

# Art League of Hilton Head, SC, Offers *Anything Goes!* Exhibition

The Art League of Hilton Head, on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present *Anything Goes!*, a showcase the best of its members' works with no limitations, on view at the Art League Gallery, located inside the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, from Mar. 9 through Apr. 3, 2021.

*Anything Goes!*, an exhibit of member art at Art League Gallery, celebrates the depth and breadth of artwork created by Art League exhibiting members. Truly anything goes at this exhibit: any media, size, shape, form or subject. From 2D media such as painting and photography to 3D art including sculpture, ceramics and jewelry, all artworks will be on display and for sale.

"There weren't many opportunities for our members to exhibit their work last year due to the pandemic," says Kristen McIntosh, General Manager. "But that didn't stop our artists from producing outstanding work throughout the year. We're thrilled to be able to showcase their talents in this exhibit."



Work by Jim Saylor

The Art League of Hilton Head is the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit visual arts organization on Hilton Head Island with a synergistic art gallery and teaching Academy. Art League Academy welcomes artists and students in all media at all skill levels, including true beginners. Taught by professional art educators, students can choose from many art classes and workshops that change monthly.

Art League Gallery features local artwork in all media created by more than 170 member artists. All artwork on display is for sale and exhibits change every month. Located mid-island inside Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, next to the box office.

"Inspiring visual arts for our community and its visitors through exhibitions, education and partnerships" is Art League of Hilton Head's mission.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the League at 843/681-5060 or visit ([www.artleaguehhi.org](http://www.artleaguehhi.org)).



Work by Peg Weschke

The use of new media and processes is encouraged. The winners of three People's Choice awards will be announced on Mar. 15, 2021.

# Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, Features Murals and Artworks from Local Students



The Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, and local Bluffton High students collaborated with artist Steve Gregar on murals in Old Town to present an exhibit of works, on view from Mar. 2 through Apr. 3, 2021.

Visitors strolling through Old Town Bluffton can spice up their social media feeds now thanks to a pair of colorful murals on the walls of the front porch at the Society of Bluffton Artists gallery. The fun photo opportunities at the corner of Calhoun and Church streets are the result of a collaboration between SoBA artist/board member Steve Gregar and a group of Bluffton High School students under the guidance of visual arts teacher Kristen Munroe.

Inspired by a video he saw on YouTube, Gregar decided to create interactive murals and involve young artists in the project. With the approval of the SoBA Board and Bluffton High School administration - and financial support from Corner Perk owner Josh Cooke - the project was launched. But as is the case with many things during the current coronavirus pan-

demic, the project hit some snags.

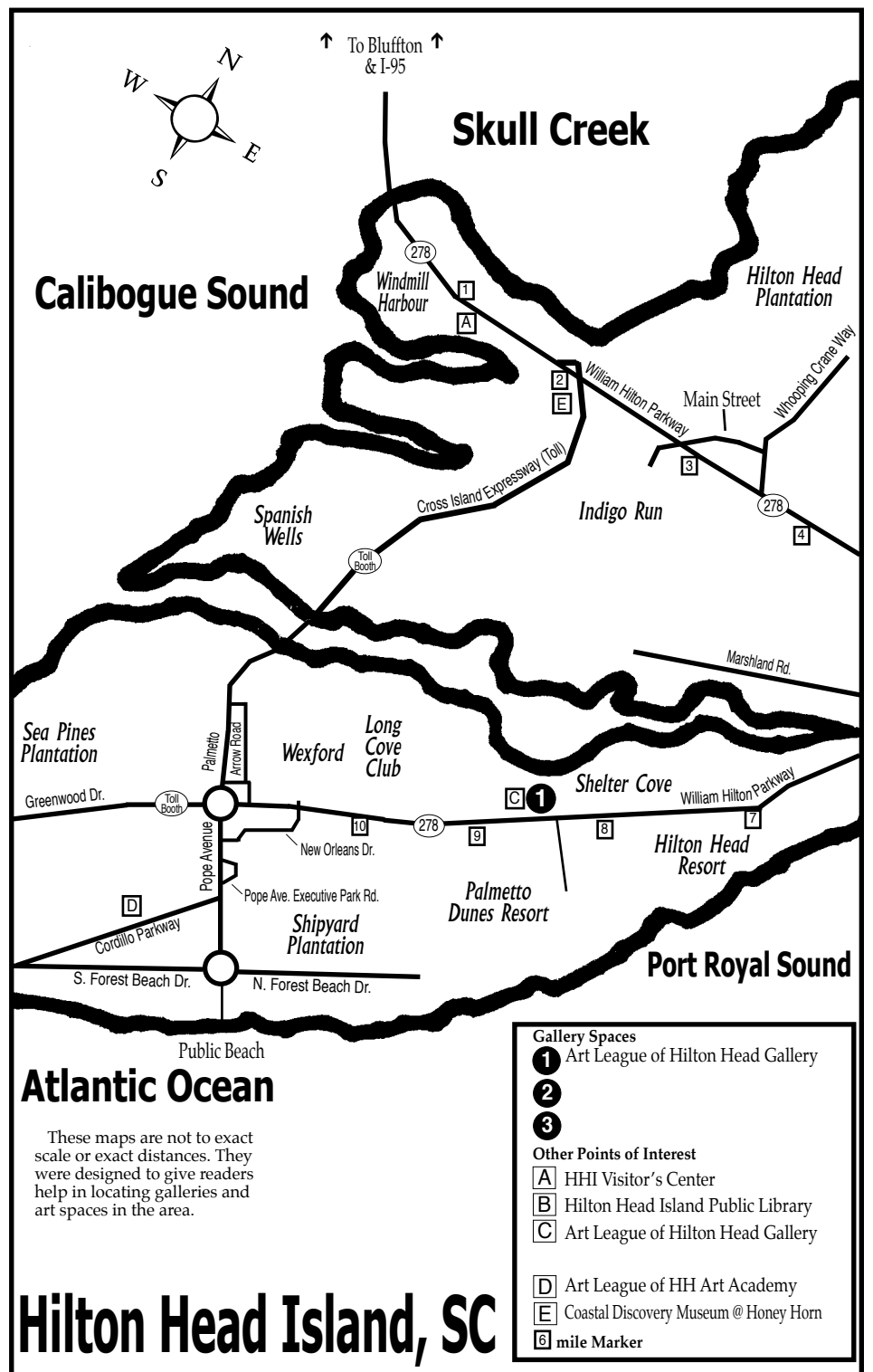
"The virus screwed up the school schedule but Munroe persevered," Gregar says. "What would have been a monumental task under ordinary times, Munroe pulled off during a pandemic. She is the real hero of the story."

Planning for the murals began in the Spring of 2020, and the group of 15 students began to work on them in October. Because social distancing measures had to be observed, only a few students could work on the murals at a given time. One of the murals is a garden scene with a large set of brightly colored monarch butterfly wings that people can "wear" for their photo op.

"I'm really happy with the results," says Munroe.

The other mural is a three-dimensional piece that shows an ocean scene full of Lowcountry species - spadefish, redfish, blue crabs and turtles. It is an action photo opportunity for guests, as they can attach themselves to a hook being dangled from a sea turtle's mouth.

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## 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.

- Gallery Spaces**
- 1 Art League of Hilton Head Gallery
  - 2
  - 3
- Other Points of Interest**
- A HHI Visitor's Center
  - B Hilton Head Island Public Library
  - C Art League of Hilton Head Gallery
  - D Art League of HH Art Academy
  - E Coastal Discovery Museum @ Honey Horn
  - 6 mile Marker

"The murals are not like I envisioned - they are actually much better than I expected," Gregar says, giving most of the credit to the students. "They should be very proud."

"We are thrilled to be working with the youth in our community," adds SoBA president Mary Ann Burgeson. "I think this mural gave them something positive and fun to do while waiting for our new 'normal' to appear."

The murals won't be the only work of the Bluffton High art students on display at the gallery, as SoBA has selected them to be the Featured Artists for March. From Mar. 2 to Apr. 3, a wide array of the students' art will be on exhibit and for sale

inside the gallery, ranging from paintings and drawings to photography.

"The SoBA Gallery has just been so wonderful," says Munroe. "They very much want to be involved with the local students and support them."

SoBA is the heart of the flourishing art hub in Old Town Bluffton's historic district at the corner of Church and Calhoun streets. As a non-profit art organization, SoBA offers regular art classes, featured artist shows, exhibitions, scholarships, outreach programs and more.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call SOBA at 843/757-6586 or visit ([www.sobagallery.com](http://www.sobagallery.com)).

# Bluffton Artisan Market Will Be Held On 2nd Sundays Monthly in Bluffton

The Bluffton Artisan Market will be held at the Burnt Church Distillery, located at 120 Bluffton Road in Bluffton, SC, every second Sunday in the courtyard, from 1-5pm.

Lowcountry Made's Bluffton Artisan Market will kick off March 14 in the courtyard of the new Burnt Church Distillery, 120 Bluffton Road. The new distillery is just minutes away from Old Town Bluffton.

"We are so grateful to Burnt Church Distillery for stepping up to host the Bluffton Artisan Market recurring series this year!" said Katie Silva, founder of Lowcountry Made. "It's an exciting venue and our makers are bringing their best. The market is going to be a wonderful opportunity to engage with local creatives and shop small while supporting the latest addition to Bluffton, the Burnt Church Distillery!"

The Bluffton Artisan Market will take place from 1-5pm, monthly every second Sunday. The market will feature at least 15 local artists, artisans and makers. Different food trucks and live music will also be featured at each month's market.

Social distancing best practices will

be in place with attendees and vendors required to wear masks. The March 14 Bluffton Artisan Market will include the following vendors: Lowcountry Lobster, Bluffton Candles, Handmade Beaufort, Sun Dog Pet Products, True South RH, 7th & Palm, BP Custom Carbon Furniture, Woodsman's Wife, Cottonwood Soap Co., Preservation Tree Art, Tout Sweet Macarons, Cupcakes 2 Cakes, Whip Savannah, Fire and Pine, Finch Sign and Design, and Palmetto Kettle Corn.

Lowcountry Made is a promotional organization that represents a collective of Lowcountry artists, artisans, and entrepreneurs creating in the Lowcountry. Dedicated to encouraging the community to shop small and local, Lowcountry Made offers an online directory, a maker-to-shopper newsletter, special events, wholesaling representation and representation at the Lowcountry Made shop next to the Juice Hive in Bluffton. The organization's goal is to provide opportunities for local makers to help their brands succeed.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings or visit ([www.lcmade.com](http://www.lcmade.com)).