

## Anderson Arts Center in Anderson, SC, Offers Exhibition Focused on Artists Dealing with Cancer



Work by Carole Knudson Tinsley

Anderson Arts Center in Anderson, SC, is presenting *Direct Experience: Cancer and Art*, offering works by artists who have dealt or are dealing with cancer, on view through Oct. 31, 2019.

What does an artist do upon receiving a diagnosis of Cancer: Create. Create. Create. As a painter and cancer survivor, Carole Knudson Tinsley, Curator, has assembled 14 Carolinian artists in order to showcase their creativity in the face of cancer.

Featured in the main galleries is the newly installed show, *Direct Experience: Cancer and Art*. This exhibit offers work from 14 different Carolinian artists, featuring male and female cancer survivors who have created both two-and three-dimensional work. Paper making,

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Work by Cheryl LeCroy

jewelry, acrylic, collage, mixed media, photography, wood-turning, and water-color are among the media represented as the vehicles of artistic and emotional expression.

According to Carole Knudson Tinsley, the curator of the exhibit, "Direct Experience offers visceral visual evidence, that in creating, these artists find an uplifting sense of peace. While the mediums differ, they all share the direct experience of being a cancer patient, and then a cancer survivor."

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expressing their feelings, the journey becomes a meaningful experience. While the mediums differ, they all share the direct experience of being a cancer patient, and then a cancer survivor.

Artists include: Joanne Anderson, Ellie Daniels, Jamie Davis, Carol Funke, Elisa Golden, Diane Hopkins-Hughs, Susanne Floyd Gunter, Christina Laurel, Cheryl LeCroy, Monita Mahoney Linda McCune, Marilyn Murrell, Mike Stoner, and Carole Knudson Tinsley.

Direct Experience will be featured in the main galleries of the Arts Center, and there will be a simultaneous solo show by Ruth Hopkins in the Atrium Gallery.

Hopkins began her professional artist career as a teacher at Anderson Christian continued on Page 17

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