

SC Institutional Galleries

Publisher's Note: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic it is advised that you check with facilities you want to visit before you do so, to find out if they are open and what limitations they are working under. Don't just assume they are open or closed and don't forget about these people, there are many ways you can support them during these troubling times. Check out their websites.

Virtual Exhibitions

Through Apr. 30 - SC Watermedia Society's "2021 Spring Digital Show", featuring 100 works by 67 artists. Congratulations to artist Marcia Pynner for her work, "I Lift My Hands to Heaven", which took first place! Additionally, Jennifer Edwards and Judy Prestridge were honored with second and third place for their works, "Villa Capri" and "Waterfall", respectively. Thank you to every artist who entered the show. We were delighted by this year's collection of works and believe it offers a promising outlook for the "44th Annual National Exhibition". The complete Spring Digital Show Gallery includes two additional honorable mention pieces, commentary from juror Mick McAndrews, and more than ninety-five other powerful pieces of art. View the Complete Gallery at this link (<https://scwatermedia.com/sds21/>).

Allendale

Salkehatchie Arts Center, 939 N. Main St., Allendale. **Ongoing** - Featuring a retail store offering works by artists from the Salkehatchie region including Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, and Hampton Counties. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 803/584-6084.

Anderson

Bay3 Artisan Gallery, located in the Arts Warehouse, 110 Federal St., Anderson. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by Marion Carroll, Rebecca Lawson Carruth, Sherron Dorris-Ferguson, Cheryl Gibisch, Diana Gilham, Ann Heard, Deane King, Joy Moss, Wesa Neely, Kathy Ogden, John "Mac" Read, Leslie Wentzell, and Diann Simms. The work presented in the gallery features oils, acrylics, watercolors, photography, pastels, collage, assemblages, sculpture, mosaics, and stained glass and jewelry. There is a piece of original art for every home or office in a variety of price ranges. Co-sponsored by the Anderson Arts Center. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-4pm & Sat., 10am-1pm. Contact: 864/716-3838 or at (www.andersonartscenter.org).

Historic Carnegie Library Building (Anderson Arts Center), 405 North Main Street, Anderson. **Callie Stringer Rainey Gallery, Through Feb. 18** - "GermanFest Exhibit," featuring works by four artists of German heritage provide a dynamic mix of 2-D and 3-D works including painting, pottery, fiber art and wood working, including: Hans-Peter Bolz, Warren Carpenter, Hans Dohrendorf, and Heidi Wolko. Held in conjunction with GermanFest, this year's theme for the Anderson International Festival. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 9:30am-5:30pm. Contact: 864/222-2787 or at (www.andersonartscenter.org).

Beaufort Area

Beaufort Art Association Gallery, 913 Bay Street, across the street from the Clock Tower, Beaufort. **Ongoing** - New works by more than 90 exhibiting members of the Beaufort Art Association Gallery - exhibits and featured artists change every six weeks. In addition to framed paintings in a variety of media, the gallery offers prints, photographs, unframed matted originals, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics and greeting cards. Hours: Tue.-Sun., 11am-4pm. Contact: 843/521-4444 or at (www.beaufortartassociation.com).

Bluffton

Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery/Learning Center, 6 & 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

Bassett Gallery, Arts Center of Kershaw County, 810 Lyttleton Street, Camden. **Through Feb. 24** - "Peacemakers," featuring works by Christopher Lane and Nikolai Oskolkov. Born in Minnesota in 1968, Christopher Lane spent these formative years inspired by regional artists Thomas Hart Benton, Andy Warhol,



Work by Christopher Lane

Georgia O'Keeffe, and Roy Lichtenstein. His early teenage years were spent in Cairo, Egypt where his work was influenced by the great architecture, sculpture, symbolism, hieroglyphs and the expressive colors used in their paintings. Nikolai Oskolkov, known as NikO, lives and works in Columbia, SC. He has been involved in fine art since early childhood and has made painting a career since high school. He has travelled far and wide from Russia to Canada and the US, and throughout Europe and the Caribbean. Defining himself as a "visual musical composer," NikO constantly expands his own creative vocabulary through his observation of nature and use of imagination. **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).

Charleston

Throughout downtown Charleston, Feb. 17-20 - "40th annual Southeastern Wildlife Exposition". Now in its 40th year, the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition has grown to be the largest event of its kind in the nation, attracting over 500 artists and exhibitors from around the globe who present their offerings to over 40,000 attendees. A 4-day celebration of nature that has earned a reputation for excellence, SEWE now hosts the world's foremost experts in wildlife and nature art, as well as conservation research and environmental education. The Expo showcases everything visitors love about wildlife and nature. It brings together people of all ages, men and women, sportsmen and conservationists, artists and artisans, fans and families. Through an incredible lineup of events - from fine art exhibits, conservation education, sporting demonstrations and parties, SEWE invites us all to explore our "wild" side and pay tribute to our naturally beautiful world. For further info about tickets and schedule of events visit (<https://sewe.com/>).

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 environment 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. **Feb. 1 - 28** - "Reality and Fantasy," an exhibition featuring a collection of paintings by Pat Van De Graaf. A reception will be held on First Friday Art Walk on Feb. 4, from 5-8pm. Van De Graaf is primarily a printmaker and has been printing for over 25 years and studied at the Art Students League in New York City and Syracuse University. She graduated from the University of Bridgeport with a degree in Printmaking/Art History in the spring of 1990, having gone back to school as an adult student. Although Van De Graaf enjoys doing woodcuts and especially Japanese woodcuts, she concentrates on etching. Her prints have won numerous awards in local and regional shows. **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 Feb. 28** - "Griots of Cotton, Indigo, and Clay". This exhibit debuts the permanent collection of the Acres of Ancestry Initiative/Black Agrarian Fund, an evolution of the advocacy efforts of the Black Belt Justice Center. Curated by Torreeah "Cookie" Washington, and featuring over 100 pieces of artwork commissioned from Black fiber artists in the South Carolina Lowcountry, the Black Belt South, and the African Diaspora at large, this vast array of textile art portrays the power of the Black imagination to extend beyond colonial frameworks, centering narratives of self-sustained land ownership and spirit-cultural reclamation. Inspired by the movement for restoration of eco-cultural traditional practices, Griots of Cotton, Indigo, & Clay showcases the rich tradition of fiber art as material culture and tells the untold stories of struggle and resilience rooted in black ecocultural traditions and textile arts. The artworks of over four dozen seasoned artisans will be on view, including works by the artists of The Return of the Bees Collective. The collected artworks examine the ideals of racial pride, social power, identity, and the importance of land, heritage, and culture. 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).



"Election Night", ca. 1935 - 1937, by Minnie Lois Murphy (American, 1901 - 1962). Wood-block print on paper, 8 x 10 1/2 inches. Gibbes Museum of Art, Gift of the WPA 1943.006.0017

Gibbes Museum of Art, 135 Meeting Street, Charleston. **Gallery 8, Through Aug. 7** - "Fighters for Freedom: William H. Johnson Picturing Justice". William H. Johnson painted his Fighters for Freedom series in the mid-1940s as a tribute to African American activists, scientists, teachers, performers and international heads of state working to bring peace to the world. He celebrated their accomplishments even as he acknowledged the realities of racism, violence and oppression they faced and overcame. Some of his fighters—Harriet Tubman, George Washington Carver, Marian Anderson and Mahatma Gandhi—are familiar historical figures; others are less well-known individuals whose determination and sacrifice have been eclipsed over time. Drawn entirely from the collection of more than 1,000 works by Johnson given to the Smithsonian American Art Museum by the Harmon Foundation in 1967, this exhibition is the first-ever presentation of this series in Johnson's home state of South Carolina. "Fighters for Freedom: William H. Johnson Picturing Justice" is organized by the Smithsonian American Art Museum with generous support from Art Bridges, Faye and Robert Davidson, and the Jacob and Gwendolyn Lawrence Foundation. **Gallery 9, Through Aug. 7** - "A New Deal: Artists at Work". During the Great Depression of the 1930s, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt launched his ambitious Works Progress Administration (WPA) programs that sent millions of unemployed Americans back to work, including more than 5,000 artists. The Federal Art Project, formed under the WPA, afforded opportunities to a diverse group of artists, including women, African Americans and recent immigrants from China, Russia and Germany. This monumental effort to put artists back to work resulted in a collection of

artworks intended to uplift the national spirit and encourage creativity in the face of great challenges. The Gibbes is one of a select group of institutions across the country that houses a historic collection of Federal Art Project prints. **Gallery 2 & 3, Through Feb. 20** - "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. **Feb. 25 - Oct. 9** - "William Eggleston Photographs from the Laura and Jay Crouse Collection". It is said that William Eggleston's unique ability to conflate the epic and the everyday has made him one of the most impactful figures in late 20th century photography. A native of Memphis, TN, Eggleston first photographed his local environs in the 1950s in black-and-white but became one of the first fine art photographers to use color to record his observations in a more heightened and accurate way. Today, his strikingly vivid yet enigmatic images of parked cars, billboards, storefronts, diners and other artifacts of the ordinary world are considered groundbreaking. The photographs presented in this edition of the museum's Charleston Collects exhibition series were selected from the Laura and Jay Crouse Collection and represent many of the pioneering artist's most notable works. The exhibition will be accompanied by a full-color catalog with an essay on the artist by Simon Constantine, Ph.D., professor of photographic history at Birkbeck, University of London, and Sotheby's Art Institute. **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 including the southern landscape, the human figure, abstraction, and the legacy of slavery in America. **Ruth and Bill Baker Art Sales Gallery, Katy Mixon, Session I: Feb. 21 - Apr. 3** - Mixon, born in Orangeburg, SC, is a visual artist working in painting, sculpture, quilting and photography. She earned an MFA from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and a B.A. from Davidson College. She is an alumna of

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