

SC Institutional Galleries

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Kathy Ogden, John "Mac" Read, Leslie Wentzell, and Diann Simms. The work presented in the gallery features oils, acrylics, watercolors, photography, pastels, collage, assemblages, sculpture, mosaics, and stained glass and jewelry. There is a piece of original art for every home or office in a variety of price ranges. Co-sponsored by the Anderson Arts Center. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-4pm & Sat., 10am-1pm. Contact: 864/716-3838 or at (www.andersonartscenter.org).

Vandiver Gallery of the Thrift Library, Anderson University, 316 Boulevard, Anderson. **Through Feb. 23** - "Aaron Lee Benson - Solo Exhibition". Hours: Regular Library hours. Contact: Ashley Rabanal, Gallery Director by e-mail at (arabanal@andersonuniversity.edu).

Beaufort Area

Beaufort Art Association Gallery, 913 Bay Street, across the street from the Clock Tower, Beaufort. **Ongoing** - New works by more than 90 exhibiting members of the Beaufort Art Association Gallery - exhibits and featured artists change every six weeks. In addition to framed paintings in a variety of media, the gallery offers prints, photographs, unframed matted originals, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics and greeting cards. Hours: Tue.-Sun., 11am-4pm. Contact: 843/521-4444 or at (www.beaufortartassociation.com).

Sea Islands Center Gallery, 1106 Carteret Street, Beaufort. **Through Mar. 10** - "Stitching Ghosts," featuring a contemporary textile work by Roxanne Lasky. The exhibit features the nature-inspired stitched maps of Roxanne Lasky. As a resident of the Low Country for nine years, she uses the spirit of this historical land to develop narrative pieces that honor materials and place. Her extended time spent in South Africa also informs her work. Roxanne gathers and repurposes her materials to carry forward the history of humble objects imbued with the energy of prior incarnations. **Ongoing** - Since 2012, the Sea Islands Center Gallery has hosted visiting artists and group exhibitions from South Carolina, Georgia, and Arkansas. The gallery also features USCB students' work from juried exhibitions and the art department's senior capstone project. The mission of the gallery is to promote the academic and creative programming goals of the Department of Visual Art & Design and to serve as a catalyst of creative inquiry and exploration within the Beaufort community. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 8am-5pm & Fri., 8am-2:30pm. Contact: 843/521-3147 or at (<https://www.artgallery.uscb.edu/about>).

USCB Center for the Arts Gallery, USC-Beaufort, 801 Carteret Street, Beaufort. **Through Mar. 29** - "Celebrating Black Mermaids from Africa to America". This captivating showcase, inspired by the folklore and visual history of the black mermaid archetype, featuring the work of award-winning artists from across the United States, whose mixed-media art celebrates African goddesses as mermaids and water spirits, honoring the past and exploring them anew. Meet the exhibit curator, Torreah "Cookie" Washington on Feb. 27, from 11am-3pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and during events. Masks and social distancing required. Contact: 843/521-4145 or at (<http://www.uscbcenterforthearts.com/>).

Bluffton



Work by Zoe Stickle, Bluffton High School

Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery/Learning Center, 6 & 8 Church Street, corner of Calhoun and Church Street, Bluffton. **Feb. 5 - Mar. 3** - "The Society of Bluffton Artists Annual Student Art Exhibit". A reception will be held on Feb. 11, from

3-5pm. This year, three schools are participating in the student art exhibit: Bluffton High School, May River High School and Cross School. High school students involved in their schools' arts programs often go on to pursue careers in art, design or photography. **Ongoing** - Featuring works in a variety of mediums by over 100 area artists, with all work moderately priced. Changing shows every six weeks. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 11:30am-3pm. Contact: 843/757-6586 or at (www.sobagallery.com).

Camden

Bassett Gallery, Arts Center of Kershaw County, 810 Lytleton Street, Camden. **Ongoing** - The Arts Center of Kershaw County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that brings energy, creativity, and experience of the Arts to all ages. The Arts Center strives to make both the Visual, Music and Performing Arts an integral part of the life of our community. Admission: Free. Hours: closed now due to COVID-19, but varies by exhibit. Contact: 803/425-7676 or at (www.fineartscenter.org).

Charleston

Throughout downtown Charleston, Feb. 16 - 18 - "42nd annual Southeastern Wildlife Exposition 2024". Now in its 42nd year, the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition has grown to be the largest event of its kind in the nation, attracting over 500 artists and exhibitors from around the globe who present their offerings to over 40,000 attendees. A 4-day celebration of nature that has earned a reputation for excellence, SEWE now hosts the world's foremost experts in wildlife and nature art, as well as conservation research and environmental education. The Expo showcases everything visitors love about wildlife and nature. It brings together people of all ages, men and women, sportsmen and conservationists, artists and artisans, fans and families. Through an incredible lineup of events - from fine art exhibits, conservation education, sporting demonstrations and parties, SEWE invites us all to explore our "wild" side and pay tribute to our naturally beautiful world. For further info about tickets and schedule of events visit (<https://sewe.com/>).

Avery Research Center for African History and Culture, at the College of Charleston, 125 Bull St., Charleston. **Ongoing** - Exhibits on view include: "Since 1920: Zeta Phi Beta Centennial". The Gamma Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated presents a centennial exhibit filled with the rich history of the sorority in print and paraphernalia. Visitors can see in-depth the programming, philanthropy and reach of Zeta Phi Beta during their 100 years. "The Water Keeps Rising" Hip-hop artist and activist Benny Starr has created an interactive exhibit based on data from the Avery's State of Racial Disparities Report in Charleston County. This exhibit will create an immersive experience for visitors. In the areas of civic engagement, racial disparities, the environment and performance art/music, this exhibit will aim to connect the dots from historical data and archival information up to the present conditions of the Lowcountry. "Resilient". Local artist Chris "Kolpeace" Johnson will highlight the power of being resilient with this work that recognizes African Americans who have shown strength through adversity including the late local activist Muhiyidin D'baha and Cyntoia Brown, who faced life in prison after being convicted of homicide as a juvenile. These pieces are tributes to memorialize the impactful strength of an unsung hero in the community, engaging the soul and spirit. "The African Origins of Mathematics". Charleston resident and artist Robert "King David" Ross highlights the direct impact Africa has had on modern mathematics in this exhibit. Showcasing the first math instrument, the Ishango bone, the exhibit allows visitors to see the influence Africa has had on every aspect of life. Admission: Free. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm, with guided tours at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, and 3:30pm. Contact: 843/805-5507 or visit (www.cofc.edu/avery).

Charleston Artist Guild Gallery, 160 East Bay St., Charleston. **Feb. 1 - 29** - "Life in the Abstract," an exhibition featuring artwork by Ruthie Beberman Sumpter. A reception will be held on Feb. 2, from 5 - 8pm. With three decades of experience as a professional potter in Charleston, Sumpter has emerged as a distinguished artist whose journey initially began with painting and drawing for personal enjoyment. Over time, her artistic endeavors gained recognition, leading Ruth to shift her focus towards a more intensive study of the craft of painting. **Ongoing** - Featuring an exhibit of works by over 80 plus members of CAG who display a wealth of talent in different media including, oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, photography, printmaking & sculpture. The Gallery is also home for the CAG office. Hours: Daily,

11am-6pm. Contact: 843/722-2454 or at (www.charlestonartistguild.com).

City Gallery at Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Waterfront Park, 34 Pringleau Street, Charleston. **Through Feb. 11** - "Sleeping with the Ancestors: How I Followed the Footprints of Slavery," uses recent photography by a collection of South Carolina photographers to highlight the work of the Joe McGill and the Slave Dwelling Project, a local non-profit that works to preserve extant slave dwellings throughout the country. "Sleeping with the Ancestors" uses more than 40 photographs by a collection of SC photographers to highlight the work of the Slave Dwelling Project. The Slave Dwelling Project, founded in 2010 by Joe McGill, focuses attention on the lives of the enslaved through the examination of the buildings where they lived. **Through Feb. 11** - "Payne-ful" Business, Charleston's Journey to Truth," pairs reproductions of historic advertisements with paintings of the enslaved by artist John W. Jones. Jones' legacy preservationist and acclaimed artist, has created a powerful series of paintings of the enslaved in the antebellum period. Drawing on the historical research of Margaret Seidler, fourth great-granddaughter of domestic slave trading auctioneer William Payne, Jones references the descriptive text gleaned from newspaper advertisements as he respectfully brings to life the people who were vital to the success of this community and beyond. For this exhibition, Jones has created over 40 paintings; each is accompanied by the textual images of the supporting newspaper advertisement, including its archival provenance. Hours: Wed.-Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 843/958-6484 or (www.charleston-sc.gov/citygallery).

Gallery By SEWE, Shops at Charleston Place, 205 Meeting Street, Charleston. **Ongoing** - Gallery By SEWE is a new, brick-and-mortar extension of the annual Charleston event, The Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SEWE), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and the southeast's premier wildlife art show and outdoors lifestyle event, is hosting a new art gallery and studio space in the Shops at Charleston Place. The gallery will become a year-round extension of SEWE's passion for the great outdoors and showcase the organization's mission to preserve wildlife art and support conservation. The gallery will feature wildlife art, artists and exhibitors and host artist residencies, special exhibitions and events. Hours: Mon.-Sun., 10am-6pm. For more information, please call 843/278-4806 or visit (gallerybysewe.com).

Gibbes Museum of Art, 135 Meeting Street, Charleston. **Gallery 2 & 3, Through Mar. 10** - "A Queer Kinship: The Art of Aubrey Beardsley and Edward Ned I.R. Jennings". The exhibition will expand upon the lasting influence of "aesthetic fever" and the British Aestheticism Movement on the Charleston Renaissance. Focusing on the work of Charleston Renaissance artist Edward Ned I.R. Jennings, this exhibition will examine the stylistic affinity of his work to British Aesthete and famed illustrator, Aubrey Beardsley. "A Queer Kinship" will open new doors for exploring the LGBTQ influences on the Charleston Renaissance and one of its most original artists. **Galleries 1, 4, and 5, Permanent Exhibition** - "18th and 19th Century American Paintings and Sculpture". American paintings, from colonial portraits to Civil War-era landscapes, occupy the Gibbes Main Gallery. Portraits of leading political, social, and military figures include works by Jeremiah Theus, Henry Benbridge, Benjamin West, Gilbert Stuart, Thomas Sully and Samuel F.B. Morse. The gallery also features landscape and genre scenes by Angelica Kaufmann, Louis Mignot, Eastman Johnson, Conrad Wise Chapman, and William Aiken Walker. The paintings collection is complemented by examples of neoclassical sculpture on view in the Campbell Rotunda, and decorative art objects on loan from the Rivers Collection. **Galleries 8 & 9, Through Apr. 28** - "Rory McEwen: A New Perspective on Nature". Presenting the vibrant and varied career of the renowned Scottish artist, Rory McEwen (1932 - 1982), this exhibition reveals McEwen's lifelong enquiry into light and color through his remarkable paintings of plants. Bringing a modern sensibility to botanical art, McEwen developed a distinctive style, painting on vellum and using large empty backgrounds on which his plant portraits seem to float. Without shadows and executed in exact, minutely accurate detail, he recorded the imperfect and the unique, as well as the flawless. McEwen's work, shown in this exhibition alongside the works of master botanical artists from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, "has had a lasting impact on the botanical art world, where he is recognized as one of the standard-bearers of today's renaissance in botanical painting." **Gallery 5, Permanent Exhibition** - "Miniature Portraits". The first American miniature portraits were painted in Charleston, and today the Gibbes is home to one of the most prestigious portrait miniature collections in the United States. Containing more than six hundred objects, the collection spans nearly two hundred years and represents the work of over a hundred artists. Small enough to fit in the palm of the hand, these

tiny portraits were treasured remembrances of loved ones in the age before photography. Presented in state-of-the-art display cases, and in viewable storage drawers featured miniatures include works by Mary Roberts, Jeremiah Theus, Henry Benbridge, Charles Wilson Peale, Pierre Henri, Edward Greene Malbone, George Engleheart, and Charles Fraser. **Gallery 6, Permanent Exhibition** - "20th Century American Regionalism and the Charleston Renaissance". At the turn of the twentieth century, American artists looked to their European counterparts and beyond as they developed identifiably American artistic movements. Two particularly strong influences during this time period were French Impressionism and Japanese woodblock prints. Another prevailing theme during this period was the growing interest in American subject matter. American regionalism and social realism played important roles in the development of art in Charleston, which flourished as a destination for artists, particularly during the years of 1915 to 1945 a period now known as the Charleston Renaissance. **Gallery 7, Permanent Exhibition** - "Modern and Contemporary". Modern and contemporary art in America encompasses a wide range of styles, subject matter, and media. As a whole, the diversity of modern and contemporary art reflects the rich and varied heritage of our nation and the lowcountry region. Works in this gallery were created over the past forty years by artists who are native to the area, who have worked here, or who have created objects that reflect the complex story of the region. The works are grouped to reflect several themes including the southern landscape, the human figure, abstraction, and the legacy of slavery in America. **Museum Shop** - Now offering the inventory of the Tradd Street Press, reproductions of works by Elizabeth O'Neill Verner among other exhibit related art objects. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Admission: Yes. Contact: 843/722-2706 or at (www.gibbesmuseum.org).

Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, The Marion and Wayland H. Cato Jr. Center for the Arts, College of Charleston School of the Arts, 161 Calhoun St., Charleston. **Feb. 2 - Mar. 16** - "Young Contemporaries 2024 - 39th Annual Juried Student Exhibition," juried by Sarah Schuster. This annual exhibition is a celebration of talented artists at the College of Charleston. With works selected by a nationally renowned juror, the exhibition reflects the strength and diversity of practice in the School of the Arts' rigorous programs. **Exhibition Hall, Feb. 2 - Mar. 16** - "Salon des Refusés". Hours: Mon. - Sat., 11am-4pm; until 7pm on Thur. and by appt. Contact: 843/953-4422 or at (<http://halsey.cofc.edu/exhibitions/>).

International African American Museum, 14 Wharfside Street, Charleston. **Through Apr. 28** - "Feeling the Future: Ming Smith," explores artist Ming Smith's unparalleled and under-recognized career from the early 1970s through the present. As Smith's first solo exhibition at a major institution, it encompasses a multitude of artistic expressions to represent her vibrant and multi-layered practice, which is grounded in portraiture, as it amplifies the heartbeat of Black life in the United States. Drawn from the full complexity of Smith's oeuvre, "Feeling the Future" places works from the artist's five decades of creation in conversation with one another, while it embraces the cultural movements she witnessed and participated in. Exploring themes such as Afrofuturism, Black cultural expression, representation and social examination, the exhibit offers a guided tour into unperceived moments of life as captured by one of the most profoundly gifted artists of her generation. **Ongoing** - The IAAM, which sits at the site of Gadsden's Wharf - one of the nation's most prolific former slave trading ports - includes nine core exhibition galleries and a special exhibition gallery, as well as a "floating" gallery that weaves contemporary art throughout the museum. The museum will open with more than 700 artifacts dating from 17th century to contemporary objects, alongside 1000 image and media collection pieces - all of which help connect the African American journey to its roots and connections to African and African Diaspora communities and cultures. The museum also houses the Center for Family History, a world-class genealogy and ancestry resource center, which began hosting genealogy classes and workshops in 2020. Admission: Yes. In an effort to increase access and decrease obstacles to participating in arts and cultural experiences, International African American Museum (IAAM) has joined Bank of America as a new partner in the bank's Museums on Us program, which offers free general admission on the first full weekend of each month to Bank of America, Merrill and Bank of America Private Bank credit and debit cardholders, at some of the nation's greatest museums and cultural attractions, which now includes IAAM. Hours: Tue.-Sun., 10am-5pm (last entry at 4pm). Contact: 843/872-5352 or at (iaamuseum.org).

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