

Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, Features Collection of LouAnne Barrett

The Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, is presenting *Close to Home*, featuring works in the collection of LouAnne Barrett, on view at Walter Greer Gallery, located inside the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, through July 25, 2015. A reception will be held on July 8, from 5-7pm.

Artist, student, teacher, or entrepreneur - above all other definitions, LouAnne Barrett has always had the sense that she was meant to be creative. As a girl, she found joy in the solitude of a self-designed studio in the attic of her parents' home. From early art classes at Toledo Art Museum to obtaining her Master's Degree in Integrated Arts, her focus has always been the passion and joy of her creative nature. Today, she not only teaches art, but continues as a student of composition and design; always working to refine her own techniques to capture color, value and light.

Barrett's current project, the exhibit, *Close to Home*, reveals her captivation with the beauty of the Lowcountry landscape. She is inspired on a daily basis by trees within a small radius of her home, whose grace and strength seem to be redefined in every new season. The sensual and sinuous light and shadows in their limbs demands her attention and requires her presence at the canvas. Barrett chooses to paint what might easily go unnoticed. Will her work



Work by LouAnne Barrett

inspire you to examine and celebrate the beauty in the everyday?

Also on exhibit and for sale are over 100 other pieces of member artwork in a variety of media.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or call 843/681-5060.

Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, Offers Works by Bill & Sheryl Winn

The Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, will present *The Earth as We See It*, featuring a collaboration of the art by painter Bill Winn and clay artist Sheryl Winn, on view from July 6 through Aug. 2, 2015. A reception will be held on July 10, from 5-7pm.

Bill's moody watercolors, spontaneous acrylics, pastels and drawings form a beautiful chorus with Sheryl's elegant, yet earthy hand-built ceramics and whimsical kinetic art. The exhibit is a collection of this husband and wife team's observations of the Lowcountry and the Southeast which includes forests and marshes, small towns and big cities, and the people that live in the area. For this show each of the artists studied many of the same scenes and interpreted them using their own medium.

Bill's works depict vignettes of the land, sea, cities and people that he captures as a moment in time. His work portrays images of the landscape and structures that surround us which are often overlooked in the hectic pace of today's world. His art has been shown in galleries across the South. Bill is a practicing medical illustrator at the top of his field which has an impact on his talents as a fine artist, giving him an outlet for real creativity and spontaneity that are a delight to the viewer.

Sheryl's hand-constructed ceramics are reflective of the forests, shorelines, and towns of the Southeast and our Lowcountry. Her work often fuses natural elements with stoneware, creating dramatic and decorative, yet functional three-dimensional



Work by Bill Winn

pieces. She also creates kinetic pieces that combine wire with clay for movement in her constructions. Sheryl has been a student of ceramics for many years, studying with numerous clay artists in Texas and Georgia, and has been influenced by Alexander Calder, originator of the mobile. Her art is her passion and it reflects the joy she has in creating it.

The gallery also displays the work of over 100 other member artists.

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

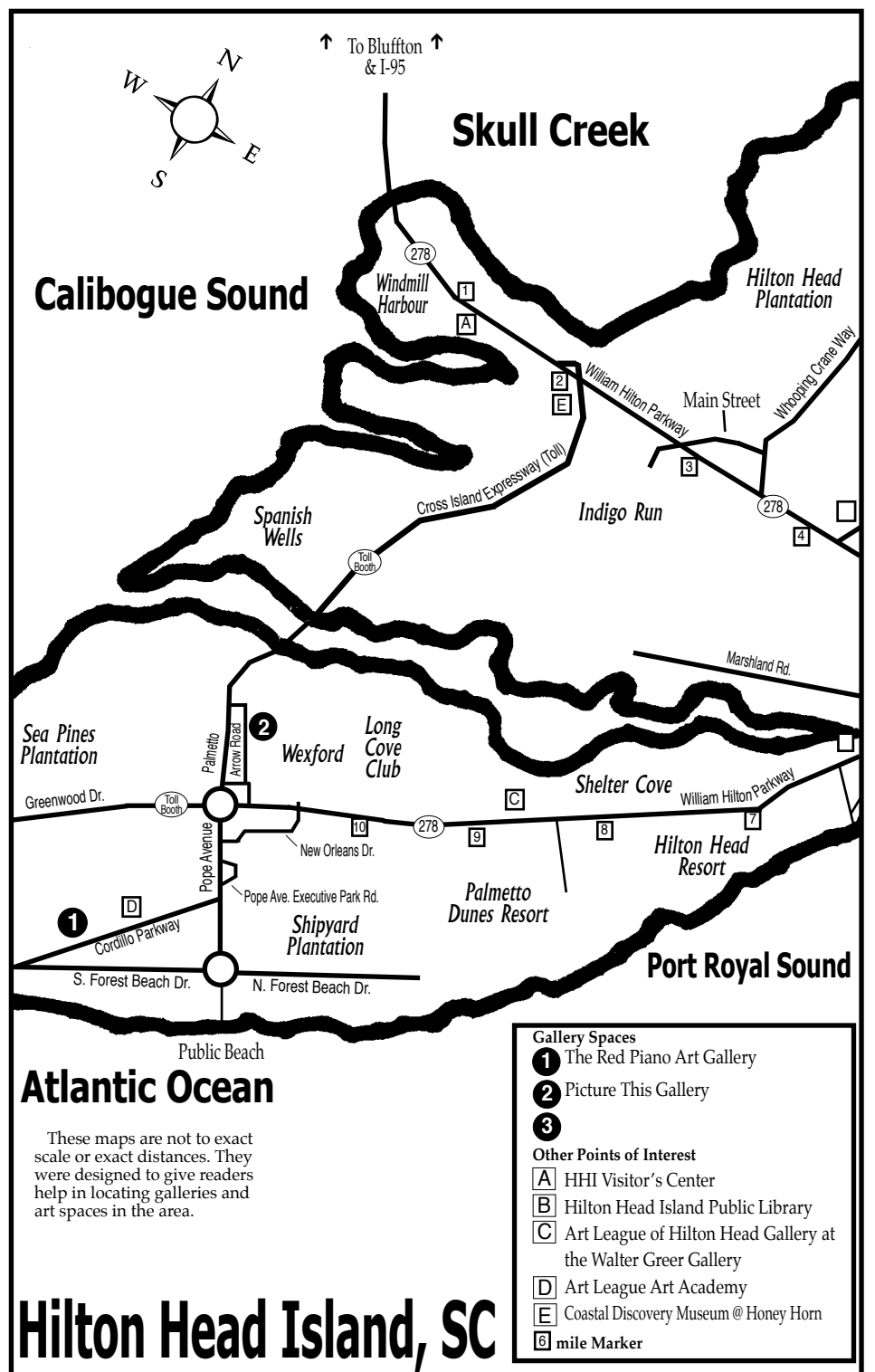
Beaufort County Arts Council in Beaufort, SC, Features Works by C. Steve Johnson

The Beaufort County Arts Council in Beaufort, SC, is presenting *Open Vision*, an exhibition of paintings and drawings by C. Steve Johnson, on view at ARTworks, through July 25, 2015.

The show includes a collection of works which explore how we see and think. The images are mind maps that deal with context, things being in and out of balance, humor, absurdity, rhythm and time. Many of the artworks incorporate fractured words and phrases which leave the viewer to fill in their own meaning, or simply enjoy the pieces for their visual impact.

Local artist Steve Johnson describes himself as "an international visual artist, poet and musician". He was born and raised in Kansas City, MO, and has produced a wide range of artwork in a variety of mediums for more than two decades. His artwork and performance pieces have shown nationally and internationally, including stops in Berlin, the Czech Republic, Chile, London and Brooklyn, NY. He has taught writing, biology and visual art at the college level, and is currently the Career and Transfer Coordinator with Student Support Services

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at the Technical College of the Lowcountry.

ARTworks is located at the Beaufort Town Center in Beaufort.

ARTworks applies the many creative tools of The Arts to strengthen artists and to enrich audiences, collectors, and visitors through high quality arts experiences and arts education programs 365 days a year.

ARTworks, through its programs and community partnerships, will create exciting, stimulating and enriching vital arts experiences that increase opportunities for all people to participate in and appreciate the arts.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 843/379-2787 or visit (www.beaufort-countyarts.com).



Work by C. Steve Johnson

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be July 24th for the August 2015 issue and Aug. 24 for the September 2015 issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now. And where do you send that info? E-mail to (info@carolinaarts.com).

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