

Please join us and celebrate the artwork of
Debbie Cooke, artist and educator who died
on February 15, 2015.



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Reception, September 10, 4:30 PM

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(and create new) arts-based programs that improve the seven protective categories of mental fitness: self-esteem and social-emotional skills, media literacy, mindfulness, body image, stressmanagement, nourishing body & mind and community connections.

MFI has designed and implemented evidence-based arts and media programs that have shown to increase confidence in managing mental illness in the school setting, and have effectively informed students and families from all socio-economic backgrounds about the shared risk and protective factors that underlie mental illness, eating disorders, addictions and obesity.

Since inception in 2006, our programs live and online programs have reached at least 700,000 individuals worldwide. Of those, we estimate that a minimum of 2,500 individuals have sought treatment for eating disorders, addictions or other serious mental health complications. MFI's live programs, films, seminars and Mental Fitness Inc.

In 2014, Mental Fitness moved its headquarters to Spartanburg, SC, at the NOURISH space in the Chapman Cultural Center. NOURISH is a program of Mental Fitness and is where we house our offices, hold some of our workshops, research projects and build community partnerships in Spartanburg. Jenny Bonner was recently appointed as Program Director for NOURISH, after her tenure as one of the 2015 HUB-BUB Artists-in- Residence (AiR). More information about NOURISH is available at (NOURISHSpartanburg.com).

Chapman Cultural Center, owned and operated by The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg, is a world-class destination where the people of Spartanburg County and its visitors come together to discover, experience, and celebrate the performing and visual arts, science and

history. The 86,000-square foot, three-building facility held its grand opening on October 3, 2007, after an extensive fundraising campaign.

Chapman Cultural Center's 476-seat theater is home to The Spartanburg Little Theatre, Spartanburg Youth Theatre, and Ballet Spartanburg, as well host to many local and traveling performances. Founded in 1946, Little Theatre presents a live stage production every month during the regular September-May season, including shows by Spartanburg Youth Theatre, the second oldest youth theatre in the state. Ballet Spartanburg, founded in 1966, is recognized as a regional dance company with an exceptional commitment to education and outreach activities throughout the Upstate.

Chapman Cultural Center also houses three museums. Spartanburg Art Museum (SAM) is a regional museum supporting educational programming and diverse exhibitions from international, national and regional artists. Artists' Guild of Spartanburg, the longest established guild in South Carolina, supports a gallery in the Moseley Building. Spartanburg Regional History Museum and Spartanburg Science Center have hands-on exhibits, developed in accordance with the South Carolina Academic Standards in Social Studies and Science that attract individuals of all ages. Other "partner" agencies associated with Chapman Cultural Center are The Music Foundation of Spartanburg, The Spartanburg Repertory Company, and Carolina Foothills Artisan Center in both Chesnee and Landrum.

The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg, also located in Chapman Cultural Center, provides the major funding for, as well as education through, many of Spartanburg's arts and cultural organizations. The Arts Partnership's education programs serve more than 40,000 public and private

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school students throughout Spartanburg County, with residencies by professional artists in the disciplines of music, dance, visual arts, literature, media, theatre and crafts.

Programs at Chapman Cultural Center are funded in part by the City and County of Spartanburg; the South Carolina Arts Commission, which receives support from

the National Endowment for the Arts; and the John and Susan Bennett Memorial Arts Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Museum at 864/542-2787 or visit (NOURISHSpartanburg.com).

Artists' Guild of Spartanburg in Spartanburg, SC, Features Works by Carol Funke and Kate Thayer

The Artists' Guild of Spartanburg is hosting Carol Funke and Kate Thayer in the Guild Gallery, at the Chapman Cultural Center in Spartanburg, SC, with *Textures in Colors*, on view Aug. 1 - 28, 2015. Both Funke and Thayer will host a reception Aug. 20, from 5-8pm, during Spartanburg's ArtWalk.

Funke's textured handmade papers and pigment dyes has an exciting, interesting feast for patrons' eyes. Thayer, using pastels and oils, thinks of her paintings as poems – wordless encounters with stunning voices of nature – in its colors and forms.

Funke's handmade paper creations have received many prestigious awards for their three-dimensional aspects. Viewers frequently ask, "Is that really paper?" then comment, "I just want to reach out and touch it." An award winning artist/author, Funke began drawing as a young child and has always had an interest in art. She has studied the art of handmade paper in several states in the US and internationally. One of Funke's distinctive handmade paper pieces titled "Flower Maze" exhibited at Artists' Guild of Spartanburg's Gallery will catch patrons' curiosity.

Many of Funke's pieces are excellent examples of textures and fluid colors that widely appeal to observers of her work. Funke states that contrast, texture, and color are the main attributes she strives for continually. Also featured at the art exhibit are some of Funke's unique crafts: a large



Work by Kate Thayer

elephant gourd and book art to mention a few. Funke's wide varieties of visual images are featured in *Circle of Life Trilogy*, a tabletop book series, in *Playhouse of My Mind Vol. I*, *Scattered Rainbows Vol. II*, and *Life on a Seesaw Vol. III*.

Kate Thayer's believes that from any perspective, "Nature's ways are awesome. There is nothing more challenging to an artist of nature – which I am – than to capture her moods, her forms and colors and stories, and to translate what I see and feel... for anyone who is drawn to my perspective of

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