### Wilmington Art Association

# The Premier Visual Arts Organization of the Cape Fear Coast

Annual Juried Spring Show and Sale
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Monthly Member Meetings (2nd Thurs of month) and Socials
Member Discounts

Field Trips, Paint-Outs, Lectures and Demonstrations

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APRIL Spring Juried Art Show
MAY Silver Arts Juried Art Show
JUNE Budding & Blooming Art Show







Membership is open to artists & art lovers alike

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## Jacksonville Council for the Arts in Jacksonville, NC, Offers Student Exhibit

The Jacksonville Council for the Arts in Jacksonville, NC, will present the *37th Annual Middle & High School Art Competition*, on view in the Bradford Baysden Gallery, from Mar. 1 - 27, 2015. A reception will be held on Mar. 8, from 2-4pm.

Our gallery is gearing up for the most anticipated exhibition of the year - the only county-wide art contest available to all middle and high school students in Onslow County, NC.

This show is noted for its originality, colorfulness and innovation; an eye into the soul of a young artist. For thirty-six years we have been dazzled by the creative and unique talents of the students. Many of the students have their work selected each year, so we are able to follow their development. Our young artists often continue their studies through college and go on to successful careers in art. How do we know? Many return to share their successes with us years later!

Art Departments of all schools - public,



A view of last year's show.

private and base are invited to pre-select and enter eight pieces of student work; home schooled students are invited to enter their work as well. The show will be judged by Robert R. Wallace, artist from Hampstead, NC.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 910/455-9840 or visit (http://www.jaxarts.com/).

### Fine Art at Baxters Gallery in New Bern, NC, Features Works by Susan B. Hecht

Fine Art at Baxters Gallery in New Bern, NC, will present an exhibit of works by painter Susan B. Hecht, on view from Mar. 13 through Apr. 20, 2015. A reception will be held on Mar. 13, from 5-8pm.

Although Hecht started her career in advertising and graphic design, she eventually found her way into the fine art world. She works in a variety of media, but mostly concentrates on oils. Her great love of color is reflected in her paintings. Hecht has a bright and cheerful palette and is constantly thinking about the balance of light and dark, color, edges and temperature. She challenges herself to capture her subject in a way that expresses the energy

and emoting of that moment.

Hecht approaches painting, much as she does life, with a sense of playfulness. She says, "With Art, as in life, it is all about the journey. "My goal is to create something beautiful that others can enjoy." "If my paintings bring happiness to them, then I have accomplished my goal."

Hecht has always believed that it is the process of painting that should be the focus; not the painting itself. She likens it to a dance or playing music - you walk away with nothing in the end but the experience. And what a grand experience that can be! Artists are lucky though, they get a bonus

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