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finds great symbolism in a butterfly, a constantly changing creature that grows, sometimes gets stuck for a little, but soon after begins to fly. Her artwork represents this metaphor and together with Gardner, they are able to soar.

Similar to each other, they both have a passion for art and studied it from a young age. Atkinson was brought up around art with her grandmother being an artist and her mother encouraging art on their afternoon get-a ways as a child. She took private art lessons all throughout high school, attended Converse College for two years while concentrating in painting, and received her degree in Commercial Art Marketing and Production from Appalachian State University. While Gardner. earned her BFA from Columbia College, received her MFA from Vermont College of Norwich University, and is now a professor of art and art history at the University of South Carolina Lancaster.

Black Creek Arts is excited to welcome Fran Gardner and Carolyn Moore Atkinson and their works of art in *Serendipity*.

The mission of Black Creek Arts Council is to promote and foster the Arts in Darlington County. BCAC's offices are



Work by Carolyn Moore Atkinson

housed in a state of the art 10,000 square foot facility on West College Avenue in Hartsville, SC. BCAC offers a variety of programs including art classes of all styles, after-school activities, pre-school aged programs, private music lessons, and various types of gallery exhibits. BCAC also offers assistance with arts management, funding, education, and program coordination to arts and cultural organizations in Darlington County.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 843/332-6234 or visit (www. blackcreekarts.org).

## The 2013 ArtFields Exhibit and Competition Takes Place in Lake City, SC - Apr. 19 - 28

Art lovers of all ages will make their way to Lake City, SC, from Apr. 19 – 28, 2013, for ArtFields, the largest arts competition of its kind in the Southeast. This 10-day epic Southern artfest will feature a wide variety of art events, including an art competition, workshops, lectures, talks, public art and more. Most events are free, and ticketed experiences are generally priced \$5 or \$10 per person.

The full calendar may be found at (http://www.artfieldssc.org/attendees/events/).



Main Street in Lake City, photo by Paul Zoeller

The spotlight will be on 400 pieces of two- and three-dimensional artwork selected from artists in 11 Southeastern states. These original works will be exhibited in more than 40 downtown businesses and other venues during the ten days of ArtFields. Competition artists are vying for \$100,000 in total cash prizes. A special twist: attendees vote for their favorite to determine the \$25,000 People's Choice Award, which also factors into the \$50,000 Top Prize.

In addition to the art competition, other events scheduled for the 10 days include: Artist Lecture with Dr. Leo Twiggs; Conversation with Jonathan Green and Mary Whyte moderated by Angela Mack; Artist Talks with Installation Artists of the Carolinas; Public Art; Installation Art of the Carolinas created by Jonathan Brilliant, Jarod Charzewski, Jocelyn Châteauvert and Herb Parker; "Before I Die" Wall allows the public to share their hopes and dreams on a chalkboard in a public space in downtown Lake City; Mini Cine, a mobile movie theatre set inside a refurbished shipping container playing art documentaries and short films by independent filmmakers; Community Mural led by muralists from North and South Carolina; Artfields Portrait Contest with local farmers as the subjects is a highspeed, high-stakes paint-off. The best in



The Green, photo by Paul Zoeller Photography

show will receive \$1,000!; Art workshops (ticketed) in Plein air painting and screen printing; Screen Printing Café guests will be the curator of their own merchandise; Live Painting on The Green; ArtFields After-Dark: Exquisite Corpse Featuring DJ Rocky Horror (ticketed/age 21 and over) which invites attendees to take part in an interactive art project; and Special ticket events, including a Farm to Fork Dinner and a Gospel Lunch at The Market.

In addition to the officially-sponsored events, ArtFields will also feature concerts and live music - including performances from New Orleans' own Rebirth Brass Band and musicians from across the Southeast - a farmers' and artisans' market and al fresco food options from food trucks.



Bean Market, photo by Phereby Rogers

The genesis of ArtFields is contained within the name and the town's rich history of cultivating strawberries, beans and other staples of South Carolina's agriculture. Now, ArtFields is serving as a fertile field for the cultivation of art and culture in one of South Carolina's oldest communities, thanks to the generosity of local sponsors, including the Patron of the Arts IGA.

For information on sponsorship or participation opportunities, contact ArtFields at 843/374-0180 or e-mail to (info@ artfieldssc.org). For more information on art activities, e-mail to (artteam@artfieldssc.org).

E-mail at (info@carolinaarts.com) or call 843/825-3408.



## ArtFields Galley in Lake City, SC, Features Works by Benton Henry

ArtFields Galley in Lake City, SC, will present The Great Harvest: Images of Tobacco Culture & Other Works by Benton Henry, on view through Apr. 12, 2013.

This dynamic exhibit, features local tobacco imagery and other fascinating photographs by Dillon County's Benton Henry, which is sponsored by the Greater Lake City Artists' Guild and the Florence Regional Arts Alliance

Henry's fine art photography has appeared in over 400 magazines and books and the Latta, SC, native has won numerous awards, including from the Gibbes Museum of Art, the University of Missouri, Professional Photographers of America and South Carolina Wildlife Magazine. Henry also travels throughout the Southeast as a commercial/industrial photographer.

The Great Harvest is Benton's second exhibit featuring tobacco imagery. In 2009, Henry partnered with Bruce Douglas and Prince to produce Tobacco Barns of the Pee Dee, a traveling photography exhibit featuring iconic barn images from across eastern South Carolina.

In addition to Henry's fine art photography, signed copies of *The Great Harvest: Remembering Tobacco Culture in the Pee Dee* will be for sale. *The Great Har-*



Work by Benton Henry

vest (book) features Henry's photographs and the writing of Dr. Eldred "Wink" Prince of Coastal Carolina University. The price of the book is \$25.

Established in 1984, the Florence Regional Arts Alliance is a community-based non-profit organization that is committed to preserving, supporting, and promoting the Arts in Florence County. Additionally, FRAA strives to promote and strengthen the arts in the region through its online arts marketing initiative, Pee Dee Arts.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call Sandy Cook at 803/435-3860 or e-mail to (greaterlakecityartistsguild@gmail.com) or contact Bruce Douglas at 843/861-8316 or e-mail to (peedeearts@gmail.com).

## Burroughs-Chapin Art Museum in Myrtle Beach, SC, Features Works by High School Students

The Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum in Myrtle Beach, SC, is presenting 12th Annual Horry/Georgetown High Schools Juried Fine Art Exhibition, on view through Apr. 21, 2013.

Local high-school students have been given the opportunity to win cash prizes,

sale their works and show them in a museum setting.

Cash prizes have been provided by Carolina Radiology Associates, which is sponsoring the event. Prizes will be given for Best in Show in either 2D or

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