

Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, Hosts National Sculpture Exhibit

The ever popular *National Sculpture Society Annual Awards Exhibition* is on display in an exclusive showing at Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, through Oct. 20, 2016.

The collection of sculptures features the work of 45 talented sculptors from across the United States. The exhibition is included in garden admission and the public is invited to vote for their favorite sculpture for the People's Choice Award.

The human figure dominates as the subject of the works, as does bronze as a medium of choice. Included in the selections are carved works in stone by Bela Bacsi, Marciano Amaral, Carter Jones, Steve Flom, and Dominique St. Cyr, and in wood by Peregrine O'Gormley. Sculptures in terra cotta, fired clay, and ceramic are by Mary Buckman, John Belardo, Pamela Mummy, Garrett Masterson, and Suzanne Storer. Whimsical works are alongside pieces depicting mythological themes, allegorical subjects, and moments of everyday life. Portraiture is another popular subject, represented by 11 works.

The Jury of Awards will meet at Brookgreen Gardens in September to determine the winners of the 14 awards given by the Society. Serving on the Jury of Awards are Simon Kogan, FNSS; Roger Martin, NSS; and Burton Moore, Director of the Audubon Gallery in Charleston, SC.

There will be a closing celebration and reception for the *83rd Annual Exhibition* on Oct. 29 for Brookgreen members and the sculptors in the exhibition. The National Sculpture Society Awards will be



Work by Ben Hammond presented at that time. Also, the Brookgreen Gardens' People's Choice Award winner will be announced along with the winner of an award given by *Fine Arts Connoisseur* magazine.

The National Sculpture Society was founded in New York City in 1893 by a group of America's most prominent sculptors. Its members have created much of this country's public sculpture, coins, and medals since the late 1800s. It is the oldest organization of professional sculptors in the United States, and has been hosting exhibitions for over a century.

Brookgreen Gardens, a National Historic Landmark and non-profit organization, is located on US 17 between Murrells Inlet and Pawleys Island, SC, and is open to the public daily.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call Brookgreen at 843/235-6000 or visit (www.brookgreen.org).

Coker College in Hartsville, SC, Features Works by Larry Merriman

Coker College in Hartsville, SC, is presenting *Southern Magnolia*, featuring an installation exhibition by Larry Merriman, on view through Sept. 16, 2016.

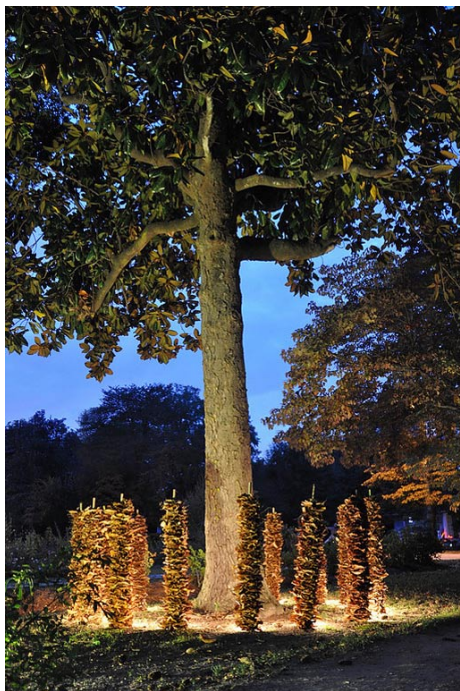
Merriman is recently retired from Coker College where he was Gallery Director and Assistant Professor of Art. Merriman received his BFA from Miami University (Ohio) and his MFA from Ohio University. He has received a Southern Arts Federation/NEA Regional Fellowship in sculpture.

The South Carolina Arts Commission chose him for participation in three of its *Triennial Exhibitions*, and Brooklyn Museum of Art curator, Charlotta Kotik, selected his work for inclusion in the *New Orleans Triennial Exhibition* at the New Orleans Museum of Art. Merriman has exhibited his sculpture and installations in numerous solo and group exhibitions across the United States. He currently maintains a studio in Hartsville.

Merriman's installations consist of found/recycled materials, images and texts from his family of four's daily life for more than twenty years. His installation materials range from wood, paper and water to bottle caps, recycled food boxes and bricks.

The Cecelia Coker Bell Gallery is located in the Gladys C Fort Art Building on the campus of Coker College in Hartsville.

Coker College upholds and defends the intellectual and artistic freedom of its faculty and students as they study and



"Southern Magnolia", by Larry Merriman, outside installation shot.

create art through which they explore the full spectrum of human experience. The college considers such pursuits central to the spirit of inquiry and thoughtful discussion, which are at the heart of a liberal arts education.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/383-8156 or visit (www.ceceliacokerbellgallery.com).

Francis Marion University in Florence, SC, Features Works by Paul Yanko and Lee Ann Harrison

Francis Marion University in Florence, SC, is presenting *Recent Works: 2013 - 2016* by Paul Yanko and *Bindings*, featuring an installation by Lee Ann Harrison, on view in the Hyman Fine Art Center, through Sept. 22, 2016.

Yanko is an instructor in the Visual Arts Department at the Governor's School of Arts and Humanities in Greenville, SC. He received his MFA at Kent State

University and his BFA at the Cleveland Institute of Art.

His acrylic paintings are abstract geometric designs which he says: "remain equally influenced by emblems of Modernist geometric abstraction in addition to the characteristically intense, saturated hues found in commercial sign painting and toy construction sets."

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