

Lowcountry Artists Ltd. in Charleston

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few years, has been a pivotal point in Helmkamp's furniture and sculptural accomplishments. Personal relationships are continually being explored through the connections between materials and proportions in his work. Refined curves and accentuated negative space are joined by a seamless combination of aluminum and wood, creating sleek elegance in Helmkamp's latest body of work. For this show, he has developed imagery and functional objects that embody the renewal of spring.

Helmkamp earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations before discovering his true passion of designing and creating beautiful wood objects. He has run his own company, Kampstudio, ever since completing a degree in the Professional Crafts Program at Haywood Community College. His work can be found in galleries and private collections across the country. The North Carolina mountains are home to Helmkamp, his wife Carrie and his wood shop.

Lowcountry Artists Ltd. gallery is one of the oldest galleries in downtown Charleston, celebrating its 32nd year in business. All pieces of the *Renewal* show from these



Work by Robb Helmkamp
two artists will be available for viewing and sale.

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

Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, Features Annual Art Market

The Art Market at Historic Honey Horn, the 12th annual juried fine art and craft show, is set for Saturday, Apr. 26 and Sunday, Apr. 27, 2014, on Hilton Head Island, SC. The Coastal Discovery Museum is pleased to announce that artwork in media including: clay, wood, fibers, metals, glass, jewelry, watercolors, oil, mixed media and photography will be on display and for sale.

The event will host nearly 100 artists from as far away as Seattle's Pike Place Market, Wisconsin and well-known local artists as they share the spotlight during this weekend-long event. Each artist will compete for prizes up to \$5,000. The Judge for this year's show is Karen Derksen. Derksen is the Director of the Winthrop University Galleries. She's been a juror and judge for many shows that are similar to The Art Market.

The show is open to the public on Saturday, from 10am-5pm and on Sunday, from 11am-4pm. There is a \$6 per car parking donation, while admission to the show is free. Demonstrations will be held throughout the weekend. Food and beverages will be available for sale during the event.

Honey Horn is a name that has existed



for over two centuries, possessing a rich cultural and natural history legacy. It is described by many as the last significant parcel of undeveloped open space on Hilton Head Island. Consisting of 69 pristine acres at the juncture of the Cross Island Expressway and Highway 278, the property is filled with salt marshes, stands of live oaks, open fields, and a unique collection of some of the oldest structures that exist on Hilton Head Island.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or call Robin Swift, VP of Marketing and Development at 843/689-6767 ext 224.

The Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, Features Works by Margaret Crawford

The Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present *Florals and Facades, Light and Shadow*, featuring works by Margaret Crawford, on view in the Walter Greer Gallery, located at the Art Center of Coastal Carolina, from Apr. 8 through May 3, 2014. A reception will be held on Apr. 10, from 5-7pm.

A unique style of watercolor painting has been a long time focus for Margaret Crawford. Her exhibition demonstrates her talent in handling this often difficult medium.

Crawford's dramatic floral portraits combine abstraction and realism to reflect the artist's fascination with the play of light and shadow on her subjects. Exuberant, larger-than-life blossoms burst forth in intricate detail from dark, transparent backgrounds created through the artist's refined glazing technique. She employs strong value contrasts and subtle colors, leaving the white surface paper exposed in parts to create interesting patterns that guide the viewer's eye.

Crawford's paintings of architectural details of buildings mainly in Savannah, GA, Charleston, SC, and Bluffton, SC, employ this same glazing technique and often use the shadows and light to emphasize the fo-

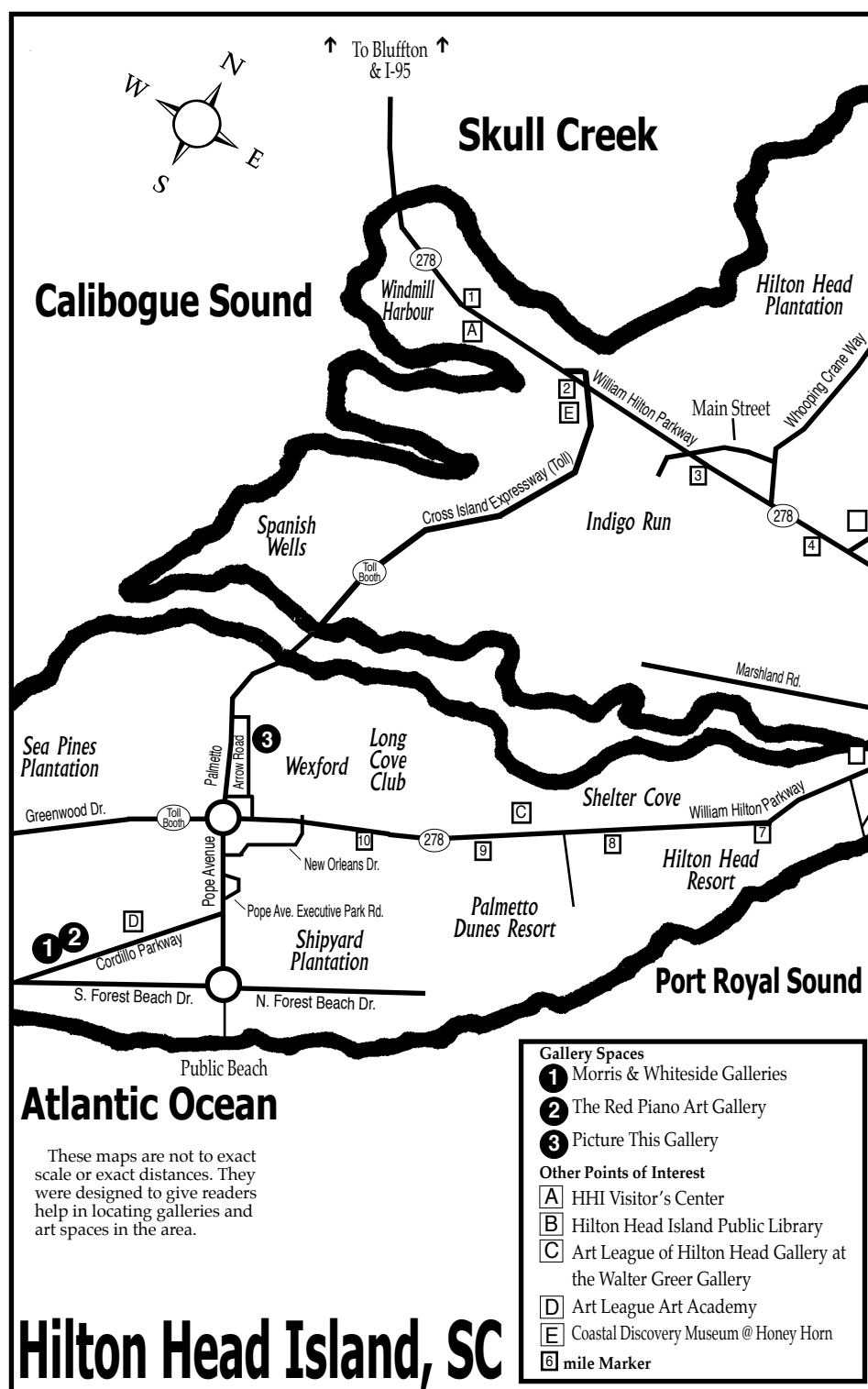
cal point of her architectural portraits.

Crawford, who has an appreciation for all artistic styles, has juried both state and national exhibitions in New Jersey and New York. She has taught many workshops and classes and has become a popular demonstrator. Crawford is a signature member of the New Jersey Water Color Society (President 1998-2000); The Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club, NYC, where she served as Painting Chair, Slide Chair and Dinner Chair; the National Association of Women Artists, and The American Artist's Professional League.

Locally, Crawford is a member of The Art League of Hilton Head where she is presently a member of the Board of Directors, the Society of Bluffton Artists, Plein Air Painters of the Low Country, and The South Carolina Watermedia Society. She has had 15 one-person exhibits and been involved in 7 multi-person shows throughout her artistic career.

Crawford fell in love with the friendly southern hospitality and the wonderful architecture and flowers in the Hilton Head area. She and her husband, Dennis, have been coming to the island since the mid

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seventies; first owning a villa in Palmetto Dunes, and two years ago finally moving full time to a home in Long Cove.

Crawford is also proficient in a variety of media including acrylic and oil; the oils are painted in Plein Air and the acrylics mainly large abstracts. There are so many opportunities to exhibit and study in this area and she plans to try to take advantage of all of them.

Crawford received her training at the Pittsburgh Art Institute, Carnegie Mellon

University and The Art Students League in New York City. She has also taken classes and workshops with many noted artists such as Wolf Kahn, Mary Todd Beam, Judy Betts and Jean Spicer. She is currently represented by the Oceanside Gallery in Belmar, NJ, and The Artist's Café in Spring Lake, NJ.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call Rebecca Brown, Gallery Administrator at 843/681-2399 or visit (www.artleaguehi.org).

Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, Features Works by Mark McCoy

The Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, will present *Beyond the Zoo*, featuring works by Mark McCoy, on view in the SOBA Gallery, from Apr. 7 through May 3, 2014. A reception will be held on Apr. 13, from 3-5pm.

McCoy's first solo show in the Low Country, is just that – beyond even the most exotic animals you will see at the zoo. This exhibit features wildlife from all over the world capturing nature from an artist's eye in a variety of mediums. You will experience this wildlife in their natural habitat as McCoy only paints what he has seen in the wild. As he puts it, "I need to see how the animal behaves in its natural environment. Only then can I hope to capture it with conviction."

McCoy, a self-taught artist, is not limited to any one subject or medium and demonstrates great flexibility and technical versatility. He works in oil, watercolor



Work by Mark McCoy
and pencil. He also carves realistic songbirds and birds of prey in wood. McCoy subscribes to the belief that it's not the medium, but the result that matters.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Society at 843/757-6586 or visit (www.sobagallery.com).

Coastal Discovery Museum Features Works by Local Camera Club

The Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present *Lowcountry Through the Lens - A Photographic Exhibition*, featuring works by members of the Camera Club of Hilton Head Island, on view in the Hilton Head Regional Health

Care temporary exhibit gallery, from Apr. 3 through May 4, 2014.

The exhibit showcases the artistic expression of many of the 175 club members as well as the club's Kurtzberg Award win-

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