

Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, Features Works by Nicholas Di Mona

The Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, will present the *Wonderful World of Wood*, featuring work by Nicholas Di Mona, on view in the Society of Bluffton Artists' Gallery, from Aug. 2 - 31, 2021. A reception will be held on Aug. 7, from 4-6pm.

Using inspiration from the rough pieces of timber he collects, Bluffton's Nicholas Di Mona creates unique and eye-catching pieces with his wood-turning artistry. His sculptures, bowls and other varieties of wood art will be on display throughout August.

"I consider myself a naturalist," says Di Mona, who came to Bluffton in 2017. "I turn the wood until I see something beautiful, then stop and leave it there. The beauty and elegance of the knots, inclusions, grain and natural imperfections make the final product a one-of-a-kind piece of art."

Di Mona's love of wood art began as a boy in New Jersey, when he used to carve objects out of wine grape boxes. He has since graduated to using dead and fallen trees as his primary medium, letting the shape and texture of the wood guide him to the finish.

A long-time member and club president of the Hands On Woodturners of Beverly



Work by Nicholas Di Mona

Hills, FL, Di Mona has demonstrated his craft at the Florida Woodturning Symposium several times and has taught his hobby to hundreds of students over the years.

The Society of Bluffton Artists (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.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Society at 843/757-6586 or visit www.sobagallery.com.

Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, Offers Family Fun Day - Aug. 10, 2021

The Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, has announced a "Family Fun Day" on Aug. 10, 2021, from 10am until 1pm at their location at Honey Horn. This event will give the public yet another opportunity to see what the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn has to offer.

On your own, you will be able to see the Museum's boardwalk exhibits, learn about their salt marsh, explore the Replica Shell Ring and see what sort of shells, animal bones, and more are hidden in the replica Shell Ring. You will have the opportunity to visit the horse barn and pasture to see their marsh tacky "Comet" and his companion horse "Hawk". A visit to the Karen Wertheimer Butterfly Habitat will let you see the life cycle of various butterflies they have on Hilton Head Island. You will also see the new butterfly sculpture that has been installed.

New to this annual event this year is the Children's Book Festival with the Pat Conroy Literary Center. Authors will be on site with their books for sale. Also, a new fun activity is the Tiny Art Workshop. Sponsored in part by the Town of Hilton Head Island Office of Cultural Affairs, you will be making original artwork to share in the Town's Tiny Art Galleries (or to take home).

Visitors will also have the opportunity to pull up the crab trap, observe basket making and participate in indigo tie dyeing as you learn about its importance of this cash crop from year's past. Bird watching with the HHI Audubon Society will be available on the boardwalk. The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina will have



Photo from previous Family Fun Day

a nature inspired craft "Warhol Inspired Shoreline and Sea Prints", Outside Foundation, Morris Center, LC Master Naturalists and local historical organizations all will be on site as well.

The South Carolina Institute for Archaeology and Anthropology - Maritime Research Division will bring their boat that they use for underwater archaeology surveys. They will be doing some projects this summer/fall around the area.

The Temporary Exhibit Gallery will have "Conservation in the Classroom" on display, featuring works by many of our local school students. You can visit the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn and see what is available on this 68-acre parcel of land.

There is no charge for admission on this special Museum Day and reservations are not required.

The Coastal Discovery Museum is located at 70 Honey Horn Drive on Hilton Head Island.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listing or call 843/689-6767 ext 224.

Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, Features Works by Sheri Farbstein and Maxine Uttal

The Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present *Off the Wall*, featuring works by Sheri Farbstein and Maxine Uttal, on view from Aug. 26 through Oct. 17, 2021. A reception will be held on Aug. 26, from 5-7pm and the public is invited.

A three-dimensional artwork exhibit showcasing sculpture, pottery and functional forms...but with a twist on talent is what you will see. This is all about students, taught by professional artists Sheri Farbstein and Maxine Uttal, exhibiting their talent and creativity in clay that wasn't apparent before attending classes. "It's not just about learning clay creation, designs, forms and glazes", said Joyce

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Schlosser, one of Farbstein's students, "but also it's the fun of seeing something from nothing take shape from week to week".

Nancy MacKenzie, who joined Studio Max in 2010, said "this is where the magic happens". Both teachers will have some of their work on display, but the exhibit belongs to the students, showing their achievements in clay for the first time. All items will be for sale.

Uttal holds ceramic workshops in her studio and exhibits at Hilton Head Art Galleries. Pieces of her work have won awards, are owned by individuals and businesses around the country and have been selected for display in numerous juried competitions around the country.

Sheri Farbstein students are Marie Barbara, Jan Bender, Maury Frank-

lin, Chris Hall, Angela Misthal, Joyce Schlosser and Martha Yerington. Maxine Uttal students are: Sally Lawson-Bailey, Tru Dee Bamberg, Lynda Hawley, Mary Kennedy, Nancy MacKenzie, Carrie Maglich, Rebecca Morris and Jackie Pierce.

Farbstein is a founder of the Fine Arts Craft Guild of Hilton Head Island and an exhibiting artist and former board member of the Art League of Coastal Carolina. Her work is displayed in art galleries, bank lobbies, private and corporate collections, museums and homes across the Eastern US. She works from her home studio, along with her six kilns and one dog (husband and care relegated to outside).

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or call Robin Swift at 843/689-6767 ext. 224.

Art League of Hilton Head, SC, Features Works by Lisa Rivers

The Art League of Hilton Head, on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present *Legacy Gullah Homecoming*, featuring works by Lisa Rivers, on view in the Art League Gallery, from Aug. 3-28, 2021. A reception will be held on Aug. 11, from 5-7pm and Rivers will offer a demo on Aug. 7, beginning at 2pm. Please RSVP for the reception and demo by e-mail at gallery@artleaguehi.org to prevent overcrowding.

Self-taught St. Helena, SC, artist Lisa Rivers will be exhibiting her work this August in *Legacy Gullah Homecoming*, a bright and colorful homage to life in the South. Rivers' love and respect for the people and culture of the Lowcountry shine through in these engaging slice-of-life vignettes and character portraits. "I create art to tell the stories of my family. I paint with love. You can feel it in each of my paint strokes and each finished piece."

Rivers was born and raised in New York City, but memories of her visits to her extended family in South Carolina continue to inspire her. She is now married to a native Gullah man and has lived in South Carolina for over 20 years.

Rivers began painting four years ago at the age of 52. Without a formal art education, she relies on the innate talent and creativity that first made itself known when she was a child. "The message is that you can do anything that you put your mind to. It is never too late to start a new hobby or career as long as you are passionate about what you do. Love what you do and do what you love."

Her work has been shown in South Carolina and Ohio and is on permanent display at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Beaufort, SC. She has been featured in *Travel + Leisure* and AAA's *Go Magazine*, as well as local publications *Local Life*, *Lowcountry Weekly*, *Pink*, and *The Charleston Chronicle*.

The Art League Gallery is located mid-island inside the Arts Center of Coastal



Work by Lisa Rivers

Carolina, on Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head Island.

Art League of Hilton Head is the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit visual arts organization on Hilton Head Island with a synergistic art gallery and teaching Academy.

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 that change monthly.

Art League Gallery features local artwork in all media created by more than 170 member artists. All artwork on display is for sale and exhibits change every month.

"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 e-mail to admin@artleaguehi.org.

Looking for info on the next juried art show in the Carolinas, an opportunity to show & sell your work at the next festival taking place in the Carolinas or do you want to know who the new director of an art museum in the Carolinas is - just check out our Blog, "Carolina Arts News" at <https://carolinaartsnews.wordpress.com/>.

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