

Editorial COMMENTARY

by Tom Starland, Editor and Publisher

On Our Cover

On our cover this month is a work by Greenville, SC, artist, Kent Ambler, who is part of two group exhibitions taking place in the Carolinas this month including: *In Full Bloom: Botanical Visions*, featuring works by gallery artists, on view at American Folk Art in Asheville, NC, from Aug. 2 - 19, 2022. A reception will be held on Aug. 5, from 5-7pm. The full article is on Page 20. Ambler is also part of *MENTOR*, which features works by the Brandon Fellowship mentors, with a nod to Leo Twiggs, on view at the new Abney House in Greenville, SC, through Aug. 17, 2022. A closing reception will be held on Aug. 17, from 7-9pm. The featured artists include: Kent Ambler, Alice Ballard, Mark Brosseau, Kym Day, Adam du Shole, Marty Epp-Carter, Bryan Hiott, Kevin Isgett, Fleming Markel, Michael Marks, Traci Wright Martin, Ashley Waller Rabanal, Diana Farfán Valente, Eli Warren, and Paul Yanko. You can read about it on Page 10.

ratings? Make plans now to attend the 29th Carolina Renaissance Festival, which takes place just north of Charlotte, NC.



A Fairy with bubbles

The Carolina Renaissance Festival is a combination of outdoor theater, circus, arts and crafts fair, jousting tournaments, and a rollicking feast, all rolled into a full day of non-stop, outdoor family adventure!



Jousting Tournaments

We've been escaping to Fair Haven, where the Carolina Renaissance Festival takes place, off and on during the last couple of decades. We went the first time as just visitors and were amazed that it was a full sized village, about the size of an actual village during Renaissance times in Europe. By our second visit, the next year, we went in full costume, which we

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Need To Get Away From It All?



Don Juan & Miguel Show

Need a break from reality - from the COVID Pandemic, the long hot Summer, or the fact that your favorite football team is at the bottom of season expectation

Charleston Artist Guild in Charleston, SC, Features Works by Andy Wessels

The Charleston Artist Guild in Charleston, SC, will present *Through the Lens and From the Easel*, a collection of new photography and paintings by Andy Wessels, on view in the Guild Gallery, from Aug. 1 - 31, 2022. A reception will be held on Aug. 5, from 5-8pm.



Work by Andy Wessels

Wessels was born and raised in The Netherlands. He moved with his family almost 30 years ago to the Charleston area after accepting a faculty position at the Medical University of SC. While the fascination for photography developed at an early age, his interest in painting emerged a little later in life. For a short time, he dabbled in watercolors and acrylics, but nowadays he prefers



Work by Andy Wessels

the versatility of painting in oils.

Living in South Carolina's Lowcountry on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, it may not be a surprise that the local landscapes, wildlife, ocean, and marshes often play a central role in his work.

Sales made at the gallery support the non-profit guild's community outreach work.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or call the gallery at 843/722-2425.

Charleston Crafts Gallery in Charleston, SC, Features Exhibit Inspired By Nature

The Charleston Crafts Gallery in Charleston, SC, will present a group exhibit of works inspired by nature, featuring works by Ron Herzog, Anne John, John Stoudemire, and Valerie Lamott, on view from Aug. 1 - 31, 2022.

The natural world is a powerful muse,
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and for local artisans at Charleston Crafts Gallery it offers never-ending inspiration. As our world feels increasingly driven by technology, handmade objects that reflect nature can reconnect us to beauty and simplicity. A visit to Charleston Crafts Gal-

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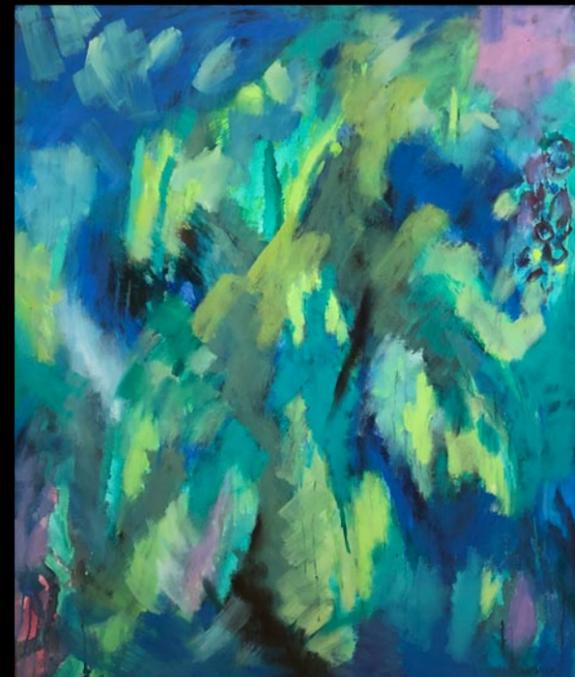
William Halsey & Corrie McCallum



Growing by William Halsey, 1992
oil pastel and paint stick on paper, 18 x 24 inches

Paintings
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& Sculpture
for the discerning
collector

Both artists are
recipients
of the
Elizabeth O'Neill
Verner Award



Painting by Corrie McCallum

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