

Main & Maxwell in Greenwood, SC, Features Works by Randi Johns

Main & Maxwell in Greenwood, SC, will present an exhibit of works by its newest Member Artist, Randi Johns of Pickens, SC, on view from Aug. 1 - 31, 2017.

Johns joined the membership gallery in June and has a number of works currently on display. Main & Maxwell is a unique gallery offering a selection of high quality art and handcrafted pieces. It is the intent of the gallery to support our community by featuring locally and regionally produced work and by providing our member artists with a means to grow their craft through our exclusive granting program.

As a child, during the long and dark winters of Denmark, Johns was often found with her nose pressed flat against the exclusive shop windows of inner Copenhagen. Not because of the items on display, but because of the brilliant colors and bright lights. Inadvertently, the colors came to represent her fairytale universe.



Work by Randi Johns, cropped

Ten years later, as a professional draftsman Johns decided to move to the United States and study art and architecture. In 1979, she graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Architecture from a five-year program at the University of Houston. After practicing architecture both in the US and Denmark, related avenues began to present themselves resulting in Johns opening a Fine Art and Design Gallery that featured local and regional artists in Eureka Springs,



Work by Randi Johns

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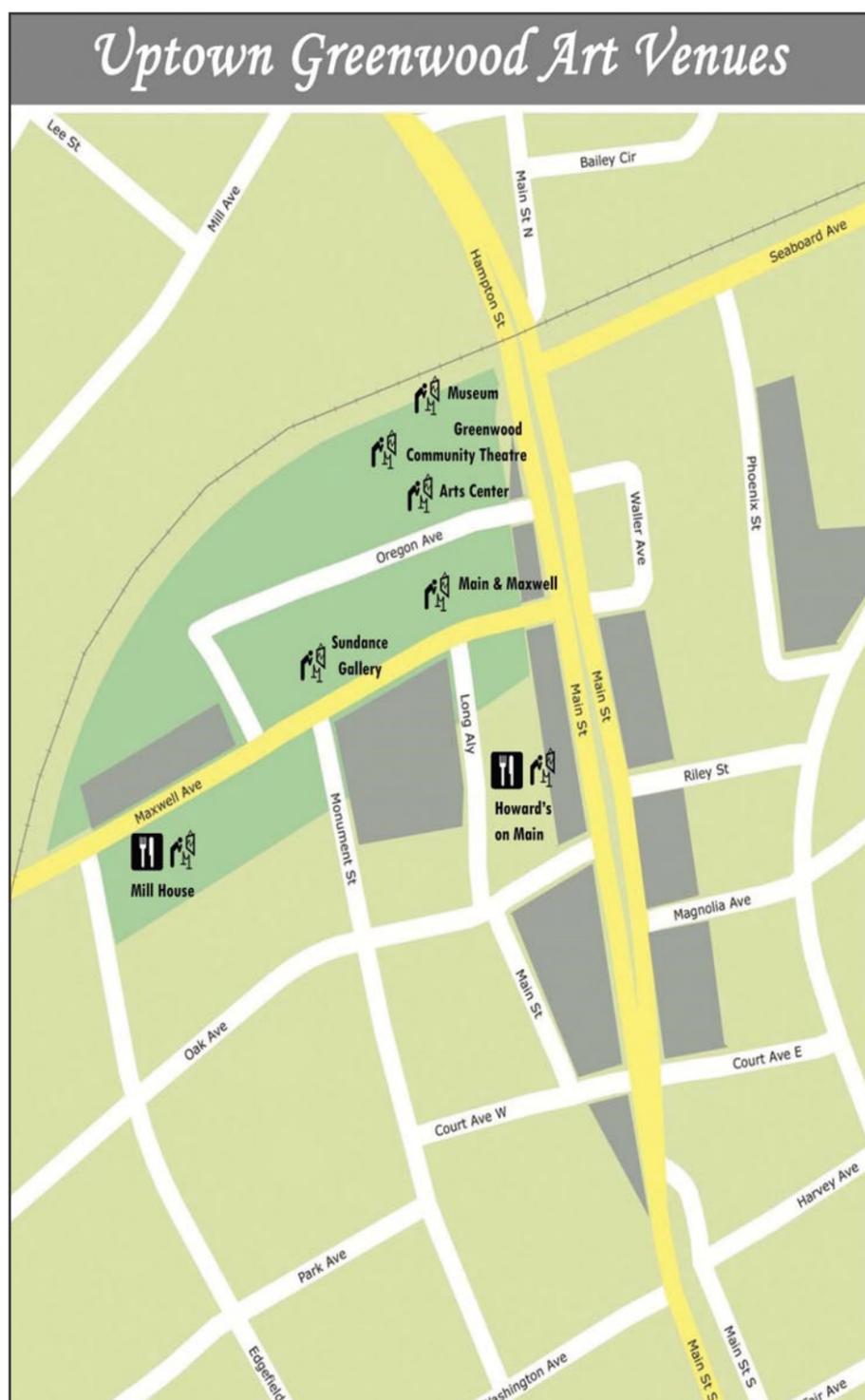
In the constant pursuit of products by gifted artisans for gallery inventory Johns came across an artist colony in Mexico, San Miguel de Allende. San Miguel was like revisiting her fairytale universe of colors which resulted in a one-year sabbatical to this location where she had her first solo shows in Mexico City and San Miguel de Allende.

Eventually life circumstances took her back to Denmark where as a free-lance artist she created interactive murals in institutions with a variety of groups such as developmentally handicapped patients, geriatrics and refugees in a Red Cross refugee center.

For the past decade, Johns has maintained a studio nestled in the woods of the Northwest corner of SC. In 2012, she was elected "South Carolina Artist of the Year" by *Tosca Magazine* of the twin cities. Her most recent work is inspired by the breathtaking scenery of mountains and streams, as well as by the multitude of environments imbedded in her heart and soul from around the world.

Main & Maxwell is located on Main Street in Greenwood, South Carolina, at the intersection of Main and Maxwell.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 864/223-6229 or visit (www.mainandmaxwell.com).



Greenville Technical College in Greenville, SC, Features Works by Paul Yanko

Greenville Technical College in Greenville, SC, will present, *Snap to Grid. Migrate from Center. Deviate and Expand*, featuring works by Paul Yanko, on view at RIVERWORKS Gallery, from Aug. 4 through Sept. 24, 2017. A reception will be held on Sept. 1, from 6-9pm, with a Gallery Talk at 7pm.

This is a single exhibition with a 3 phrase title. Each phrase applies to each of the works in Yanko's exhibition which consists of five works on paper anchored by a site-specific wall mural. The works initiate from a horizontal grid with abstract shapes and images that migrate from the center as they deviate from the grid, with marks that expand to describe texture and record shapes and colors.

Yanko speaks of his grid as "shelving to categorize and organize objects." His works are autobiographical, an amalgam of the visual vocabulary he has been building since childhood in his mother's kindergarten classroom, through his lifelong encounters with art, including Egyptian hieroglyphs, his great grandmother's sampler, and the paintings of Wayne Thiebaud, Paul Klee and Claude Monet. His collection though lyrical and poetic is not just a personal language. Yanko asks, like Monet's haystacks, "for engagement over time, not just an instant read."

Yanko often uses "reveal" in speaking about his process and his completed works. Each phrase in his title refers to an action. He is inviting us to accompany him as his process reveals his images. Beginning First Friday, Aug. 4, Yanko will begin work on his mural in Riverworks Gallery and we can literally accompany him as he reveals those shapes, colors and textures. For subsequent dates and times that he will be painting in Riverworks Gallery, please e-mail to (Eliza-



Work by Paul Yanko

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Yanko teaches in the Visual Arts Department at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities. He holds an MFA in painting from Kent State University and a BFA in illustration from the Cleveland Institute of Art. He has exhibited extensively including the Cleveland Museum of Contemporary Art and the McDonough Museum of Art. Yanko's work is included in the Greenville County Museum of Art as well as many other public and private collections. He has recently completed a public art commission in Columbia, SC, and a local commission, the entry doors and window clings of lululemon athletica store on Main Street.

RIVERWORKS Gallery is operated by and for the faculty and students of the www.riverworksart.com

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