

Editorial COMMENTARY

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When You Turn 100 - You Get A Cover

If you are an active artist in North or South Carolina and you turn 100 and you're having an exhibit somewhere in the Carolinas - you can have your work featured on the cover of *Carolina Arts*. Of course that's assuming I'm still around or one of my Grand Boys has taken over the helm and promised to keep some of my policies going. I just turned 70, so you do the math as to where you are on the chances of that happening.

Hampton III Gallery in Taylors, SC, is presenting the exhibit, *Jeanet Dreskin: 100 Years*, on view through Aug. 21, 2021. An artist's reception will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 3 - 5pm. The public is invited to attend. They ask that masks be worn upon entering the gallery.

Jeanet Dreskin turns 100 this year. Hampton III Gallery is honoring a woman whose life and work have inspired so many in South Carolina. This exhibition honors a lifetime of creativity. Dreskin has been a part of the Hampton III Gallery stable of artists since the early 70's.

Kickin' Cancer's Butt

Artists Collective | Spartanburg, in Spartanburg, SC, will present *Direct Experience: Survivors*, featuring works by Upstate artists who share works they created out of surviving cancer, on view in the Solomon Gallery, from Aug. 3 - 28, 2021. Ten Upstate people who live very different lives have come together under the shared experience of surviving cancer to create an exhibition of their artworks. I know two of them from my years working in the South Carolina visual art community - Carole Knudson Tinsley and Diane Hopkins Hughs.

For those of you who follow my commentary, you might remember that a few



Work by Carole Knudson Tinsley

years back, I had to deal with hearing a Doctor tell me I had "CANCER" the BIG "C" word. For me it was colon cancer. And, with help from my Doctors, Family and Friends - I was lucky enough to beat it - knock on wood. Today it seems a long time ago, I have a hard time remembering the exact dates that I spent in the hospital, but I haven't forgotten what I went through and how sudden cancer came into my life. So I know some of what these folks went through or are still going through.

I wouldn't recommend cancer to even my worst enemy, but I will recommend that everyone get a colonoscopy when they turn 50 or maybe even sooner. The prep is hell on earth (otherwise known as the worst day you'll spend in your bathroom), but the procedure is a nice nap. And if after the results come in and you don't have to hear your Doctor say, "Are you sitting down?," you'll be OK.

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