

Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, Features Exhibition Focused on Bees



Work by Paula Sharp and Ross Eatman

The Coastal Discovery Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present *Wild Bees*, a photography exhibit by Paula Sharp and Ross Eatman, on view through Aug. 17, 2025.

On view in the museum’s main gallery, the exhibit features striking macro photography that offers a rare look at America’s native bees and their vital role as pollinators.

“Visitors of all ages will be captivated by the close-up images of native bees and inspired to learn more about these essential pollinators and why bee conservation matters,” said Elizabeth Greenberg, Director of Exhibitions.

Throughout the spring and summer, the museum will present several bee workshops and family-friendly programs. “While honey bees often get the most attention, wild bees are important pollinators for our flowering plants, home gardens, crops, and woodlands,” said Dawn Brut, Director of Education. “Our bee programs bring a fun, interactive element to learning about bees.”

Wild Bees has toured prominent museums, botanical gardens and galleries nationwide since its debut at the Rockefeller

State Park Preserve Gallery, in Pleasantville, New York.

Paula Sharp is a photojournalist and author of several novels, including the bestseller *Crows over a Wheatfield*. She has photographed throughout the United States and Brazil. Her recent book, *Native Bees of the Lower Rio Grande Valley*, documents more than 100 bee species representing 45 distinct genera.

Ross Eatman has worked as a nature photographer for over 25 years. He is a co-founder of Sharp-Eatman Nature Photography, a society dedicated to documenting conservation issues.

The Coastal Discovery Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is an educational and cultural organization whose mission is to inspire people to care for the Lowcountry. Founded in 1985 and located on Hilton Head’s historic Honey Horn grounds, the Museum offers year-round exhibitions, programs, hands-on workshops, and events that explore Lowcountry history, wildlife, culture, art, and environment.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or visit it (www.coastaldiscovery.org).



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Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, Features Works by Joan Moreau McKeever

The Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present Joan Moreau McKeever: *The Art of Discovery Continues...*, an exhibit which celebrates artistic curiosity and creative risk-taking, on view from June 17 through July 18, 2025. A reception will be held on June 18, from 5–7pm, and a washi tape demo is scheduled for June 20, at 1:30pm. The exhibit, reception, and demo are free and open to the public.

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The exhibit is a celebration of exploration, featuring works in a variety of media - pastel, acrylic, mixed media, Japanese washi tape, cold wax and oil - reflecting McKeever’s artistic philosophy: that curiosity is a gift and discovery is a lifelong journey.

“My head is always turning toward the unfamiliar,” says McKeever. “What is that? How did they do it? That’s what

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drives me as an artist. I take risks, explore new techniques, and dive in wholeheartedly.”

From childhood charcoal drawings and summer sculpture classes at Wooster School of Art, to her current work juried into national shows, McKeever’s creative path has been anything but linear. A former advertising executive, real estate professional, and symphony violist, McKeever returned to fine art full time after moving to South Carolina. She’s since taught workshops in washi tape collage, abstract realism, and Zentangle, including outreach programs at correctional institutions and teacher training institutes.

McKeever has exhibited nationally in New York and Washington, DC, and locally with the Art League, SOBA, and the University of South Carolina. Her work has earned numerous awards, including First Place in Pastel and Mixed Media and recognition from the National Association of Women Artists (NAWA).



Work by Joan Moreau McKeever

With *The Art of Discovery Continues*, McKeever invites viewers to both appreciate familiar techniques and be surprised by unconventional materials. “I hope people leave feeling joy and inspiration,” she says. “If they’re artists, maybe they’ll try something new. If they’re patrons, maybe they’ll discover a piece that speaks just to them.”

Art League of Hilton Head is the only



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501(c)(3) nonprofit visual arts organization on Hilton Head Island with a synergistic art gallery and teaching Academy.

Art League Gallery features local artwork in all media created by more than 200 member artists. All artwork on display is for sale and exhibits change every month. Located mid-island on Shelter Cove Lane, inside Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, next to the box office.

Art League Academy welcomes artists and students in all media at all skill levels, including true beginners. Taught by professional art educators, students can choose from many art classes and workshops in most media. Art League Academy is located on Cordillo Parkway.

“Inspiring visual arts for our community and its visitors through exhibitions, education and partnerships” is Art League of Hilton Head’s mission.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the League at 843/681-5060 or visit (www.ArtLeagueHHI.org).

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be June 24th, at 5pm, for the July 2025 issue and July 24, at 5pm for the August 2025 issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now. And where do you send that info? E-mail to (info@carolinaarts.com).

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