

Charleston Crafts Cooperative Gallery in Charleston, SC, Offers New Exhibition

Charleston Crafts Cooperative Gallery in Charleston, SC, will present *The Places You Can Go!*, featuring works by Dan Diehl, Carrie Helmkamp, Nancy Warren, and Valerie Lamott, on view from Aug. 1 - 31, 2023. A reception will be held on Aug. 4, from 5-8pm.

Dan Diehl creates fully functioning hand cut wood jigsaw puzzles of his own design, from amazingly intricate one-inch pieces to whimsical three-quarter inch thick wood block cutouts. His puzzles are available unfinished or colored with nontoxic wood stains. Some of his puzzles are suitable for children, while others are fun, casual decor objects. Diehl's featured puzzles for this month are playful encouragement to travel, for example his new World Map, his "Adventure" maps of the United States, as well as individual State maps for all 50 states.



Work by Dan Diehl

Carrie Helmkamp makes hand-built, and sometimes wheel-thrown and altered ceramic sculptures that invite you to explore her quirky and whimsical world. Her fanciful characters take the viewer on a magical escape from reality.

Valerie Lamott creates handcrafted jewelry for everyday wear using traditional metalsmithing and lapidary techniques. Heavily influenced by her time spent living in Japan and hiking all over the world, Lamott strives to create pieces



Work by Carrie Helmkamp

that incorporate a minimal aesthetic and appreciation for the outdoors. She really loves sharing little snippets of these inspirational places and jewelry is a unique way to do that

Nancy Warren is a fiber artist and jewelry maker. Her jewelry designs incorporate fabrics, or techniques that were traditionally worked in fibers. Her Kumihimo jewelry pieces are inspired by the ancient Japanese braiding technique known as Kumihimo. These braids were often elements in a traditional Obi band or Kimono embellishments. Warren's braids include beads of different sizes and shapes, rather than the multiple strands of silk thread found in the Japanese textiles. She makes necklaces and bracelets using this technique.

Recently relocated, the gallery is now just a few blocks from Rainbow Row and Waterfront Park. With over 30 of South Carolina's fine craftspersons, and looking to add more, the selection of artistic wares ranges from jewelry, apparel and accessories, to functional and decorative objects in wood, clay, glass and paper.

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Lowcountry Artists Gallery in Charleston, SC, Features Works by Betsy Jones McDonald

The Lowcountry Artists Gallery in Charleston, SC, will present *Earth and Sky*, a study of undeveloped Lowcountry marshes around the greater Charleston area by Betsy Jones McDonald, on view from Aug. 1 - 31, 2023. A reception will be held on Aug. 4, from 5-8pm, during the Charleston Gallery Association Art Walk. The artist will be in attendance and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome and admission is free. McDonald will also be demonstrating her oil painting techniques in the Gallery on Aug. 15, at 11am.

McDonald always loved painting and drawing as long as she can remember. She received her formal art training at Columbus State University. Her eye for design was put to work as a design manager in her years working in advertising and visual merchandising.

In the early 1990's, she began doing murals for schools, businesses and private residences around Columbia, SC, which is when McDonald realized her true love lay in large-format painting. She's pursued oil-on-canvas as her preferred medium ever since. She paints using only the primary colors, (red, yellow and blue), along with white, and custom mixes all of the colors in her paintings.

McDonald now lives on Daniel Island where her studio overlooks the marsh, and provides an endless source of inspiration. "I love the colors of the marsh, and the way they change with the seasons and the tides," she says. "Every time you look at the marsh, you see something different, and I'm fascinated by that."

Founded in 1982, the Lowcountry Artists Gallery is the oldest artist-owned fine



Work by Betsy Jones McDonald

art gallery in Charleston, South Carolina. Located in the historic French Quarter of downtown Charleston, this fine art gallery is managed and curated by nine nationally and internationally renowned artists, along with 20 guest artists exhibiting original paintings, photography, prints, sculpture, and jewelry.

Lowcountry Artists Gallery prides itself on the variety of subject matter and styles included in the collection. In addition to traditional Charleston scenes and lowcountry landscapes, contemporary, abstract, still life, and figurative work is also available. Life-size copper frogs, miniature construction, sweetgrass baskets and jewelry are also part of the display.

The owner artists are in the gallery daily and are always available to answer questions and assist collectors with their selections. Personal consultations with individuals, corporations, and designers are welcomed, and specific commissions can be arranged.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/577-9295 or visit (www.lowcountryartists.com).

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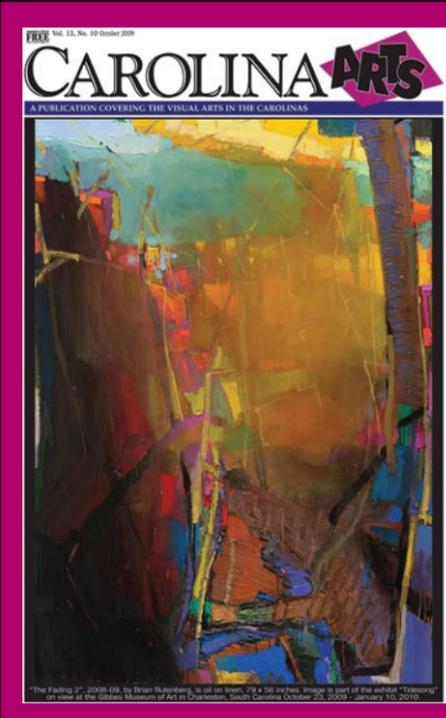
Reception & Awards:
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