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Belton

Belton Center for the Arts, 306 North Main Street, Belton. Through Nov. 5 - "23rd Juried Art Show of the Belton Standpipe Heritage and Arts Festival". A reception will be held on Sept. 25, from 7-9:30pm. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5:30pm & 1st Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 864/338-8556 or at (http://www.beltoncenterforthearts.org/#!exhibits/ cfvg).

Bluffton

Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery/Learning Center, 8 Church Street, corner of Calhoun and Church Street, Bluffton. **Ongoing -** Featuring works in a variety of mediums by over 100 area artists, with all work moderately priced. Changing shows every six weeks. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 11:30am-3pm. Contact: 843/757-6586 or at (www.sobagallery.com).

Camden



"Beverly 'Guitar' Watson", by Susan Lenz

Bassett Gallery, Arts Center of Kershaw County, 810 Lyttleton Street, Camden. Through Nov. 12 - "Blues Chapel," an art installation by internationally recognized fiber artist Susan Lenz. This event is part of the annual Carolina Downhome Blues Festival, a four-day music festival held at multiple venues throughout the city of Camden. Additional details may be found online at (www.fineartscenter.org) or by calling 803/425-7676. About the exhibit: Early female Blues singers lived in a male dominated society, in a segregated country, and worked in an industry that took advantage of their lack of education and opportunity. Physical abuse, drug and alcohol dependence, and poverty plagued most. They struggled, made sacrifices, and sang of their woes. They helped change the world for today's young, black, female vocalists. "Blues Chapel" is an installation inviting visitors to reflect on the music, lives, and the changes brought about by these pioneering vocalists, including Beverly "Guitar" Watkins, who was an annual performer at the Carolina Downnome Blues Festival for many years. Ongoing - The Arts Center of Kershaw County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that brings energy, creativity, and experience of the Arts to all ages. The Arts Center strives to make both the Visual, Music and Performing Arts an integral part of the life of our community. Admission: Free. Hours: closed now due to COVID-19, but varies by exhibit. Contact: 803/425-7676 or at (www.fineartscenter.org).

ronment and performance art/music, this exhibit will aim to connect the dots from historical data and archival information up to the present conditions of the Lowcountry. "Resilient". Local artist Chris "Kolpeace" Johnson will highlight the power of being resilient with this work that recognizes African Americans who have shown strength through adversity including the late local activist Muhiyidin D'baha and Cyntoia Brown, who faced life in prison after being convicted of homicide as a juvenile. These pieces are tributes to memorialize the impactful strength of an unsung hero in the community, engaging the soul and spirit. "The African Origins of Mathematics". Charleston resident and artist Robert "King David" Ross highlights the direct impact Africa has had on modern mathematics in this exhibit. Showcasing the first math instrument, the Ishango bone, the exhibit allows visitors to see the influence Africa has had on every aspect of life. Admission: Free. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm, with guided tours at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, and 3:30pm. Contact: 843/805-5507 or visit (www. cofc.edu/avery).

Charleston Artist Guild Gallery, 160 East Bay St., Charleston. Nov. 1 - 30 - "Awakening," an exhibition featuring a collection of paintings by Cathy Peterson Fuller. A reception will be held on Nov. 5, from 5-8pm. Fuller spent her early years in San Antonio, TX, then returned to Aiken, SC, and attended the University of SC in Columbia, before finally settling down in Charleston. She works in oil and cold wax, acrylic, and mixed media with brush and knife, attributing her love of brilliant color to influences and inspirations from her mother, also an artist, and Georgia O'Keefe. Ongoing - Featuring an exhibit of works by over 80 plus members of CAG who display a wealth of talent in different media including, oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, photography, printmaking & sculpture. The Gallery is also home for the CAG office. Hours: Daily, 11am-6pm. Contact: 843/722-2454 or at (www.charlestonartistguild. com).

City Gallery at Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Waterfront Park, 34 Prioleau Street, Charleston. Through Dec. 19 - "Prototype for a Landscape," an exhibition featuring works by Alice Keeney, Mary Stuart Hall, and Kate Hooray Osmond. The exhibit explores the themes of Power, Transcendence, and Generation within our land. The installation challenges our individualistic perceptions of environment by focusing on the communion we hold with our land and with each other. With over 50 new artworks that range from small black and white photographs to large, bright printwork and gilded paintings, the show reflects a shared humanity and reveals that there is much more to a landscape when we consider the connections beyond what can be seen. Keeney, Hall, and Osmond are giving a permanence to the often ephemeral or invisible structures surrounding us. Due to the ongoing situation related to COVID-19 in South Carolina, City Gallery guests are requested to reserve in advance for free, timed admission online via (www.charleston-sc.gov/ citygallery) or by phone by calling the gallery during business hours. Face masks are required of all guests and staff. Contact: 843/958-6484 or (www.charleston-sc.gov/citygallery).



This exhibition, which debuts at the Gibbes before traveling to venues across the country, also includes pieces created before and after his most direct engagement with abstraction (among these, the figurative collages for which he is most well-known). The exhibition emphasizes the importance of abstraction in the artist's oeuvre, its significant contribution to the overall Bearden narrative and marks the artist's place within the New York avant-garde of the 1950s-60s. Gallery 2 & 3, Through Feb. 20, 2022 - "Light Effects: The French Impressionists". The works of French masters Edgar Degas, Paul Cézanne, Auguste Renoir, Paul Gauguin, and others drawn to the short loose brushstrokes, bright colors, and focus on modern life that became the language of Impressionism are highlighted in this exhibition. Featuring artworks from private collections located across the country, including Charleston, this show is part of the Gibbes collectors' exhibition series and is organized with the assistance of The Fine Art Group. This exhibition is made possible by support provided by Lynch Cracraft Wealth Management of Raymond James; UBS; PURE Insurance, The Cuddy Family; Jack Hoey; Hall and Christine McGee, and Judith Green and Dr. Michael Fritz . Galleries 1, 4, and 5, Permanent Exhibition - "18th and 19th Century American Paintings and Sculpture". American paintings, from colonial portraits to Civil War-era landscapes, occupy the Gibbes Main Gallery. Portraits of leading political, social, and military figures include works by Jeremiah Theus, Henry Benbridge, Benjamin West, Gilbert Stuart, Thomas Sully and Samuel F.B. Morse. The gallery also features landscape and genre scenes by Angelica Kaufmann, Louis Mignot, Eastman Johnson, Conrad Wise Chapman, and William Aiken Walker. The paintings collection is complemented by examples of neoclassical sculpture on view in the Campbell Rotunda, and decorative art objects on loan from the Rivers Collection. Gallery 5, Permanent Exhibition -"Miniature Portraits". The first American miniature portraits were painted in Charleston, and today the Gibbes is home to one of the most prestigious portrait miniature collections in the United States. Containing more than six hundred objects, the collection spans nearly two hundred years and represents the work of over a hundred artists. Small enough to fit in the palm of the hand, these tiny portraits were treasured remembrances of loved ones in the age before photography. Presented in state-of-the-art display cases, and in viewable storage drawers featured miniatures include works by Mary Roberts, Jeremiah Theus, Henry Benbridge, Charles Wilson Peale, Pierre Henri, Edward Greene Malbone, George Engleheart, and Charles Fraser. Gallery 6, Permanent Exhibition - "20th Century American Regionalism and the Charleston Renaissance". At the turn of the twentieth century, American artists looked to their European counterparts and beyond as they developed identifiably American artistic movements. Two particularly strong influences during this time period were French Impressionism and Japanese woodblock prints. Another prevailing theme during this period was the growing interest in American subject matter. American regionalism and social realism played important roles in the development of art in Charleston, which flourished as a destination for artists, particularly during the years of 1915 to 1945 a period now known as the Charleston Renaissance. Gallery 7, Permanent Exhibition - "Modern and Contemporary". Modern and contemporary art in America encompasses a wide range of styles, subject matter, and media. As a whole, the diversity of modern and contemporary art reflects the rich and varied heritage of our nation and the lowcountry region. Works in this gallery were created over the past forty years by artists who are native to the area, who have worked here, or who have created objects that reflect the complex story of the region. The works are grouped to reflect several themes includ ing the southern landscape, the human figure, abstraction, and the legacy of slavery in America. Gibbes Visiting Artist Studios, Session IV, Through Dec. 5 - Daisy McClellan. McClellan, who moved to Charleston in 2020, launched a full-fledged jewelry-making business that took her on tour around the country selling her designs at various boutiques and maker markets. In 2014, she and her husband opened a brick-and-mortar retail shop in San Francisco where they featured over 200 artists and hosted creative workshops. In addition, she designed a clothing collection for women and young children, founded a bi-annual shopping market for local boutiques and worked with several artists on collaborations. The artists utilized century-old traditional techniques like punch needle rug making and sewing in new and creative ways to create functional objects. Striving to spark joy with every creation, she hopes her work can encourage appreciation for lasting handmade craftsmanship. Session IV, Through Dec. 5 - Susan Klein. Klein is an associate professor of art at the College of Charleston. She has shown her work nationally and internationally and is a 2020-2021 recipient of a Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant. While in residence at the Gibbes, she plans to work on mixed media paintings and drawings inspired by her sculptural work.

distinguished career spanned nearly 50 years.

Ideas that influence her work include the way individuals imbue objects with the power to hold memory, how the living is tied to the dead and connections to past and present. Museum visitors will experience the artist working from fired sculptures to paintings in the studio so they can see the connections between two-dimensional and three-dimensional works. Ruth and Bill Baker Art Sales Gallery, Through Dec. 5 - "New Histories: Cut Paper Dioramas by Jen Swearington". Swearington grew up in rural Indiana, drawing since she was little. She studied fine art and art history, earning a BFA in Sculpture from Pratt Institute in 1997 and MFA in Fibers from the Savannah College of Art and Design in 2000, spent a year as Artist in Residence at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, and then settled in Asheville, NC. In 2003, she started sewing original apparel pieces and printing her illustrations on them, founding Jennythreads Studio, by which she has since made an independent, creative living. In 2013, her comprehensive how-to manual, "Printing on Fabric: Techniques with Screens, Stencils, Inks and Dyes" was published by Lark Crafts. Beginning spring of 2018, Swearington traveled abroad for several month-long art residencies in Bulgaria, Mexico, Finland, and Greece. On these adventures, she filled sketchbooks with drawings and created collapsible carousel pop-up books that could travel back in her carry-on suitcase. In March 2020, Swearington relocated to Charleston and continues her creative journey here on the coast as a 2021 Gibbes Museum Visiting Artist. Museum Shop - Now offering the inventory of the Tradd Street Press, reproductions of works by Elizabeth O'Neill Verner amoung other exhibit related art objects. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm . Admission: Yes. Contact: 843/722-2706 or at (www.gibbesmuseum.org).



Namsa Leuba "Untitled I", 2015, 41.34 x 31.5 inches, Fiber pigment print on Dibond Tonköma series, South Africa

Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, The Marion and Wayland H. Cato Jr. Center for the Arts, College of Charleston School of the Arts,161 Calhoun St., Charleston. Through Dec. 11 - Crossed Looks, featuring the first solo US exhibition by Namsa Leuba, a Swiss-Guinean photographer and art director. The show will feature over 90 works from the photographer's projects in Guinea, South Africa, Nigeria, and Benin, and it will premiere new work created in Tahiti. As a photographer working across documentary, fashion, and performance, Namsa Leuba's images explore the fluid visual identity of the African diaspora. With a dual heritage between Guinea and Switzerland, Leuba draws inspiration from her own experience growing up between two different cultural traditions. Leuba's images are influenced by the Animist traditions of her mother's family in Guinea Conakry, and the visual codes of statues, masquerades, and religious ceremonies in West Africa. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11am-4pm; untill 7pm on Thur. and by appt. Contact: 843/953-4422 or at (http://halsey.cofc. edu/exhibitions/).

Charleston

Avery Research Center for African History

and Culture, at the College of Charleston, 125 Bull St., Charleston. **Ongoing -** Exhibits on view include: "Since 1920: Zeta Phi Beta Centennial". The Gamma Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated presents a centennial exhibit filled with the rich history of the sorority in print and paraphernalia. Visitors can see in-depth the programming, philanthropy and reach of Zeta Phi Beta during their 100 years. "The Water Keeps Rising" Hip-hop artist and activist Benny Starr has created an interactive exhibit based on data from the Avery's State of Racial Disparities Report in Charleston County. This exhibit will create an immersive experience for visitors. In the areas of civic engagement, racial disparities, the envi-

Romare Bearden, "Melon Season", 1967, Mixed media on canvas, 56 1/2 x 44 1/2 in., Collection Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, SUNY, Gift of Roy R. Neuberger, 1976.26.45 © VAGA at Artists Rights Society (ARS), NY, Courtest American Federation of Arts

Gibbes Museum of Art, 135 Meeting Street, Charleston. Gallery 8 & 9, Through Jan. 9, 2022 - "Romare Bearden: Abstraction". With some 55 paintings, works on paper and collages, Romare Bearden: Abstraction is the first exhibition to fully examine and contextualize the artist's significant body of abstract work. Recognized as one of the most creative and original visual artists of the 20th century, Romare Bearden's prolific and Redux Contemporary Art Center, featuring Redux Studios, 1056 King Street, Charleston. Main Gallery, Nov. 16 - 20 - "19th Annual Art Auction". Ongoing - In May, 2017, Redux relocated to 1056 King Street with 38 studios, three galleries, a larger print shop, classroom, dark room, and photo studio. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 11am-4pm, or by appt. Contact: 843/722-0697 or at (www.reduxstudios.org).

The Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting Street, Charleston. Founded in 1773, is America's first museum. Lowcountry Image Gallery, Nov. 1 -Mar. 27, 2022 - "A Winter Wonderland in Color: Snow Scenes of Charleston". Heavy snowfalls are a rarity in Charleston, as the Lowcountry is more well known for its mild winters. However, our temperate winter climate occasionally experiences a snow storm that blankets the city in white for more than a mere hour or two. This exhibit showcases colorized photographs of remarkable snow days captured by residents of Charleston dating to the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Ongoing - "Becoming

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