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USC Upstate, the Upstate Gallery on Main
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that cultivate an understanding

of art as a discipline, the

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experiences took her in another direction and her artistic career was put on hold. She spent most of her adult life in sales and focused her creative efforts on home improvements, including designing, building, and decorating unique spaces indoors and out.

Eventually, life cooperated and offered up an opportunity for Martin to pursue her dreams. She started with stained glass but soon found herself drawn toward fused glass creations. She searched for instructional resources but finding none, she decided to teach herself. Using online resources, reading, investigation, and most importantly trial and error, she became an accomplished fused glass artist.

"Learning to fuse glass for any real artist is a never-ending learning process because one can never know it all," Martin said. "Success requires consistent hard work and dedication to the art. Trial, error, disappointment, fulfillment - all part of the process. And the true artist will never be just satisfied. The true artist will always strive for and continue to give more."

Martin believes she is a true artist. She has a private studio, Artistic Glass Fusions, in rural South Carolina, where she teaches and creates specialty commissioned pieces. Retired, she and her husband have lived in South Carolina for the past 12 years. She

has been a member of West Main Artists Co-op for about one year. "I have enjoyed being part in shows in North and South Carolina," she said. "My work is displayed in Mayville, NY, and has been on display in Winnsboro, SC, and Tryon, NC. I was excited to be juried into the ArtFields competition in 2018.

Opening Reception: March 21, 5-8 p.m.

"I enjoy teaching others this art in my studio or sometimes at Tryon Arts and Crafts," she continued. "Commission pieces are especially fun for me; it is making someone else's idea in a finished piece of fused glass.

"I have been working with glass fusing for more than 12 years. I feel I have learned more through my years of trial and error, many fails and much disappointment than I would have by someone teaching me. I started with the basics of bowls, plates, garden stakes, and now enjoy commissions, which challenge my limits. I have turned a white piece of glass into what looks like a tombstone. I still will make a plate but it needs to be some new process that I am learning which I can incorporate into the piece," she said. "Most important, glass isn't as fragile as you think."

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or visit (www.WestMainArtists.org).

University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, SC, Offers Works by Art Education Students

The University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, SC, will present SPARK: Art Education Exhibition, featuring works by Art Education students at USC Upstate, on view in the Curtis R. Harley Art Gallery and FOCUS Gallery, from Apr. 5 through May 10, 2019. A reception will be

held on Apr. 11, beginning at 4:30pm.

The Art Education seniors will be exhibiting works from classes they have taken at USC Upstate, as well as some works they have created on their own. The students that will be featured in this exhibit are: Jessica

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Apple, Gabriela Castillo, Carolina Gonzalez, Tyler Kirby and Julia Doiron.

The works the seniors will be exhibiting is a variety of media from painting, sculpture, and more. This is a way for our Art Education seniors to be recognized not only as teachers, but as working artists. It is also a way to show our students individual personalities and beliefs about art. Each student has worked hard to master the art of teaching, and at the same time has mastered many ways of making art. Each have grown and made their own conjectures on how art should be taught, and are looking forward to sharing their views on art with students of their own.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, contact Gallery Director, Jane Nodine at 864/503-5838 or e-mail at (jnodine@uscupstate.edu).



Work by Jessica Apple

Furman University in Greenville, SC, Offers Works by Graduating Seniors

Art by 12 Furman University graduating seniors will be on display from Apr. 9 through May 11, 2019, in Thompson Gallery of the Roe Art Building on the Furman campus in Greenville, SC. A reception will be held on Apr. 9, from 6-8pm.

In the exhibition entitled, *Énouement*, artists will display a variety of mediums: painting, print making, ceramics, photography, textiles and sculpture. Many works will be available for sale.

The Class of 2019 offers this statement about the exhibition: "Each senior's work references something specific to their personal journey, for example, struggling with depression, overcoming the stages of grief, experiencing the world through their sanctuaries, and relaying stories that focus on the transformative power of imagination and art. The title *Énouement* references each senior's bittersweet longing to tell their past selves how they have navigated the twists and turns of life. Now, in the future feeling the depths of *Énouement*, the seniors tell their past selves how it all turned out and the lessons they



Work by Louisa Bristol

gleaned along the way."

Students displaying work include: Louisa Bristol (Houston, TX); Finley Buchanan Greenville, SC); Katherine Fleet (Memphis, TN); Sophie Harris (Greenville, SC); Corrine Helman (Lewisville, NC); Ezabell Michell (Atlanta, GA); Sarah Murdaugh (Greenville, SC); Campbell Sullivan (Columbia, SC); Aaron Templeton (Knoxville, TN); Olivia White (Sarasota, FL); Anneli Wingertz (Hockessin, DE); and Lauren Zimmerman (Arden, NC).

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