



## Columbia Museum of Art

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her and her brother. The two children were imprisoned in a succession of concentration camps, including Plaszow and Auschwitz. Miraculously, Lobel and her brother lived to witness the allied takeover of Ravensbruck. Red Cross workers transported the pair to Sweden. They reunited with their parents, and the family immigrated to the United States when Lobel was 16 years old. She has worked as an artist, a textile designer, and, since 1964, as a children's picture book illustrator. She chose not to return to Poland or to the sites of her imprisonment, but she has visited her beloved Sweden. The artist focuses on the present and her interests in music, theater, languages, and art. She respects the long struggle that brought her

to this life in America.

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and use of creative intuition and exploration of materials. And while this maturation has occurred and still continues to develop, he remains masterful in creating an intentional and distinctive simplicity to express nature. In many of the most recent paintings, Monts has used iridescent fine bronze acrylic paint with high flow pigments to create reticulated surfaces sealed under an epoxy-like, clear acrylic pouring medium.

Monts, a Program Manager with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, mostly paints on nights and weekends. In addition to several professional awards in the past few years, he achieved his Membership of Excellence with the South Carolina Watermedia Society in 2012. Help Monts celebrate his 50th birthday at the opening reception on June 26.

City Art Gallery is located in the historic Congaree Vista area in Columbia.

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## City Art Gallery in Columbia, SC, Features Works by Lee Monts

Works by artist Lee Monts returns to the Main Gallery at City Art Gallery in Columbia, SC, on June 26 with *Age & Intuition*, a solo exhibition featuring a year of selected paintings created for his 50th birthday. As a special part of celebrating this milestone event, Monts will show 50 individual small paintings to mark the years it takes to reach this momentous occasion. "The City Art family finds our ability to host this celebration an honor," states Gallery Director Wendyth T. Wells. The exhibition will continue through July 26, 2014. An opening reception will be held June 26, from 5-8pm.

As a well-recognized artist and one of the better-known painters represented by City Art Gallery, Monts will also be showing many larger works not seen before in public. These works are emblematic of his growth building during the years since 2011 when Monts made a splash with his first solo exhibition at City Art Gallery. The work of Monts has been included in many Page 16 - Carolina Arts, June 2014



Work by Lee Monts

juried exhibitions with awards accompanying those chosen in many cases.

While there is a familiarity to many of the works, Monts' painting style has matured with a greater complexity of composition

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