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## Charleston Artist Guild in Charleston, SC, Features Works by Patricia Huff

The Charleston Artist Guild will present the exhibit, *A Tale of Two Cities*, featuring works in oil by Patricia Huff, on view in the Charleston Artist Guild Gallery in Charleston, SC. A reception will be held on Nov. 4, from 5-8pm.

Come and share Huff's visual interpretations through oil medium and see with her eyes the play of light on buildings and reflected in water using the palette knife.

"The sights and sounds of Venice and Charleston have always inspired me and made me feel so alive," says Huff. So she has depicted these two cities - Venice and Charleston," for this exhibition.

The exhibit will take you into the heart of Venice and Charleston, two cities with many similarities. Huff first fell in love with Venice over 35 years ago during her college abroad studies in Italy. Just as Venice travel is based on bridges over canals, Charleston bridges her marshes and waterways to travel. Both cities skylines are dotted with church spires, while window boxes and roof gardens dot their cityscapes. Boats are part

of the lifeblood of each city and the arts and handcrafts are part of each city's traditions. The love of good food and wonderful restaurants are also shared by both cities. Patricia says her love of Venice actually led her to make Charleston her home.

The palette knife technique Huff uses helps depict the color that is so much a part of Venice and Charleston allowing color buildup of tone on tone. Rich reds in building roofs and oranges in the skies, colorful building colors, and blues of the water are rendered in the layered approach.

The sounds, the smells, the color of the light, water reflections, and a love of historical buildings are just a few reasons why these cities are Huff's favorites and are the backdrop for this show. But more than this, the people in both of these places share a love of life, family, food, and the arts.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Guild at 843/722-2454 or visit ([www.charlestonartistguild.com](http://www.charlestonartistguild.com)).

Sanctuary Resort at Kiawah Island and reproductions of her paintings grace the walls inside each guest room at the resort.



Work by Martha Sharp

For Hagan, art is not only a professional pursuit, it's a way of life. She strives to reach out and inspire not only art lovers, but also the general public. Her objective is to enlighten others about the joys of living

an enriching, art-filled life. To this end, she recently opened a gallery in Charleston's French Quarter and offers a few unusual twists beyond the typical gallery-viewing experience. The 1840's built gallery space is also her working art studio. Visitors are invited to drop in and browse the beautiful original oils on display, watch Hagan create her next work of art, or linger a while in the relaxing Charleston garden.

Hagan's business model includes a number of monthly events designed to make the collection of art more fun, accessible, and approachable for everyone. On Nov. 13, 2011, from 3-4pm, Hagan will give a demonstration in oil paintings - free and open to the public.

Hagan Fine Art Gallery & Studio specializes in large scale original works of art of the American South and European landscape and has new works arriving by renowned guest artists each month.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/754-0494 or visit ([www.Hagan-FineArt.com](http://www.Hagan-FineArt.com)).

## Hagan Fine Art Gallery & Studio in Charleston, SC, Offers Works by Martha Sharp & Karen Hewitt Hagan

The Hagan Fine Art Gallery & Studio in Charleston, SC, will present the exhibit, *A Kiawah Reverie*, featuring works by Martha Sharp and Karen Hewitt Hagan, on view from Nov. 4 - 30, 2011. A reception will be held on Nov. 4, from 5-8pm.

Together, these two artists will showcase a year's worth of their painting and teaching experiences on and around Kiawah Island, SC. Both artists have painted extensively at Kiawah Island and have created a large body of work from that luscious landscape. Martha Sharp's works have been recently

described as moody and full of emotion; dripping with feeling. One could literally walk into one of her landscape paintings and find themselves lost in a beautiful dream world of nature and solace. Sharp is also owner of Charleston Art Tours and teaches classes regularly at Mingo Point at Kiawah Island.

Karen Hewitt Hagan's Kiawah works encompass birds in flight, fiery sunsets and soulful marshscapes. Many of her originals are also in the permanent collection of The

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## Eye Level Art in Charleston, SC, Features Works by Brian Bustos

Eye Level Art in Charleston, SC, will present the exhibit, *Delirious Quips*, featuring works by Brian Bustos, on view from Nov. 10 through Dec. 1, 2011. A reception will be held on Nov. 10, from 7-10pm. A friend of Bustos, Chris Thomas, will be playing light background music live thru out the evening.

Bustos' new work shows a departure from narrative and character driven themes. The recent work will deal with the ideas of human relationships, loss and rebirth. As all people eventually lose someone that they are close to and then have to rebuild. These paintings and drawings deal in hope and fear interconnected.

There will be some installation work that will probably destroy itself by the end

of the show. Not "destroy," but completely change throughout the hours of the opening.

The installations and some of the paintings will be completed in Charleston specifically giving way to immediacy and pure emotion. Along with the installation pieces and paintings there will be drawings that were completed in Brooklyn called "Delirious Quips," because of the nature in which he made them. Stream of consciousness drawings with either humor or sarcasm attached.

Bustos is an artist living and working in Brooklyn, NY.

For further info check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call 843/278-2374 or visit (<http://eyelevelart.com/>).

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