

Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, Offers Abstract Works

The Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, is presenting *Abstract x 3*, featuring works by Rose Cofield, Jennifer Rocco Stone and George Watson, in the Art League Gallery, located inside Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, through Apr. 25, 2020. A reception will be held on Apr. 8, from 5-7pm. Each artist is offering a talk or demo - Watson on Apr. 7 at 12:30pm (talk); Cofield on Apr. 13 at 1pm (demo); and Stone on Apr. 15 at 11am (talk).

Inspired by the use of bright colors and textures, women's interior emotional landscapes, and the free-flowing shapes of blown glass and handmade pottery, the works by Cofield, Stone and Watson show three very distinctive points of view.

Rose Cofield is a sculptor-turned mixed media artist. Her latest work reflects her love of vibrant colors and shapes. She has taught sculpture workshops in South Carolina schools and arts organizations, while her 2D work has been selected for shows both locally and in New York.



Work by Rose Cofield

Jennifer Rocco Stone is a retired public school art teacher. Her work consists of contemporary depictions of women combining her skills in figure drawing and the unpredictable quality of abstract art and pure bold color saturated abstract canvases. Stone has been featured in numerous solo and group exhibits in the New York and New Jersey area.

George Watson is a glassblower and potter as well as a 2D artist. Full of vivid color and whimsical brushstrokes, his paintings consist of forms, shapes and patterns echoed in his glasswork and pottery.

Art League of Hilton Head is the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit visual arts organiza-



Work by Jennifer Rocco Stone

tion 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.



Work by George Watson

"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 visit (www.artleaguehhi.org).

Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, Offers Works by Mary Ann Browning Ford

The Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, will present *Ordinary Things Can Be Beautiful in the Eye of the Beholder*, featuring works by Mary Ann Browning Ford, on view from Apr. 6 through May 2, 2020. A reception will be held on Apr. 17, from 5-7pm.

Ford often tells her art students, "Don't just look at the world around you - really see it." She encourages her students to notice even the smallest details - the depth of color, the bright white highlight hitting the leaves, the textures of a concrete wall or the spectrum of colors in a sandy beach.

Ford is using this same theme for her featured artist exhibit in April at The Society of Bluffton Artists' (SoBA) gallery in Old Town Bluffton.

"I decided to paint ordinary things that we often take for granted that are lying around or that we use every day," Ford said of her upcoming show, titled, *Ordinary Things Can Be Beautiful in the Eye of the Beholder*.

"... These paintings are my take on what I see almost every day - giving the viewer a different perspective of the ordinary."

Ford is an award-winning artist, who received "Best In Show" at SOBA's 25th Page 8 - Carolina Arts, April 2020



Work by Mary Ann Browning Ford

Annual Judged Show last year. While growing up in Cleveland Heights, OH, she attended children's art classes at The Cleveland Museum of Art and years later, the Cleveland Institute of Art and Western Reserve University.

After divorce in 1970, she raised her three children while building a career in

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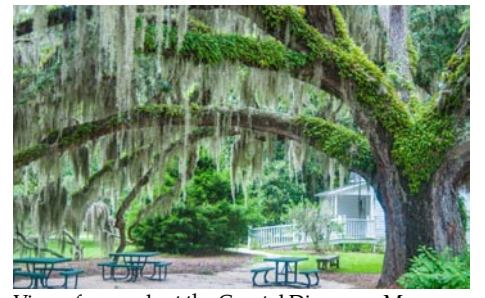
Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, Keeps Grounds & Farmers Market Open

Starting as a small storefront and growing to what it is today, the Coastal Discovery Museum has worked to serve the Hilton Head Island community for over 35 years. We have given a great deal of thought about how to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; how we can protect the health and safety of our employees and guests while also continuing to serve our residents and supporters.

Nearly two weeks ago we made the decision to close the doors to our museum buildings, but to continue to keep the property open to the public. We believe that visitors can safely explore our property, experiencing the beauty and wonder of nature on their own, with our audio tour, or on our app. We think that having this space open for residents to enjoy will help them stay healthy and get much needed exercise. For many of us who work here, being under the magnificent live oaks, watching the ospreys build their nest, or seeing spring bring the saltmarsh to life, helps us remain balanced and relieves some of the stress and anxiety that result from an uncertain future. Please stop by the grounds which are open Monday through Friday 9am to 4:30pm.

We also recognize that this will be a difficult economic time for many of us in the Lowcountry. As we did after Hurricane Matthew the museum is striving to keep all our full-time and contracted employees at work, either remotely or at the museum. Some aspects of what we do here, such as caring for the property and our animals must go on; and we are also working on new projects such as interpretive panels and expanding our trail system.

We are also continuing to operate the



View of grounds at the Coastal Discovery Museum

Hilton Head Island Farmers' Market. The market has plenty of space for shoppers to socially distance themselves while having access to fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, and local goods. By supporting these small businesses, we can also help our local vendors come out of this pandemic as robustly as possible. The market is open at 70 Honey Horn Drive on Tuesdays from 9am to 1pm.

Finally, as a Smithsonian Affiliate, the Coastal Discovery Museum is working to provide distance learning resources for teachers and parents. Many of these resources are available to all through the Smithsonian's open access policy and are available at (<https://learninglab.si.edu/distancelearning>).

"We will continue to fulfill our mission to inspire people to care for the Lowcountry and are happy to hear recommendations from the public we serve. We hope people continue to be careful, but also kind to each other and the planet. We remain optimistic about our future," said Rex Garniewicz, President and CEO.

For further information call the Museum at 843/689-6767 ext. 224 or visit (www.coastaldiscovery.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/>).

