

Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, Features Works by Julie Jones

The Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present *Come Sea Me*, featuring works by local artist Julie Jones, on view in the Art League Gallery, located inside the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, from Oct. 5 - 30, 2021. A reception will be held on Oct. 6, from 5-7pm. Jones will hold two Artist Talks on Oct. 9 and Oct. 20, beginning at 11am. Please RSVP for the reception and talks by e-mail at (gallery@artleaguehhi.org) to prevent overcrowding.

Jones is well-known for her exuberant and colorful paintings of Lowcountry wildlife and scenery, most notably her expressionistic depictions of oysters. Her work has been featured in *Local Life* magazine, and she placed first in Society of Bluffton Artists' 2019 annual juried show. In 2017, she was named Artist of the Year by the Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce.



Work by Julie Jones

"Jones' work is iconic of the Lowcountry," says Kristen McIntosh, Art League General Manager. "It celebrates our unique environment in a bold, playful way. We're excited to showcase such a



Work by Julie Jones

talented local from our own backyard."

Art League of Hilton Head is the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit visual arts organization on Hilton Head Island with a synergistic art gallery and teaching Academy. Art League Academy welcomes artists and students in all media at all skill levels, including true beginners. Taught by professional art educators, students can choose from many art classes and workshops that change monthly.

Art League Gallery features local artwork in all media created by more than 170 member artists. All artwork on display is for sale and exhibits change every month. Located mid-island inside Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, next to the box office.

"Inspiring visual arts for our community and its visitors through exhibitions, education and partnerships" is Art League of Hilton Head's mission.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or call the League at 843/681-5060.

auction. The idea is to elevate this event to showcase Beaufort and its vibrant art community even more.

Most of the galleries will be serving wine and hors d'oeuvres. This will be a relaxing and interesting evening to see art in Beaufort and meet others who appreciate the fine talent we have here.

This is a quote from over 50 years ago in a mid-1970s news article the article author found in her mother's art scrapbook. It is just as true now as it was then:

"Beaufort today is filled with top artists. Some have mentioned earlier; others are Nancy Ricker Webb, Will Causey, Geneva Litchfield, Nan Fisk, and Charles Parnell, but there are too many fine artists to name them all. We have such talent and creative sensitivity in our community!"

They hope you will join them to revive the Lowcountry Art Celebration - Fall ArtWalk. The exceptional talent in their city is what has made Beaufort one of the top 15 art towns in the US with hundreds of local artists adding to this distinction. They



Work by Tricia Gardner

would like to celebrate their art in a big way. They hope to see you Oct. 22.

A list of participating galleries and shops include: Atelier Off Bay, Basecamp Gallery, Beaufort Art Association, Beaufort River Glass, Charles Street Gallery, Coastal Art Supply, Green Herring Framing, I Pinckney Simons Gallery, Legacy Art Gallery, Melissa Lyons, Rhett Gallery, Thibault Gallery, and USCB Center for the Arts.

For more information contact Brenda Litchfield by e-mail at (bcl6163@gmail.com) or call 251/622-1930.

University of South Carolina at Beaufort in Beaufort, SC, Offers Exhibit of Abstract Works

The University of South Carolina at Beaufort in Beaufort, SC, will present *Visual Conversations: Our Voices*, an exhibit of abstract works by artists from three states, on view at the USCB Center for the Arts, on view from Oct. 22 through Dec. 13, 2021. A reception will be held on Nov. 18, from 5-7pm.

Thirty-one accomplished artists from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia joined forces for a special art exhibition at University of South Carolina Beaufort Center for the Arts, located on Carteret Street in Beaufort.

"Rather than render the external world, these 31 accomplished Southeastern artists engaged with their materials and media to say what words alone can not," said Ellen Hathaway, a participating artist.

The artists have decades of experience in mixed media art, many have won prestigious awards and exhibited all over the country.

The name of the exhibit was inspired by how the artist engages with materials and media "to speak or to mirror a feeling that swells from within," according to Penny Beesley, the event coordinator.



Work by Patti Payne

Long before each work hangs on the wall, its creator has moved about that surface with lines, motion, colors and textures. Each artist has engaged in a visual conversation with materials and media. Beesley added, "Once the work was delivered, much reflection went into presenting these works as a whole, taking into account the visual conversations between paintings. Once the doors open, the public will experience these works individually and as a whole."



Work by Donna Varner

When the subject of the art is shape, space, gesture or color, it's difficult to find meaning when there is nothing to understand. Instead, viewers are asked to determine their own meaning of each piece, asking themselves:

- *What kind of conversation might you engage with these paintings?
- *What feelings are evoked when you see the art?
- *Do techniques, color or the handling of the media convey something to you?
- *Does a particular work conjure a memory, recall a dream or desire?

"You'll be fascinated when you look closer at how the artists use and arrange the formal elements and principles of art to create a work that does not represent a physical object, yet can reach in and touch your soul," said Hathaway.

This is how non-objective works become an interpretive experience, for the artist and for the viewer.

Participating artists including: Andrea Baetti, Temme Barkin-Leads, Penny Beesley, Juanita Bellavance, Elizabeth Bernheisel, Judy Blahut, Lance Carlson, Bonnie Carter, Rose Cofield, Annette Crosby, Terri Dilling, Diane Evans, Wynn Foland, Sheila Grabarsky, Ellen Hathaway, Jane Horner, Susan Irish, Paul Kline, Buddy Lahood, Lillie Hardy Morris, Patti Payne, Betty Perry, Nancy Perry, Garnet Reardon, Jennifer Rocco-Stone, Libby Skamfer, Marci Tressel, Linda Tully, Donna Varner, Peggy Vineyard, and Lucy Weigle.

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Beaufort, South Carolina's Fall ArtWalk is Back! - Oct. 22, 2021

After being canceled last year, The Lowcountry Art Celebration has returned in full swing for Friday, Oct. 22, from 4:30 - 9pm. It is Beaufort's 17th ArtWalk, and features 13 galleries and shops downtown. All participating galleries will be displaying an ArtWalk flag so they will be easy to find.

The Lowcountry Art Celebration is the same weekend as the Historic Beaufort Foundation's Fall Festival of Houses and Gardens. These two events will showcase the art and architecture that make their area a famous and distinctive Southern city.

Collectively representing over 400 artists, ArtWalk will showcase Lowcountry talent in a variety of media: oil, acrylic, watercolor, multimedia, fiber, glass, jewelry, pottery, and more. Beginning in May, representatives from the galleries met to plan this event. It is truly a group effort to create advertising, the budget, and demonstrations, along with communicating with individual galleries and the city.



Work by Melissa Lyons

The City of Beaufort has graciously agreed to help with printing and advertising. The city will provide ArtWalk with additional exposure on their website, so it reaches a wide audience in our region.

A new addition this year will be demonstrations at four locations. These will be scheduled on the hour and will last for about 20 minutes. They will be an opportunity to talk with artists and find out how they do what they do. If you have ever had questions about techniques or processes, this is the time to observe and ask.

The lineup of demonstrations has something for everyone! At The Charles



Work by Nancy Ricker Rhett

Street Gallery at 5pm, Georgia Phillips will share her wealth of knowledge about how to select the perfect frame and mat for your original artwork. This is excellent information for artists and collectors, as well as those who would like to improve the look of their art.

Just in time for Halloween, there will be pumpkin decorating for children at Coastal Art Supply at 6pm, with owner Lindsey Eavenson. Children will be guided in the design techniques to create their own orange masterpiece to take home. They will have 40 pumpkins ready for the creative young artists.

At 7pm Thibault Gallery will present a glass demonstration by artist Greg Rawls who will pull glass through a kiln to form glass rods to create glass bowls and plates. This unique technique is interesting and fun to watch.

The final demonstration will be held at 8pm at the Beaufort Art Association. It will be a watercolor painting demonstration by a local artist, James Powley.

Another fun addition this year is two fabulous door prizes. One winner will receive a night at the Cuthbert House Inn Bed and Breakfast and dinner for two at Saltus. Another lucky winner will receive dinner for two at Breakwater. Thanks to these two fine restaurants for their donations to ArtWalk. There will be entry forms at every gallery to increase the chances of winning these desirable prizes. So, visit them all!

Plans for the Spring Lowcountry Art Celebration on Saturday, Apr. 30, 2022, may include a kickoff cocktail party and art

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