

South Carolina Festival of Flowers Takes Place in Greenwood, SC - June 2-4, 2017



Greenwood's Arts and Cultural District is enjoying exciting times these days, and the excitement is contagious throughout the city, especially the Uptown Greenwood district. In addition to numerous sporting and entertainment events during June 2-5, 2017, the SC Festival of Flowers, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, is excited to host several exhibits.

The *South Carolina Festival of Flowers Juried Youth Art Show* was established in 2015, as a sanctioned event in coincidence with the Festival, with funding attributed to an established endowment in the name of the late Virginia Self. The show will be on display in the reception hall during the month of June at The Arts Center of Greenwood and will include works by regional youth artists (K-12).



A view of one of the *Juried Art Shows*

The *South Carolina Festival of Flowers Juried Art Show* is a sanctioned event hosted annually by The Arts Center of Greenwood in coincidence with the South Carolina Festival of Flowers. The exhibit celebrates its 11th year in The Arts Center's main gallery in 2017 and will feature work from artists all over South Carolina and divisions of the southeast. The show will be on display during the month of June at The Arts Center. The event is presented by the Arts Council of Greenwood County.



A view of a couple of artist's booths

Celebrating the grand opening of *50 Blooming Years*, a historical exhibit about the SC Festival of Flowers, The Greenwood Museum welcomes the public to come view the Festival's 50th anniversary special exhibit. It will feature artifacts and memorabilia such as the SC Festival of Flowers Princess crown and a coach used in the festivities over the first 30 years. People are generously sharing their programs, brochures, photos and other items as well as some of the winning creations of the Arts & Craft Show over the years.

Main & Maxwell in Greenwood, SC, Offers Work by Denise Waldrep

Main & Maxwell in Greenwood, SC, will present *Studies of Studio One: Drawing from Dance*, featuring works by painter, Denise Waldrep, on view from May 10 - 31, 2017. A reception will be held on May 10, from 5:30-7pm. On the evening of the reception, the director of Studio One, Cathy Girvin will be in attendance along with several dancers from the school's production of "Peter and The Wolf."

Currently, Waldrep serves as Artist in Residence at Studio One School of Ballet in Greenwood. This month-long exhibit will feature painting and figure sketches of current dance students of the school as well as a collection of nudes and figure drawings.

"As an artist in the realm of dance, photographs of dancers were always available" says Girvin. "Denise has brought my dancers at STUDIO ONE a sense of the reality that art is a journey - Denise begins with an outline of a dancer's body and ends



One of the topiaries you'll find along the street

The Festival of Flowers *Juried Photography Exhibit and Contest* will be on display at the Greenwood Veteran's Center, located at 106 Main Street North, from June 2 - 3, and will feature youth and adult photography from the area.

Lastly, the annual *Arts and Crafts Show* will take place at the Uptown Market, located on Maxwell Ave., June 2 - 3. Over 30 crafters are expected to participate offering artwork, yard art, handmade jewelry, and more. This event is an original event to the Festival, and the new location is expected to attract quality vendors and exhibitors. Sponsored by Piedmont Technical College, join them for one of the most popular and exceptional shows in the Southeast. You'll be amazed at the incredible handmade and creative works, so get ready to shop!

The event features original work from talented artists and crafts people from all over the Southeast. All juried exhibitors' work has been handmade by the exhibitors and must be their own original design and creation. See the creative process in action with several of our exhibitors demonstrating their craft in their booths, something for every taste and budget with items from the most contemporary to the most traditional.



And of course there will be lots of flowers

While in Greenwood enjoying the Festival, take a magical tour of their "Signature" Topiaries displayed throughout the square in Uptown Greenwood. When it comes to flowers, everyone loves the topiaries—from the majestic elephant to the dabbling ducks to the Safari Jeep. You will be astonished to see the variety of sculpture sizes, plants, colors and textures. In all, 42 unique "living" creations are uniquely set in landscaped areas in Uptown Greenwood for the entire month of June. You have to see 'em for yourself.

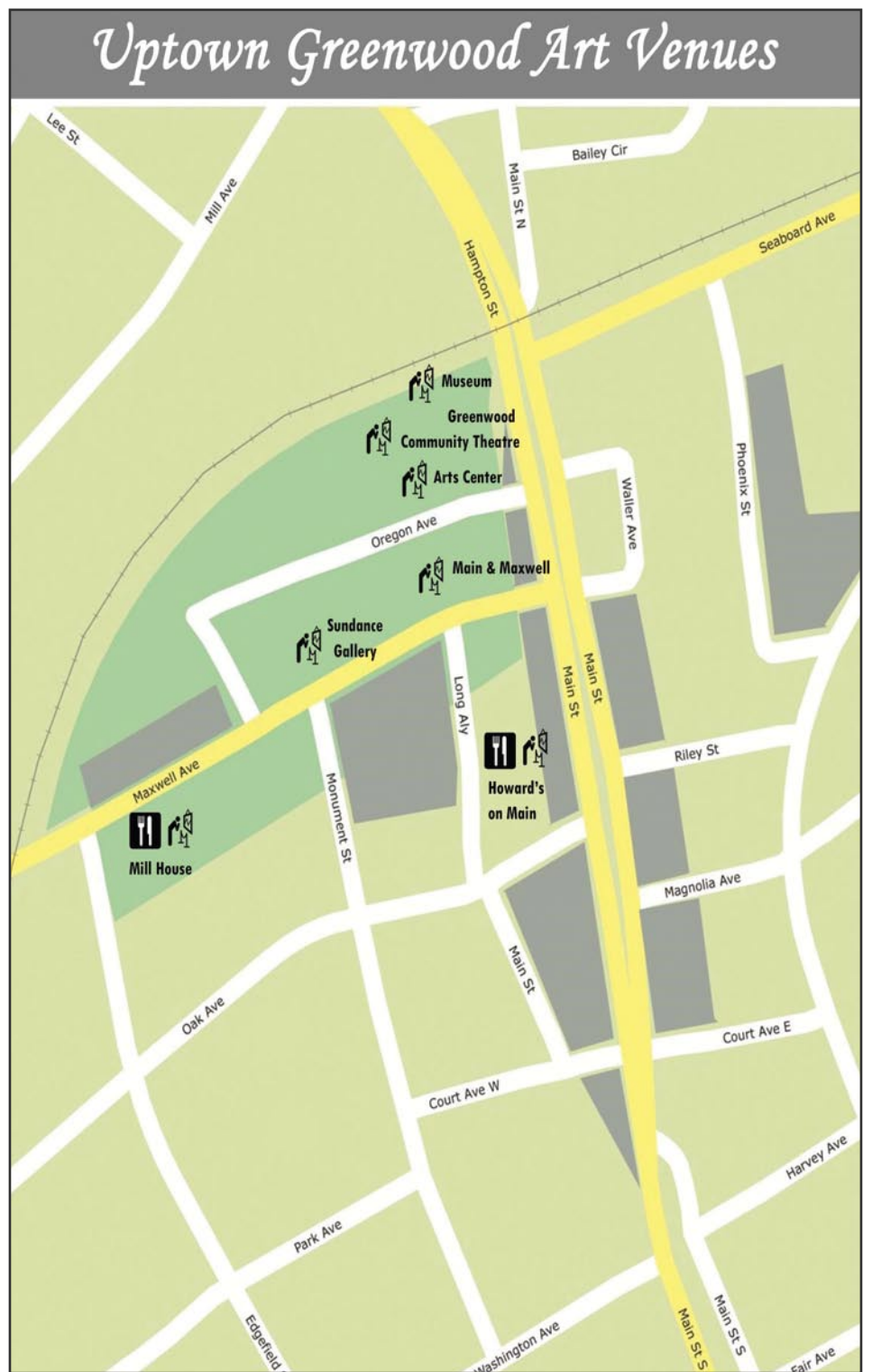
And of course don't forget to check out the visual art displays at Main & Maxwell, Howards on Main and at Lander University.

For further information on the SC Festival of Flowers, please visit their website at (www.scfestivalofflowers.org).

with an exquisite drawing of the dancer's body. My students see her daily diligence to her art and they learn from her that it is the same with them. Denise is a giving artist—every piece she does, you see a part of her determination, will and creativity to present an honest piece of work."

Waldrep graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting and an interdisciplinary studies degree in Natural Science Illustration. During her career, she has worked as a free-lance artist, scientific illustrator, stained glass painter, and teacher. She has exhibited in national shows of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators in Washington, DC, and Minneapolis. Waldrep's work has been included in the Smithsonian Museum exhibit entitled, *Art in the Service of Science*.

Waldrep has exhibited work regionally, continued above on next column to the right



including shows in Athens, GA, Newberry College, Lander University, Erskine College, and the Arts Center of Greenwood County. Her work has also appeared in shows of the South Carolina Watermedia Society, the Belton Arts Center of Belton, SC, and the MACK in McCormick, SC. She exhibits regularly with the Greenwood Artist Guild, of which she is past president and program director.

Waldrep also has a studio in Greenville, SC, Dabney Mahanes and Denise Waldrep Studio, located on Smith Street in the Village of West Greenville.

In Waldrep's artist statement, she says, "I work to create images which allow glimpses of the energies that animate and permeate the material world around us. Those energies may manifest as human emotion in portraits, the radiant energy of light in plein air studies or as myths finding expression in the shapes of forest trees and other forms of nature. In some pieces, I show this through use of gestural lines or the play of darks and lights. In other works, I may use pattern and geometry coming though in unexpected ways. It's always exciting to see where the interaction between my work in progress



Work by Denise Waldrep

and myself as the artist leads."

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call Laura Bachinski at 864/223-6229 or e-mail to (mainandmaxwell@gmail.com).

2017 Heritage Trail Pottery Tour and Sale Takes Place in the Edgefield and Greenwood Areas of SC - May 6 - 7

On May 6-7, 2017, the Sixth Annual Heritage Trail Pottery Tour and Sale will be held in Edgefield County, with potters from Edgefield Area Clay Guild and Greenwood Area Studio Potters. Studios on the tour include Phoenix Factory's Old Edgefield Pottery, Edgefield Clay Studio, PKPottery and Edgefield Clay Works.

The tour will be held on Saturday, May 6th, from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday, May 7th, from noon to 5pm. The Groundhog kiln, located on Crest Road, will be fired the week of the tour, opening Saturday morning at 9am.

There will be five raffle pottery pieces for the 2017 Heritage Trail Pottery Tour and Sale. Tickets will be available at each of the studios participating in the tour. You choose which piece you would like to win! There will also be a drawing from all those who have their clay passports stamped at all of the different pottery locations and a prize given to the winner.

For more information and a map to the various sites, please visit us on Facebook at HeritageTrailPotteryTourSale or contact Paula Bowers at 80/336-4666.

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