

Art League of Hilton Head

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in his landscapes, seascapes, wildlife and portraits. Palmer's work has a loyal following of many private and business collectors in the US and from around the world.

Along with his painting, Palmer is asked to teach painting workshops throughout the Eastern US and is invited to teach paint classes to demonstrate his work. He has enjoyed hosting these workshops on world cruises such as the Cunard and Seabourn.

Palmer's original work can be seen in galleries like the Morris and Whiteside Gallery on Hilton Head Island, SC; the Anderson Art Gallery on St. Simons Island, GA; the Sheldon Fine Art Gallery in Naples, FL and Newport, RI; and the Shain Gallery in Charlotte, NC.

Palmer paints and resides between the coast of Georgia, to the mountains of North Carolina. He is inspired by the natural beauty that surrounds him and these images of the low country are reflected in his current work.

The Art League of Hilton Head is a 501(3)C non-profit organization representing the visual arts of the low country. The mission of the Art League of Hilton Head is to promote and support the visual arts through education, exhibitions, and partnerships for the cultural enrichment of the community and its visitors.

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

8th Annual Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival Takes Place in Bluffton, SC - Oct. 14 - 21, 2012

The Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival is back for the eighth year - and still growing. What started as a one-day event in 2005, has quickly become a week of festivities in historic Bluffton, SC, showcasing the arts and locally harvested seafood. Festival events are scheduled Sunday, Oct. 14 through Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012.

The traditional opening ceremony, the Blessing of the Fleet and Boat Parade on the May River, will again kick off the week of festivities at 4pm on Sunday, Oct. 14, but will be preceded by the newest festival addition, the "Friends of Bluffton Artists" 1st Annual Invitational Showcase of Local Art, a celebration of exceptional hand made, original local art. Enjoy strolling this outdoor art exhibit from 11am - 4pm on Calhoun Street and then finish at the Church of the Cross for Gospel Music and the Blessing of the Fleet and Boat Parade.

On Monday (Oct. 15) evening at 5:30pm a Tour of the Waddell Mariculture Center and Low Country Boil (reservations required) will take place with Al Stokes on the bluff of the Colleton River. Thursday (Oct. 18) offers another new event, The Outback Excursion, a scenic boat tour of the backcountry creeks and rivers coupled with kayaking. Friday night (Oct. 19) is Family Night at the Promenade Park offering environmental activities, story telling and movies for children and the young at heart.



Work by Chris Hartsfield

Other favorite returning events include daily May River kayak tours, author night, the Saturday morning revamped "Art-Sea" Dash replacing the traditional 5K, the children's fishing tournament, boat tours, and the Saturday and Sunday Street Fest. This Street Fest includes live music, "Iron Chef" competition & Chefs' Auction and of course the highlight of the week, the juried Artist Showcase on Calhoun Street. Over 100 artists from 10 different states including 15 from our very own Beaufort County will be showcasing and displaying their fine art; local restaurants and caterers will be serving up delicious seafood dishes and Low Country Cuisine; and area environmentalists will be highlighting our natural resources and the necessary conservation practices to ensure their continuance.

1st Annual Invitational Showcase of Local Art

The Bluffton Arts and Seafood Festival officially kicks off with something new this year. On Sunday, Oct. 14, the week-long event will include the inaugural "Friends of Bluffton Artists" 1st Annual Invitational Showcase of Local Art. The event will be held on Calhoun Street from 11am to 4pm. For more information, visit www.blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.com.



Work by Charlotte Munnig

"Friends of Bluffton Artists" showcasing the original work of over 60 local, low country artists on opening day. The showcase will run from 11am until 4pm in Old Town followed by the Blessing of the Fleet at Church of the Cross. Bluffton's celebrated arts community has come together with an idea that the popular Arts and Seafood Festival should not only end with an Arts finale, but start with one as well. This unique showcase is a celebration of handmade, original local art by the artists who have contributed to making Bluffton an art, shopping and dining destination.

A centerpiece and model for future years will be the unveiling of a major work unique to Bluffton. This year a true Bluffton "mascot" created with repurposed and recycled objects by long-time local artist Kelly Graham promises to be a crowd pleaser. Graham also designed the official Arts and Seafood logo eight years ago and artist Amiri Farris will be on hand to autograph the limited edition Arts and Seafood posters he created.

Bluffton's arts community has evolved over the last half century and today continues to contribute to the special flavor of the historic Old Town culture. Visitors to the Arts and Seafood Festival opening day festivities will be able to "Love Bluffton and Buy Local." Participating artists include many of the artists responsible for the birth of the Bluffton Arts District, nationally recognized local artists, artists represented by long-time gallery owners, and artists with The Society of Bluffton Artists (SoBA). Mediums included are sculpture, oil, acrylic, mixed media, watercolor paintings, jewelry, photography, wood carving, glass, hand painted furniture from some long-time local artists and some new to the community. Many of the participating

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artists give back to the community, some regularly teach in our schools and some at SoBA. Some artists volunteer their time in various children's art programs. Local non-profit organizations regularly call on Bluffton's local artists to contribute to and support events that improve the quality of life in our community. Local artists have donated countless hours and paintings to such projects as Victory House for veterans, The Island School Council for the Arts Evening of the Arts fundraiser, the Nature Conservancy and many others.

Local musicians will provide additional entertainment and some artists will be

demonstrating "en plein air". Restaurants and Shops will be open throughout the Artist Showcase and the Blessing of the Fleet. Artists will be exhibiting in tents in the Calhoun Street area, on porches of local galleries and in open spaces around town. Local artists, local galleries, local musicians offer a full day to "Love Bluffton, Buy Local."

Please join us for a true celebration of fine art and the bounty of the sea!

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call 843/757-2583 or visit www.blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.com.

Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, Feature Works by Mary B. Kelly and Marilyn Dizikes

The Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, will present the exhibit, *Speaking Figuratively*, a collection of figure paintings by two accomplished artists, Mary B. Kelly and Marilyn Dizikes, on view from Oct. 8 through Nov. 17, 2012. A reception will be held on Oct. 14, from 3-5pm.

Mary B. Kelly is a noted art professor and author who taught painting for 25 years in NY before retiring to Hilton Head and becoming deeply involved in the art community here - painting, teaching art and writing. She is a member of The Apple Pie Painters and has exhibited with them as well as in many one-artist shows locally and internationally.

Award-winning artist Marilyn Dizikes is primarily an abstract painter but freely moves between Abstraction to Realism. Her themes are color and light, taking inspiration from nature, the spiritual, and exploration of media. Her first drawing class was life drawing and the figure has always interested her. Dizikes has been an art educator in the public schools for over 20 years in Virginia and on Hilton Head.

Kelly and Dizikes' collection of dynamic pastel and acrylic figure paintings in this



Work by Mary B. Kelly

show are not to be missed!

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

Arts Council of Beaufort, Port Royal and the Sea Islands in Beaufort, SC, Features Works by Candace Lovely

The Arts Council of Beaufort, Port Royal and the Sea Islands in Beaufort, SC, is presenting the exhibit, *God Bless America from Candace Lovely*, featuring a patriotic show to make the election season more lovely, on view at ARTworks through Oct. 31, 2012.

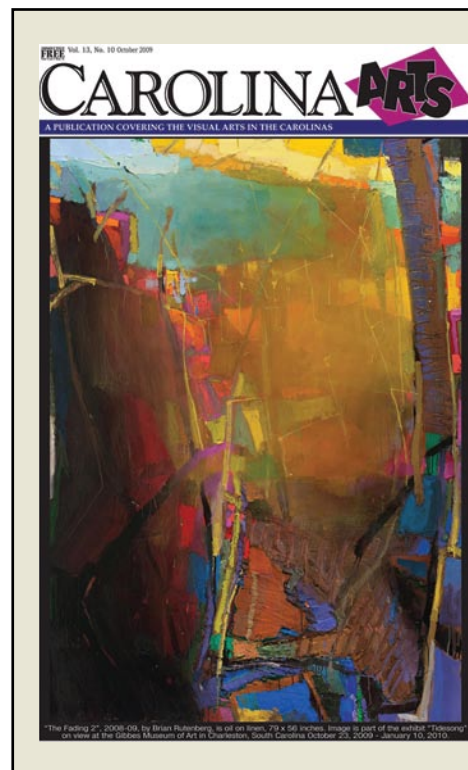
The exhibition presents original paintings and giclees of prized American images: monuments, fireworks, one President and two First Ladies, imbued with the spirit of '76, wrapped in the cotton candy of American Impressionism.

Lovely is a Hilton Head, SC, based artist. Her most recent accolade is the 2012 Prestigious American Women in the Arts Recognition Award of the National Society of

the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her unique and powerful but non-confrontational approach to painting has captured on canvas a White House-commissioned portrait of First Lady Barbara Bush, Arlington Street Showers, The Flag depicted as a Good and Plenty hug, and President Obama in a pick up game of basketball with friends. Her palette is as vibrant as her eye for the brilliant scenes of American life.

The exhibit is sponsored by First Citizen Bank.

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