

SC Institutional Galleries

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Belton

Belton Center for the Arts, 306 North Main Street, Belton. **May 11 - June 29** - "Gourds and Blooms," featuring gourd art by members of the SC Gourd Association and artworks of flowers by members of the Belton Center. Hours: Wed.-Fri., 10am-5:30pm & Sat. 10am-2pm. Contact: 864/338-8556 or at (www.beltonsc.com).

Bluffton

Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery/Learning Center, 8 Church Street, corner of Calhoun and Church Street, Bluffton. **Through June 2** - "A Little This, A Little That," featuring the oil and watercolor paintings of renowned artist and art instructor Dennis Lake. **Ongoing** - Featuring works in a variety of mediums by over 90 area artists, with all work moderately priced. Changing shows every six weeks. Hours: Mon. 11am-3pm & Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 843/757-6586.

Charleston

Avery Research Center for African History and Culture, at the College of Charleston, 125 Bull St., Charleston. **Denmark Vesey Conference Room, Ongoing** - "KABOH: A Legacy of Twelve." Charleston Quilter Dorothy Montgomery made "KABOH" in honor of the "Priscilla" story. The quilt was in the possession of Dr. Joseph Opala who donated it to the Avery Research Center in July, 2008. **Corridor (2nd Floor), Ongoing** - "Esau Jenkins: A Retrospective View of the Man and His Times" This exhibition was developed in 1991 by the Avery Institute. After its display in Charleston it traveled throughout the state of SC under the auspices of the State Museum Traveling Exhibition Program. Consisting of (15) panels measuring 24" x 36", the exhibit chronicles the myriad of activities Mr. Jenkins was intimately involved in. Additionally, it highlights his leadership skills as a conscious and compassionate community activist, organizer, entrepreneur and Civil Rights leader. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Sat., noon-5pm. Admission: by donation. Contact: 843/953-7609 or visit (www.cofc.edu/avery).

Charleston Artist Guild Gallery, 160 East Bay St., Charleston. **May 1 - 31** - "Low Country Kaleidoscope," featuring a diverse collection of the constantly changing patterns, colors, and scenes of our beautiful Low Country by Mary Johnson-Voss. A reception will be held on May 4, from 5-8pm. **Ongoing** - Featuring an exhibit of works by over 73 plus members of CAG who display a wealth of talent in different media including, oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, photography, printmaking & sculpture. The Gallery is also home for the CAG office. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11am-6pm. Contact: 843/722-2454 or at (www.charlestonartistguild.com).

City Gallery at Waterfront Park, 34 Prioleau Street, Charleston. **Upper & Lower Level Galleries, Through May 13** - "Look Away, Look Here: New Works by David Boatwright". In this retrospective, of his more than 25-year career, the exhibit showcases new works alongside studio paintings as well as the Raval murals by Boatwright. The new works include depictions of a mythological Charleston to be created by the artist in two, large-scale murals on the gallery's center walls. The public is invited to visit the gallery to watch Boatwright produce these murals for the duration of the exhibit on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to noon. In addition, Boatwright will host an artist's lecture on May 5 at 4pm.; following the lecture, the public is also invited to a closing reception to view the completed murals from 5 to 7pm. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-6pm and Sat. & Sun., noon-5pm during exhibits. Contact: Erin Glaze at 843/958-6484 or (<http://citygalleryatwaterfrontpark.com/>).



Work by Mary Whyte

Gibbes Museum of Art, 135 Meeting Street, Charleston. **Main Gallery, May 4 - Sept. 9** - "Mary Whyte: Working South". Renowned watercolorist Mary Whyte captures the essence of vanishing blue-collar professions from across ten southern states in this traveling exhibition. The exhibition features 50 watercolor portraits, sketches, and drawings that focus on vanishing

rural and industrial workforces that were once ubiquitous throughout the region but are now declining due to changes in our economy, environment, technology, and fashion. From the textile mill worker and tobacco farmer to the sponge diver and elevator operator, Whyte documents the range of southerners whose everyday labors have gone unheralded while keeping the South in business. **Rotunda Gallery, May 4 - Sept. 9** - "Places for the Spirit: Traditional African American Gardens of the South," features the work of fine art photographer Vaughn Sills and her stunning collection of photographs documenting African American folk gardens and their creators. Sills began photographing folk gardens in 1987 after visiting Mrs. Bea Robinson's garden in Athens, Georgia. Sills recalls that she "became entranced by Bea's garden" and felt a magic or spirit surrounding her. Over the next twenty years, Sills traveled throughout the Southeast and photographed over 150 yards and gardens—and often their creators. **First, Second and Third Floor Galleries, Ongoing** - "The Charleston Story". Drawn from the museum's permanent collection, this exhibition highlights significant people, places, and periods from Charleston's beginning as a British colony, through the American Revolution, the later ravages of the Civil War, and culminating today as a culturally diverse and dynamic community. **Ongoing** - "Hands On!" This exhibit features works of art selected from the Gibbes Museum of Art's touch collection. **Museum Shop** - Now offering the inventory of the Tradd Street Press, reproductions of works by Elizabeth O'Neill Verner among other exhibit related art objects. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm; closed Mon. Admission: Yes. Contact: 843/722-2706 or at (www.gibbesmuseum.org).

Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, The Marion and Wayland H. Cato Jr. Center for the Arts, College of Charleston School of the Arts, 161 Calhoun St., Charleston. **May 25 - July 7** - Return to the Sea: Saltworks by Motoi Yamamoto. The centerpiece of the exhibition will be a site-specific installation created entirely out of salt by the artist during his two-week residency at the Halsey Institute. The public is encouraged to visit the galleries May 14 - 24, during the residency to watch Motoi create his installation, as well as interact with him in the galleries. An opening reception will be held on May 24, from 5-7pm. This is a Spoleto Festival USA Exhibition. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11am-4pm. Contact: Mark Sloan at 843/953-4422 or at (www.halsey.cofc.edu).

Karpeles Manuscript Museum, 68 Spring Street, corner of Spring & Coming Streets, Charleston, in the former St. James Methodist Church, founded in 1797. **Ongoing** - Featuring historically important documents from our permanent Charleston collection. Recently added to the Permanent Collection - a special and unique exhibit of Egyptian Stone Carvings dating from 1492 BC. Free parking and free admission. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-4pm. Closed on holidays. Contact: 843/853-4651.

Redux Contemporary Art Center, featuring Redux Studios, 136 St. Philip Street, Charleston. **Through May 6** - "The Plantation (Plan-ta-shun)," featuring works by local artist, Colin Quashie. Quashie is an artist of this time. The controversy that surrounded the Battle Flag of the Confederacy which flew defiantly above South Carolina's State Capitol building engenders precisely the form of polemic exchange in which he feels most at ease. Quashie's wry, ironic, and irreverent art works are especially timely, forcing his audience to consider difficult cultural problems which they may often prefer to avoid. **May 18 - July 7** - "the Tempest," featuring a new site-specific installation by visiting artist Jason Hackenwerth. A reception will be held on May 18, from 6-9pm, artist's lecture at 7pm. In this exhibit he will exhibit experimental sculptures cut from plywood and designed to fit together with a tongue in groove construction technique allowing the forms to be assembled like a giant puzzle and be held together by gravity. Inspired by the iconic sculptures and mobiles of past masters, each of Hackenwerth's works are an expression in the evolving language of sculpture. Hours: Tue.-Thur., noon-8pm, Fri.-Sat., noon-5pm during exhibitions, or by appt. Contact: 843/722-0697 or at (www.reduxstudios.org).

The Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting Street, Charleston. Founded in 1773, is America's first museum. **Historic Textiles Gallery, May 5 - Dec. 9** - "Geometric Quilts". Pieced (or patchwork) quilts consist of geometric shapes sewn together to form a pattern. Popular throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, these quilts display a myriad of designs created from just a few distinct shapes. This exhibit looks at how these simple shapes are transformed into intricate and delightful patterns. **Ongo-**

ing - Featuring the most extensive collection of South Carolina cultural and scientific collections in the nation, it also owns two National Historic Landmark houses, the Heyward-Washington House (1772) and the Joseph Manigault House (1803), as well as the Dill Sanctuary, a 580-acre wildlife preserve. Admission: Yes. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 843/722-2996 or at (www.charlestonmuseum.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Charleston **Ashley River Tower**, Public area at Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston. **Ongoing** - "Contemporary Carolina Collection @ Ashley River Tower," featuring the largest collection of original, contemporary South Carolina art on permanent display, including 885 works by 53 talented artists, sculptors and photographers in South Carolina. Artists included are: Lucille Akinjobe, Jack Alterman, Thomas Blagden, Jr., Carl Blair, Patti Brady, Keith Brown, Julia Cart, Eva Carter, Jocelyn Châteauevert, Lese Corrigan, Townsend Davidson, Linda Fantuzzo, Buddy Folk, Squire Fox, Mary Edna Fraser, Cassandra Gillens, Anthony Green, Jon Holloway, Ann Hubbard, Lisa Salosaari Jasinski, Erik Johnson, Kim Keats, Arianne King Comer, Kit Loney, Paul Mardikian, Nancy Marshall, Paul Matheny, John McWilliams, Sue Middleton, Marge Moody, Gordon Nicholson, Jane Nodine, Marcelo Novo, Karin Olah, Matt Overend, Rick Rhodes, Ed Rice, Molly B. Right, Susan Romaine, Kristi Ryba, Virginia Scotchie, Laura Spong, Tom Stanley, Christine Tedesco, Colleen Terrell, Leo Twiggs, Tjelda Vander Meijden, Mary Walker, Sue Simons Wallace, Joe Walters, Sam Wang, Enid Williams, Manning Williams, and Paul Yanko. Hours: daily, 8:30am-5pm. Contact: Kathleen Ellis, Director of National Communications, MUSC, at 843/792.5602 or e-mail at (ellisk@musc.edu).

Charleston Visitor Center, 375 Meeting Street @ John & Mary Streets, Charleston. **May 25 - June 8** - "Piccolo Spoleto 28th Annual Juried Art Exhibition," juried by (2-D) Sue Simons Wallace and (photography) by Richard Ellis. Sponsored by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and the Charleston Artist Guild. Hours: Daily, 8:30am-5pm. Contact: CAG at 843/722-2454 or at (www.charlestonartistguild.com) or the Office of Cultural Affairs at 843/724-7305 or at (<http://www.charlestonarts.sc/>).

Marion Square Park, at King, Calhoun, & Meeting Streets, Charleston. **May 25 - June 8** - "2012 Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Art Exhibit," featuring works by artists from throughout SC. Demonstrations daily at 11am & 2:30pm. Hours: daily 10am-6pm. Contact: the Office of Cultural Affairs at 843/724-7305 or at (<http://www.charlestonarts.sc/>).

The Old Slave Mart Museum, 6 Chalmers Street, Charleston. **Ongoing** - The Museum recounts the story of Charleston's role in this interstate slave trade by focusing on the history of this particular building and site and the slave sales that occurred here. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: The Office of Cultural Affairs at 843/958-6467 or at (<http://www.charlestonarts.sc/>).



View of the 2011 Piccolo Spoleto Craft Shows

Wragg Square Park, Charlotte and Meeting Sts., Charleston. **May 25-27 & June 1-3, 2012** - "33rd Annual Piccolo Spoleto Crafts Shows," presented by Fine Craft Shows Charleston, LLC. Over 115 fine craft artists will be exhibiting and demonstrating their original works during the two weekend shows. Exhibitors were selected based on evaluation by a jury composed of gallery owners, arts educators, curators, and professional artists. Artists from 18 states will be participating this year. Admission: \$3.00. Children under 18 and seniors over 65 are admitted free. Hours: Fri.-Sat., 10am-6pm & Sun., 11am-5pm both weekends. Contact: For maps, schedules, artist profiles and other

information about the shows, visit our website at (www.finecraftshowscharleston.com).

Cheraw



Works by Albert Gilewicz

Burr Gallery, Cheraw Community Center, 200 Powe Street, Cheraw. **May 6 - 11** - Featuring an exhibit of works by New York artist and sculptor, Albert Gilewicz. A reception will be held on May 7, from 5-6:30pm. The artist will present works from his Sustainable Sculpture Series and the E-5 on US 1 project, which explores the impact of climate change on South Carolina with specific focus on Water, Energy and Lifestyle. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-5pm. Contact: 843/537-8420, ext. 12 or e-mail at (lbennett@cheraw.com).

Chesnee

Carolina Foothills Artisan Center, 124 W. Cherokee Street, intersection of Hwy. 11 & Hwy. 221, Chesnee. **Ongoing** - Featuring original works by over 60 North & South Carolina artists, including pottery, decorative and functional; paintings in oil, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media; textiles and fiber art; carved wood; jewelry; dolls; brooms; monotypes; pewter sculpture; mosaics; glass, stained, torched and fused; photography; baskets; fine wood furniture; books and cards. **Also** - Offering educational programming for all ages, from art classes to cultural events. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5:30pm. Contact: 864/461-3050 or at (www.cf.ac.us).

Clemson Area

The ARTS Center, 212 Butler St., Clemson. **May 3 - June 13** - "Figures and Formations," curated by Judy Blanchard. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by local and regional artists. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-5pm & Fri., 10am-2pm. Contact: 864/633-5051 or at (www.explorearts.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Clemson **Madren Conference Center**, Clemson University, Clemson. **Ongoing** - Featuring wood and steel bird carvings by Grainger McKoy. Hours: regular building hours. Contact: Peter Kent at 864/656-0382 or e-mail at (peter.kent@clemsonnews.clemson.edu).

The Fran Hanson Discovery Center, South Carolina Botanical Garden, Clemson University, Clemson. **Featured Artists Gallery, Ongoing** - Featuring works by Nancy Basket, Sue Figliola, Sue Grier, Sandy King, Jo Ann Taylor and Phil Garrett, on a rotating basis. **Elizabeth Belser Fuller Gallery, Ongoing** - This collection of watercolors, mixed media and pen & ink drawings was generously donated by a dear friend of the SC Botanical Garden, Elizabeth Belser Fuller. This incredible collection ranges from 1947 to 1992. New pieces have been added this year in celebration of Belser's 97th birthday. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Closed University Holidays and Home Football Game Saturdays. Contact: 864/656-3405 or at (www.clemson.edu/scbg/).

Columbia Area

Columbia Museum of Art, Main & Hampton Streets, Columbia. **Lipscomb Family Galleries, Through Aug. 26** - "The Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design". Most chairs encountered throughout the day define themselves fairly simply—a place at the family table, a comfortable spot with a great view of the river, a seat of corporate power. When looking at the 44 chairs in the exhibit, however, there is much more to see than simple pieces of furniture. These works of art have compelling stories to tell about our national history, the evolution of American design and incredible artistry and craftsmanship. The exhibition provides audiences with a unique opportunity to see chair types that usually reside in private homes, withheld from public display. The American Chair Collection, the center of this exhibition, is a comprehensive private collection of iconic and historic chairs reaching back from the mid-1800s to pieces from today's studio movement. **Mamie and William Andrew Treadway, Jr., Gallery 15, May 18 - July 29** - "Columbia Design League Selects". The exhibit is a complement installation to the nationally traveling exhibition, "The Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design". Drawn solely from the design collection of the Columbia Museum of Art, "CDL Selects" contains over 60 exceptional examples of 20th-century design in a variety of media forms—seating furniture, tables, lamps, and related decorative arts; sculpture; industrial design and in a variety of media, including ceramics, glass, and metal. Board members of the

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