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Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, Features Exhibit Focused on Ocean Coral

Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present *Intricate Oceans: Coral in Contemporary Art*, a group exhibit of works on view in the Museum’s Main Gallery, from Sept. 23 through Mar. 24, 2024. A reception will be held on Sept. 28, from 5-7pm. Curator’s Tours will be offered on Oct. 24 at 1pm, Dec. 2 at 1pm and Feb. 22 at 11am.

Featuring work from seven contemporary artists who are deeply concerned with the health of the coral reefs, the exhibition will explore through their work the environmental pressures facing our oceans.

International in scope, the exhibition will highlight work from ceramicists Courtney Mattison and Lauren Shapiro (USA), textile artist Vanessa Barragão (Portugal), painter Lisa Tubach (USA), mixed media artist Stephanie Kilgast (France), and sculptors Ginger Ertz and Mara Lefebvre (USA). While the news surrounding climate change, pollution, and overfishing is grim and the effect on coral reefs undeniable, these artists have not given up hope.



Work by Courtney Mattison

merging the beauty of art with the observations of science.

The urgency of the issue has never been greater. While coral reefs only represent 2% of the total surface area of the ocean, their effect on the ocean ecosystem is far greater, providing food and shelter for 25% of all aquatic species, protecting shorelines from storms and surges, acting as filtration systems for surrounding waters, and supporting tourism. As Dr. Sylvia Earle notes, “Even if you never have the chance to see or touch the ocean, the ocean touches you with every breath you take, every drop of water you drink, every bite you consume. Everyone, everywhere is inextricably connected to and utterly dependent upon the existence of the sea.”

The exhibition was curated by Elizabeth Greenberg, Director of Exhibitions at the Coastal Discovery Museum.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Museum at 843/689-6767 or visit (www.coastaldiscovery.org).



Work by Mara Lefebvre

Each artist has a unique vision, but they all use their art to advocate for the health of the ocean with the goal of inspiring a change in public awareness and support for conservation efforts. Several of the artists have backgrounds in marine biology and collaborate with scientists,

La Petite Gallerie in Bluffton, SC, Features Works by Sue Grilli

The La Petite Gallerie, an intimate Old Town Bluffton, SC, shop featuring local art, is introducing the gallery artists to newcomers to their area, and reintroducing them to their old friends. Throughout the month of September, 2023, they are spotlighting artist Sue Grilli, whose work is a delightful treat to experience!

Her floral paintings, as well as her abstract creations elicit more than just visual pleasure. Describing her florals she says, “A garden filled with flowers presents an everlasting inspiration for art. Although there is so much beauty in nature, I am not just painting the flowers. I am painting how the flowers make you feel.”

Grilli is a happy painter, possibly because she is surrounded by a loving and supportive family. Three grown children, a brand new granddaughter, her delightful



Work by Sue Grilli

parents, and her husband Mike, who skill-

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- D Art League of HH Art Academy
- E Coastal Discovery Museum @ Honey Horn
- F mile Marker

Hilton Head Island, SC

These maps are not to exact scale or exact distances. They were designed to give readers help in locating galleries and art spaces in the area.