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Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, Features Works by Lynne Drake

The Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, will present Lowcountry Classics, featuring works by Lynne Drake, on view from May 4 - 31, 2025. A reception will be held on May 8, from 4-6pm.

This new collection captures the emotion, nostalgia, and natural beauty that define the Lowcountry.

"My current art reflects what moves and inspires me here in the Lowcountry, working in various mediums and styles," Drake explained. "I love all things beautiful - form, color and emotion - and all the qualities that make something worth remembering and replicating."

Art has always been part of the artist's identity, with early memories of sketching life-size chalk figures on pavement. Her passion for creative expression led to a solo art show in the fifth grade and continued through a lifelong journey in the arts.

She earned a BFA in graphic design and a MALS with a focus on art and education. Throughout her career, she worked as a sign painter, graphic artist, and gallery manager in the Hamptons, and founded a Long Island art studio that exhibited local artists, hosted children's art parties, and offered art instruction. She also taught art in a variety of settings - including private lessons, public education, group homes, and inner-city high schools through a program with the National Council of Unity.

Now settled in the Lowcountry with her husband - also an artist - she devotes her time to creating and teaching art at SOBA and Sun City.

"As long as I can remember, art has been just who I am - what I see and how I (www.sobagallery.com).



live," Drake said.

Lowcountry Classics offers a heartfelt glimpse into the artist's connection with the region's landscape, culture, and spirit. Don't miss the opportunity to explore this inspired exhibit throughout the month of

SOBA is the heart of the flourishing art hub in Old Town Bluffton's historic district at the corner of Church and Calhoun streets. As a non-profit art organization, SOBA offers regular art classes, featured artist shows, exhibitions, scholarships, outreach programs and more. The gallery is located on Church Street in Bluffton.

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Susan Lenz's Studio in Central, SC, **Offers Open House During Pickens** County Ag+Art Tour - May 3 & 4, 2025

It's been almost a year since Steve and I moved into the Cateechee mill village church outside Central, SC (about six miles from Clemson). We live in the back two stories which were once Sunday school rooms and offices. My studio is now sanctuary sized. Many people have asked whether we were going to hold an OPEN HOUSE. Finally, we are doing it! Both the house and the studio will be open during the Pickens County Ag+Art Tour, May 3 - 4 from 9am-4pm each day! This is a totally free event! Please come visit!

Last March, I blogged about our move with plenty of photos. Click HERE at (http://artbysusanlenz.blogspot. com/2024/03/we-did-it-we-moved.html) as a "sneak peek" ... then come see what it looks like now!

Susan Lenz stitches both by hand and machine but also indulges a passion for book arts and unique, 3D found art objects. Altering found photos is an obsession. Her work has appeared in national publica-



Work by Susan Lenz

tions, numerous juried exhibitions, and at fine craft shows including the Philadelphia Museum of Art and Smithsonian Craft Shows. She has been featured on art quilting television programs and on South Carolina Etv's "Palmetto Scene". Her work is in the continued on Page 12







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