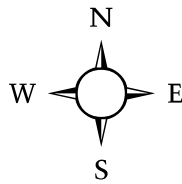
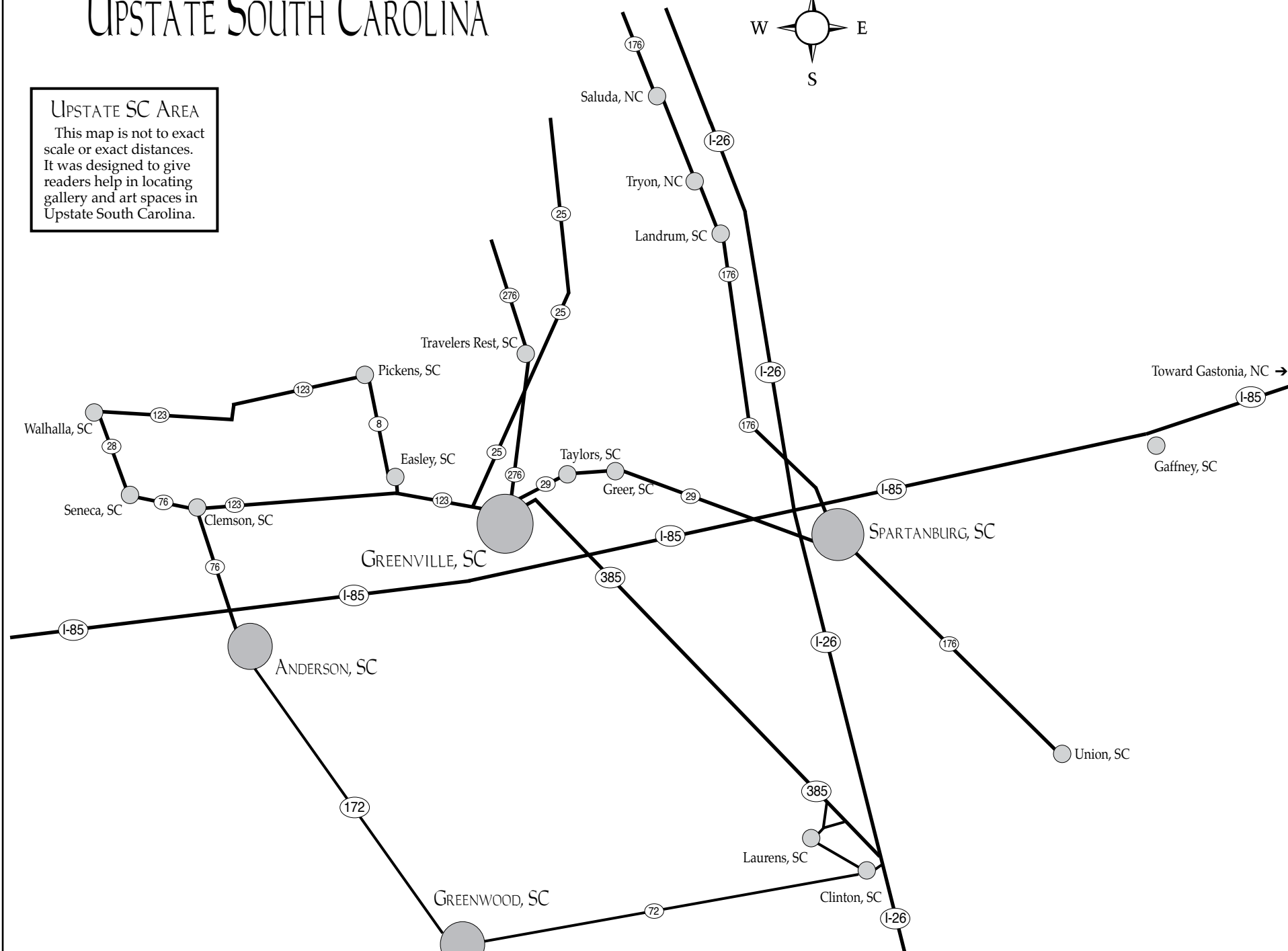


UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA



UPSTATE SC AREA

This map is not to exact scale or exact distances. It was designed to give readers help in locating gallery and art spaces in Upstate South Carolina.



Art & Light Gallery in Greenville, SC, Offers Works by Susan Melrath

Art & Light Gallery in Greenville, SC, will present *A Sense of Place*, featuring works by Susan Melrath, from May 2 - 27, 2023. A reception will be held on May 5, from 6-8pm.

The exhibition of works by Melrath focuses on the stories connected to nearly every house and street corner of her childhood neighborhood. Melrath reminisces, "The houses weren't particularly beautiful. Some were quite rundown, but each place had an intrinsic character and meaning for my nine-year-old self."

Chester County, PA, abstract, mixed-media painter, Melrath, has produced a new body of work to be featured at Art & Light. Her work explores days playing and meandering around her childhood neighborhood as an extroverted, gregarious kid growing up in a small town in the '60s. When walking home after school, Melrath often stopped for a cookie and milk at neighbor Mr. Brock's house, where they would sit at his kitchen table and she would jabber about her day.

Other treasured memories include backyard birthday parties, skinned knees, hills to sled down, and streets to roller skate on. Melrath states, "The people may have changed since the 1960s, moved on or passed away, but those memories are still with me. In a way, these paintings are a tribute to those long-lost times and precious places."

Susan Melrath's painting journey began in Seattle, WA, in 2010, after many successful years as a freelance illustrator. This career was lucrative with clients including IBM, Simon & Schuster, Time Life Books, and the Miami Herald. When her desire to make more personal work deepened, she began to carve out creative time in the studio. Her practice evolved into a steady con-



Work by Susan Melrath

nection to the work she was making. In this practice, she discovered a world of magic and metaphor in a process that informs her life. Melrath returned to PA in 2014, after 20 years in the Pacific NW. She paints in her studio in Southern Chester County and coaches thousands of artists in an online art program through Art2life, founded by Bay area painter, Nicholas Wilton.

Since 2007, Teresa Roche and her team have offered creative, inventive, and inspiring pieces that help collectors merge affordability with discovery by showcasing one-of-a-kind elements that tell a story! Art & Light Gallery features over 50 emerging to established local, regional, and international artists in the gallery and online. With a hand-picked collection of artists, they have just the right piece for those casually buying gift-able art, those just wading into collecting, the designers hunting the perfect piece for clients, and the seasoned art collector.

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