

Lowcountry Artists Gallery in Charleston, SC, Offers Works by Gale Ray

Lowcountry Artists Gallery in Charleston, SC, will present *Myths from the Sea*, featuring paintings and pottery by Gale Ray, on view from Feb. 1 - 28, 2023. A reception will be held on Feb. 3, from 5-8pm.

Myths from the Sea is a collection of paintings and pottery inspired by shells from the sea. Says Ray, "It all came about one day when I was sitting in my studio contemplating a painting of a triton shell, King Triton. I thought, 'wouldn't it be interesting and challenging to make a large pot imitating the texture of that shell.' I began coiling and pinching out the clay by hand to form the pot. After a couple hours, it began to take shape. When I finished, I cried and thought 'now you have something special.'"



Works by Gale Ray

"The *Triton* series began. Every pot was challenging to make and satisfying to build," adds Ray. "Several pots were built and had gone through their first firing. They were ready to be completed which meant applying glaze and firing to stoneware temperature. However, glazing the pots was terrifying to me. So, I decided to do a series of studies, small pots with different glazes. Weeks went by before I had enough courage to glaze the first large pot, *Triton King*. Based on information gathered from the studies, I applied glaze, fired to temp and



Work by Gale Ray

loved the results."

Ray continues, "When I had completed several pieces, I felt they deserved names. Not all pots deserve names. While I was making the pottery, I was listening to *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller. Greek gods and goddesses filled my thoughts. The first piece was inspired by my painting of the Triton shell therefore; I named it *King Triton*. In Greek mythology, Triton is the Greek god of the sea and so began the name calling. *Neptune* Roman God of the sea, *Harmonia* Greek goddess of harmony and concord, *Mene* Greek goddess of the moon, *Iris Pearl* Iris Greek goddess of the rainbow and so it went."

"It takes several weeks to complete a large pottery vessel. This collection took about 9 months to complete. Each pot is one-of-a-kind and has its own qualities. They are all food safe, oven safe and microwave safe."

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/577-9295 or visit (www.lowcountryartists.com).

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Duo by William Halsey, oil on paper, 11 x 15 inches

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Charleston Crafts Gallery in Charleston, SC, Offers Jewelry Exhibit for Valentine Gifts

Charleston Crafts Gallery in Charleston, SC, will present *Crafted with Hearts and Hands*, featuring works by Sharon Wilson, Valerie Lamott, Kasey Briggs, and Laurie Prophater, from Feb. 1 - 28, 2023. A reception will be held during Charleston's Second Sunday, Feb. 12, from 2-5pm.

Charleston Crafts Gallery represents jury-selected artisans, all from South Carolina, creating one-of-a-kind pieces of art such as jewelry, wood puzzles, apparel and accessories, mixed media colleges, fiber art, along with functional and decorative objects in wood, ceramics, and glass.



Works by Valerie Lamott

Sharon Wilson creates limited edition one-of-a-kind jewelry, often incorporating natural gemstones, pearls, vintage elements and metalwork. She recently added freeform electro-etching on sterling. Sharon strives for a pleasant balance between manmade elements and the restrained elegance of nature's beauty.

Valerie Lamott is a jewelry artist that handcrafts beautiful necklaces, rings and



Works by Kasey Briggs

earrings inspired by her travels through America's State and National Parks. Each unique item is formed by drawing design inspiration from a specific place. Working from her own photos, Valerie recreates the image in metal and uses crushed gemstones to "paint" the details.

Kasey Briggs' original jewelry created from two different mediums, polymer clay and woven beads, are distinctive and unique. The clay-like material lets her create colorful clay blends and marbled effects. The woven beads incorporate glass seed beads in multiple colors, shapes and sizes to create necklaces, earrings, bracelets and lariats.

Laurie Prophater creates diverse styles of necklaces, earrings and bracelets ranging from primitive to playful. She enjoys translating designs from other mediums into jewelry, combining polymer clay with a variety of supporting materials. Laurie's innovative designs earned her a spot as a

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