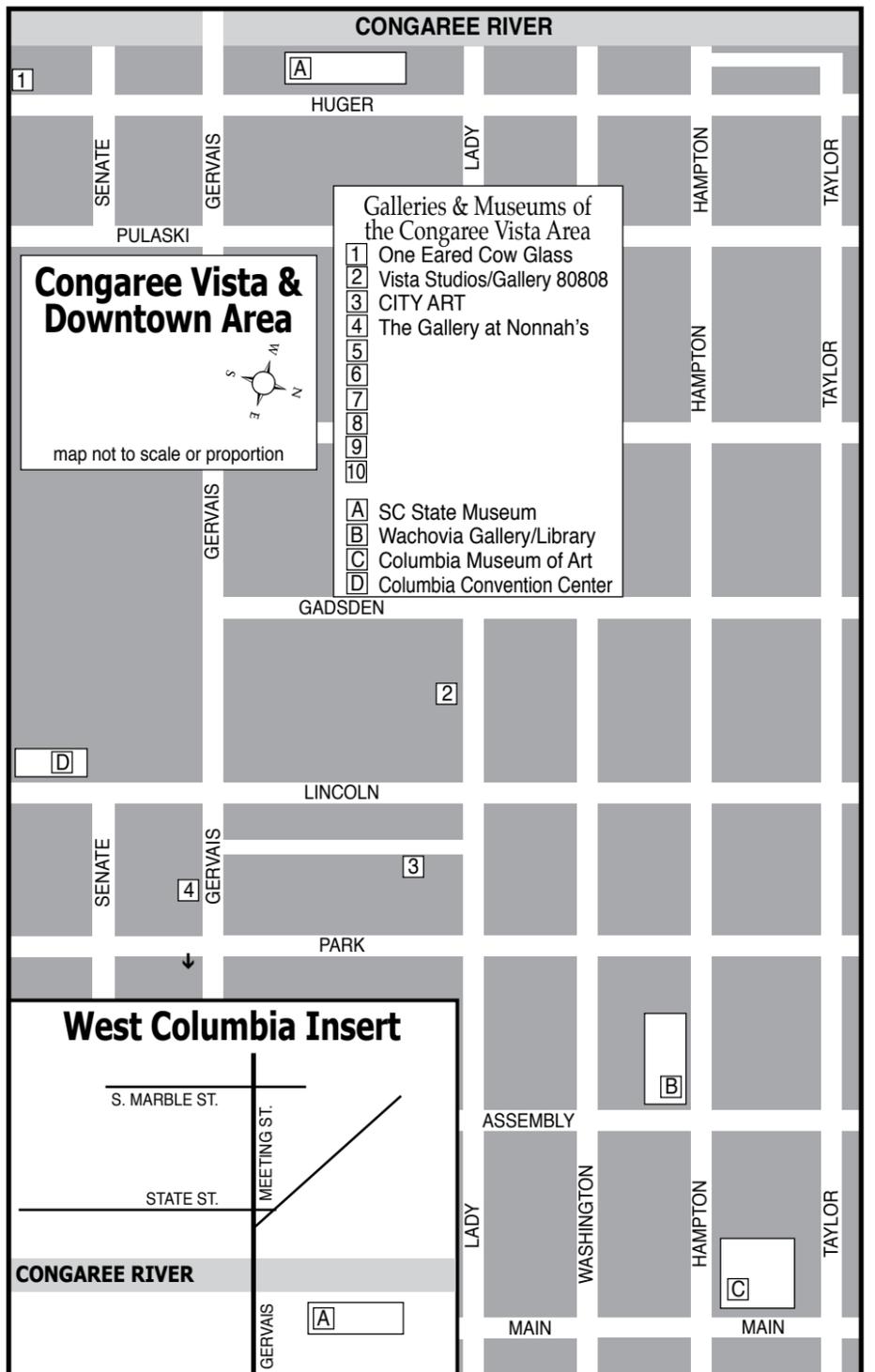
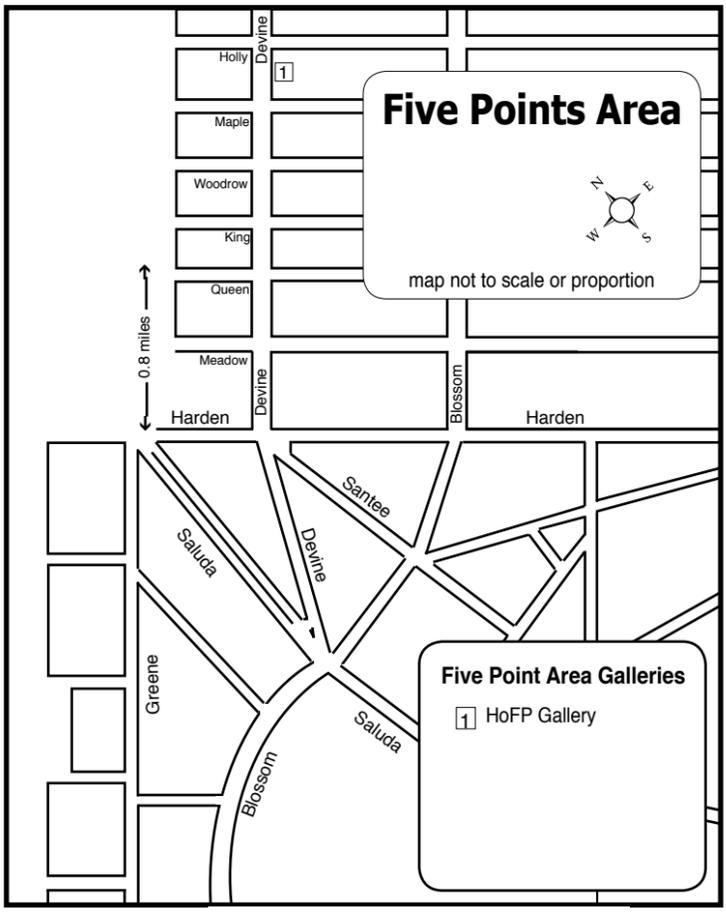


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of the stone. In *Mountain Sunset*, the curves of the "hills" and ridges capture the orange light.



Work by Stephen Chesley

Laurie McIntosh's new series of work, *Unspoken Communications*, invites the

viewer to consider what our body's movements are saying. These oil pastels on paper are about body language and the idea of expressing and capturing an idea of a particular communication in a single image.

Michel McNinch is working on a fresh crop of new landscapes depicting the beauty of our state, from the mountains to the coast.

Kirkland Smith continues her work with post-consumer waste to create "3-Dimensional paintings" that from a distance appear representational but as the viewer moves closer become abstract- and the materials used come into focus.

Artists Jeff Donovan, Heidi-Darr Hope, Robert Kennedy, Laura Spong, and David Yaghjian will also present new work and open their studios at Vista Studios.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the Studios at 803/252-6143 (to confirm hours) or visit (www.VistaStudios80808.com).

20th Artista Vista Takes Place in Columbia, SC - April 28 - 30, 2011

The Congaree Vista is gearing up for its 20th annual *Artista Vista*. The Midlands' largest gallery crawl returns from 5-9pm, Thursday, Apr. 28 and lasts through Saturday, Apr. 30, 2011. Local artists and galleries will open their doors for this signature annual event that draws visitors from all over South Carolina and beyond to Columbia, SC's vista area.

This year's *Artista Vista* will feature regionally and nationally recognized artists, as well as up-and-coming artists from the Midlands. These artists and more will be on-hand to chat with visitors, giving gallery-goers unique insight into their work.

"These world-class galleries are the lifeblood of the Vista," said Clark Ellefson, head of the Vista Gallery Group and owner of Lewis+Clark Lamps Studio at 1231 Lincoln Street. "This will be a great weekend for locals to experience the fantastic art that's happening in this state. And we're very excited to celebrate our 20th anniversary."

For three days, galleries will host visitors and offer complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres as a part of *Artista Vista*, and some will also present live entertainment to make this a truly enjoyable and well-rounded event.

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