# Arts Center of Kershaw County

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love of texture, color and experimentation.

Richly layered and with her own vocabulary of gestural marks and linear elements, Morris strives to convey the emotional impact of her source of inspiration...be it the landscape, music, poetry or deep personal experiences. Morris enjoys creating visually stimulating images that leave the subject open to the viewer's

interpretation.

Morris has travelled to Ireland many times and will display works depicting the people and places of Ireland.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Center at 803/425-7676 or visit (www.fineartscenter.org).

## Florence County Museum in Florence, SC, Offers 2021 Pee Dee Regional Art Competition

The Florence County Museum in Florence, SC, is presenting the 2021 Pee Dee Regional Art Competition, sponsored by Chick-fil-A of Florence, on view in the Museum's Waters Gallery, through Apr. 9, 2021.

This year's competition juror was artist Margaret Curtis of Tryon, NC. The *Pee Dee Regional* has been presented annually since 1954 and is one of the longestrunning competitive art exhibitions in the state.

Due to the continued threat of COVID-19, the opening reception for the 2021 *Pee Dee Regional Art Competition* was cancelled in favor of on online and social media-based awards announcement.

The \$1000 First Place prize was awarded to Francis Marion University professor of photography Julie Mixon, for her image transfer work, *Envelop(e)*. Curtis likened Mixon's piece to an elegant mathematical theorem, calling it, "A simple idea, beautifully realized."

A Second Place award of \$600 went to competition newcomer Jasmine Baetz of Hartsville, SC. Baetz' work has been exhibited all over the eastern United States, Colorado, and British Columbia. She received her BA in Religious Studies from the University of Toronto, her BFA in 3D Fine Arts from Massachusetts College of Art & Design in Boston, and her MFA in Ceramics from Colorado University in Boulder.

Third Place (\$250) went to Treelee

MacAnn of Myrtle Beach, SC, for her 21-color screen print *X Marks the Spot*. MacAnn is a veteran of the regional competition and a recently retired professor from the art department at Coastal Carolina University.

Honorable Mention (\$100) was given to Alyssa Reiser Prince for her abstract expressionist painting, *Found*.

About the award winners, Curtis said she looked for works that displayed "creative engagement over simple displays of skill."

The exhibit this year is composed of 25 works of art selected from over 130 online submissions by 66 artists representing northeastern South Carolina. As in previous years, the 2021 Pee Dee Regional was opened to submissions of contemporary art created within the last two years by all artists within the state's northeastern Pee Dee region.

Visitors are invited to join the awards selection by casting their ballots for the Jo Ann Fender Scarborough People's Choice Award. Voting for the People's Choice Award is open through Friday, Mar. 26. The winner will be announced Monday, Mar. 29.

The exhibit can be viewed in person or at (flocomuseum.org/exhibitions/2021pee-dee-regional).

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Museum at 843/676-1200 or visit (flocomuseum.org).



## CALL FOR ENTRIES ENTRY DEADLINE IS MARCH 19, 2021

Art League of Hilton Head invites you to enter the 2021 Biennale,

its 27th National Juried Exhibition, held every other year across multiple media types including: Oil or Acrylic, Pastel, Watermedia, Photography, Mixed Media, Three-Dimensional, or All Other. Each artist may enter up to three pieces of original artwork created within the last three years.

Over \$5000 in cash prizes will be awarded. All accepted works of art, selected by three jurors, will be on display at Art League Gallery inside Arts Center of Coastal Carolina on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The prize winners will be chosen by the prestigious juror, Marc Hanson.

The 2021 Biennale exhibition will be free and open to the public from May 2–26, 2021 at Art League Gallery.
This state of the art gallery provides the finest exhibit space with high tourist and community visibility.
An opening reception and awards ceremony will take place Friday, May 7, from 5-7pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ENTER THE 2021 BIENNALE National Juried Art Exhibition, <u>click here</u>. Entry Deadline: March 19, 2021 All entrants will be notified by April 2, 2021

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from conversations with Janice and Jamie Graham and Darla Moore.

Melinda Hoffman

Asheville Art Museum in Asheville, NC Host Annual Scholastic Art Exhibition

The Asheville Art Museum in Asheville, NC, is presenting the 2021 WNC Regional Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, on view through Mar. 8, 2021.

The Asheville Art Museum and the Asheville Area Section of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) are the Western North Carolina (WNC) regional Affiliate Partners of the National Scholastic Art Awards. This ongoing community partnership has supported the creative talents of our region's youth for 41 years. The WNC regional program is open to students in grades 7–12 across 20 counties



Isabel Inman, "1.2.3.", Digital Art, Asheville Christian Academy, Grade 12. "2021 WNC Regional Scholastic Art Awards", Gold Key winner

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The regional program is judged in two groups: Group I, grades 7–8 and Group II, grades 9–12. Out of 375 total art entries, 100 works have been recognized by the judges, and Gold and Silver Key awards are featured in this exhibition. The 2021 regional judges include Jeannie Regan (UNC Asheville), Jessica White (Warren Wilson College), and Shane Mickey (Mars Hill University). The judges carefully viewed each entry then selected Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention award recipients across all media.

Those works receiving Gold Keys have been submitted to compete in the 98th Annual National Scholastic Art Awards Program in New York City. Of the Gold Key Award recipients, five students have also been nominated for American Visions, indicating their work is the Best in Show of the regional awards. One of these American Visions Nominees will receive an American Visions Medal at the 2021 and American Visions nominee.

*National Scholastic Art Awards*. Award winners include students from public, private, homeschools, and charter schools in Buncombe, Burke, Henderson, Jackson, Madison, and Transylvania counties.

"We proudly champion not only the young artists but also the art educators of our region who do so much with so little to inspire future generations of makers," says Asheville Art Museum Executive Director Pamela L. Myers. "I'd also like to thank our staff and docents who have worked so hard to make this happen."

Works will be on view in the Asheville Art Museum's John & Robyn Horn Education Center, through Mar. 8, 2021.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Museum at 828/253-3227 or visit (ashevil-leart.org/exhibitions/scholastics-2021).

You can contact us by calling 843/693-1306 or by e-mail at - info@carolinaarts.com but do it before the 24th of the month prior to our next issue.



A Children's Book by Artist, Melinda Hoffman, is available at Amazon & Shops at ArtFields® Lake City, SC

Additional Work by the Artist can be seen at MelindaHoffman.com

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