

Florence Regional Arts Alliance in Florence, SC, Features Works by Florence Visual Arts Guild

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance in Florence, SC, will present *Florence Visual Arts Guild Third Annual Exhibition*, on view in Gallery 412 from Apr. 7 - 28, 2011. A reception will be held on Apr. 7, from 6-8pm.

The Florence Visual Arts Guild dates to 1983, when several local artists who were primarily interested in watercolor organized themselves as the Florence Working Artists. The organization is now called the Florence Visual Arts Guild. The Guild pursues a mission that includes both promotion of the aesthetic and professional interests of its members as well as contribution to the advancement of the visual arts in the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina. The Guild is composed of a diverse group of Pee Dee artists who pursue a broad variety of artistic expression that includes painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, jewelry, and pottery. Members of the Guild have enjoyed consistent success in professional juried competitions at regional, state, national, and international levels.

Operating at 412 South Dargan Street in the emerging Arts and Cultural Dis-

trict in downtown Florence, the Florence Regional Arts Alliance is the "chamber of commerce" for the artists, arts organizations, school arts teachers, and school arts programs of the City of Florence and Florence County. The Arts Alliance is committed to preserving, supporting, and promoting a vibrant arts community by providing grants to artists, organizations, teachers, and schools; by recognizing students, individuals, and businesses through a comprehensive program of awards and scholarships; by offering community programming that showcases the performing arts, the visual arts, and the literary arts; and by serving on the basic organizational core value that recognizes the arts are fundamental to quality of life, education, and economic development in today's knowledge-based economy, an economy that will require innovative, imaginative, and creativity to address the critical issues of the 21st Century.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Alliance at 843/665-2787 or visit (<http://www.florencearts.org/>).

Florence Museum of Art, Science and History in Florence, SC, Features Youth Art Exhibition

The Florence Museum of Art, Science and History in Florence, SC, is presenting *Youth Art Exhibit*, featuring works by students of Florence School Districts 1-5, on view through May 22, 2011. The student work will be exhibited with selected works from the museum's permanent collection.

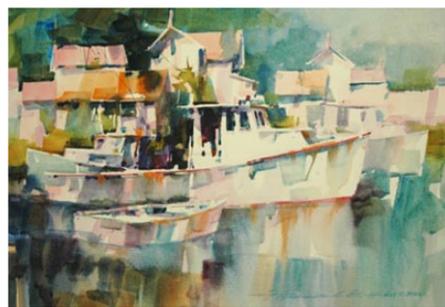
The Florence Museum was organized during the early 20th Century to generate interest in world cultures and to make connections between these cultures and the Pee Dee region of South Carolina.

Keeping with this educational tradition, the Florence Museum continues to provide opportunities for our community, focusing on our younger generations. The museum currently offers a wide range of programs for children of all ages. The *Youth Art Exhibit* is just another way the Florence Museum strives to engage the community by providing opportunities promoting cultural appreciation and awareness.

For further info check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call 843/662-3351 or at (www.florencemuseum.org/).

Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, NC, Features Exhibition by Instructors

The Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, NC, will present the *26th Annual Kanuga Watermedia Workshops Instructors' Exhibition*, on view from Apr. 3 - 7, 2011. A reception will take place in the Fireside Lounge at the Kanuga Conference Center Inn on Sunday, Apr. 3, 2011 from 2:30-5pm.



Work by Fred Graff

The exhibition includes works by: Patricia Brady from Greenville, SC; Betty Carr from Cottonwood, AZ; Kathleen Conover, NWS, ISEA from Marquette, MI; Joan Fullerton from Parker, CO; Frederick Graff, AWS, NWS, TWSA from Medina, OH; Lynn McLain, AWS from Valdito, NM; Craig Nelson, CAC, ASPA from Santa Rosa, CA; Carla O'Connor, AWS-DF, NWS, NWWS from Gig Harbor, WA; Stephen Quiller, AWS,

NWS from Creed, CO; Jan Sitts, SLMM, NSAEP from Sedona, AZ; Richard Stephens from Hot Springs, AK; and Robbie Laird, NWS, SLMM, WW, Director, from Lake Almanor, CA.



Work by Richard Stephens

The annual Kanuga Watermedia Workshop welcomes artists from all across the country to study with these prestigious instructors. Each student artist works intensely with their selected instructor for the entire workshop. Under the direction of Robbie Laird and Will Rasmussen, this week long workshop is held in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains just outside of Hendersonville.

For info check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call Cindy Evans, Assistant to the Director at 517/655-4929 or e-mail to (caevans09@gmail.com).

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and copy-ready ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This would be Apr. 24th for the May 2011 issue and May 24 for the June 2011 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. Let's hear from more commercial galleries in WNC who want to advertise.

April - May, 2011 Event Schedule

Art Exhibits Photofabulous!

Join us for the special closing event for the largest photography show in any gallery in South Carolina on Friday, April 29th, 5:30 - 8 pm. *Florence After 5* will provide live music with *Midway Blue* right outside, along with food vendors. Inside the Gallery, we'll be hosting *Affordably Unique* - the mixed market place featuring local artisans and agricultural products. The winner of the People's Choice Award will be announced.

Cultivating Creativity: The Children's Exhibit

Exhibit Opening: Friday, May 6, 5:30 - 8 p.m. Exhibit Dates: May 6 - 27, 2011

Pompe's Protégés

Celebrating the legacy of Kathleen Pompe's tenure as a professor of photography at Francis Marion University. Opening event: Thursday, May 5th at 6pm. Exhibit runs May 5 - 27, 2011 in the Permanent Gallery



Home to the sculpture studio of Alex Palkovich

Hours of operation:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Friday 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

A project under the auspices of the Florence Downtown Development Corporation. Sponsor support from the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau



135 S. Dargan Street
Florence, SC

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Art Trail Gallery

Free Admission
Art available for purchase!

Call for Participation
Visualicious: A feast for the eyes
No fee for participation: Deadline May 29th
See website for details.
June 6, 7, 8 - Show comes in
June 17th - Evening Reception
July 29 - Show closes

Concerts

Sunday, April 17 - 4 p.m.
Chamber Music of Charleston

Sunday, May 22 - 4 p.m.
Eileen Stempel, Soprano

Concert Tickets \$5
Available at the door or through advance purchase. Includes the performance and the reception to follow

Visiting Florence, SC?

Located at the intersection of I-95 and I-20, Florence is a quick, convenient stop for travelers. Take the time to enjoy some of Florence's Galleries the next time you are passing by.



Paintings by Lynda English

Lynda English Studio Gallery

Home to the creative partnership of Lynda English and Jackie Wukela. Original art work, handcrafted jewelry, classes, framing and art supplies.

403 Second Loop Road
Florence, SC 29505
843.673.9144

<http://www.lyndaenglishstudio.net>

Francis Marion University Art Gallery Series

The curated gallery hosts varied shows of two- and three-dimensional works showcasing regional and national artists in addition to exhibits by visual art classes and graduating seniors.

Open to the public 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday. Free Admission
843.661.1385

Located on the Francis Marion University campus.
<http://departments.fmarion.edu/finearts/gallery.htm>



Night shot of the Art Trail Gallery by Tristan Hilliard

The Art Trail Gallery

The Gallery primarily features original works by local and regional artists in the Carolinas. Works are available for sale. The Art Trail Gallery is also home to the studio of well-known sculptor, Alex Palkovich. See our ad in this magazine for complete details on exhibits.

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