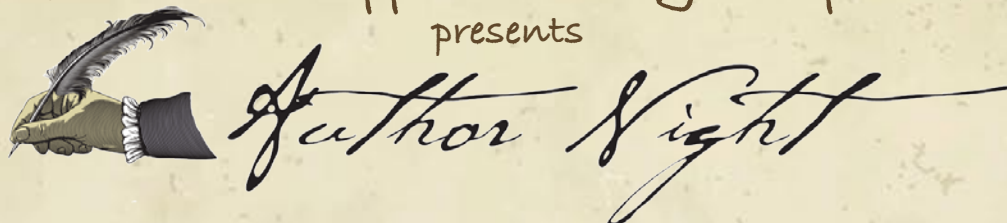




2017 Historic Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival

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"CELEBRATE THE RICH HISTORY & CULTURE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY THROUGH THE ART OF NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED WEST FRASER"

Join us for an exciting evening with West Fraser as he shares his latest book, "Painting the Southern Coast", and his passion for capturing and celebrating not only the beauty of the area but the very spirit and soul of the coastal landscapes and waterways through his art. In addition, West will showcase his print of the Bluffton Oyster Factory Shuckers as he shares the mission of his parents' Sustainable Seafood Harvest Fund which directly benefits from the sale of these prints. Larry and Tina Toomer, owners of the Bluffton Oyster Company, will also be on board to share their insights of oystering in the Lowcountry and the stories of the very people that make it possible for us to enjoy these sweet and salty delights.



West Fraser

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
5:30pm

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres & beverages
by Southern Spice Catering and Events

6:00 Showtime

Rotary Community Center
at Oscar Frazier Park

11 Recreation Court, Bluffton, SC

Cost: \$15 donation per attendee

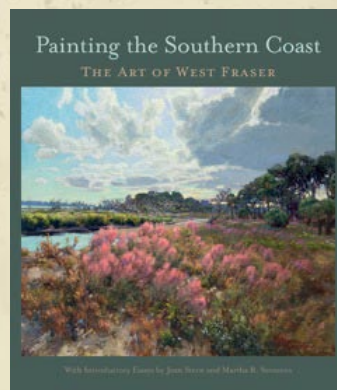
Proceeds to benefit the Waddell Mariculture Center

Book and Print Sale & Signing

Reservations required: sign up preferred online at

www.blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.com

or call Mary at 843.815.2472 or 843.815.2474



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HEART OF THE LOWCOUNTRY



13th Annual Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival Takes Place in Bluffton, SC - Oct. 14 - 22, 2017

The Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival is back for the thirteenth year - and still growing. What started as a one-day event in 2005, has quickly become a week of festivities in historic Bluffton, SC, showcasing the arts and locally harvested seafood. Festival events are scheduled from Saturday, Oct. 14 through Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017.

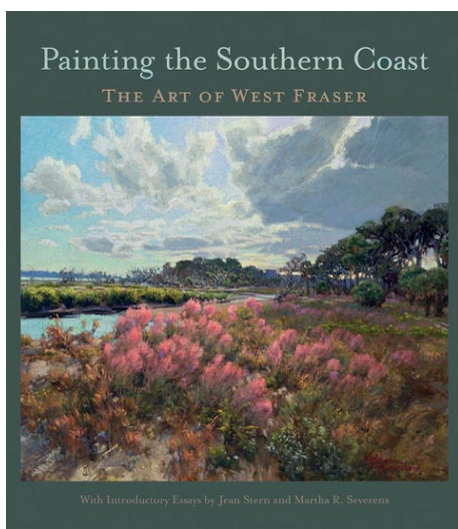


Shrimp, shrimp, and more shrimp

The "Heritage Discovery Tour" and the Gullah Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 14th along with the traditional Blessing of the Fleet and Boat Parade on the May River on Sunday, Oct. 15th will again kick off this week of festivities. Other Sunday activities include a Showcase of Local Art, an outdoor art exhibit from 11am - 4pm in the heart of Old Town Bluffton, as well as the first Oyster Roast of the season at Bluffton Oyster Park at 5pm.

On Monday evening at 5:30pm a Tour of the Waddell Mariculture Center along with Crab Pickin' and Oyster Shuckin' demonstrations will take place with Dr. Al Stokes on the bluff of the Colleton River.

Join us for Author Night with West Fraser on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 5:30pm for complimentary hors d'oeuvres & beverages by Southern Spice Catering and Events. West will share his latest book, "Painting the Southern Coast", and his passion for capturing and celebrating not only the beauty of the area but the very spirit and soul of the



Cover of West Fraser's new book

coastal landscapes and waterways through his art. In addition, West will showcase his print of the "Bluffton Oyster Factory Shuckers" as he shares the mission of his parents' Sustainable Seafood Harvest Fund which directly benefits from the sale of these prints. Larry and Tina Toomer, owners of the Bluffton Oyster Company, will also be on board to share their insights of oystering in the Lowcountry and the stories of the very people that make it possible for us to enjoy these sweet and salty delights.

The program starts at 6pm, at the Rotary Community Center at Oscar Frazier Park, 11 Recreation Court, Bluffton, SC. Admission is \$15 and proceeds benefit the Waddell Mariculture Center. Make reservations at www.blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.com or call Mary at 843/815-2472 or 843/815-2474.

Other favorite returning events include daily May River kayak and boat tours, the Saturday morning Old Town Oyster 10K and 5K run, children's fishing tournament

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"Bluffton Oyster Factory Shuckers" from West Fraser's new book

and expanded children's art activities in the park.

New to this year's events include Bluffton Jack's Haunted History Tours on Tuesday, Oct. 17 and the Red Apron 30th Anniversary Sips and Seafood Party on Friday, Oct. 20, at Hampton Lake. The evening's menu will include Lowcountry dining, entertainment from celebrity chefs and contagious excitement with a live auction as money is raised to support our Bluffton neighbors in need.

The highlight of the week again is the outdoor Street Fest, Saturday the 21st - Sunday the 22nd which features the juried

Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, Features Works by Pat Diemand

The Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, will present *Plenty and Plenty More: A Celebration of the Harvest*, featuring works by Pat Diemand, on view from Oct. 2 through Nov. 5, 2017. A reception will be held on Oct. 8, from 3-5pm.

Diemand will be presenting her artwork - oil paintings, mixed media drawings and floor cloths - at her show.

Diemand began her journey as an artist as a young child, guided by her desire and natural ability. She earned a bachelor's degree in art from Marywood University in Scranton, PA, and a master's degree in art education from Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, CT. She was a member of the Western New York Artists'



Work by Carroll Swayze

Artist Showcase and Market on Calhoun Street with over 100 artists from 10 different states. These artists will be displaying their fine art; local restaurants and caterers will be serving up delicious seafood dishes and Low Country Cuisine; musicians will be performing; and area environmentalists will be highlighting our natural resources and the necessary conservation practices to ensure their continuance.

Please join us for a true celebration of fine art and the bounty of the sea!

For more info and the full schedule of events visit

www.blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.com or call 843/757-2583.



Work by Pat Diemand

Group in Buffalo, NY, and the WA Project for the Arts/Corcoran in Washington, DC.

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