

# Meyer Vogl Gallery in Charleston

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to traditional flowers in a vase; fruits and vegetables arranged in such a way.

*Junk Drawer* is a still life show for the rest of us. For the group exhibition, artists Nancy Hoerter, Glory Day Loflin, Lori Putnam, Dylan Martinez, Shelby Monteverde, and Marissa Vogl are finding inspiration in the random items and objects that catch their attention around the house or along the path of their day – the little nothings that, at just the right moment, are everything.

The show will include Dylan Martinez's iconic water bags made of glass. There will be paintings of laundry baskets basking in light from Meyer Vogl newcomer Shelby Monteverde, and odes to birthday cake from Lori Putnam.

In addition, Marissa Vogl's abstract paintings are inspired by actual junk drawers. "The kitchen junk drawer is a sentimental ode to both my and my husband's grandparents and parents who all had great junk drawers," Vogl says. "Ours is full of junk that we just have to keep. Stashes of Skittles, Swedish Fish, and Sour Patch Kids. We of course have the traditional batteries,



Work by Marissa Vogl

rubber bands, and markers that are probably dried out. My favorite sentimental treasure is leftover bags of wildflower seeds we handed out at our wedding 10 years ago."

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/805-7144 or visit ([www.meyervogl.com](http://www.meyervogl.com)).

## Lowcountry Artists Gallery in Charleston, SC, Offers Artworks and Poetry Exhibit

The Lowcountry Artists Gallery in Charleston, SC, will present *More Than Words*, new work paired with the artists favorite poems and prose, on view from Oct. 1 - 31, 2021. A reception will be held on Oct. 1, from 5-8pm, during the Charleston Gallery Association ArtWalk.

Artists with works included in the show are: Norma Cable, Margaret Cutter, Fran Davies, Kellie Jacobs, Rana Jordahl, Gaston Locklear, Patsy Tidwell Painton, Pete Rock, and Lisa Willits. All have created unique new interpretations that evoke the scenes, feelings, and vision that drew them to these literary works. Authors who inspired the art range from novelist Pat Conroy, children's author Shel Silverstein, to contemporary poet Leah Johnson.

Lowcountry Artists Gallery presents a new gallery show theme every month, offering individual and groups of artists the opportunity to explore new mediums, new subjects and new areas of creativity. The



Work by Fran Davies

gallery is the oldest artist-owned and operated gallery in Charleston.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/577-9295 or visit ([www.lowcountryartists.com](http://www.lowcountryartists.com)).

## Mary Martin Gallery in Charleston, SC, Features Works by Elaine Hruska

The Mary Martin Gallery in Charleston, SC, will present *SHINRIN-YOKU, BREATHE IT IN*, featuring works by Elaine Hruska, on view from Oct. 1 - 31, 2021. A reception will be held on Oct. 1, from 5-8pm.

Shinrin-Yoku, "forest bathing" or "taking in the forest atmosphere", started in Japan in the 1980's as a physiological and psychological exercise to counteract stress and tech burnout. It has evolved into a worldwide movement, "Forest Therapy".

Trees release compounds known as phytochemicals into the forest air that preliminary studies have found to be beneficial in boosting immunity and mood, as well as reducing stress, upon inhalation.

The very timely show, *SHINRIN-YOKU, BREATHE IT IN* by pastel artist Elaine Hruska, was created to raise awareness about the health benefits of being surrounded by nature, as well as the need to protect the gift of nature we were given.

Hruska and her husband look for every opportunity to "feed the soul" on nature walks and hikes around the country in National, State, or local parks. *Rocky Road*, a 24" x 36" pastel, depicts one such hike.

Hruska creates captivating pastel paintings using color layering techniques made famous by the Impressionists in order to attain vibrancy and brilliance. Hruska is proud to have her paintings part of private art collections throughout the world.

Hruska is represented by the Mary Martin Gallery, which has attracted and



Work by Elaine Hruska

maintained collectors for years because of the diversity of the excellent work carried and the quality of the professional artists represented. Specializing in representing top contemporary artists, the gallery has also identified and mentored little-known artists to national recognition. The Mary Martin Gallery hosts ongoing exhibitions each month.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/723-0303 or visit ([www.marymartinart.com](http://www.marymartinart.com)).

## Belmond Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, SC, Offers Works by Brandon Newton

The Belmond Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, SC, will present *Ins and Outs of Charleston*, featuring works by Brandon Newton, from the Mary Martin Gallery, on view from Oct. 1 - 31, 2021. A reception will be held at the Mary Martin Gallery on Oct. 1, from 5-8pm.

Strolling through the streets of Charleston at night, one cannot resist enjoying the beauty of its dramatically light historic churches and buildings. Stand in front of a Brandon Newton nocturnal oil painting of Charleston and one can also see and feel that grandeur.

Newton was introduced to Charleston after being asked to join an HBO series project being filmed in the city, as a scenic artist. Falling in love with the city, Newton temporarily relocated his family "in order to fully enjoy Charleston's charm and southern spirit," recounts Newton.

*Ins and Outs of Charleston* consists of small and large classic paintings of Charleston. "St. Michael's", the centerpiece of the show, is a 48" x 48" oil on canvas nocturnal scene depicting the much-loved church glowing not only from the lights in its steeple but also from the beautiful star-light sky.

Newton spends a good amount of time on the streets of Charleston painting the city with his signature plein-air expressionist style with a twist of impressionism. He particularly enjoys hitting the streets with his headlamp on to paint Charleston nocturnal scenes.

Newton has been painting professionally for the past 15 years since his studies under Durwood Domisee at The Virginia Commonwealth University. Newton credits Domisee for the inspiration to embrace a career in the art world.

"I have been blessed with a very exciting career in fine art," says Newton. He also explains "my passion for painting



Work by Brandon Newton

comes from a deep desire to communicate and better understand the things that surround me."

Newton's paintings can be found in Fortune 500 corporate collections as well as private collections throughout the world. He has been featured in national magazines as well as on national television. Newton is represented by Mary Martin Gallery.

The Belmond Charleston Place Hotel is located at 205 Meeting Street in downtown Charleston, SC 29401.

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## 17th Annual Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival Takes Place Oct. 16 - 24, 2021

The Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival is back for the seventeenth year – and still growing in Bluffton, SC. What started as a one-day event in 2005, has quickly become a week of festivities in historic Bluffton showcasing the arts and locally harvested seafood. Festival events are scheduled from Saturday, Oct. 16 through Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021.

Along with the traditional Blessing of the Fleet and Boat Parade on the May River on Sunday, Oct. 17, the local art scene will again be highlighted as we kick off this week of festivities. Our Sunday activities include a Showcase of Local Art, at the galleries and an outdoor art exhibit in Martin Park from 11am – 4pm in the heart of Old Town Bluffton, as well as the first Oyster Roast of the season at Bluffton Oyster Park at 5pm.



Scene from previous Seafood Festival

On Monday evening Dinner & Learn at the Bluffton Seafood House with speakers highlighting our natural resources and the necessary conservation practices to ensure their continuance is scheduled. Wednesday again offers Author Night with Roger Pinkney and Captain Woody Collins, from 5:30 – 8:30pm, at the Rotary Community Center in Oscar Frazier Park,



Scene from previous Seafood Festival

Other favorite returning events include daily boat tours, Children's Chalk the Walk Competition, Bluffton State of Mind Supper Soiree, Bluffton Self Help's Sips and Seafood Party at Hewitt Oaks, the Saturday morning Old Town Oyster 10K and 5K run, CCA's Children's Fishing Tournament and children's art activities in the park.

New to this year's events is SYMPHONY IN THE PARK, featuring the sweet sounds of the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra and Erica Gabriel in a fun performance of universally loved film and popular music. General lawn seating is available with free admission.

The highlight of the week again will be the outdoor Street Fest, Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th which features the juried Artist Showcase and Market on Calhoun Street with over 100 artists from 10 different states. These artists will be displaying their fine art; local restaurants and caterers will be serving up delicious seafood dishes and Low Country Cuisine with musicians performing throughout the day.

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

For more details and the full schedule of events call 843/757-2583 or visit ([blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.org](http://blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.org)).

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be October 24th for the November 2021 issue and Nov. 24 for the Dec. 2021 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](mailto:info@carolinaarts.com)).

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