderson and Stuart Lyle.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 864/239-3882 or visit (www.artistsguildgalleryofgreenville.com).

Some Exhibits That Are Still On View

Our policy at *Carolina Arts* is to present a press release about an exhibit only once and then go on, but many major exhibits are on view for months. This is our effort to remind you of some of them.

The Columbia Museum of Art in Columbia, SC, is presenting the exhibit, *Face Jugs: African-American Art and Ritual in 19th-Century South Carolina*, which showcases a collection of African-American face vessels, on view through Dec. 8, 2012.

The Columbia Museum of Art is presenting a very rare exhibition this fall featuring early African-American face jugs, all of which were made in South Carolina in the 19th century. This is the first exhibition in nearly 30 years to bring together a collection of this African-American pottery. Objects in the show come from private and public collections, including the McKissick Museum of the University of South Carolina, the New-York Historical Society, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, among others.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Museum at 803/799-2810 or visit (www.columbiamuseum.org).



Work by Mike and Patz Fowle, First Place Award

The Florence Museum in Florence, SC, is presenting the 2012 *Pee Dee Regional Art Competition*, on view through Dec. 16, 2012. The *Pee Dee Regional* is the oldest continuing art competition in the state and is presented by the Florence Museum Board of Trustees. This year's judge was Jane Allen Nodine, artist, Professor of Art and director of the Curtis R. Harley Gallery at the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, SC. First place in this year's competition was awarded to Mike and Patz Fowle of Hartsville, SC, for their metal sculpture, *Armor-dillo*.

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NOV 6 - DEC 29, 2012

JIM HARRISON:
Scenes of the South



NOV 13 - FEB 16, 2013

TARLETON BLACKWELL:
The Hog Series

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