

Sunset River Gallery

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The San Jose Museum of Art in San Jose, CA has a substantial collection as does the State Museum of Art, Riga, Latvia. Staprans' work is considered to be in the circle of Wayne Thiebaud and Richard Diebenkorn; he was friends with both of them. Sotheby's, Bonhams and Christie's have sold his work, although recent auction records have come through California-based Clars Auction Gallery at \$147,600 on Sept. 12, 2020, and then \$187,500, June 17, 2022. Available paintings by Raimonds Staprans are very scarce.

Also still living is Ed Mell, born in 1942. He has his own gallery in Phoenix, AZ, with his work gaining popularity sharply in recent years, leaving almost no inventory of his original paintings for sale. Surprisingly, the two art auction majors, Christie's and Sotheby's, have yet to bring his work to auction, but since his auction results have recently exceeded \$100,000, that may be simply a matter of time. His *Shadowed Walls*, measuring 40" x 78", is available through Sunset River Gallery. It is a striking showpiece of 20th century American art.

Angel Botello is represented with two charming pieces *Reclining Girl*, 35 7/8" x 48" and *Niño con Caballito*, 24" x 30" in the Sunset River collection. Born in 1913 in Puerto Rico, he essentially began as a street artist. His work is so unique and appealing that his fame grew during his lifetime such that resales at various auctions quickly outpaced his original art prices. He was both a painter and a sculptor. Botello's work is often sold at Sotheby's and Christie's. His auction maximum was achieved at Christie's in 2007 for *Nina Durmiendo* at \$397,000.

The 20th Century Art installation at Sunset River Gallery is open now, however a reception is planned for a later date once some cosmetic upgrades have been completed at



Work by Angel Botello

the gallery.

Located in coastal Brunswick County, Sunset River Gallery caters to both area visitors and a growing local community of full-time residents seeking fine art for their homes and businesses. Featuring work by approximately 150 North and South Carolina artists, the gallery is well known in the area for its collection of oil paintings, watermedia, pastels, photography, hand-blown glass, fused glass, pottery and clay sculptures, turned and carved wood, unique home décor items and artisan jewelry.

There are two onsite kilns and five wheels used by the gallery's pottery students. Art classes and workshops are currently being offered on a limited basis. Call the gallery for details.

The FrameCenter, located within the gallery, is open Wed.-Fri., noon – 5pm and by appointment. Call framer Louis Aliotta directly at 910/368-7351.

The gallery is located at 10283 Beach Drive SW, Calabash, NC 28467. Hours are Mon.-Sat., 11am-5pm.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 910/575-5999 or visit (sunsetrivermarketplace.com). Daily updates are available on the gallery's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, Features Works by Jane Jones

Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, is presenting *Cultivating Dutch Traditions in the 21st Century – Jane Jones' Hyperrealist Floral Paintings*, on view in the Noble Gallery, through Nov. 15, 2022.

A traveling exhibit of still life floral paintings recently opened at Brookgreen Gardens, offering visitors a unique opportunity to see these floral paintings complimented by the beautiful sculpture garden. These paintings by artist Jane Jones are based on the flowers and symbolism of 17th-century Dutch still life painting, which Jones incorporates to address the present-day issue of climate change.

Jones has been influenced by the flowers and symbolism of 17th-century Dutch still life painting for many years, and in the floral paintings made specifically for this show, she has incorporated that symbolism and made it more pointed and direct.

The exhibition presents the ideas of risk and protection and explores the artist's concerns about the current changes to the planet due to climate change. The paintings will be on display in the Noble Gallery, with the beautiful backdrop of Brookgreen's sculpture gardens to compliment the floral paintings, and Brookgreen will also feature floral designs by local florists in the gallery during the exhibition.

After leaving Brookgreen, this exhibition



Work by Jane Jones

will continue to travel to the Chicago Academy of Science, the Annual Tulip Time Festival in Holland, MI, and the Evelyn Burrow Museum in Hanceville, AL. This exhibition is produced by David J. Wagner, L.L.C., David J. Wagner, Ph.D., Curator/Tour Director.

Brookgreen Gardens is one of the largest collections of outdoor sculpture in America. This preeminent collection of American representational sculpture includes - 560 works by 240 artists - representing such well-known artists as Charles Parks, Daniel Chester French, Carl Milles, August Saint-Gaudens and Anna Hyatt Huntington.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Gardens at 843/235-6000 or visit (www.brookgreen.org).

Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, Features Annual Sculpture Exhibition

Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, is presenting the *National Sculpture Society's 89th Annual Awards Exhibition*, the premier annual exhibition of American figurative sculpture, on view in the Rosen Galleries, through Oct. 23, 2022.

It is fitting for this exhibition to be shown at Brookgreen Gardens, home to the largest and most significant collection of American

figurative sculpture in the world, and be the only venue for this exceptional annual exhibition. The National Sculpture Society (NSS) is the first organization of professional sculptors in the country and handpicks pieces for this exhibition, presenting the finest in contemporary figurative sculpture by American masters alongside rising stars.

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"This annual exhibition supports our mission to collect and display the finest American sculpture and continues our longstanding relationship with the NSS since our founders, the Huntingtons, were members and supporters of the organization," says Page Kiniry, President and CEO of Brookgreen. "We are thrilled that Brookgreen is once again the venue for this exceptional display of artwork, and we hope visitors will take this opportunity to enjoy works from some of the country's best contemporary sculptors."

The 37 works in this exhibition are selected by a jury from hundreds of entries. Works are made of materials including bronze, wood, silicone, plaster, terracotta, cast aluminum, resin, marble, and steel. Seventeen awards will be presented by the NSS, along with the People's Choice Awards, determined by votes from visitors to Brookgreen, which will be announced at the exhibit's conclusion.

This exhibition is generously supported by Carl G. and Mary G. Colton, Hal and Margaret Holmes, Greg and Cheryl Sprole, Kenneth and Elaine Trousdell, and The Curator's Circle.

Brookgreen Gardens, a National Historic Landmark and 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is located on US Hwy. 17 between Murrells Inlet and Pawleys Island, on South Carolina's Hammock Coast, and is open to the public daily. Founded in 1931 by Anna Hyatt Huntington and Archer Huntington, Brookgreen is home to the largest and most significant collection of American Figurative Sculpture in the country, and is a leader in sculpture conservation, environmental conservation, and the protection of the plants, animals, and history of the South Carolina Lowcountry.

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Brookgreen Gardens in Murrell Inlet, SC, Offers Tickets for Nights of a Thousand Candles

Brookgreen Gardens in Murrell Inlet, SC, announced tickets are on sale for 23rd Annual Nights of a Thousand Candles, the annual holiday light display that draws visitors from across the country. Nights of a Thousand Candles takes place from Nov. 26 through Jan. 1, 2023; Thur. - Sun., from 4-9pm.

The event features thousands of hand-lit candles and millions of twinkling lights draped among the stunning landscapes and large sculptures of Brookgreen's botanical gardens. A nightly tree lighting ceremony will kick off the event, which also features live music performances, festive libations, holiday-themed exhibits, and much more, to celebrate the holiday season.

"There is always something new to see at this event, which keeps guests returning year after year," says Page Kiniry, President and CEO of Brookgreen Gardens. "There is no better way to get in the holiday spirit than a visit to Nights of a Thousand Candles. This event will sell out, so we encourage everyone to get their tickets now. Don't miss the opportunity to stroll through the festively lit gardens with a cup of hot cider or cocoa with family and friends."



View of Night of a Thousand Candles

Historic Landmark's offerings for the future. A limited number of tickets are available for \$150 each and include complimentary beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres. To purchase tickets to the preview benefit, visit (<https://bit.ly/3PDnx01>).

Tickets are as follows: Members – Adult: \$30, Child: \$14. Non-members – Adult: \$35, Child: \$17. To purchase tickets, visit (<https://bit.ly/3RZMRpT>). Tickets must be purchased in advance and space is limited.

The Old Kitchen in the heart of the sculpture garden will be serving small bites, soup, and beverages. The Brookgreen beverage station will provide beer, wine, and Brookgreen's famous homemade hot cocoa. Each evening, guests can enjoy the "Lighting of the Trees" at 6:45pm, at the Leonard Pavilion. Harvest Restaurant will be open and accepting reservations for evening indoor and terrace dining.

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View of Night of a Thousand Candles

For an intimate, exclusive first look at this celebrated event and an opportunity to donate to an excellent cause, visitors can attend The Nights of a Thousand Candles Preview Benefit on Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, from 6–9pm. All proceeds from tickets purchased will go to Brookgreen's Campaign for the Next Generation, a \$20 million capital campaign to expand the National

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